



# 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 Susan Kadlec-Vice President  
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### **1. CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

10-01-09	Board Meeting
10-08-09	Business Meeting
10-14-09	Service Committee Brainstorm Session-Mary N's House 5PM
10-22-09	Program Meeting

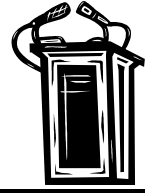
All meetings held Noon at the Ground Round Restaurant, Division Street, St. Cloud, MN.

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### **2. NOTICES OF FUTURE EVENTS**

11-05-09	Thursday	Noon	Board Meeting
11-12-09	Thursday	Noon	Business Meeting
11-21/22-09	Thursday	Noon	Christmas House

## October Program Speaker



- Fartun Hussein, Executive Director St. Cloud Area Somali Women's Association (SASWA)
- Plan to come early for networking - buffet lunch available at 11:45

### ***3. "Cementing the Sisterhood"***



#### Chapter Officers for 2009-2010:

President - Susan Voeltz  
Vice-President - Susan Kadlec  
Recording Secretary - Lori Rebischke  
Communications Secretary - Tara Harl  
Treasurer - Pat Molitor

Board Member (2 year term) - Vicki Erickson  
Board Member (1 year term) - LeAnne Miller  
Board Member (1 year term) - Stephanie Jussila  
Board Member (2 year term) - Debbie Grant

(one of the slides in the ZONTA member orientation PP shown at District)

### How You Fit Into the Picture

Whether it's demanding at the board or general meetings to let your voice be heard; whether you are someone who sees a need in our club and jumps in to create a committee; or whether you are quiet in the background and consistently participate, **You** are the voice that blends in to make one harmonious song we call Zonta.



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

Board Meeting Minutes  
September 3, 2009 12:00

Present: Susan Voeltz, Lori Rebischke, LeAnne Miller, Deb Grant, Sue Kadlec, and Mary Nimmerfroh, Vicki Erickson, and Carol Barrymore

Absent: Linda Linn, Steph Jussila and Pat Molitor, Tara Harl

Call To Order: Susan Voeltz called the meeting to order at 12:00. Pledge of Allegiance and Zonta Prayer followed the call to order.

Minutes/Treasurers reports:

Consent Agenda Sue Kadlec made a motion to accept the minutes, treasurers report, and finance report previously published. Vicki Erickson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Membership: Sue Kadlec presented exit interview from Jill Magellsen.

Discussion on whether retired professionals can be members. Previously, International had guidelines on retired persons. Mary Nimmerfroh and Susan Voeltz clarified the changes on this. Retired persons can be members but they cannot hold a board position. This was prompted by a request to invite Judge Hayden now that she is retiring.

Announcement: What does the word Zonta mean? It is an American Indian word that translates to Honest and Trustworthy.

Susan Voeltz announced that Mary Nimmerfroh has taken on the duties of Service Chairperson. Thank you Mary!

District Delegate selection: The issue of who will be the alternate delegate had been tabled since the August board meeting. Further interest needed to be determined. Leanne made a motion to pay registration and ½ of the hotel room expense for the alternate for district. Sue Kadlec seconded the motion. Motion passed. It has been determined that Deb Grant is willing to be the alternate.

Mary Nimmerfroh suggested that we authorize a certain amount for Susan Voeltz, delegate, to spend at district for membership items. Lori Rebischke made a motion to grant Susan permission to use her discretion to purchase items for membership use from \$100 to \$150. Deb Grant seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Susan Voeltz distributed a list of the areas that district and international look at to give credit to groups. For example, we donate 15% of funds raised to International projects. The suggested amount is 33%. This is looked at. Mary Nimmerfroh explained that this has always been an issue, but that we do not have to donate more than the membership approves.

Lori Rebischke brought an idea of having a lesser fundraiser for International projects. Mary Nimmerfroh

explained that all fundraisers need to be spent per the guidelines that we have, but that additional funds would increase the amount going to International and all groups. Lori is checking into a catalog jewelry sale of Cookie Lee jewelry. We may do this in late October or early November.

Note: For groups with less than 40 members, they receive 1 delegate vote and groups with over 40 members receive 2 delegates' votes.

Susan Voeltz, Deb Grant, Mary Nimmerfroh, and Linda Linn will attend district.

Golf Committee: Deb gave the board an update on the golf outing. The sponsorships are down, but the number of golfers is at 68. There are also those signed up for lunch only.

They have some excellent door prizes, but they are looking for more. If you can help Deb set up that morning, please be there between 7:30 and 8:00.

Lori will print the names of members for display at the golf outing.

Christmas House Committee: Leanne Miller asked if the sponsorship levels for Christmas house should be changed: Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze levels. Consensus was to leave the levels as they have been.

Community Coupon books: Leanne Miller introduced the Herberger's coupon books. They cost \$5.00 and we receive the full amount of whatever we sell. If we sell 50 books, we can also sell the books that day in the store and receive a portion of what is sold. That day is November 14, 2009.

Web Site- Mary Nimmerfroh announced that the web-site will be down for the next week, but then it will be up and ready and wonderful.

Leadership Survey- Susan Voeltz would like a question or two added. She will check with Tara Harl on this.

Speaker for September speaker meeting: Susan Voeltz asked that we reimburse our speaker for mileage. Susan Kadlec made a motion to reimburse our speaker traveling from St. Paul for mileage from undesignated. Vicki Erickson seconded. Motion passed. Susan Voeltz will work with the speaker.

## **Adjournment**



**5. TREASURER & FINANCE REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report  
Ending September 30, 2009**

<b>Balance 8/31/2009</b>	<b>\$12,107.76</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
Interest for September	.56
Herberger Books Sold	115.00
Pins Not Worn	2.00
Pins Sold	90.00
Raffle-Sr Andre	29.00
Member Pin Reorder	13.90
Golf Receipts	5713.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$5,963.46</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
St Cloud Stamp & Sign	27.79
Lakeview Bar & Grill-Golf Event	900.88
Rich Spring Golf Club	876.50
D Grant-Golf Expense	55.62
Ground Round-Speaker Lunches	26.00
D Grant-Dist 7 Fall Conference	362.30
S Voeltz-Dist 7 Fall Conference	408.15
Anna Marie's-Donation	1120.00
Journey Home-Donation	560.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$4,337.24</b>
<b>Balance 9/30/2009</b>	<b>\$13,733.98</b>



## Finance Report September, 2009

1. The following breakout of the club's finances has been prepared in accordance with the Treasurer's report for the period ending September, 2009.

<i>Operating Fund</i>	
<b>Designated Funds:</b>	
International Convention Fund	\$4,434.83
Supplies/Postage/Post Office	\$300.00
Website/ZoNews (copies/supplies/postage)	\$200.00
Membership Committee	\$927.21
District & International Dues	-0-
<i>Total</i>	\$5,826.04
<b>Undesignated Funds</b>	\$442.47
<i>Total</i>	<b>\$6,268.51</b>
<i>Service Funds</i>	
Christmas House	-0-
Flower Sale	-0-
Golf Outing	\$3,205.00
International Fund	\$1,220.00
Memorial Fund	\$200.00
Miscellaneous	\$314.52
Scholarships	\$2,525.95
<i>Total</i>	<b>\$7,465.47</b>

**Comments:** Distribution from the Flower Sale has now been completed. Internal distribution of funds from the Golf Outing has been accomplished – pending disbursement to Journey Home and Anna Marie's. The Memorial Fund was down to \$50, so the fund was brought back to the original funding level of \$200.



**Service Project: Fifth Annual Golf Outing and Jewelry Fashion Show**

Date: September 11, 2009

**2009**

9-holes

Golfers	71
Lunch Only	12
Comp Lunches	2
Sponsorships	\$750
Registrations golf & lunch	\$3,370
Silent Auction	\$1,981
Strings/Mulligans	\$612
Door Prize Raffle	\$460
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$7,173</b>

Food Expense	\$900.88
Golf Expense	\$876.50
Misc Expense	\$55.62
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,833.00</b>

**Net Profit                    \$5,340.00**

**Distribution                    2009**

Anna Maries	\$2,135.00
Journey Home	\$1,070.00
Scholarships	\$535.00
International	\$800.00
Convention	\$480.00
Misc Service	\$270.00
Operating	\$50.00

Number of Service Hours	147
Number of volunteers	10

## ***6. SPECIAL EVENTS REPORTS***



### ***2009 Christmas House Message from Hostess Sub-Committee Chair-Mary N.***

#### **Christmas House Volunteer & Hostess Duties**

When you volunteer to work at Christmas House, what can you expect??

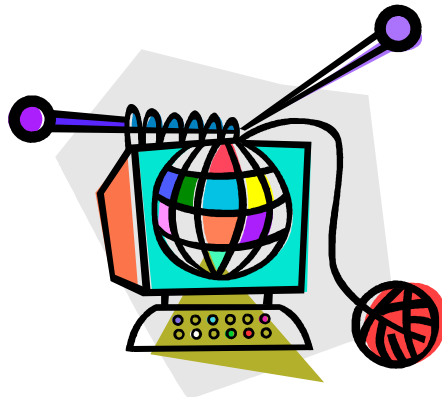
**Set-up:** This takes place during the day on Friday, from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm – when we open! During this time there are a variety of tasks that you might be asked to do. Some of them are: helping the decorators by holding doors open and/or carrying boxes in and out, setting up the Zonta tables for ticket sales/collection, setting up informational displays, tidying up after the decorators so that we are completely ready to open at 3:00PM, setting up directional signs along the road to Christmas House, and whatever else is needed.

**Hostesses:** While the House is open for tours, the hostesses have a variety of tasks to choose from: taking/selling tickets (involves making change!), greeting guests at the door and handing out booties/bags for shoes, greeting guests at various locations around the house and answering questions about the house/decorators – even questions about Zonta!. Of course, we also keep an eye on the decorations for safety and security reasons. Hostesses are asked to wear black slacks/skirts, and red and white tops (red jacket/sweater, etc) along with their Zonta Name Tag. (Wear slippers!!) There are three 2-hour shifts on Friday night and three 2-hour shifts on Saturday – of course you can always work more than one tour!! Everyone should arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of their shift – both to familiarize yourself with your assigned area AND to see the house yourself!

**Clean-up:** At 3:00pm on Saturday, we close the doors and the decorators start taking down their items. Our clean up crew assists where necessary (again, with the doors and boxes!). When the decorators are finished, we perform touch up cleaning to get the house back in shape for the owner – vacuuming/dusting, taking down the Zonta tables and items, removing the shoe bags, etc. The goal is to get the house back to normal ASAP – usually no later than 6:00 pm.

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*Chapter Website Link to  
2010 ZONTA International Convention Website  
Designed by our super, wonderful ZONTA WEBMASTER  
Mary Nimmerfroh!!*



## **DISTRICT 7 FALL CONFERENCE - RECAP**

The 60th Conference was held in Historic St. Charles, MO on September 18 -20, 2009 at the beautiful Ameristar Casino Resort Spa! District 7 includes clubs from North Dakota, South Dakota, Missouri, Kansas and Minnesota. Total number in attendance was 77. St. Cloud Club members attending were Linda Linn, Debbie Grant, Mary Nimmerfroh and Susan Voeltz. Our international representative was Lynn Goodhue, Zonta International Director from USA. All presentations will be loaded on the District 7 website shortly.

Some of the highlights included our District Board and attendees dressing up in vintage attire to celebrate Zonta's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday evening. Our hosts, the St. Charles club, dressed in various international attire. Nominees gave their speeches for office and we are delighted to announce that our Area 3 Director, Sonja Jacobsen, was elected District Lt. Governor! That means Sonja will succeed Barb Jirges, incoming District Governor from Bismark, ND. Our Area 3 Director succeeding Sonja Jacobsen will be Alice Smith from Brainerd, MN. Offices take effect June 1, 2010.

Saturday consisted of business meetings and committee presentations. Again, we encourage you to check out the D7 website to see these presentations. The evening gala's guest speaker was Wally Funk, one of the original Mercury 13 women.

St. Cloud took home two 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Bronze) awards for Organization, Membership & Classification, and Public Relations/ Communications awards. We are in the category of 25 members and more. Awards are also given out for Service and United Nations. Beginning next year, an award for Legislative Awareness and Advocacy (LAA) will also be given.

Membership continues to be a challenge and our district is down 52 members from last year. Currently we have 22 clubs in our District with 534 members. Half of those clubs are considered ""at risk" with less than 20 members. Barb Jirges challenged all attendees to take the "Rose" pledge and bring in one new member. Our dear departed friends Mary Knevel and Barb Zapp were remembered at Sunday's memorial service.

**A good time was had by all! Plan to join us at the next Area, District and International Meeting!**

**APRIL 30-MAY 1, 2010 – AREA 3 MEETING – MANKATO, MN**

**JUNE 25-30, 2010 – ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

Mary Nimmerfroh has set up a link to the 2010 convention website – it's on our local Calendar tab. At the website you can see the video of International President Berl Sten riding the Texas Long Horn bull. You don't want to miss this!

Note: tables in the marketplace will be \$100 each!!! And only USA clubs can have a table in the marketplace. (the other countries will probably be selling from their rooms and in the hallways...)

**OCTOBER 1-3, 2010 – D7 FALL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR – AUSTIN, MN**

All members are encouraged to attend, especially board members and committee chairs.

**SEPTEMBER 16-18, 2011 – D7 FALL CONFERENCE – ST. CLOUD, MN**

**Please attend an informational meeting at Mary Nimmerfroh's home on October 14<sup>th</sup> @5:00 PM.**

**Further details and directions will be sent via email.**

# *Anna Marie's Celebration of Courage*

## Make your reservations now...

Hurry to secure your reservation [online](#) or call 320-251-7203. We will be honoring 30 individuals/groups who have made a significant impact in our 30 year history. Enjoy a great meal, re-establish friendships, and listen to delightful music by Mo Putnam & Tom Speckhard.

\$50 per person

## Sponsor a former resident/client...

Opportunities are available to sponsor a reservation for a former resident/client to attend our celebration. Sponsor [online](#) or

call 320-251-7203.

## Can't Come - Make a Donation

We are sorry you are not able to come to our 30th Anniversary Celebration. You can still make a donation or sponsor a former resident/client so they may attend [online](#) or by calling 320-251-7203.

## Phone A Friend

Help us get the word out! Please tell your friends, family, and co-workers about *Celebration of Courage*.

**THANK YOU! We look forward to seeing you October 13, 2009.**

**October 13, 2009    5:30 pm - 8:30 pm    Holiday Inn of St Cloud, MN**



### ***8. SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORTS***

The club received thank you notes from Anna Maries and Centra Care for Journey Home this past month.