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*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

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



Dear fellow Zontians,

Over the weekend, my niece asked, “Why do you do so much volunteer work? Is it because you are bored?” Her question caught me by surprise, and I didn’t have a ready answer. It wasn’t the question so much, but that she had to ask it at all!

I thought about it overnight, and the next day I said, “I do so much volunteer work because there is a woman in Africa who, in the late stages of a very difficult labor, walks for days to get to a clinic for medical help, only to learn that the physical trauma she has experienced has led to an obstetric fistula, risking both her life and that of her unborn child, and consigning her to life as an outcast.”

The list could go on. I do it because countless women and girls have been affected by HIV transmission in Rwanda. I do it because there are women in America who desperately want to learn to speak and read English, thereby opening doors to more successful lives for themselves and their families. I do it because there are young women and girls who live in neighborhoods around the world that are unsafe. I do it because there are young women in America who can accomplish greater things through scholarship help and support. I do it because, when women start over for whatever reason and find the courage to seek higher education later in life, they deserve all of the help that they can get. I do it because I am inspired by the likes of Amelia Earhart and Sister Carol Ann Petersen. I do it because I am energized by the companionship of smart, successful women (Zontians the world over!). I do it because there are women and girls throughout the world who, despite incredible odds, remain positive and hopeful for better lives. I do it because I believe that each of us has an obligation to share our time and talents in a meaningful way, giving more than we are gifted.

And, I do it because I am so very thankful. Thankful for the opportunity to serve. And thankful for the opportunity to grow and learn. I also do it because I believe that our work echoes around the world. If we work hard enough and try hard enough, we can have a mighty voice. We, as Zontians, fulfill a wonderful mission. And, yes, I am still a bit bored!

-- 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 — September 7, 2011

The meeting of the Zonta Club of Johnson County, Kansas, was called to order by Dolo at 7:00 p.m. on September 7, 2011. Members attending were Cynthia Yin, Marie Kolich, Dolo Otto, Joan Korek, Marcia Charney, Barbara Page-Stocks, Suzanne Hoff, Dawna Adams-Davis, Ruth Holzschuh, Jo Ann Crouch, Joyce Abraham, Anne McCleery, Dorothy Tomc, Mary Mondi, Pam Fellingham, Kathleen Long, Cheryl Disney Breeden, and Joyce Dutcher.

The minutes were amended to reflect that it was John Freeman (not Jim) who invited members, through Joan Korek, to a balloon tying class. Cynthia Yin moved to accept the minutes as revised, the move was seconded by Joan Korek, and the motion carried.

Marie Kolich presented the treasurer's report, and it was filed for audit. Dolo Otto declined the \$150 that had been set aside for her to attend the District 7 Conference, and she asked to have it remain in the general fund.

Dolo Otto presented the revised Club Bylaws for approval. Joan Korek moved to accept the changes in the by-laws, Kathleen Long seconded the motion, and the motion carried without dissent.

Regarding revision of the Club Website, Cynthia Yin thinks that it needs to be expedited and that we could pay Dolo Otto's sister to complete it in a more timely fashion. Barbara Page-Stocks has contacts for Web designers, as well. Cynthia Yin created several necklaces that she intends to sell at the District 7 Conference, and she wants to earmark any sales revenue specifically for Website revisions. Joyce Dutcher moved that the money we make on the necklaces that Cynthia made to sell at the conference would go towards revising the Website. The motion was seconded and it carried.

Fund raisers: Sign-up sheets were circulated again for the Overland Park Fall Festival, which will be on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## *(Minutes Continued)*

We will do face painting, tattoos, and balloons. The Elders will be performing, so a larger crowd is expected. Sign-ups were also routed for the Halloween Concert on Sunday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, at JCCC from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., where we will be able to have donation jars. The Trick-or-Treat Trail also is on Sunday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, at Matt Ross Community Center, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Clown outfits will be worn at all events.

Our Club Membership Packet is being worked on by Anne and Dolo.

Dolo presented information about an opportunity for an advocacy partnership with Care USA. Anne suggested that a committee look into this. We could participate by contacting local representatives in the U.S. Congress by e-mail, calls, and letters supporting various international issues. Pam will investigate this idea and report back.

Mock interviewing and resume writing sessions will be given at the Keeler Women's Center by Marcia Charney, Pam Fellingham, Dolo Otto, and Ruth Holzschuh. Anne McCleery will coordinate a schedule with Sr. Carol Ann.

Our donated five packs for September were collected at the meeting, and Jo Ann will deliver them to Keeler Women's Center.

Dawna Adams-Davis shared a U.N. Minute concerning family planning funds donated to developing countries.

Dolo Otto, Anne McCleery, and Cynthia Yin will be attending the District 7 Conference.

The Club's Holiday Party was discussed, and December 7<sup>th</sup> (our regular meeting night) seemed to work for most, with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Spouses are invited and there will be a white elephant sale. A volunteer auctioneer is requested. Dorothy Tomc will make the arrangements for dinner.

Sherrill Mulhern invited members to a



*(Minutes Continued):* Zonta event where they are going to present wings and a certificate to an Amelia Earhart Fellow on Tuesday, September 23, 2011.

Suzanne Hoff suggested a Zumba Class fund raiser for our club. It is a very popular dance class where we could hire a teacher, and charge admission. Suzanne is checking with a teacher on possibilities, and she will get estimates on available venues. She will report back at the next meeting. The nut selling project has been eliminated due to the high upfront cost and taxes involved. Dawna is going to get more information concerning selling “decks of cards” that are discount cards for local restaurants, and she will bring the information to our next meeting.

Dolo requested suggestions for a speaker for the October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Mondì

## *Reasons to Celebrate!*

- Anne McCleery, Cynthia Yin, and I attended the District 7 Conference in St. Cloud, Minnesota. The host Club outdid itself by presenting a very professional Conference. A couple of takeaways:
  - > We need to do more to support the great work of the Zonta International Foundation. I am putting this on our upcoming agenda for discussion and would like to try for 100 percent participation, even if you only donate \$1! We already give generously, but each of us needs to make an individual donation to meet a 100 percent participation goal.
  - > Zonta membership continues to decline. Each of us must do what we can to attract new members!
  - > A very moving memorial service recalled the great contributions of Zontians who had passed away since the last District 7 Conference. Cynthia Yin accepted a yellow rose and lit a votive in honor of Lois Gordon.
- Cynthia’s necklaces were very popular at the District Conference! She sold several at the Conference and she continues to sell them. Thank you Cynthia! I also crocheted scarves, and sold several of them as well. We also were able to sell two of the Bolivian bags donated by Joyce Dutcher. Another nice addition to our general fund!!! And a nice return for the Bolivian weavers! Please stand by for Marie’s Treasurer’s Report at our next meeting!
- We had an outstanding day at the Overland Park Fall Festival! Thanks to each and every one of you, we exceeded our budget estimate! Now onward to the Halloween Concert and Trick-or-Treat Trail!
- Dawna Adams-Davis has taken to the UN assignment like a duck to water! She is researching “16 Days of Activism”, and will present an interesting “UN Minute” at our October meeting.
- I have asked Larissa Grantham, CFP, a financial planner with Stepp & Rothwell, Inc., to present at our meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Larissa joined the firm several years ago as its receptionist, and she quickly progressed to director of operations, and then to financial planner, while completing a university degree along the way. She will discuss what to look for in a financial planner, and she will talk about her career success. This will be a great opportunity to invite prospective members, and we will open the meeting to other clubs as well. More details to follow.
- Anne McCleery and I attended KC II’s presentation of Wings and the 2010-2011 Amelia Earhart Fellowship Certificates to Emily Julianna Arnold. Ms. Arnold is truly impressive. Kelly Welch, the Executive Director of Sheffield Place, also presented. Fellow Zontian Dr. Lillian Pardo prepared a great feast for the meeting!
- Cynthia Yin has discovered a way to revise our Club Website free of charge, and she has been working diligently to do so! Yay! You will hear more at the October meeting! Check it out at [www.zontajocoks.org](http://www.zontajocoks.org)!
- Marcia Charney, Ruth Holzschuh, Pam Fellingham and I will meet with Sr. Bridget at 6 p.m. before our October meeting to plan our resume writing and mock interviewing sessions that we will lead at Keeler Women’s Center. Thanks to Anne McCleery for setting up the meeting.
- **WE HAD PERFECT ATTENDANCE AT LAST MONTH’S ZONTA MEETING!!!**



Calendar of Events/Deadlines				
Date	Activity	Time/Location	Agenda/Speaker/Guests	Notes
Wed., 10/05/11	Club Meeting	6:30 p.m. Fortune Star		
10/11	YWPA Applications available on ZI.com			
10/16-18/11	Stand Up Against Poverty			
10/24/11	UN Day	October = UN Month		
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			
01/21/12	Amelia Earhart Luncheon	Grand Street Café		
01/12	Jane Klausman Apps available on ZI.com			
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.			

