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Zonta Zinger

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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21st Century –
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Dear Zonta Friends,

Hope you are taking some time to savor the spectacular fall foliage before the holiday rush begins! In addition to Thanksgiving, Zonta and other women’s organizations celebrate Sixteen Days of Activism in November. This year’s theme is “From Peace in the Home to Peace in the World: Let’s Challenge Militarism and End Violence against Women”. The campaign focuses on three priority areas:

- Violence perpetrated by state actors (military, police, government)
- The role of weapons in domestic violence
- Sexual violence during and after military conflicts

This campaign runs from November 25th to December 10th each year.

At our November 6th meeting, we will honor this campaign with a proclamation against gender violence read by Dave White, Overland Park city council member. Please wear orange for a group photo with Mr. White. (Cynthia is bringing an extra shirt for anyone who needs one.) During the meeting, we will install our terrific new members Amy Meunier and Laura Sloan.

Support the Keeler Women's Center by shopping at the Overland Park Ten Thousand Villages from one to five on November 25th. This would be a great time, place, and reason for shopping!

Our December meeting will be a holiday celebration at the International Hotel on the Plaza. We will have a chance to see the Plaza lights, enjoy a great dinner, and exchange white elephant gifts. Please bring a wrapped gift and your checkbook or extra cash.

Hope to see you at Conroy's on Wednesday, November 6th. Later this month, enjoy a warm and wonderful Thanksgiving!

Dawna

U.N. News

Millennium Developmental Goal 3 is to promote gender equality and empower women. This has been a very general and comprehensive goal to measure. The U.N. has used these indicators to measure progress.

- The ratio of girls to boys in elementary and secondary education
- The percentage of women in paid employment in the nonagricultural sector
- The proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments

To summarize progress: Gender equality is closest to being achieved at the elementary level in education. In only two of 130 nations has equality been achieved at all educational levels. At this time, 40% of nonagricultural, paying jobs are held by women. Currently, just over 20% of parliament members are women. However, this is a significant improvement since 1990.

Something to Watch

“Wadjda” is a recently released movie about a free-spirited Saudi Arabian girl who longs for a bicycle even though girls are forbidden to ride them in her country. The film is the dream project of female filmmaker Haifaa al Mansour, who had to hide in a van and direct the actors by walkie-talkie. This film is Saudi Arabia’s official contender for the Academy Award’s best foreign language movie. Warning: The dialogue is in Arabic with subtitles.

Words of Wisdom

“What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world is immortal.” Albert Pine

Dates to Remember

11/06/13	Business Meeting	Conroy’s
11/24/13	Shopping for Keeler	Ten Thousand Villages, O.P.
12/04/13	Holiday Party	Intercontinental Hotel, Plaza
01/??/13	Business Meeting	Conroy’s
01/18/14	Amelia Earhart Luncheon	Homestead Country Club