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Dear Zontian Friends,

This month we will celebrate International Women's Day (WD)/ Zonta Yellow Rose Day on March 8th. The WD theme for 2013 is "A promise is a promise. Time for action to end violence against women." How timely that congress finally reauthorized the Violence against Women Act this week! This same bill also renewed the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, which aids people who have been exploited for the purposes of sexual slavery or enforced labor. Both acts protect our most vulnerable citizens. Take a moment to celebrate this victory, and another moment to appreciate being in an organization that is dedicated to improving the lives of women!

Dawna

ZONTA CLUB OF JOHNSON COUNTY

February 6, 2013

Conroy's Public House

Prior to the official start of the meeting, Amy Wooddell, winner of our Non-traditional Scholarship, spoke to the group giving us her background, including her recovery from a brain stem stroke at age 24. She wants to be a Physical Therapist Assistant.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m

In attendance were: Dawna Adams-Davis, Cheryl Disney Breeden, Marcia Charney, Joyce Dutcher, Pam Fellingham, Ruth Holzschuh, Marie Kolich, Joan Korek, Mary Mondy, Dolores Otto, Barbara Page-Stocks, Sherri Stewart, and Cynthia Yin.

A motion to accept the January minutes was made by Cynthia and seconded. The minutes were approved as sent.

A form to record service hours was passed around.

Treasurer's Report: Cynthia presented the report, showing a checking account balance of \$7,454.33. Seed money for the Amelia Earhart Luncheon will be sent to KC I tomorrow. The GKCCF balance was unchanged since last month. Cynthia will look into it. The report was filed for audit.

Old Business:

Strategic Planning Update—Dolo said that her sister will facilitate this for us on March 16 from 1-4 in Cynthia Yin's office. Dolo confirmed the date with her sister. Dolo will provide a flip-chart.

Amelia Earhart Luncheon—Ruth reported that we had a net income of \$141.64 from the luncheon. That includes \$203 that was made from the raffle. She said that the committee is looking at increasing the price one or two dollars, since prices are going up on everything, including postage. The club would like to make this a bigger event with a better known speaker. They felt that this one was a little disappointing when they think of the ones we've had in the past. They thought the little girl who spoke as Amelia was a nice touch. One suggestion was that we sell tables. A check for \$728.26 was sent to KC I for seed money for next year.

Committee Reports:

Membership-Dolo announced that she and Marilyn are making plans.

Legislative awareness and advocacy-Pam said that a Bill for Violence Against Women goes to a vote tomorrow.

Scholarship-(status of YWPA and Jane Klausman awards)-Joyce called the school counselors this week to remind them of the application. Anne got the application on the web this week so the girls can begin to apply.

Fundraising-Marie called Overland Park and found that all Sundays in April are available for our Bunko Party. We decided to have it April 28 from 1:30-4:30 at Tomahawk Ridge.

Programs—Cynthia suggested that each of us make a donation to International again this year. It doesn't have to be a large amount but we do need 100% participation to be recognized. Yellow Rose Day—There was a discussion about who we should recognize this year and we thought it would be nice to work with the KC II club and honor the staff at Sheffield Place, which is the organization that they support and work with. Dawna will coordinate this with Marilyn Curtis. Rose Day is March 8 so we would have to bring our cookies to the March 6 meeting. Stone Soup—Last year, we didn't have a soup dinner, but each gave \$15 instead. People felt we should have the dinner because it's a good event to bring a guest to. Joan volunteered to have it at her house. "Say No to Violence" event-Dorothy has a friend on the City Council and she will try to get a proclamation about violence.

New Business: No items were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Holzschuh

For Kathleen Long

Our next meeting will again be held at Conroy's Public House. REMINDER: Please bring your Keeler items: soap, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, and lotion. Thanks!

On Friday, March 8, at 10:30, Ruth, Marilyn Curtis (KCII) and I will deliver cookies, roses and gratitude to Sheffield Place. You are welcome to join us! The dedicated staff members of Sheffield Place will be the honorees of our Yellow Rose Day. Their mission is "to empower homeless mothers and their children to heal from their trauma and help them become self-sufficient". As many as 50 families (a maximum of 14 mothers and their children at any time) participate in this program per year. The average family is headed by a 22 year old mother with two children under age 5. The mother generally has limited educational and employment skills and has endured years of severe life trauma. Sheffield Place provides a safe home, mental health services, medical care and programs to foster self-sufficiency.

Zonta International is requesting a brief (?) history from each club to be completed by May 1, 2014. This is quite a daunting task. It would be very helpful if recent past presidents could contribute information from their terms, such as: names of officers, fundraisers, service projects, scholarship winners, and special guests/activities. More later!

U.N. Fact

The charter of the U.N. (signed in 1945, in San Francisco) was the first international document to advocate gender equality as a basic human right. Since that time, U.N. action for women has had four goals: promotion of equitable laws, changes in public opinion, international action training, and direct aid to disadvantaged groups.

