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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

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

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

2. NOTICES OF FUTURE EVENTS

12-03-09	Thursday	Noon	Board Meeting
12-10-09	Thursday	5:30-10:00	Evening Holiday Get together (see info below)

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

KEY membership items to keep in mind:

- Each member is responsible for updating her personal information on the international website. Please create a password, log in, and change information as it becomes necessary.
- There will be a surprise treat at the next Zonta meeting November 12th in honor of Zonta's 90th Anniversary.



The Club's annual holiday get together will be December 10th 5:30-0930 at Tara Harl's house 627 Wilson Ave SE St. Cloud. Home # 203-9526. Bring finger food, holiday treats to share with fellow sisters, and voices to sing carols around the piano.

4. BOARD, BUSINESS, & PROGRAM MEETINGS' MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2009 12:00

Present: Susan Voeltz, President Tara Harl, Pat Molitor, Lori Rebeschke, Stephanie Jussila, LeAnne Miller, Sue Kadlec, Vicki Erickson and Mary Nimmerfroh

Absent: Linda Linn,

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) :

Tara Harl made a motion to accept the minutes. Vicki Erickson seconded. No discussion.

Finance Update/report: Mary Nimmerfroh reviewed the finance report.

Correspondence and requests: Centre-Care for Journey Home sent a thank you.
Anna Marie's sent a thank you.

Business:

District 7 Conference Re-Cap Susan Voeltz reported on district news. Sonja Jacobson will be our next Lt. Governor. We have 534 members in our district. Membership is important to the district in growing members.

Wednesday October 14th we will have an evening meeting at Mary Nimmerfroh's home to plan for the District meeting that St. Cloud will host. This will be an initial planning meeting. We want to send an invitation for members to com to St. Cloud.

Leadership meeting is in Austin in 2010. October 1-3 in 2010.

Discussion on awards and what it means to St. Cloud. The overall consensus is that awards might be nice to receive, but what we want to achieve locally is more important.

Mary is working on a name change with International. Do we need to replace letterhead and name badges. The consensus was that as new members begin the new badge will be ordered. As we need to replace letterhead, we will use the new name. It is important that we not be wasteful with funds and materials in the process of updating our name.

Zonta Club Structure

We need to review the positions and have each member review their position to make sure that they understand what their duties are. Susan passed out a sample of a Zonta structure Booklet.

Mary has updated some of the by- laws and would like to send the by- laws to the board for them to mark up and so that we can be current. She will have them on the web-site to print off. We do have

different projects in the works with the Christmas house, so it was suggested that we table this until January.

Raffle Do we need a permit? Susan Kadlec and Leanne Miller will look into this. We will need to know for Christmas house as we will be requesting gift cards in the placement letters. This also questions whether we can do our regular meeting raffle.

Committee Updates:

Finance – Mary Nimmerfroh (noted above)

Membership –Sue Kadlec Finding ways to encourage membership and mentor new members.

PR communications- Steph Jusilla Someone asked about signage for events. Steph Jusilla discussed what we have.

Tara Harl-Christmas House-Tara presented best practice for Christmas House. It was noted that over the years there have been three chairs for the decorators and Christmas House, and over the years the overall role became the service chairs responsibility. For the last few years it has fallen to those who just jump in and make sure that it is a success. We need a structure which Tara is trying to create with guidelines for job duties. She is trying to discover all of the tasks that need to be done and then write a plan for each.

There was much discussion on Christmas house and how to engage people.

Do we have too many fundraisers and not enough service projects came out of this discussion as well. Right now, local groups such as Anna Marie's need fundraisers, so we will continue for now as we are.

Herberger's Community Days booklets: Leanne shared another opportunity that we would have if we sell more than 50 booklets. She asked if we would be willing to sell the booklets at Herberger's prior to the event.

October speaker: Fartun Hussein, Executive Director of St. Cloud Area Somali Women's Association.

Other events: Minneapolis Holiday Event is on November 15, 2009

Next Board Meeting is November 5, 2009

Adjournment

Business meeting minutes unavailable at this time-secretary out of town.



5. TREASURER & FINANCE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Ending October 31, 2009

Balance 9/30/2009	\$13,733.98
Receipts	
Interest for October	.55
Herberger Books Sold	80.00
Pins Not Worn	5.00
Pins Sold	30.00
Cancelled Check Amount Change	.30
Xmas House Sponsors	560.00
Total Receipts	\$675.85
Disbursements	
Grasstops Inc-Speaker Expenses	98.26
Mn Moments-Xmas House Ad	250.00
S Jussila-Xmas House Posters	95.57
Anna Marie's-Donation	2,135.00
Journey Home-Donation	1,070.00
Total Disbursements	\$3,648.83
Balance 10/31/2009	\$10,761.00



Finance Report

Club Finances as of October, 2009

1. The following breakout of the club's finances has been prepared in accordance with the Treasurer's

report for the period ending October, 2009.

<i>Designated Funds:</i>	<i>Operating Fund</i>	
International Convention		
Fund Supplies/Postage/Post Office Website/ZoNews (copies/supplies/postage)		
Membership Committee		
District & International Dues	\$4,434.83	\$300.00
	\$200.00	\$927.21 -0
	<i>Total</i>	\$5,862.04
 <i>Undesignated Funds</i>		\$424.06
	<i>Total</i>	\$6,286.10

Service Funds

Christmas House \$ 214.43 Flower Sale -0Golf Outing -0International Fund \$1,220.00
 Memorial Fund \$200.00 Miscellaneous \$314.52 Scholarships \$2,525.95

***Total* \$4,474.90**

Comments: Distribution from the Golf Outing has now been completed. Funds were transferred from Service to Christmas House to cover the expenses for the Ad in Minnesota Moments, then reimbursed as sponsorship money was deposited.

6. SPECIAL EVENTS REPORTS



2009 Christmas House

- **Tickets have been mailed to all members—please get out and SELL!!**
 - **Look for publicity in the region**
 - **If you haven't signed up for a shift to work—please contact Mary N.**
 - **If anyone needs a red blazer to wear that day Tara Harl has 2 of them Size 12 to loan (tradition is— members where something red/black)**
 - **This is our 20th year, let's make it the best!!!!**
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The club has been invited to the Centra Care Health Foundation's "La Gratitude" evening for all organizations which have supported the foundation throughout the year. It will be November 24th 6:00-8:30PM @ Mi Famiglia downtown St. Cloud.

It is an evening hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting.



8. SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORTS

The St. Cloud School District is still looking for Pen Pals for 2nd and 3rd graders. This is one of Zonta's local service projects and involves writing monthly letters to a student. The culminating event is a face-to-face lunch with your student in the spring. Past volunteers have found it to be a very rewarding experience for both the students and adults!

Please email our coordinator, Jean Madsen, with your name, address, and phone number if you are interested or have any questions. Jean_Madsen@msn.com



St. Cloud Zonta Collects Item for Birthing Kits

Members brought used sheets and towels to our October meeting for use in birthing kits that are sent to Africa. Rosella Nemes, from Cross Lake, assembles the kits and gets them sent to areas of need in Africa. She is always in need of items to use in the birthing kits. Our next collection, will be December 3, if you have any more items to donate at this time. Items can be dropped off at the Ground Round at noon on December 3, during the Zonta board meeting.

Items needed include: flannel sheets, receiving blankets, wash cloths, bath towels 24x44 (not real heavy), onesies (no stains) and vinyl gloves.

Debbie Grant will deliver the donations to Cross Lake through-out the year, so your donations can be brought to any Zonta meeting.



Zonta is scheduled to sell coupon booklets in the St. Cloud store on November 7, 2009 from 12 to 2 and from 2 to 4. Anyone interested in selling at the store please contact LeAnne Miller.



We received thank you notes from the following organizations:

CENTRA CARE Health Foundation

1406 Sixth Avenue North | St. Cloud, MN 56303-1901
(320) 240-2810 phone | (320) 255-6691 fax
foundation@centracare.com
www.centracare.com

October 27, 2009

Zonta Club of St. Cloud Area
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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift to support our mission of improving health and health care in our region. Your gift will help strengthen the programs that serve our patients and benefit people throughout the region.

Below is a summary of your gift for your records:

Gift Amount: \$1,070.00

Gift Date: 10/26/2009

Fund: Journey Home Greatest Needs

You will be listed in our recognition materials as "Zonta Club of St. Cloud Area". Please retain this letter for your tax records. Your gift is tax deductible. No goods or services were provided for this gift. If you have any questions, please call me at (320) 240-2810.

Again, thank you for your kindness and concern.

Sincerely,


Mark Larkin
Executive Director

*We are very grateful
for all your wonderful
support!*

The Foundation receives charitable donations for CentraCare Health System, including:
• CentraCare Clinic • Coborn Cancer Center • CentraCare Diabetes Center • Central Minnesota Heart Center
• Gorecki Guest House • Long Prairie Memorial Hospital & Home • Melrose Area Hospital and Pine Villa Care Center
• Mid-Minnesota Family Practice Center • St. Benedict's Senior Community • St. Cloud Hospital



Providing safety and shelter today...
violence free communities tomorrow.

October 16, 2009

Zonta Club of St Cloud Area
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Dear Zonta Club of St Cloud Area,

In late January, a cab pulled up to a nice house in a residential area. A mother and her three children ran out the door into the car. When the cab driver asked the woman where she wanted to go, she replied: "I don't know. But my husband said he would kill me when he came home from buying cigarettes, so we have to leave. Now."

The cab driver brought her to Anna Marie's.

This is just one of thousands—literally thousands—of stories we hear every year at Anna Marie's. *But, thanks to donors like you, these stories can find a better ending; a warm, safe bed, care, comfort, and shelter. Thank you for your gift of \$2,135.00 from the golf tournament.*

Your gift is already changing and saving lives of women and children in Central Minnesota. Whether its through our School Youth Program which teaches children as young as six about healthy relationships, or through our Criminal Justice Intervention program which provides legal advocacy for women in domestic violence cases, your help allows us to make our community safer.

As someone who shares our passion for building safer communities for women and children, we are excited to share our successes with you through our quarterly mailing. If you would prefer an e-version of our newsletter, contact Kelly Prosen at Kellyp@annamaries.org or 320.251.7203.

Thank you for partnering with us! We received your gift of \$2,135.00 on 10/8/2009. This letter serves as a record of your gift for tax purposes. We acknowledge that no goods or services were provided to you as a result of this contribution.

On behalf of everyone here at Anna Marie's Alliance, thank you for supporting our dream of a violence free community.

Sincerely,

Jacquie French
Director of Development

**Anna Marie's Shelter
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Volunteer Services**

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