

## **Zonta Zinger**

### **Zonta Club of Johnson County**

**September, 2012**

#### President's Message

Dear Fellow Zontians,

September is right around the corner! Students are back in the classroom. The days are getting shorter and (hopefully) cooler. It is also the time of the year that Johnson County Zontians dust off their clown suits in preparation for the fall fundraising season. We have two major events every autumn: the Overland Park Fall Festival and the Trick or Treat Trail at the Matt Ross Community Center. For our newer members' information, these are extremely popular events in Johnson County! For all of us, it is an opportunity to see children smile, to enjoy spending time together, and to fund our club projects. I look forward to seeing each of you there.

Wishing you a pleasant holiday week-end!

Dawna

#### Minutes—August 1, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Dawna Adams-Davis. Nineteen members were present.

Barbara Page-Stocks moved that we approve the minutes of the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and Joyce Dutcher seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Service Hours log was routed.

Cynthia Yin presented the Treasurer's Report and the report was filed for audit. The Board will approve the report after the meeting.

Ruth Holzschuh was presented a pin and a letter from Zonta International commending her for recruiting 2 new members.

Pam Fellington reported on the success of the Foodie KC Cards. We might try to get them earlier next year if they are available. We made a profit of \$850, which includes a \$30 donation.

Suzanne Hoff reported on upcoming fall events: the Overland Park Arts and Crafts fair on September 29<sup>th</sup>, and the Matt Ross Arts Fair on October 28<sup>th</sup>, where we will make balloon animals, face paint, and tattoo. Joyce, Ruth, Suzanne, Joan and her husband went to the

Balloon Factory for a balloon class.

Anne McCleery reported on the Zonta International Convention and brought some chocolates, too.

Pam Fellingham presented a report on France in her position as Advocacy Chairman.

Dolo Otto gave a strategic planning update. She said that her sister, Agnes Otto, will devote her time for strategic planning so that we could align our direction with Zonta International. We will have a meeting, probably lasting around 3 hours, to discuss where we are, where we are lacking, and where we would like to be, followed by a short wrap up period. The majority of the membership is interested in attending such a meeting. Cynthia Yin offered her office for a Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. Dolo will contact her sister about possible dates.

Anne McCleery reported on the 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Kansas City conference ---2012 Activism for Human Rights: From Issues to Action. Anne announced that there will be an advocacy workshop on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

Suzanne Hoff moved and Pam Fellington seconded that we research using Skype for meetings so that we could reach out to members who are unable to attend.

Dorothy Tomc will research possible rooms for future meetings. She will see what rooms and what type of food would be available for what we would like to spend.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Long, Recording Secretary

#### Items of Note

Thanks to all of you who brought toiletry items to our last meeting and thanks again to Joan for making the beautiful bags. Sister Carol Ann asked me to let you know how much the items are appreciated. Due to an unusually busy summer of assisting women in need, the Keeler Center had only one bag left from our previous donation.

Dolo and Pam have been working with the Zonta Club of Topeka on an advocacy project. The goal of the project is to strengthen human trafficking laws in Kansas. Cheryl Kohr, the Topeka club president will be attending our September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting with additional information about this important undertaking.

Kudos to Sherill Mulhern for her work as Zonta International District 7 Advocacy Chair! She is doing a great job of informing local clubs about activities directed toward ending gender inequality and toward reducing violence against women.

### U.N. Fact

The U.N. Women's Fund for Gender Equality was launched in 2009 to promote women's political and economic empowerment. Since its inception, the Fund has awarded 43 million USD in multiyear grants to 55 women's organizations in forty countries.

### Words of Wisdom

"Equality is the soul of liberty; in fact, there is no liberty without it". *Frances Wright*

### Dates to Remember

09/05/12	Monthly Meeting	Fortune Star Restaurant
09/29/12	Overland Park Fall Festival	Downtown Overland Park
10/04-05/12	Human Rights Conference	Embassy Suites, Plaza
10/28/12	Trick or Treat Trails	Matt Ross Community Center, O.P.
11/10/12	Human Trafficking Panel	Shawnee County Public Library
01/19/13	Amelia Earhart Luncheon	Grand Street, Plaza