



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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The Honorable Susan Voeltz-President Elect 2009

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1. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12-04-08 Board Meeting

12-11-08 Holiday Gathering (see details in newsletter)

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

2. NOTICES OF FUTURE MEETINGS and/or EVENTS

1-1-09 Thursday

1-8-09 Thursday

1-15-09 Thursday

1-29-09 Thursday

New Year's Day

Board Meeting (notice change due to New Year's)

Business Meeting (Amelia Earhart Day)

Program Meeting

3. EDITORIAL NOTES



“Cementing the Sisterhood”



What is this you ask? Why it’s the latest fashions of the mid 1930s that a Zontian during Amelia’s time would have worn to a meeting—heels, nylons, gloves, girdle, and hat.(and we would have felt most “modern” wearing that new undergarment the “bra”.



***Hats anyone, at the next meeting?
(I know we will all have our bras on, ha!)***

4. MEMBER CELEBRATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



- **Sister Andre will turn 92 on December 12th!!!! Happy Birthday!**

5. BOARD, BUSINESS, & PROGRAM MEETINGS' MINUTES

4A. Board Meeting November 6, 2008

Present: Leanne, Sue D., Tara H., Susan V., Lori R., Jean, Sister Andre, Pat M., Steph J., and Judi G.

Updated address for Stephanie J.: 1424 30th St. SE, St Cloud, MN 56304—please change your directories.

Susan called the meeting to order at noon. Pledge, prayer, and pin penalties.

Board meeting minutes: Motion: Lori moved to accept the minutes of the last Board meeting. Tara seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Motion: Judi moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Leanne seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Correspondence: An invitation from the Minneapolis Zonta club to their holiday fundraiser. Judi will go to the post office box to collect the mail after the Board meeting.

Finance Report: Motion made by Tara to move \$600 from Undesignated funds to the Membership Committee fund as this was the budgeted amount for 2008-09; \$300 from Undesignated funds to Supplies/Postage/PO Box; and \$500 from Undesignated funds to the Zo-News/Web site category. Motion seconded by Pat Molitor. Motion passed.

November 13 Zonta business meeting: President will present the 2008-09 Budget.

Christmas House Update: Steph recommended wearing your Women pins (as well as your Zonta pin and name tag). Seeing the Women pins will help promote sales!

Dress for Christmas House: If you don't have a red jacket or blazer—wear black. Dress up! Dress festive! No jeans. The home owner requested that no one wear shoes in the house. So, the option is to wear hospital booties that will be provided—over your tootsies or you can wear new and clean black slippers (like the Isotoner slippers, ballet slippers—that kind of thing) instead of the blue booties. But the slippers need to be clean.

Membership Update: Six new members were approved via email voting by the board. One potential new member is on deck. The six members will be inducted at the next business meeting. Deb Kellerman has chosen to pay the dues for the three new members she sponsored.

Applications: Zonta International now wants to know the languages spoken by new Zonta members, so this inquiry will be added to the application form. Also, Pat M. and Steph will work on an electronic version of the Zonta application for the web site.

Surveying new members: Steph will survey new members' satisfaction levels at 3, 6, and 12 months. She recommended that each new member have a Zonta mentor.

The November 13th business meeting will be in the large room that will be able to seat 32 easily with a new arrangement of tables.

Funding allocations – International is requesting that clubs give 1/3 of their fundraising dollars to International. Presently, Zonta-St Cloud gives 15% of fundraising dollars. More discussion about this will occur at the next Board meeting.

Anna Marie's; Journey Home –may be time to present again about the organization, funding streams given the number of new members; Wish list – include in next Zo-News. Anna Marie's currently in need of pillow cases and towels.

Money for scholarship for District/Regional Meetings: to be discussed at the next Board meeting. Costs of these meetings include taking vacation days plus expenses that generally total \$300-400. Reason: Not all members may be able to afford the cost of going, but might like to go.

Service: Spaghetti Dinner for the blind. New aprons to be picked up (Jean?). Judi – find out cost to have them embroidered with the Zonta logo. Ask Steph to email logo to you.

Zonta St Cloud Web site: Motion by Tara H. to update the web site with the help of Matt Langevin at a cost of \$30/hour estimated to be about \$120 and not to exceed \$250 in which case additional Board approval is required. Seconded by Steph J.

Motion to adjourn made by Pat M. Seconded by Steph J. Susan adjourned the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Gay, Recording secretary

5B. Business Meeting November 13, 2008

5C. Program Meeting November 20, 2008



6. TREASURER & FINANCE REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT

The following breakout of the club's finances has been prepared in accordance with the Treasurer's report for the period ending November 30, 2008.

Operating Fund

Designated Funds:

International Convention Fund	\$1,967.28
Supplies/Postage/Post Office Box	\$101.28
Website/ZoNews (copies/supplies/postage)	\$500.00
Membership Committee	\$355.73

Total \$2,924.29

Undesignated Funds:

Total \$2,633.97
\$5,558.26

Service Funds

Christmas House	\$3,150.12
Flower Sale	-0-
Golf Outing	-0-
International Fund	\$1,435.00
Memorial Fund	\$25.00
Miscellaneous	\$817.49
Scholarships	\$1,621.00

Total \$1,621.00
\$7,048.61

Susan A. Voeltz
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Treasurer Report
Ending November 30, 2008

Balance 10/31/2008	\$9,417.11
Receipts	
Interest for Nov	1.04
Raffle-Intl Convention Fund	9.00
New Member Dues	798.00
Pins Not Worn	4.00
Herbergers Coupons Sold	120.00
Pins Sold (includes \$5 donation)	440.00
Xmas House Sponsors	900.00
Xmas House Tkt Sales (\$30 donation)	\$2,323.25
Total Receipts	\$4,595.29
Disbursements	
SC Floral-new member roses	33.81
Ground Round-new member lunches	25.48
S Jussila-membership expenses	32.30
S Jussila-Zonta brochures	47.08
SC Stamp & Sign-new member pins	105.60
Postmaster-annual box rent	94.00
Continental Press-Xmas house tkts	152.00
Misc Xmas house expenses	292.26
Zonta International- new members	476.00
Zonta International-district dues	147.00
Total Disbursements	\$1,405.53
Balance 11/30/2008	\$12,606.87



7.SPECIAL EVENTS REPORTS

Zonta Holiday Social
December 11, 2008

4:30—7:00 pm

At the home of Nancy Fischer
1212 Riverside Drive SE
St. Cloud, MN

Ph: 320-252-7710

Bring a snack to share
(Beverages will be provided)

As we join together to celebrate, help make the holiday a little brighter for those in need. Please bring donations for Anna Marie's and Journey Home.

Please note list of items below in the Anna Marie's Section



7B. 19th Annual Zonta Christmas House....

19th Annual Zonta Christmas House Update

Thank you everyone for participating in this year's Christmas House! We are still counting the proceeds from ticket sales and reimbursing for expenses, so stay tuned for our total net profit next month! Here are a few facts:

Guests ~ 1,304

Sponsorships ~ \$2,175.00

Ticket Sales ~ Pending

Decorators ~ 15

Volunteer Hours ~ Pending

Please return any ticket sale proceeds and unsold tickets at your earliest convenience to Sue Dege at Rajkowski Hansmeier. Also, please let Susan Voeltz know of any service hours you had for the project other than hostessing. She will submit all hostess hours.

We had an awesome committee who should be recognized for their dedication to the many details involved in this annual fundraiser.

Christmas House Committee members this year were Lori Rebeschke & Susan Voeltz, Co-Chairs, Sue Dege, Judi Gay, Georgian Gross, Mary Kokula, LeAnne Miller, and Rose Seanger.

We will have our wrap up meeting on Monday, December 22 at 12:00 at the Green Mill. We will need a few new members for next year, so anyone who would like to join this service committee, please join us on December 22.

Merry Christmas!

8.SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORTS

Submitted by Linda Linn

6A. IS YOUR ZONTA CLUB WORKING FOR YOU? (Compiled by: Carmen C. Gomez, Zonta Club of Nassau)

Note: over the next few months, I will be including 2-3 of the questions (there are 10) to reflect on so we can have and hear your input to them. This will enhance both our local organization, and the leadership we look to for our future. Please send your comments and reflections to Tara Harl, our ZoNews editor, to be listed in the next ZoNews so all can grow by our comments. Both positive and negative thoughts are encouraged, the best way to learn!

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Zonta International is a worldwide service organization of executives working to improve the legal, political, economic, health and professional status of women through service and advocacy. It does this because of the efforts of more than 33,000 women and men in over 1,200 clubs in 68 countries across the globe. Zonta has been in the forefront of many international service projects since 1956. The mission of Zonta at the club (local community) level, as well as at the international level, depends on the commitment and active participation of every member.

1. Does your president lead?

Zonta is a complex organization, which changes leadership every two years and yet expects great results from its membership. The president of a Zonta Club is the elected leader: she is expected to lead, and members expect to follow. Zontians are all business and professional people. As such, they are expected to be capable of Leadership, and were in fact invited into the fellowship of Zonta because they were perceived as successful or had the potential to be successful in business or the professions.

2. Does your club do anything?

Ask yourself, "What does my club do?" Do we have projects that support Zonta's objects and its mission? Are we participating in international projects? Are we supporting in some way the women of our community? What fundraisers do we have and are they fun? If you can't answer "YES" to each of these questions and give examples to support your answer, then your club needs to take a hard look at itself and its existence as a Zonta Club. Zonta is after all an organization dedicated to advancing the status of women through Service and Advocacy.

3. How do the Club's Service Programs measure up to the mission of Zonta International?

Zonta International, through its Foundation, is one of the largest global charitable organizations around. ZI expects clubs to support its international service programs through gifts of money and to mirror those programs through local projects in the club community. Do your club's service programs relieve hunger, provide clean water, protect women and children from domestic violence, prevent trafficking in humans, help to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS, promote education among women and girls, or empower women and girls? If your club is not involved in meaningful and sustainable programs that have a positive impact on the community, then it is not being true to its mission. That could be the reason for the ennui* displayed by the membership. Zontians need to be fulfilled.

(*a feeling of weariness and dissatisfaction: BOREDOM)

8B. Anna Marie's alliance

Holiday wish list



This holiday season Anna Marie's Alliance would appreciate your assistance with the following items on our wish list. As often happens, families come in the last week and even on Christmas Eve. We would like to have gifts on hand to meet the needs of these families. In addition, the shelter is greatly in need of everyday items used for the operation of the shelter.

Gift Ideas for Women:

Store Gift Certificates
Slippers (all sizes)
Journals
Decorative Candles
Scented Lotions and Soaps

Gift Ideas for Children:

Educational Games
Puzzles (all ages)
Infant Toys
Diverse Baby Dolls
Child appropriate Movies

Gift Ideas for Women & Children:

Women's & Children's Socks
Women's & Children's Sleepwear
Hats, Mittens, and Scarves

Gift ideas for teens

Hand Held games
Board Games
Radio Alarm Clocks
Hair Accessories
Movie Passes

Operational Items for Anna Marie's Shelter

Shampoo/Conditioner
Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
Diapers (all sizes)
Cleaning Supplies
Paper Products (Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Kleenex)
** Towels (new or second hand)
** Twin sheets & blankets (new or second hand)
** Pillowcases (new or second hand)
Canned Soups, Fruits, Vegetables
Condiments
Snack Items
** especially needed!

Questions? Please call Kate, Anna Marie's Facility Manager at 320.253.6900

Happy holidays everyone!

