



Greetings from Governor Karen Pati

Greetings To all D11 Zontians

I continue to be in awe of the many things our clubs and district leaders are doing. However, much remains to be done to achieve our vision. As long as women's rights are not considered and respected as human rights, as long as women do not have access to all resources on equal basis to men, as long as women suffer from violence, there will be need for our efforts and money.

COMMUNICATION: My goal in this newsletter is to highlight many of the tools available to you from ZI and D11. We recognize we are

missing many D11 Zontians due to invalid or missing email addresses.

Club Presidents will soon receive a plea for current rosters that we will use to enhance our database. Meanwhile, if you know of someone NOT receiving District communications please reply to this email with their contact information. My own email address has changed to kpati@freshexpress.com. You may use that or governor@zonta-district11.org

Sincerely, Karen



District 11 Governor,
Karen Pati

Area Meetings, Just Around the Corner

Area Meetings are the perfect time for ALL members to come together to empower ourselves with new skills and to share ideas and fellowship. The D11 board has assembled an interactive day addressing key issues we gleaned from the ZI member satisfaction survey, specifically Effective Meetings and Leadership Styles / Conflict. We've added a District Service Project (Bras and Bucks) and will share a ZIF update. Further details will be communicated by each Area Director, meanwhile, save the date and please plan to join us, you'll be glad you did!

DATE	AREA	HOST CLUB
3/7/2015	Area 2	Hilton Head Island
3/14/2015	Area 5	Caguas
4/11/2015	Area 4	Tampa
4/25/2015	Area 6	Sarasota
4/25/2015	Area 1	Dothan
5/2/2015	Area 3	Miami Lakes

BRAS & BUCKS: The District is sponsoring a service project for all clubs to participate in at the Area Meetings. Bring your bras and bucks to your Area Meeting. This is a project of Free the Girls a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides job opportunities for survivors of sex trafficking. We are collecting gently used bras and donating them to Free The Girls to use as starting inventory for their own business selling the bras.

Governing Documents – are available online for download HERE: www.zonta.org/MemberResources/Governance.aspx

Don't forget, Zonta.org is a treasure trove about all things Zonta!

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IN MEMORIAM Valerie
Walter, Zonta Club of-
Hilton Head Island



Participate in #WhatIWouldMiss Campaign

The #WhatIWouldMiss campaign is a public-private partnership to raise awareness about human trafficking among high school students through a peer-to-peer social media competition. The campaign encourages teenagers to think about aspects of their daily lives that they would miss if they were a victims of human trafficking and share a post on social media answering that question, including a related fact about human trafficking. The winning submission will attend the third annual Students Opposing Slavery International Summit in Washington, DC. Deadline is February 27, 2015. To learn more, visit www.StudentsOpposingSlavery.org/WhatIWouldMiss



2015 North American Inter-District Meeting, June 12—14, 2015

YOU ARE INVITED. Please join us for this opportunity for North America members and leaders to connect and further their Zonta education. Betty Houbion, Zonta Club of Myrtle Beach, will be one of the 2015 presenters.

<http://www.zonta.org/ZontaEvents/ZontaNorthAmericanInterDistrictMeeting.aspx>



District 7 Invites You to Minneapolis!
North American Inter-District Meeting
June 12-14, 2015



Zonta—Leaders of Excellence:
Empowering Women with
Conviction, Commitment and Courage



- ✦ Zonta Leads in Advocacy
- ✦ Zonta Leads Service
- ✦ Zonta Leads in Governance
- ✦ Zonta Leads in Fundraising



District 11 Website Update

WEBSITES REMAIN OUR HUB OF INFORMATION Lt. Governor Charlene Rains continues to do a superb job providing relevant Zonta information on our D11 website. New information includes:

- **New brand identity logos** are on the cover <http://zonta-district11.org/index.html> and under club tools. <http://zonta-district11.org/clubtools.html>
- **Club histories** also under club tools <http://zonta-district11.org/clubtools.html>
- **ZI New Member Orientation** is also under club tools. This is a FABULOUS tool both for new members, and prospects. I highly encourage you to play it, it will only take a few minutes.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Given Charlene's many duties, we are in search of website assistants. If you are available please contact Charlene at ltgovernor@zonta-district11.org

Committee Reports

YOUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE is busy working on new clubs and rebuilding small and at-risk clubs. If you have prospects in Mobile, Jacksonville, or Cape Coral or if your club would like to work with the committee on a 'rebuilding year' please let us know at ltgovernor@zonta-district11.org.

YOUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE will be contacting clubs soon. Please give serious consideration to serving in a district leadership position.

CLUB HISTORIES IN BRIEF are now past due, but still in demand. Bev Duff has graciously agreed to serve as our District Historian, please contact her with any questions at archivist@zonta-district11.org

D11 ADVOCACY I'm pleased to note that our own D11 Advocacy Chair, Betty Houbion, has accepted an invitation to speak at the North America Inter-District Meeting this summer.

Following is the link to the December 11 webinar about how advocacy and activism intertwine to spark animated service. <http://youtu.be/CY6kVL9uaE4>

Contact Betty at bhoubion@yahoo.com, with requests for what you would like our Advocacy Team to bring to you in another webinar.

Zonta Rose Day, and International Women's Day

ZONTA ROSE DAY, and International Women's Day is 8 March, a day to reflect on the voluntary work done by Zontians worldwide. When you donate to the Rose Fund between 5 February and 6 March 2015, ZI will email your honoree a virtual yellow rose and your message to let them know they have made a difference in your life. **To make your donation to the Rose Fund, follow these easy steps:**

1. Go to www.zonta.org/donate.
2. Designate an amount and choose the Rose Day Fund in the drop down menu



Zonta Foundation Update

D11 FOUNDATION AMBASSADOR, Susan Scribner, has shared the following



ZI SERVICE RECOGNITION

ZI SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS have been continued. Guidelines and forms have been updated and simplified to make participation easier. You can find them on the ZI [Service Tools webpage](#).

Emma L. Conlon Service Award

EMMA L. CONLON SERVICE AWARD MATERIALS are now posted on the [Award, Scholarship and Fellowship Tools webpage](#). The award recognized Z clubs and Golden Z clubs whose projects and programs best express the ideals of Zonta International through local and International service and advocacy to empower women worldwide.

2015 YWPA Applications

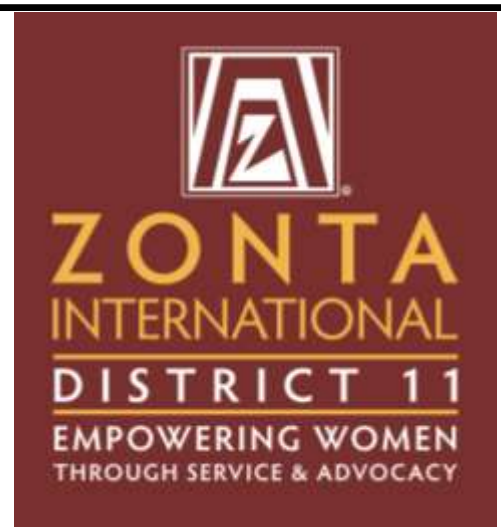
Applications for the 2015 Young Women in Public Affairs Awards are available on the [Zonta International website](#). Club applications are due to the district by April 1, 2015.

Zontal International Refreshed Brand Launch

ZONTA LAUNCHES REFRESHED BRAND TO recognize Zonta's influence and to emphasize our vision the ZI Board approved a new mission, vision and theme, supported by new branding.

Clubs are asked to update their Web pages and Facebook /social media pages with the new logos and Mission, Vision and Theme ASAP, as the deadline of February 5th has passed.

Printed materials with the old logo can be used by clubs, areas and districts until 30 June 2015. After this date, any remaining printed materials with the old logo should not be utilized.



UN Commission on the Status of Women

THE UN COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN is open to all members. We will use this as an opportunity to educate members on ZI's connection with the UN.

<http://www.zonta.org/ZontaEvents/CSW59.aspx>

Our involvement in the UN started with PIP (Past Intl. President) Helvi Sipilä who served as the Secretary General for the First UN World Conference on women held in Mexico City in 1975. Helvi Sipilä went on to spearhead the establishment of UNIFEM now part of UN Women. ZI has NGO consultative status with the UN.

Since 1923, Zonta has funded projects in 36 countries, empowering women and contributing to a life free of violence or women with more than \$19 million. Most of this funding has been through UN agencies.

Read the full ZI UN CSW script at http://www.zonta.org/Portals/0/CSW_59_statement%20english.pdf

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PRINCIPLES (WEPs) is a partnership initiative of UN Women and offers a new platform for Advocacy. In addition to influencing the making and implementation of laws and general attitudes, we can now extend our advocacy efforts to the business sector. We can foster the adoption of WEPs in the practices of our own network, in the practices of our employers, and in the practices of other employers in our communities and countries. Read more at <http://www.zonta.org/ClubsLeadership/Tools/AdvocacyTools/WomensEmpowermentPrinciples.aspx>

Celebrations



CONGRATULATIONS to the Zonta Club of Caguas on their 40th anniversary!

Wings" Presentation by the Zonta Club of Tallahassee to ZI Ameilia Earhart Fellowship winner Puja Upadhyay (center of photo)



Wings Presentation by the Zonta Club of Franklin.
Left to Right

Judy Barnes, Area 2 Director; Fanny Maud Besem, Amelia Earhart Fellowship winner; Debe Nowicki, President, Zonta Club of Franklin Club

