

ZoNews



NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. CLOUD AREA ZONTA CLUB

"Courage is the price life exacts for granting peace" (Amelia Earhart 1930s)

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1. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Club Board Meeting	Thursday, October 2, 2008
Club Program Meeting	Thursday, October 9, 2008
ZONTA MEMBERSHIP NIGHT	Thursday October 9, 2008 5PM Martini's Bar Downtown St. Cloud
Club Business Meeting	Thursday, October 23, 2008

(All meetings held Noon at the Ground Round Restaurant, Division Street, St. Cloud)

2. EDITORIAL



“Cementing the Sisterhood”

Sisters:

A big thank you to everyone who sent comments and reflections on the new design of the ZONEWS and thank you chairs for getting all pertinent information to me in a timely fashion!! It is heartening to see my efforts are noticed. A few items I would like to bring to your attention:

- With this month's edition we are back on track for an orderly schedule of publication-you will be seeing the ZONEWS each Friday after our board meetings and it will feature all information current to the previous month's meetings/status of projects/budget/etc. (that is why you see the September board meeting minutes, again)*
- This month's program/business meetings Thursday's have been shifted*
- A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR is printed in the finance section. Your honorable president requests all ladies to look it over and be ready to discuss at business meeting. (if only Wallstreet kept as good of records as we do-I digress!)*
- Please note the section on special projects the international organization is undertaking, they are most noteworthy. Your editor visited the “Safe Hands” website and found that while it most disturbing, it was also enlightening to see someone addressing this horrendous issue so many women face. For any of us who have experienced, or have known a woman to experience, emergency life threatening birthing situations, this hits home. I know I was thankful for the 8 sets of hands helping me and my daughter, one cold, frightening, winter morning.....*

*Respectfully--Your humble Editor,
Dr. Tara Harl*



“Cementing the Sisterhood”

Don't forget our social hour at Martini's Bar October 9th downtown St. Cloud. Bring a prospective member, enjoy the sisterhood, share with others how your ZONTA membership has affected your life, and help us bring more into the fold!!!

3. MEMBER CELEBRATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Now ladies, if you editor does not begin to have lovely, delightful, tidbits of happiness submitted for this section she may have to resort to making up rumors, innuendoes, and gossip about esteemed members!! (such as, what was REALLY served at Nancy Fischer's bridal shower that still has members giddy after all these years?)



4. BOARD, BUSINESS, & PROGRAM MEETINGS' MINUTES

4A. Board Meeting September 4, 2008

Present: Linda Linn, Tara Harl, Lori Rebeschke, Carol Barrymore, Susan Voeltz, LeAnne Miller, Pat Molitor, Stephanie Jussila, Judi Gay

Meeting called to order by President Linda Linn at 12:00 noon at the Ground Round.

Pledge, Blessing, and Pin Penalties completed

Announcement: In order to address all the business needed, Linda directed that the board meetings would be streamlined: Updates, unless needing approval or discussion will be done during regular business meetings so that duplication of efforts and time does not occur.

Minutes of May 1, 2008: Motion to approve the minutes made by Susan Voeltz. Seconded-Carol Barrymore. Passed.

Correspondence: Key status for the Zonta mail box. Judi get a key from Carol Rae. The post office box is by Applebee's.

National Zonta Convention update- Linda L.:

Dues were increased to \$30. \$15 of this due shortly; Zonta Int'l directed these dues to be called "voluntary dues." One check from each club to cover \$15 for each member will be due. We need to think about options about how to pay this.

Budget: 31 members. Budget for 2008-09 to be prepared by the October Board meeting.

Membership: Linda will get updated membership roster from the Zonta Int'l web site and distribute via email. October 9th – Evening: Membership promotion meeting arranged by Stephanie Jussila. New pamphlet being created; postcard will soon be ready to go out to members & prospective members. Steph will check out cost of using Gorecki Conference Center, at the College of St. Benedict.

Sonja Jacobson, Area Director will be the speaker for the luncheon meeting and for the evening meeting. Place to be decided for the evening gathering. Theme: *Embrace the Passion* focusing on the primary priorities of Zonta's work to empower women.

Service: Flower Sale: Linda distributed a Flower Sale Recap Report 2000-2008. See handout. During the past eight years Zonta members sold 4,330 tickets raising \$62,593 of which the Nurseries received \$37,469.50 and \$23,541.81 was distributed to Journey Home, Anna Marie's, Scholarships, International Convention fund and a small amount to undesignated account. Distribution of funds will occur along with distribution of funds from the Golf Outing.

Christmas House: Susan and committee members have been meeting through the summer attending to the details. The house will be in Deer Creek East Edition and is the home of Andy & Jody Fritz owners of L.J. Plumbing. The owners do not want their name used.

Dates: November 21 and 22. Decorators' tour is 9/23/08 from 11-2

Motion by Susan Voeltz to increase price of tickets from \$5 to \$7 pre-sale and from \$7.00 to \$10 at the door. Seconded by LeAnne Miller. Motion carried.

Next Christmas House committee meeting is September 22.

Golf Outing Fundraiser: LeAnne reported that there is still one more team of 4 needed. Silent Auction items and more Hole Sponsorships needed as well. Everything is coming along! It will be a great event!

Business:

ZoNews Newsletter editor needed. Tara Harl stepped up!

Web site maintenance needed: Stephanie will contact Smart Site, Erick Braun to see about costs of this organization hosting the Zonta web site.

Public Relations & Communications Chair needed.

Pen Pal Program coordinator needed: we will wait until contacted by Distr. 742.

Holiday Social location: Nancy Fisher will be coordinating this event.

Installation location in May 2009: Linda suggested an evening meeting, and forming a committee to work on this event.

District Meeting – Jamestown, ND October 3-5, 2008

Registration due 9/22/08. Contact Linda if you'd like to go.

Other business:

Herberger's Community Day (November 15, Saturday) Coupon Booklets available from LeAnne Miller. \$5.00 each. Zonta gets to keep 100% of the proceeds.

Flower Sale: Lori thanked all who worked at the Flower Sale; there were members who came back to work again and again!

Meeting adjourned: Motion to adjourn made by Pat Molitor. Seconded by Steph J. Motion carried. Board meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Judi Gay, Recording Secretary
September 11, 2008

4B. Business Meeting September 11, 2008

Present: Susan Voeltz, Mary Kokula, Jean Madsen, Sister Andre, OSB; Debra Kellerman, Sue Dropp, Linda Linn, Carol Belling, Debbie Grant, Jan Bensen, Carol Barrymore, Steph Jussilla, Pat Molitor, Judi Gay
President Linda Linn called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. Please and prayer recited.

Consent Agenda Items: Motion to approve made by Deb Hollerman. Motion seconded by Sr. Andre-. Motion carried

Correspondence: Zonta received a Thank you card fro Laneah Hemming.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Stephanie reported that the Theme for the Year is "Embrace the Passion". Day & Evening meetings – October 9th. Zonta will have the regular luncheon meeting on October 9th and then an evening gathering for members to bring potential members.

Location for the evening gathering to be announced. Sonja Jacobson (district) will be the speaker at both Membership meetings.

October 9 – Bring a new or gently used book to be given to Journey Home and Anna Marie's shelter. Bring a potential new member!

Service:

Zonta Fundraiser - **Herberger's Coupons** - LeAnne Miller still has coupons to sell at \$5 each.

All proceeds go to Zonta. This is a general fundraiser for Zonta.

Flower Sale – Linda Linn

History 2000 - 2008– provided in spread-sheet form by Linda Linn.

Total received: \$65,593.12

Total given to Nurseries: \$37,469.50

Printing: \$1,385.54

Other expenses: \$196.27

Distributed: \$23,541.81

(see spreadsheet for detailed distributions!)

Golf Outing Update – Deb Grant

59 golfers; 77 people for lunch; door prizes—everyone won something! Plus, Zonta was able to sell chances on door prizes left over at \$5.00 a chance.

Zonta gained two new sponsors this year.

Christmas House – Susan Voeltz

The home is owned by the owners of LJ Plumbing. Located in Deer Creek East in south St. Cloud on 3547 Wildflower Road S., St. Cloud, MN.

Ticket prices approved by the Board: \$7.00 pre-sale and \$10.00 at the door.

Decorator tour: Sept 23 11:00 – 2:00

Business:

District Meeting: Oct 3, 4,5 in Jamestown, N.D. Linda and Deb Grant are going. Linda will be the delegate. If anyone one else would like to go—contact Linda!

Roster corrections:

Corrections to current Zonta Membership roster:

Carol Belling, 1485 10th Ave NE, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

Susan Dege, 12256 Killdeer St NW, Unit 1405, Coon Rapids, MN 55448

Leanne Miller, 13743 County Rd 165, Cold Spring, MN 56320 (H) 320-685-8383

ZoNews update: Tara Harl will be editing the newsletter! Newsletter content can be sent to Tara at: tlharl@stcloudstate.edu

Among Women magazine is now called *Central Minnesota Women*. There will be an article about Zonta including the Christmas House in the next issue. Mary Kokula is working on article for St Cloud Times – Style magazine.

Zonta St Cloud web site: Stephanie and LeAnne contacting Smart Site next week to see about services and costs. Will bring info to the next meeting.

International Convention: Linda and Deb will report at the Program meeting this month.

Calendr change: Oct 9th – will be the Program meeting with Membership being the focus and a guest speaker.

Oct. 23 – Regular business meeting instead of the Program meeting.

Arts Chairs Auction – Motion by Carol Barrymore to go up to \$250 for a chair in honor of Pat Christianson, and that Zonta purchase a plaque stating the chair is in honor of Pat Christiansen from her Zonta sisters – St. Cloud. Someone will check with the library to ask if the chair can be placed there. Seconded by Carol Belling. Motion carried. Carol Belling will go to the auction to represent Zonta.

Motion to adjourn – Deb Grant. Seconded by Sister Andre. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

-Judi Gay-Recording secretary+



4. TREASURER'S & FINANCE REPORTS

Treasurer Report Ending September 30, 2008

Balance 8/31/2008	\$11,880.63
Receipts	
Interest for Sept	1.71
Raffle-Intl Convention Fund	11.00
Golf Event	4967.00
Pins Not Worn	2.00
Herbergers Coupons Sold	120.00
Flower Sale	255.00
Total Receipts	\$5,356.71
Disbursements	
Xmas House Postage	16.80
Continental Press-Letterhead & Env	353.00
Lakeview Bar & Grill-Golf Event	760.00
Rich Spring Golf Course-Golf Event	741.45
D Grant-Golf Event Expense	83.45
S Jussila-Membership Postcards	80.06
Total Disbursements	\$2,034.76
Balance 9/30/2008	\$15,202.58



ZONTA CLUB OF ST. CLOUD
PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET
JUNE 1, 2008 TO MAY 31, 2009

Income

Dues (renewing) = 31 @ \$114	\$3,534	
Dues (new) = 4 @ \$129	516	
Interest	20	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,700</u>	
Total Income	\$5,770	

To Be Set Aside for Convention in 2010

International Convention Fund	\$700	<i>future expense set aside</i>
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Expenditures

International Dues = 31 @ \$68	\$2,108	
International Dues = 4 @ \$83	332	
District Dues = 35 @ \$21		735
Business Supplies/Postage	300	
ZoNews/WebSite		500
Membership Committee	600	
Miscellaneous	<u>495</u>	
Total Expenditures	\$5,070	

Projected year-end balance = 0

5. SPECIAL EVENTS REPORTS



5A. 4th Annual Golf Outing and Jewelry Fashion Show

The Fourth Annual Golf Outing and Jewelry Fashion Show has been deemed a huge success! We reached our goal of 60 golfers this year and the weather was great. One golfer told me she had such a good time and that she can't remember ever laughing that much. Another golfer wrote "Thanks Deb for all your effort with the golf tourney. We all had a ball! Which is good considering I did not always hit the ball!" Rumor had it Cory Linn is already lining up more teams for next year! With the help of our members, sponsors, jewelers, vendors, golfers and people who came for lunch, we were able to raise \$6,102.10 to fund projects to advance the status of women. A special thanks goes out from Debbie Grant to the 2008 committee members: Beth Anvary, Carol Barrymore, and LeAnne Miller. The date is set for the 2009 event, which will be September 11. It is never too early to talk up this event to potential golfers sponsors or vendors.

Zonta Golf Outing and Jewelry Fashion Show History

	2005	2006	2007	2008
		9-holes		
	18-holes	rained out	9-holes	9-holes
Golfers	28	29	32	\$60.00
Lunch Only	11	16	15	\$16.00
Comp Lunches	3	2	2	\$2.00
Sponsorships	\$970.00	\$1,375.00	\$1,305.00	\$1,350.00
Registrations golf & lunch				\$3,070.00
Silent Auction	\$275.00	\$1,155.00	\$1,558.00	\$2,469.00
Strings/Mulligans	\$197.00		\$226.00	
Door Prize Raffle		\$360.00	\$280.00	
Combined string, mulligans, door prize raffle				\$798.00
Total Revenue				\$7,687.00
Food Expense	\$343.21	\$430.00	\$522.28	\$760.00
Golf Expense	\$868.00		\$413.61	\$741.45
Misc Expense	\$32.42	\$25.00	\$87.20	\$83.45
Total Expenses	\$1,243.63	\$455.00	\$1,023.09	\$1,584.90
Net Profit	\$2,293.37	\$3,900.00	\$4,208.32	\$6,102.10

LADIES, this is IMPRESSIVE!!!!!!!!!!



5B. 19th Annual Zonta Christmas House....

The details of this year's home are as follows:

Where: Deer Creek East, 3547 Wildflower Road South, St. Cloud.

When: Friday, Nov. 21, 3:00-9:30 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 22, 9:00-4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$7.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door.

- So far we have ten decorators confirmed and another three still interested. We have also sent out sponsorship letters to local businesses and have begun receiving some of those funds. Sponsorship dollars contribute greatly to our overall success, so please encourage your company to be a sponsor.
 - Tickets have been printed and each member will receive 25 tickets along with posters to post at their place of business. Our biggest success comes from pre-sale tickets, so please ask all your friends, co-workers, and family members to purchase a ticket. Most of the decorators also sell tickets at their place of business.
 - Postcards will be sent to our mailing list in early November. Regarding advertising, two local magazines have featured Zonta and the Christmas House already, and more marketing is being planned. Even though we have many repeat guests, we want to get the word out to attract new attendees.
 - We will be seeking everyone's help with the many tasks involved with our biggest fundraiser of the year, and will need your assistance serving as hostesses during the tour. We have started a sign-up sheet for the various times and dates that hostesses are needed. Please sign up at one of the upcoming meetings and stay tuned for future emails with this information.
 - Thank you to everyone for your efforts in making this another successful Christmas House!
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6. SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORTS

6A. Zonta International 2008-2010 Biennium Goals

(Attached is a summary of the Zonta goals announced at the 2008 Zonta International Conference. The complete descriptions can be found at www.zonta.org. You can also find the keynote speeches from the conference on the web site)

A. Zonta International Service Program for the 2008-2010 Biennium was announced at the convention. The programs seek to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, and/or health status of women in developing counties or countries in transition.

The International Service projects will be funded by contributions to the International Service Fund of the Zonta International Foundation:

1. Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV in Rwanda, a project in cooperation with UNICEF, funded at \$600,000 US. Goals and objectives of this project are to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV and provide health care, prenatal and obstetrical services, and links to reproductive health programs, nutrition support, psychosocial services and income-generating activities to HIV-positive mothers.
2. Safe Cities for Women Project in Guatemala City, Guatemala and San Salvador, El Salvador, a project in cooperation with UNIFEM, funded at \$600,000 US. The Safe Cities for Women project will increase the safety of women in Guatemala City, Guatemala and San Salvador, El Salvador by helping local women collaborate with the local government and urban planners to create practical solutions, public policies, and municipal plans that decrease the risk of violence against women in their cities. The project will build on a larger UNIFEM regional program that is ongoing in four urban areas in Latin America.
3. Reduction of Obstetric Fistula in Liberia within the context of Maternal and Newborn Health, a project in cooperation with United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), funded at \$450,000 US. The prevention of fistula and the treatment and reintegration of the patients are integral components of the Liberian Reproductive Health program. Coordination of the project is the responsibility of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare. The prevention component is closely linked to outreach, awareness and education of the public and access to comprehensive emergency obstetric care. Advocacy and the use of media, especially the radio, are vital tools in this respect. Treatment and care of fistula is also an area of great concern, given the high number of Liberian women living with fistula. The JFK hospital is a key partner in the implementation process, as the fistula ward is being prepared to provide quality services in the treatment and care of obstetric fistula, as well as providing quality comprehensive training for doctors and other health care professionals. JFK hospital in Monrovia, Montserrado County is the main national referral and training center for fistula care management.

B The ZISVAW Program seeks to reduce the incidence of violence against women and girls by changing personal and/or political knowledge, attitudes and behaviors contributing to violence against women. Projects must be focused on preventing and ending violence against women:

1. Ending Violence Against Women through Community Actions (EVAWCA) in Cambodia, a project in cooperation with UNIFEM, funded at \$300,000. The project supports the implementation of the Laws on the Protection of Domestic Violence and Protection of Victims, the Civil Code and Criminal Code, among others, in the provinces of Pursat, Prey Veng and Kampong Chhnng. It will study contemporary Khmer masculinity and its dynamics enable the design of more effective policy and program strategies and interventions with a

view to prevent domestic violence against women through transforming attitudes and behaviors of violent men. Community-based men's groups will be formed to work with men through personal counseling and addressing

health and psychological aspects, creating linkages with the white ribbon campaign. The project will develop capacities of local authorities and relevant laws monitor the implementation of these laws and build legal skills of community-based core groups to advocate with public authorities for more effective interventions in cases of domestic violence. Community-based core groups will also reach out to women to raise awareness regarding their legal rights and support their access to justice and social services. The project will be implemented in partnership with local core groups, men's groups, civil society organizations and local authorities.

2. Combating physical violence against women and supporting the implementation of protective and anti-discriminatory laws and policies in Egypt, a project in cooperation with UNIFEM, funded at \$200,000 US. The project will support the implementation of relevant Criminal Code provisions and the Ministerial Decree 261 of 1996 prohibiting the performance of genital mutilation. It will raise awareness of legal professionals and executive officials around women's rights and the legal grounding of gender equality, specifically targeting the following key stake-holders: Ministry of Justice. Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Social Solidarity, police departments, the judiciary, the legislative body, the National Council of Women, media, community-based organizations and other NGOs working in the field of violence against women. The project will advocate for the establishment of monitoring bodies and will empower women in vulnerable and marginalized communities in six Egyptian governorates through awareness-raising campaigns, equipping them with the necessary knowledge and tools to report and pursue justice and well-being. In addition, the project will enhance the capabilities of shelters in Egypt to better respond to needs and rights of women survivors of violence.

3. Community-based center for housing and rehabilitation of women victims of violence in Syria, a project in cooperation with UNIFEM, funded at \$100,000 US. Through this innovative project, working within the framework of the Syrian National Action Plan on Violence against Women, the project will develop a high-quality "One-Stop" Centre to provide effective services for women survivors of violence, particularly those living in poverty, in addressing their immediate protection, medical, legal, counseling, rehabilitation and integration needs, while remaining sensitive to the complexities of their situation. The project will launch a broad awareness and advocacy campaign targeting decision-makers, potential clients, survivors/victims of violence, as well as the general public and provide training and capacity building for the health workers, teachers, law enforcement personnel, social workers, the judiciary, community and religious leaders and the media. In addition, the project will assemble the real-time information on the quantitative and qualitative trends of gender-based violence for monitoring purposes and evidence-based policy advocacy. The project will be implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Labour, NGOs and the private sector.

Education and Leadership Development Programs will be funded by contributions to the respective Fund within Zonta International Foundation:

1. Amelia Earhart Fellowships, funded at \$700,000 US
2. Jane M. Klausman Women in Business, funded at \$120,000 US
3. Young Women in Public Affairs, funded at \$94,000 US

Complete descriptions of the 2008-2010 Biennium programs are in the July 2008 Zontian and are available on the Zonta website.

6B. Zonta International program on Women's empowerment through health education.

Speaker Nancy Durrell McKenna
Member of ZC of London II, UK

She has focused on the 5th (8 total) Millennium Development Goal to reduce the number of mothers dying in childbirth by three quarters by 2015.

By education, we can improve the skills of the health workers and empower women to help challenge cultural traditions that affect their reproductive health and well being.

Nancy's work has focused on the theme of safe motherhood in developing countries, where almost 25% of women suffer complications during pregnancy and childbirth and 600,000 women die needlessly every year and 4,000,000 newborns.

Because these deaths are largely preventable was the inspiration behind Nancy founding the charity SafeHands for Mothers in 2003.

Barriers to health care:

- Money
- Transportation
- The journey is long and slow
- Accessing treatment

Child Marriages:

- 14% by age 10,
- 39% by age 15,
- 69% of married adolescences have had sex before menstruation (having their baby with undeveloped organs)

For more information go to www.safehands.org

The front page reads: Every Minute

- 350 Women become pregnant
- 190 Women face an unplanned or unwanted pregnancy
- 110 Women experience a pregnancy-related complication
- 1 Woman dies

7. NOTICES OF FUTURE MEETINGS and/or EVENTS

11/05/08 Thursday Noon
11/08/08 Saturday
11/12/08 Thursday Noon
11/20/08 Thursday Noon

Board Meeting
Zonta's Birthday/ International Day
Business Meeting
Program Meeting



Who was this woman you ask? The first female airline pilot, Helen Richey who was hired by Central Airlines in 1934. She soon found herself a publicity stunt and pawn in a game to “prove” women weren’t capable of handling aircraft in bad weather. The for-runner of the FAA, the CAA, told the airlines not to let her fly when it was raining, and they didn’t!! (that would be like the FAA telling NWA today not to let their women captains fly during a snow storm). Helen was a good friend of our fellow ZONTA sister Amelia.