

## **Zonta Zinger**

### Zonta Club of Johnson County

October, 2012

#### President's Message

Dear Friends,

I hope all of you are enjoying this beautiful fall weather. After surviving one of the hottest, driest summers on record, we deserve a break! Weather forecasters predict that Saturday will be a sunny, 78 degrees. What a perfect day for the Overland Park Fall Festival. Thank you to Marie and Ruth for taking over the fundraising committee duties in time for this event. Also, kudos to Cynthia and Ruth for recruiting former members, Courtney Lee and Margaret Walkenshaw to assist us. (Update: Margaret will not be able to help). We could use additional help in the areas of balloon prep and tattoos during the afternoon time slot. Feel free to recruit family or friends to help!

See you very soon!

Dawna

#### Minutes — September 5, 2012

Before the meeting, we had a guest speaker. Cheryl Kohr (president of the Topeka Zonta club, accompanied by the vice-president, Janet Iwig) spoke about the upcoming conference on human trafficking to be held in Topeka, Kansas, on Saturday, November 10, 2012, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

The meeting of the Zonta Club of Johnson County, Kansas was called to order on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at 7:25 p.m. by President Dawna Adams-Davis. There were 15 members present.

Dolo Otto moved and Cynthia Yin seconded that the minutes be approved as e-mailed.

The Service Hours log was routed.

Cynthia Yin presented the Treasurer's Report. There is \$6070.06 in the treasury as of August 28, 2012.

Suzanne Hoff reminded the group of the 2 fall fundraisers---one on September 29<sup>th</sup> and the other on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Anne McCleery reported on Women's Equality Week. She said that we made good contacts and had favorable publicity.

Dolo moved and Suzanne Hoff seconded that we take \$250 from the service fund to help defray expenses for the Human Trafficking Conference sponsored by the Topeka Zonta Club. The motion was approved.

Dolo reported that her sister, Agnes Otto, is still agreeable to assist us with our strategic planning, but there are no definite plans for a time or a date.

Dawna announced that the Amelia Earhart Luncheon will be on January 19, 2013. The social hour will start at noon and luncheon will be served at 12:30.

Dorothy Tomc reported from the committee to investigate a site for future meetings. Dolo moved and Mary seconded that our next meeting be at Carrabba's Italian Grill at 10586 Metcalf Lane, Overland Park, Ks 66212. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Long, Recording Secretary

#### Items of Note

Reminder: Our meeting on Wednesday, October 3, will be held at Carrabbas Italian Grille at 10586 Metcalf in Overland Park. Please RSVP to Pam Fellingham ([paf@ymail.com](mailto:paf@ymail.com)) regarding your dinner order by Monday evening. There are three choices: Lasagna with meat sauce, Tag Pic Pac Pasta with tomatoes (chicken optional), or Spaghetti and pomodoro sauce with meatballs, meat sauce, or Italian sausage. Salad, bread, iced tea; gratuity and tax are included for \$17. Wine is an additional \$6. Please pay with cash. Thanks to Dorothy for arranging this new location.

At our September meeting, we were surprised to learn that Suzanne Hoff would be living year-round in Mesa, Arizona. She will be missed for her wonderful personality, cheerful participation in club events and her balloon-making skills! We wish the whole family (Suzanne, Bernie and kitties) the very best. Suzanne: Skype and visit often.

The Keeler Women's Center, an organization near and dear to our Zontian hearts, continues to provide a wide range of valuable programs to women in the urban core. Some of these include addiction and domestic violence support groups, parenting classes, individual and family counseling, nutrition classes, financial literacy education, and business start-up workshops. The Center is sponsoring two fund-

raising events this fall—Night of Dreams on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, and the Holiday Shopping event at Ten Thousand Villages on Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. For more information, check the Keeler website at [www.keelerwomenscenter.org](http://www.keelerwomenscenter.org).

### U.N. Fact

October 24<sup>th</sup> is United Nations Day, which is the anniversary of the ratification of the U.N. Charter. The five permanent members of the Security Council that ratified the charter are: France, the United States, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union, and the Republic of China.

### Something to Watch

*Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* is a four hour documentary film based on the Pulitzer Prize winning book by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. The critically acclaimed film follows Kristof and celebrity activists Olivia Wilde, Gabrielle Union, Meg Ryan, Eva Mendes, Diane Lane, and America Ferrera through ten countries to share stories of heroic women. Solutions to problems of maternal mortality, sex trafficking, and gender-based violence are being achieved through education, health care, and economic empowerment for women. The film airs on PBS at 8:00 o'clock on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Something to Remember

“What we are learning around the world is that if women are healthy and educated, their families will flourish...and when families flourish, communities and nations flourish.” *Hillary Clinton*

### Dates to Remember

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| 09/29/12    | Overland Park Fall Festival | Downtown Overland Park        |
| 10/03/12    | Monthly Meeting             | Carrabba's Italian Grill      |
| 10/04-05/12 | Human Rights Conference     | Embassy Suites , Plaza        |
| 10/21/12    | Night of Dreams             | KCI Expo Center               |
| 10/28/12    | Trick or Treat Trails       | Matt Ross Center, OP          |
| 11/10/12    | Human Trafficking Panel     | Shawnee County Public Library |
| 11/25/12    | Holiday Shopping for Keeler | Ten Thousand Villages         |
| 01/19/13    | Amelia Earhart Luncheon     | Grand Street Café, Plaza      |

