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*Building Zonta in  
the 21<sup>st</sup> Century –  
Inspired by the  
Challenge of  
Change*



Dear fellow Zontians,

Discipline. Like many words in our language, it has many meanings. It calls to mind the broad wooden paddle that Miss York threatened us with, and sometimes used, when I was in second grade. It's funny the things you remember. Miss York lived in an Airstream trailer behind the school. It seemed like an exotic life to me. I still appreciate the Airstream's clean lines. Miss York was of American Indian heritage and hailed from Oklahoma, and that seemed even more exotic. She often sat on the window seat in our two-room schoolhouse, and we tittered over the black and red long-line girdles that peeked out from under her skirt. She was always impeccably dressed and very self-contained – kind of scary to a second grader! That brings me to another definition of discipline: an activity, exercise, or a regimen that develops or improves a skill; training. And Miss York had that in spades.

I admire discipline, but it is a trait that I have to strive toward. Too many things interest me. And I allow too many things to distract me. I could not have painted the Sistine Chapel ceiling, for instance. Skill and talent notwithstanding, I simply could not have spent countless hours on my back on scaffolding painting masterpieces above my head. I don't think I could have lived like my mother did, preparing three meals a day for 14 children, day in and day out, while running the farm and managing a dairy herd. I don't think I could have done what my niece did, coming home from high school every afternoon, diligently working on homework for three to five hours each evening. I was always the student who slid through with all-nighters and papers finished under the wire. I lived in Africa for two months and, upon returning home, calculated that I arrived at the train station for three different trips with about four minutes total to spare. I always felt like I was going to miss something. Thankfully it was never the train!

After our last Zonta meeting, I realized that we have more than a couple of irons in the fire at the moment. I love the momentum! I love it that each of you is stepping up to the plate to make a contribution to our joint effort! And even though it is probably harder for me than for you, I hope that we, together, can find the discipline to continue moving forward, keeping sight of our critical need to recruit new members! And a gold star goes out to anyone who can remember long-line girdles!

-- Dolo



## ► Prospective Member Spotlight – Your Photo Here



Prospective Zonta International members are individuals who would enjoy:

- Promoting women's human rights and equality
- Supporting both global and local service and advocacy projects
- Developing leadership skills
- Meeting like-minded women and men, both from your community and around the world
- Networking through access to over 32,000 members from around the globe (cultural, linguistic and professional diversity)
- Improving the lives of women worldwide
- Forming international friendships
- Supporting scholarships for women and girls locally, nationally, and globally
- Having a greater voice in your community

Encourage your friends to join us!

## Minutes — October 5, 2011

The Johnson County Zonta Club meeting was called to order by Dolo at 7 p.m. on October 5, 2011. The minutes from September 7<sup>th</sup> were accepted after a motion by Marcia and a second by Suzanne. The service hour sign-up sheet was circulated. Marie gave the Treasurer's Report, and it was filed for audit. We did very well at the Overland Park Fall Festival. We went over the Zonta Quiz, and Dawna won the beautiful handmade scarf from Dolo.

Old business: Cynthia is redesigning the Club's website on a free portal, and she asked for constructive criticism and ideas. It is still under construction. The new address is [www.zontajocoks.org](http://www.zontajocoks.org), and the Club's new e-mail address is [Zontajocoks@gmail.com](mailto:Zontajocoks@gmail.com). Dolo agreed to have her name, email, and business phone on the site.

Members were reminded about the Halloween Concert on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2:00 p.m. at JCCC (time is being checked), and the Trick-or-Treat Trail on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 6 p.m. at Matt Ross Community Center. Zumba for Zonta was discussed. Suzanne had information that in order to profit from the activity we would have to charge a high admission. More information is being obtained. A bunko party was suggested and briefly discussed as well as the Foodie KC dine-out cards. Dawna will get more details.

Anne and Dolo are still working on the membership packet.

Pam stated that Zonta International's advocacy guidelines mandated by the by-laws are strict, but that the advocacy program presented by Care USA may be feasible for us to work with. She is still researching the information. She did say we are not allowed to support individual candidates or politicians.

Anne reported that the instructional classes on resumes and interviewing at the Keeler Women's Center will be Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>. Also we are planning on the toiletry bags for Dec., but that may change due to weather changes and possible need for

## *(Minutes Continued)*

gloves. Dolo will inquire and report back in November.

Dawna reported on the UN group, The Elders, which is trying to end child marriage in many countries. The UN is also sponsoring "Sixteen days of Activism" to prevent violence against women. People are encouraged to write to the newspaper, talk with friends and get info on the Google site "Sixteen days of Activism. Some members talked of attending the UN dinner Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at the InterContinental Hotel.

Anne, Dolo, and Cynthia attended the District 7 Conference. They said it was excellent and that Anne was elected the new Area Director starting in June 2012. There will be a seminar in KC next year if there is a strong interest. At this time membership has dropped in many of the clubs and is becoming a crucial problem. The seminar would be the first weekend of Oct. 2012. Speakers need to be lined up from the fields of science, technology, engineering, or math; a venue must be located, etc. Anne will want a head count in Nov., and she is asking for any and all ideas.

Our Holiday Party will be Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at the Oak Room at the InterContinental. Dorothy Tomc is making arrangements.

Ruth moved to include Wyandotte County participants with Johnson County participants in our YWPA scholarship. The motion was seconded by Cynthia, and it passed. Lisa Spain applied for our non-traditional scholarship. She has received one in the past. Further discussion was tabled and Cynthia suggested that we set up formal requirements for this type of scholarship. Marcia will help.

Our Nov. meeting will be at Joan's, and Dolo will invite a planner from her office to be our guest speaker.

Members attending the meeting: Dorothy Tomc, Suzanne Hoff, Ruth Holzschuh, Pam Fellingham, Marcia Charney, Jo Ann Crouch, Marie Kolich, Joyce Dutcher, Cheryl Disney Breeden, Joan Korek,



*(Minutes Continued):* Anne McCleery, Dolo Otto, Barbara Page-Stocks, Kathleen Long, Cynthia Yin, Dawna Adams-Davis, and Mary Mondì.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Mondì

## *Reasons to Celebrate!*

- Please remember your volunteer commitments for the Halloween Concert and Trick-or-Treat Trail! I am attaching a copy of the handwritten sign-up sheet for your information.
- Our meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup> is a great opportunity to invite prospective members! Please recruit, recruit, recruit! We will bring in a catered salad buffet for this meeting.
- PLEASE take the time to review the Club's revised Website: [www.zontajocoks.org](http://www.zontajocoks.org)! Cynthia Yin is open to any and all suggestions as she fine-tunes it. A huge thank you goes to Cynthia for moving ahead with this project.
- Marcia Charney, Ruth Holzschuh, Pam Fellingham and I will lead resume writing and mock interviewing sessions at Keeler Women's Center on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Others are welcome to participate and contribute!
- Your fundraising ideas are fantastic! Let's keep the momentum and continue the dialogue!
- Dorothy Tomc is organizing the Holiday Party. Please be sure that you have December 7<sup>th</sup> on your calendars! We will send invitations very soon.
- And, last, but not least, some candid clowning shots from the Overland Park Fall Festival:



Calendar of Events/Deadlines				
Date	Activity	Time/Location	Agenda/Speaker/Guests	Notes
Wed., 11/02/11	Club Meeting	6:30 p.m. Fortune Star	L. Grantham, S&R	
10/11	YWPA Applications available on ZI.com			
10/30/11	Halloween Concert Fest – JCCC	Noon – 4 p.m./JCCC	Tattoos, face paints	
10/30/11	Trick-or-Treat Trail	Matt Ross – 3 – 6 p.m.	Tattoos, face paints	
11/08/11	Zonta International Day			
11/15/11	Amelia Earhart Fellowship Apps due to ZI HQ			
11/15/ – 12/10/11	16 Days of Activism			
11/25/11	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women			
12/1/11	World AIDS Day			
12/10/11	International Human Rights Day			
12/21/11	International Day of Peace			
01/04/12	Appointment of Nominating Committee			
01/11/12	Amelia Earhart Day			
01/17/12	Resume Writing; Mock Interviewing	KWC – 6 –7:30 p.m.	MC, RH, PF, DO	
01/21/12	Amelia Earhart Luncheon	Grand Street Café		
01/12	Jane Klausman Apps available on ZI.com			
01/24/12	Resume Writing; Mock Interviewing	KWC – 6 –7:30 p.m.	MC, RH, PF, DO	
01/31/12	Resume Writing; Mock Interviewing	KWC – 6 –7:30 p.m.	MC, RH, PF, DO	
02/01/12	Report by Nominating Committee			
03/08/12	International Women’s Day/Zonta Rose Day			
March/April 2012	Distribute Club Dues invoices/elections for officers, directors, nominating committee/Fdn contributions to ZI HQ/elect Club Delegates to International Convention			
04/01/12	YWPA apps to District Governor			
May 2012	Officers reports to ZI HQ/Annual Club Report to Area Director by May 1/dues + updated club list to ZI HQ by June 1/Joint meeting of old and new boards to pass torch/Jane Klausman to District Governor/committee by May 31.			

