



# ZoNews

## **NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. CLOUD AREA ZONTA CLUB**

*"Never interrupt someone, doing something, you said couldn't be done"*

*Amelia Earhart 1930s*

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**The Honorable Linda Linn-President**

**The Honorable Susan Voeltz-President Elect 2009**

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### **1. CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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| 01-08-09 | Board Meeting                         |
| 01-15-09 | Business Meeting (Amelia Earhart Day) |
| 01-29-09 | Program Meeting                       |

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

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### **2. NOTICES OF FUTURE MEETINGS and/or EVENTS**

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| 02-05-09 | Board Meeting  |
| 02-12-09 | Business Meeting   |
| 02-26-09 | Program Meeting-Dr. Mitch Bender-Dept. Chair SCSU ETS (Environmental & Technology Studies) will present an overview of local environmental issues. |

### **3. EDITORIAL NOTES**



### ***“Cementing the Sisterhood”***

***A new year with many either facing or knowing someone facing economic issues, family crisis, and the challenge of not letting all the negative stories in the media overwhelm our sense of the goodness in life.***

***Is this not even more of a reason to support each other as “sisters” in this upcoming year and to showcase to the community that the Zonta Mission is critical?***

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### **4.MEMBER CELEBRATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***What is this we hear?? Wedding bells approaching at the end of this month for Susan Dege?***



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## ***5.BOARD, BUSINESS, & PROGRAM MEETINGS' MINUTES***

### ***5A. Board Meeting December 4, 2008 Cancelled***

### ***5B. Business Meeting December-Cancelled***

### ***5C. Program Meeting Substituted by Holiday Party***

#### ***5Aa-Business Meeting Minutes-November 13th***

Present: Linda Linn, Marie Thompson, Jan Johnson, Kristen Semerad, Angela Ebnet, Vicki Erickson, Rose Seanger, Pat Molitor, Mary Kokula, Steph Jussila, Beth Anuary, LeAnne Miller, Jean Madsen, Sr. Andre, Debra Kellerman, Sue Dege, Susan Voeltz, Kathy Silvers, and Judi Gay.

Call to order: President, Linda Linn called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Customary opening agenda followed.

Installation of new members conducted by Membership chair, Steph Jussila. Seven new members were received into Zonta: Angela Ebnet, St. Cloud Hospital; Rose Seanger Personnel Mgr-Walmart; Kristen Semerad – CEO of ADPRO—a promotional company; Kathy Silvers-Bernick's Pepsi Vicki Erickson, Prime Mortgage; Penelope DeJong (Penni), Instructor at SCSU-consumer behavior research; Marie Thompson-Fund Development projects-Admin consultant.

#### Consent Agenda Items

Motion to approve the consent agenda items made by Sue Dege. Motion seconded by Sr. Andre. Motion carried.

#### Committees:

Women Holding the world pins: 34 pins left. These sell for \$15 as a Zonta fundraiser.

Membership: Steph updated the membership roster. She recognized all of the Membership committee members for their great work bringing in 7 new members!

Service: LeAnne still has \$5 Herberger coupons left. Can start shopping on Friday; don't have to shop on Sat—you can select and pick up items on Saturday-Monday. (Actually you could shop, use the Herberger's coupon on Friday night and take your items with you.)

Christmas House update: \$2,175 donations in sponsorships. Susan asked for more volunteers and passed out the hostess schedule. Ticket sales money goes to Sue Dege or to Linda Linn.

Business:

Motion made by Deb Kellerman to approve board recommendation to pay voluntary dues remaining at \$15 per member totaling \$450 from the Women Holding the world pins proceeds. Motion seconded by Pat Molitor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jean Madsen to approve the Board recommended budget for Zonta 2008-2009. Motion seconded by Marie Thompson. Motion carried.

Website update: The web site will be updated by Matt—Tara's contact at SCSU.

Additional member needed for Scholarship committee. Marie Thompson volunteered and will be working on this committee now!

Other business:

ZoNews – Send to Tara Harl. Email:tlharl@stcloudstate.edu Other contact info—see your Membership listing.

10 Questions to consider: Linda Linn asked for feedback on each question—send this to Tara. She will put the feedback in the ZoNews without names. Respond to the first 3 questions!

Next meeting: Next week – Program – Violence Against Women—Involving men in the work, Bill Nelson. This program sponsored by Tara Harl. Bill Nelson will speak about how he is trying to engage men in the work of helping decrease domestic violence.

Holiday Social – date for holiday social to be announced, but it will be at Nancy Fischer's home.

December – No business program mtg due to holiday social.

Board meeting – in December to plan January's meetings and programs.

Guest today – Jan Johnson, Human Resources-Bernick's Pepsi.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Pat Molitor. Seconded by Judi Gay. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judi Gay – Recording Secretary

## **5Bb- Program Meeting Minutes-November 20th**

Present: Linda Linn, Pat Molitor, Georgian Gross, Vicki Erickson, Angela Ebnet, Debbie Grant, Tara Harl, Jean Madsen, Sr. Andre, Susan Dege, Judi Gay and guest – Deb Schroeder, Community Education Coordinator-Anna Marie's Alliance. Guest speaker-Bill Nelson.

This meeting was devoted to the program presented by Bill Nelson—about Violence Against Women.

These are just some of the points Bill made:

-When sexual assault occurs, 90% of the victims are women and the perpetrators are men, and 75% of the time the assault is from someone the woman knows.

In the surrounding 4 counties – 91% of the women who were assaulted knew their attacker.

Why do men rape women? It's about power and control. Bill addressed the typical myths.

According to the St. Cloud Sexual Assault Center—the youngest victim sexual assault was 13 months and the oldest was 86 years of age.

How do perpetrators of sexual assault pick their victim? Perpetrators imprison that Bill spoke to said that they looked for someone who looked vulnerable.

Who commits rape? Men, teens, children –all three of these are the most common perpetrators.

Check your attitude about the United States and our community as a rape culture.

Myth: If the person the victim knows commits sexual assault against them, then it's not rape.  
False. Consent must occur. If sexual acts are against someone's will, it is against the law—it is rape. If he pushes drinks on her to get her to consent—that's a rape waiting to happen—he's close now.

We profile, without knowing it, who could be a rapist.

Eight states still say that women are property of their husbands.

2007: 3,500 new contacts 450 new rape cases – St. Cloud Sexual Assault Center.

Getting men involved in eliminating the de-sensitization of women; eliminating assault on women includes confronting your (meaning us and people like us) own sexism.

You have to live your values to create any change. How do you engage men? Look at your life.

You have to pick your battles—work on yourself, your assumptions; work on your own staff.

Pick an issue: domestic violence, sexual assault, chemical dependency, etc. and get involved or nothing will change.

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## ***6. TREASURER & FINANCE REPORTS***

### **Treasurer Report Ending December 31, 2008**

<b>Balance 11/30/2008</b>	<b>\$12,606.87</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
Interest for Dec	1.08
Herbergers Coupons Sold	25.00
Pins Sold	30.00
Xmas House Sponsors	100.00
Xmas House Tkt Sales	\$7,885.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$8,041.08</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
S Jussila-membership expenses	79.70
Misc Xmas house expenses	314.59
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$394.29</b>
<b>Balance 12/31/2008</b>	<b>\$20,253.66</b>

## Finance Report

Ending December 31, 2008

1. The following breakout of the club's finances has been prepared in accordance with the Treasurer's report for the period ending December 31, 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	\$276.03

*Total* \$2,844.59

#### *Undesignated Funds:*

*Total* \$2,690.05  
\$5,534.64

### *Service Funds*

Christmas House	\$10,820.53
Flower Sale	-0-
Golf Outing	-0-
International Fund	\$1,435.00
Memorial Fund	\$25.00
Miscellaneous	\$817.49
Scholarships	\$1,621.00

*Total* \$14,719.02

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***7.SPECIAL EVENTS REPORTS***

Zonta Holiday Social  
December 11, 2008  
At the home of Nancy Fischer

Nancy was such a good wife- she left the party to take food upstairs to her sick husband.

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## **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?**

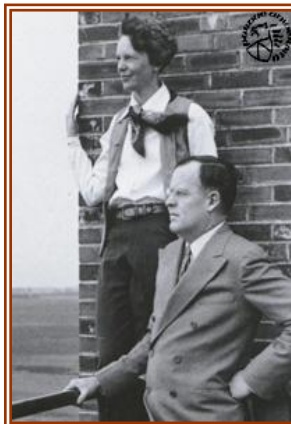
Ask yourself, "What does my club do?" Do we have projects that support Zonta's objects and its mission? Are we participating in international projects? Are we supporting in some way the women of our community? What fundraisers do we have and are they fun? If you can't answer "YES" to each of these questions 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)

Seeing that this is our Amelia Earhart month, I thought you might find it interesting to read her "agreement" she wrote to George Putnam before she married him.



Noank  
Connecticut

The Square House  
Church Street

Dear GPP

There are some things which should be writ before we are married -- things we have talked over before -- most of them.

You must know again my reluctance to marry, my feeling that I shatter thereby chances in work which means most to me. I feel the move just now as foolish as anything I could do. I know there may be compensations but have no heart to look ahead.

On our life together I want you to understand I shall not hold you to any midaevil code of faithfulness to me nor shall I consider myself bound to you similarly. If we can be honest I think the difficulties which arise may best be avoided should you or I become interested deeply (or inpassing) in anyone else.

Please let us not interfere with the others' work or play, nor let the world see our private joys or disagreements. In this connection I may have to keep some place where I can go to be myself, now and then, for I cannot guarantee to endure at all times the confinement of even an attractive cage.

I must exact a cruel promise and that is you will let me go in a year if we find no happiness together.

I will try to do my best in every way and give you that

