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Dear Zonta Friends,

I hope that Labor Day finds you labor-free! This holiday always signals that Fall will be coming soon. It is a wonderful season of football, blue skies, crisp air, and scarlet, bronze and golden leaves and flowers! It is also the time when our members break out their colorful clown suits for our two most important fundraisers—Overland Park Fall Festival and Matt Ross Trick or Treat Trail. These are always very busy events, so we need everyone to participate, if possible.

At our August meeting, we were joined for a fun evening by fellow Zontians, Bambi Shen, Jan Armstrong, Marilyn Curtis, and guest Rosie Wenzl .The location (Pam’s clubhouse) was terrific, as were the plentiful and delicious appetizers. Even though we had a small number of guests, it was fun to have an opportunity to socialize with them and with each other. This social might be a great annual event!

On September 4, we will return to Conroy's for our monthly meeting at 6:30. You will have a substitute chair since I will be out of town. I hope this will be the last meeting that I will need to miss this year. **Three reminders:** Please bring hygiene items (toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, lotion, soap) for Keeler. As always, Joan is ready with the beautiful cloth bags. Also, bring any items that you would like to donate for sale at our regional conference. Finally, please RSVP to me by Monday September 2nd, if you cannot attend.

Until then, stay cool!

Dawna

Kansas News

Great News! Results of the Polaris Project (For a World without Slavery) show that Kansas has moved into the top tier of states in passing significant laws to combat human trafficking. In fact, Kansas is in a tie for 11th best overall policies. Just last year, our state ranked in the bottom third tier. Kudos to the Zonta Clubs of Topeka and Johnson County (well represented by Pam and Dolo) for playing an important role in informing Kansans, including legislators, about this issue.

U.N. News

U.N. Women has announced Phumzile Mlambe-Ngcuka as the new Executive Director of the organization. Ms Mlambe-Ngcuka was the first woman to serve as Deputy President of South Africa. Previously, she held ministerial offices in the following departments: Trade and Industry; Minerals and Energy; and Arts, Culture, Science and Technology.

Zonta International News

Z.I. also has a new Executive Director, Allison Summers, as of July 1, 2013. She has previously served in several administrative positions in Chicago businesses.

FYI

Tune in to PBS' The World before Her at 9:00 p.m. on Monday, September 16th. This film won the World Documentary Competition Award at the 2012 Tribeca Film Festival. It is the story of two young women in India who are pursuing very different life paths. One is a modern beauty pageant contestant in a country that is enamored with beauty. The other is a young militant leader of a fundamentalist Hindu camp for girls. These campers are trained to fight against Christianity, Islam, and Western culture, using violence if needed. The film explores the clash between cultures in the world's most populous democracy.

Words of Wisdom

"One of the things about equality is not just that you be treated equally to a man, but that you treat yourself equally to the way you treat a man." Marlo Thomas

Dates to Remember

09/04/13	Business Meeting	Conroy's
09/20-22/13	District 7 Conference	St. Louis
09/28/13	Fall Festival	Overland Park
10/02/13	Business Meeting	Conroy's
01/18/14	Amelia Earhart Luncheon	Homestead Country Club