



Zonta International District 11

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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Secretary, District 11

Greetings from Governor Karen Pati

Greetings Zontians,

I'm pleased to present the 1st D11 Newsletter this biennium. I'm proud to report the Board has been working hard on your behalf, with 6 meetings thus far. D11 committees are also busy organizing and strategizing.

I'd like to start with an inspirational quote from Jane Goodall: "What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." We are here to make a difference in the lives of women. Your board is here to help you have the best Zonta experience possible, and we strive to achieve that through servant leadership. We

try to consider how our decisions can improve your experience(s) and achieve our mission. If we miss the mark let me know, my door (email / phone) is open to you.

As mentioned in my "Welcome message", 7/20/14, I hope to provide you with good communications this biennium. Not MORE, but more HELPFUL. Our quarterly newsletters have been timed so leadership can communicate deadlines and items of interest that are relevant before the next quarterly update. At this time that includes important

information regarding the Centennial Anniversary, Zonta Says NO, new Club Information Nights and Convention 2015.

The website will remain our resource hub. If you need something please check there first. If you want to add something or correct something please email

webcoordinator@zonta-district11.org.

Thank you for your Commitment, Conviction, and Courage to making a difference.

Sincerely, Karen



District 11 Governor,
Karen Pati

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Greetings From ZI Liaison, Bridget Masters

District 11 Zontians,

Not only have I been honored with being elected as your International Treasurer/Secretary but now also as your liaison to Zonta International. I can see already that you have been blessed with a very active and enthusiastic Governor whom I am excited to be able to work with during this biennium.

I will strive to provide your Governor and all of you, the members of District 11 information about what is happening at the International



level. I want you to feel comfortable to bring to me questions, concerns, issues and feedback (good and bad) about what is happening at the International level.

I hope all of you are ready for a lot of fun and hard work at the

District and club level as officers, in committees, and as members!!! Zonta is an amazing organization not only for what we do to improve the status of women and girls but in how it impacts our lives.

Being actively involved provides fellowship, a chance to improve or learn new skills, a feeling of accomplishment, a chance to give back, and life-long friendships. Zontians are amazing, doing amazing work, within an amazing organization.

Warm regards,

Bridget Masters
Treasurer/Secretary

Zonta International & Zonta
International Foundation

July 21, 2014

Dear District 11 Zontians,

The 2014 Convention in Orlando is over and was a success!! I want to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to all of you as the host District.

I appreciate all of you who attended and hope you enjoyed every minute of it. I also want to thank all of you who volunteered to assist during convention.

I was totally impressed with your volunteer activities. You functioned in Registration, Credentials, hospitality, opening ceremony – flag ceremony, monitors, decorations, banquet seating desk, signage, AV, newsletter, and many other areas i.e. any where help was needed.

You pitched in to help general set up, labeling credentials envelopes, and putting convention bags together.

I just know that District 11 is the best!!

Thank you all very much for everything you did to help make convention a success.

Yours in Zonta

Jane



Jane Adams

2014 Convention Chairman and proudly a member of District 11



Dear District 11 Club Historians and Presidents,

In 2019 Zonta International will be celebrating its 100th birthday! The ZI Centennial Committee has already been hard at work for more than two years to insure that our history is well captured.

Each club has been asked to provide its own history and then each district will use these to compile its history and then these will be incorporated into the ZI history.

We need EACH CLUB to provide a ONE PAGE history by the **NOVEMBER 1** deadline. There are three documents on the website that will give you guidelines for doing this. Visit: <http://www.zonta.org/ClubsLeadership/Tools/CentennialAnniversaryTools.aspx>. EMAIL your club history to the district website at: webcoordinator@zonta-district11.org and to the committee at archivist@zonta-district11.org when you have completed it. Any questions or concerns can also be sent to me there. The page for Club Histories on the District website is here: <http://zonta-district11.org/archives.html>



Donna West

District Historian

Zonta International 2014 Amelia Earhart Fellows from District 11

The Amelia Earhart Fellowship was established in 1938 in honor of famed pilot and Zontian, Amelia Earhart. This \$10,000 fellowship is awarded annually to women throughout the world pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace-related sciences or aerospace-related engineering. This year we have three recipients in our district.

Applications for the 2015 Fellowships must be received or post-marked by **15 November 2014** to be considered.

Jin Yan

Citizenship: P.R. China

Proposed Program: Industrial Engineering at the Florida State University Ms. Yan is studying a new non-destructive testing technique for inspecting aerospace structures.



Jin Yan

Puja Upadhyay

Citizenship: Nepal

Proposed Program: Mechanical Engineering at Florida State University Ms. Upadhyay's research focuses on active control of free jet noise using high frequency excitation. The study of jet noise and its suppression is important due to noise certification requirements for aircraft and strict regulation on airport noise levels.



Puja Upadhyay

Fanny Maud Besem

Citizenship: Belgium

Proposed Program: Mechanical Engineering at Duke University Ms. Besem's research is focused on developing design guidelines for safer and more efficient jet engines.



Fanny Maud Besem

We congratulate these three women!

Trudi A Ciccoricco,
D11 Amelia Earhart Chair
President
Zonta Club of Melbourne

Anika Yasmin, Zonta International YWPA Winner

We are very proud to note that Anika Yasmin, nominated by Key West, was a ZI winner for 2014. To quote her personal goals” I will major in Biological Engineering at MIT, and minor in Brain and Cognitive Sciences. I hope to develop technology that reconnects a stroke patient’s brain to their body parts that have lost function. My mom was crippled by a stroke, so this issue hits close to home. While at MIT I plan to volunteer as a tutor at the local schools, and spend a semester doing research/service in Bangladesh.”

In her application she describes her ideas to

improve the status of women thus: “The misinterpretation of Islam twisted “protect our mothers and daughters” into “treat women as inferiors and domestics”...I took it upon myself to pave the way for younger Bengali girls in Key West to utilize what American society offers, without alienating their families.

Despite resistance...I joined clubs that required countless hours outside of school, and attended classes at FKSS. As a trailblazer for independence, I traveled to Scotland for a month and to MIT for a summer program...I showed elders that girls can handle responsibility by obtaining a job and providing for myself.

I absorbed the truly vicious backlash from my community unyieldingly.

As I prepare to leave...I notice that...the same parents who criticized me for stepping out of my place are now encouraging their daughters to follow in my footsteps. These changed adults now work to teach their relatives in Bangladesh of the merits of women’s rights...I have learned that society needs a lot of reforming, but that the actions of an individual can cause the ripple effect that triggers worldwide progress.”

Anika’s complete application is available on our website, under what we do,

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Anika Yasmin with members of the Zonta Club of Key West receiving the Zonta International Young Women In Public Affairs Award.

Pictured: L-R: Lisa Benfield, President Elect, Dianne Scott, Marilyn Douthett, VP, Roberta DePiero, President, Anika Yasmin, Mindy McKenzie, Amber Shaffer and Bonnie Helms.



*Anika’s Award Letter from ZI to Karen:
...Ms. Anika Yasmin is an outstanding candidate and a credit to her peers, to District 11 and to the ranks of International Young Women in Public Affairs Award recipients. We congratulate both Ms. Yasmin and District 11 for this distinguished honor....*

*Kind Regards,
Megan Radavich
Programs Manager*

Jane M. Klausman Report

Your District Jane M. Klausman Award Committee is busy reviewing this year's applications. Evaluating the young women is a difficult job indeed considering the quality of the candidates forwarded for consideration. Scores will be compiled in the next two weeks and the name of our District winner will be released and forwarded to Zonta International by the September 1st deadline.

Eleven (11) clubs submitted candidates this cycle and we only wish we had more clubs actively involved in the process. In the 16 years since the program's inception, in 1998, over \$778,000.00 have been awarded to 275

women representing 47 countries. In 2012 the ZI Board voted to increase the international award from \$5000 to \$7000. The impact of these dollars at a crucial time in a young woman's graduate studies is only exceeded by the impact these same young women are making in the world around us today and in the future.

If your club does not currently have a Klausman Award we strongly encourage you to start planning now so you will have your first winner to submit by next year's District deadline of July 1, 2015. Spend the winter and spring forming a committee, holding a fundraiser to underwrite your award, promoting the

program to any institutions of higher learning in your area, to your chamber of commerce and to other local business women's organizations. Besides the great things our scholarship programs do towards accomplishing our mission of improving the status of women they can also serve as your own little Petri dish to grow your club's future members.

Start today!

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New Club Info Nights

The new Club Development Committee is planning to hold Zonta Info Nights in **Gainesville, FL** and **Columbus, GA** in the next few months.

If you have contacts in either community please let Tami know at clubdevelopment@zonta-district11.org.

Thanks!

Tami

Recently Received at the D11 Website

Thank you for making a difference!

Hello Zonta, I wanted to give you an update since I last saw you last year. I enjoyed my first year of college at The University of Tampa, and I got my first job on campus. I want to thank you for the wonderful opportunity Zonta has given me. I hope to hear from you all soon!

Kind Regards,
Courtney DuCasse

Zonta International Foundation Report

July, 2014

Dear District 11 Zontains,

This will be my last report to you as your Foundation Ambassador and I would just like to take this time to thank all of you for your support, encouragement and of course, your dollars. It has been an absolute pleasure for me to serve as District 11's Foundation Ambassador. Thank you, Jane for asking me and thank you Tami for asking me to stay on. (Just to be clear, Karen ask me to stay on too, but I decided I needed to take care of me).

Now to the part I like best, bragging on all of you. The donations from the 6 Area Workshops total \$5,067.00. That is outstanding. I am so proud of our District!

We consistently rank within the top 15 in most of the Funds, that's out of 32 Districts! This year is no exception, as of May, 2014, District 11 ranks **12th overall, 11th for the Amelia Earhart Fund, 1st for the Jane M. Klausman Fund, 2nd for the Young Women in Public Affairs Fund, 14th for the International Service Projects Fund and 6th for the ZISVAW Fund and 22nd for the Rose Fund.**

A total of \$178,442.67 was sent from clubs and individuals. That is up 28% from the last biennium....and that's with 33 fewer members. And at Convention, I don't have a final count, but I already know District 11 Zontians contributed over \$3,000.00! I was so proud to represent District 11 at the Foundation Booth.

I now turn this job over to the capable hands of Susan Scribner. I trust you will make her proud as well!

Thank you for a fantastic four years!

HUGS

Doris

Doris Larson

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Zonta District 11 Service Chair Report

I'm privileged and excited to be your Service Chair and delighted to have Jill Van Buskirk as Vice-Chair. Our Zonta support will make a difference locally and worldwide with service projects focusing on education and health issues, and advocacy actions including support for laws that protect women against domestic violence. Our actions will be enhanced by communicating among each other, sharing our voices and our best practices.

We are thankful **ZI will continue the Zonta Says NO Campaign this biennium. Please begin planning now to make it better and greater than ever.** The 16 Days of Activism are just 3 months away: Tuesday November 25 - Wednesday December 10, 2014. Last year one of the 'simplest' yet most profound actions for clubs was to secure a proclamation against VAW from the local/regional government. Attached you will find a template to assist you, please update the sections in red as relevant to your situation. We thank the author, Sue Denham from Sanibel-Captiva for the template which we have modified and updated. We encourage clubs to get a proclamation for your club, be recognized for your work, and create awareness for the issue of VAW. If you need help please don't hesitate to call me.

The Service committee umbrella includes ZISVAW, the UN, and Legislative Awareness & Advocacy. Our intent this biennium is for this connection to make us stronger, more effective and efficient in making a difference. I am always able for suggestions, and I can be reach by phone or email: 305-304-8044, Yesenia.ramirez@fhcares.com.

Yesenia Ramirez

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JOIN THE CAMPAIGN TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN 

ZONTA SAYS NO



WHEREAS: *The Zonta Club of XYZ includes over # members that are women of professional and executive backgrounds, who seek to raise awareness of the uncomfortable, often unspoken topic of violence against women; and*

WHEREAS: *Gender violence and abuse can affect women of all ages, living in any community, but it is a topic too often kept secret or highlighted only when horrific acts play out in newspaper and media reports; and*

WHEREAS: *Violence against women is not a women's issue, but a societal issue, often rooted in misinterpretations of history, inadequate laws, culture and religion, traditional ideas of feminine and masculine identities, and*

WHEREAS: *Violence against women is most frequently about power and control, and we know its consequences to women's physical, mental and reproductive health and*

WHEREAS: *Zonta Clubs are extending their core mission of improving the status of women through service and advocacy, working locally to specifically reduce violence against women through education and awareness; and*

WHEREAS: *Zonta Club of XYZ working along with the United Nations (UN Women) and with Zonta International (ZI) and its 30,000 members worldwide in 67 countries is engaged in a specific anti-violence campaign entitled "Zonta Says NO"; and*

WHEREAS: *Zonta Says NO" reaches its focus during a designated "16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence" which runs from Tuesday, November 25, through Wednesday, December 10, 2014; and*

WHEREAS: *Orange has been designated as the official color for the "Zonta Says NO" campaign, a color also adopted by the United Nations for this topic.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Name, Title of Location (City, County State), on behalf of the members of this legislative body and the citizens of this location do hereby proclaim that on November 25, 2014 and during the "16 Days of Activism" all citizens are urged to support work to end violence against women and to eliminate the detrimental consequences it has on the well-being of our community.

Presidents Orientation Training Webinar Schedule

Greetings District 11 Area Directors, Club Presidents, Vice-Presidents, and President-Elects,

I am pleased to announce that we will be offering you the opportunity to attend a Club President Orientation Webinar on one of the following dates:

Tuesday, Sept 16 6:00pm ET/5:00pm CT

Sunday, Sept 21 3:00pm ET/2:00pm CT

Thursday, Sept 18 6:00pm ET/5:00pm CT – **Changed since original email**

Please register **by September 15** at <https://zonta-district11.justsurvey.me/436c6a776172>

If you have any questions, please contact me,

Charlene Rains

Zonta International District 11

Lt. Governor

Webcoordinator

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Snapshots from the convention



Save The Date, Zonta District 11 2015 Conference

Friday , October 9—Sunday October 11, 2015

The Zonta Club of Greater Miami's invitation to host Conference 2015 at the Fort Lauderdale Embassy Suites has been accepted. Conference Chair Ernestine Davis has been working hard to secure a great rate and low hotel expenses. Nightly rates are \$134 for a 2 double bed (or king) suite, all including hide-a-bed.

Our meeting format will change slightly, with Friday arrival, meeting all day Saturday and half day Sunday, hopefully minimizing work conflicts.

The hotel is in a fantastic location: 2 miles from the Airport, Downtown and Beaches, surrounded by over 40 shops and restaurants within walking distance.

Please begin budgeting club funds to subsidize or cover delegate expenses and personal funds to cover additional expenses. Conference attendance is encouraged for all members. This is an important event to furthering your Zonta education and commitment to our mission. Attendees often comment the experience leaves them more enthusiastic than ever.

Watch your email for more news about the exciting plans Greater Miami has for the Conference. Also, go on line to check out the Fort Lauderdale Embassy Suites and all it has to offer guests.



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District 11 Updates

Leadership: We have had 2 changes to the district board: Area 1 Directory Angie McKinney, Dothan and Area 4 Director Brenda Anthony, Tallahassee, have both stepped up their leadership commitment for the biennium. Please join me in thanking them for their commitment and enthusiasm.

Clubs: We are proud to announce the official chartering of the Zonta Club of Orlando. Save the date of November 8th for the charter ceremony, details TBA.

We have sadly accepted the loss of 2 clubs as Greater Palm Beaches and Ocala have turned in their charters.

Committees: Our committees continue to grow and we thank all of these enthusiastic members for their leadership. The directory of members and contact information is on the website in the Member Area.

Planning: The board is working on what may be the final version of the district strategic plan and will share it with you once finalized. We are also working on minor updates to the Annual Report. However, we can't finalize it until the Strategic Plan is complete. One major change I will call out is the calculation of 1/3 to ZIF. The proper wording of the calculation is: *"It is recommended that 1/3 of the service funds raised by the clubs be donated to one or more of the Funds administered by the Foundation."*

Last year we asked you to begin separating fundraising for 'Club Operations' vs. for 'Charitable Purposes'. This year we will ask you to calculate your donation percentage to ZI based on your fundraising for Charitable Purposes. More details to come.



Snapshots from 2013 Conference



Be sure to visit the Zonta websites for News, Resources, Events and more...

Zonta International: www.zonta.org

Zonta District 11: www.zonta-district11.org