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From the Desk of Governor Bea

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2007 AREA MEETINGS ARE FOR FAMILY AND FUN!

Area Meetings are not only informative, they are also fun. With five out of six area meetings conducted, we can safely say that everyone is enjoying them. The evaluations have been very positive and the turnout excellent. Here are photos from the Area 4 Meeting hosted by the Zonta Club of Ocala. Three mother-daughter pairs attended, showing how Zonta can be a family undertaking.



Lisa Gemmette, Zonta Club of Ocala, and Daughter



Angie Draper, mother of Patty Draper, Zonta Club of Tallahassee



Anne Marie Blankenship and Mary Anne Kearney, Zonta Club of Tampa

In Area 5 our Puerto Rican Zontians always have a good time. The Area 5 Meeting was held in the lovely city of Ponce. This city has restored many old Spanish colonial buildings, including a fire station, El Bombero, and the central plaza. My stay in Ponce was quite a treat.

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2007 District 11 Conference Chair Araceli Ortiz, Zonta Club of San Juan; Gilda Wilson, Area 5 Director, Zonta Club of Ponce

The Area 6 Meeting included a hat contest, as it was held on Derby Day. Bev Duff was the hands-down winner, but everyone had a good time and picked up new ideas.



Past District Governor Beverly Duff,
President of the Zonta Club of Fort Myers

Judy Willis, Pam Davis, and Susanne Walters,
Zonta Club of Punta Gorda/Port Charlotte



Area 6 Director Nola Theiss; Susan Scribner, President of the
Zonta Club of Punta Gorda/Port Charlotte; Governor Bea Weaver

I hope everyone who attended an area meeting found the experience as worthwhile as I did. Here are just a few of the good ideas I learned at the Area 6 area meeting:

- A good Zonta promotion is to have local government dedicate March 8 to your Zonta club or Zonta Rose Day in order to celebrate International Women's Day.
- Another strategy to enhance the status of women and get good PR for Zonta is to nominate worthy Zontians for community awards.
- The federal government may have PSA's regarding human trafficking. (This needs some research.)
- Old/unused sewing machines can be donated to Miracles in Action which teaches Guatemalan women how to make a living by sewing clothes with them. Contact Penny Rambacher at 239-348-0815.
- Florida is the second largest destination state for human trafficking victims.
- A Zonta club brag board made so items can be attached with Velcro can be easily updated.

Providing postcards to groups to send to their legislators is a good advocacy strategy.

Area meetings are an easy way to learn more about Zonta and women's issues, to see old friends, and to make new ones. This is also true of our District 11 conferences. The three Zonta clubs in Puerto Rico are working hard to put together a fabulous conference September 28-29 for the district. You can be sure it will have a Latin flavor and ambiance. You will be hearing much more about it, so check your email regularly. For now, save those dates. I hope to see you in San Juan!

Bea

Saludos de Libia

Amigas Zontianas, de nuevo les escribo con muy buenos deseos de salud y bienestar.

Ahora les cuento todo lo que hemos logrado en ciudad Doral (Miami), donde estamos organizando nuestro nuevo Zonta Doral. Hemos tenido varias reuniones, todas positivas, donde se ha logrado un éxito increíble. Yo diría que muy pronto tendremos las 20 Socias Fundadoras.

Me complace saber que los siguientes métodos para atraer mujeres profesionales y ejecutivas hacia nuestras reuniones de información han dado un excelente resultado. En primer lugar los periódicos locales, "Doral Tribune" y "Ciudad Doral" han brindado una ayuda insuperable. Anuncian con entusiasmo la apertura de un nuevo Zonta Club. Esto no solamente da a conocer nuestro nombre pero también las metas de servir a la comunidad y sus necesidades más apremiantes.

Nos hemos dado a la tarea de recortar todos los anuncios comerciales que aparecen en las páginas de estos periódicos, donde no solo indican el nombre del negocio, sino también, dirección, teléfono y correo electrónico. De esta manera se hace contacto personal por teléfono, luego se respalda enviando la invitación por correo electrónico anunciando el día y el sitio para que asistan a una presentación. Explicamos, de una manera clara y extensiva, quienes somos y como

logramos nuestra misión de mejorar la condición de la mujer a través de servicio comunitario.

La tecnología que ponemos en uso al enviar información por correo electrónico despierta un gran interés con un toque muy profesional. La información que se encuentra, con lujo de detalles y con fácil acceso para todas nosotras, esta en las páginas de Zonta Internacional y también en las de nuestro Distrito 11. Hago hincapié en el uso del correo electrónico y nuestras páginas del Web. No solamente esta al alcance de todos, sino que contiene información que proporciona detalles de Zonta Internacional y su Fundación.

Quando llevamos el mensaje de nuestra misión en el Doral lo hacemos con **orgullo, y lo comunicamos así, porque lo sentimos todas las Zontianas de pertenecer a un grupo de mujeres profesionales que dedican parte de su tiempo para mejorar la condición de la mujer.**

Me despido con un fuerte abrazo Zontiano,

Libia

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Buy A Semi Postal For Breast Cancer

This is one contribution that all Zontians can make. The notion that millions of dollars for breast cancer research can be raised by everyone buying a book of semi postal *Breast Cancer Research* stamps is powerful!

As you may be aware, the US Postal Service has been authorized to continue to sell its semi postal breast cancer stamp through December 31, 2007. This stamp entitled "Fund the Cure" is sold now at \$.55 each, which is above the postage value for first class mail (currently \$.41). The additional monies go to help fund breast cancer research.

Since 1998, the Postal Service has raised more than \$53 million for breast cancer research through the sale of this semi postal stamp. By law, 70 percent of the net amount raised is given to the National Institutes of Health, and 30 percent is given to the Medical Research Program at the Department of Defense.

Designed by Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, Maryland, the stamp features the phrases, "Fund the Fight" and "Find a Cure", and an illustration of a mythical "goddess of the hunt" by Whitney Sherman of Baltimore.

It is important that all women take a stand against this disease that affects so many of our Mothers, Sisters and Friends, including Zontians.

**MEMBERSHIP IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL.
REMEMBER " IF EVERY MEMBER GETS ONE NEW MEMBER WE WILL EXCEED OUR GOAL."**

A Time to Grow ~ In Leadership and Membership Zonta International North American Seminar

Save the date: **June 22-24, 2007**

Inter-district Seminar to be held at the Marriott Ann Arbor Hotel and Eagle Crest Conference and Resort Center in Ypsilanti, Michigan

Why You Should Attend:

- Be Part of the Future of Zonta
- Learn Successful Techniques for Membership Growth
- Network with Other Dedicated Zonta Members
- Invest in Leadership Development for Yourself, Your Club, and Your District
- Share Your Stories
- Meet Keynote Speaker Angela Morgan, co-author of *Leading from the Front*

More Information Coming Soon!

Zonta Calendar

2006-2007

MAY

- 1 — Club Officers Report form due to HQ
Club Annual Report & Club Officers Report due to Area Director
YWPA District candidates due to HQ
- 27 — Women's Health Day
- 31 — Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Club candidates due to District
International nominations due to District
Nominating Chairmen

AUGUST

- 15 — Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Club candidates due to ZI
- 26 — Women's Equality Day
- 31 — US Clubs Form 990 due to IRS if gross revenue is more than \$25,000

SEPTEMBER

- 5 — Period 5: Quarterly Club Report due to Area Director
- 28-29 — 2007 District 11 Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico

2007-2008

JUNE

- 1 — Club dues payment for 2007-2008 due to HQ and District
- 5 — Period 4: Quarterly Club Report due to Area Director
- 30 — YWPA international recipients announced

DECEMBER

- 5 — Period 6: Quarterly Club Report due to Area Director

Spotlight on Our 2007 YWPA Winner - Susan Elizabeth Greenman

Submitted by Yvette Ingraham, District 11 YWPA Committee Chair

I am pleased to announce that Susan Greenman, nominated by the Zonta Club of Marathon, has been selected as the 2007 Zonta International District 11 winner of the Young Women in Public Affairs award.

The YWPA Selection Committee had the difficult task of choosing a winner from an outstanding slate of candidates who were nominated for the award. This year's applicants were very well-rounded students who displayed good leadership skills and performed outstanding work in their communities. District 11 congratulates all of the deserving young ladies who participated in this year's competition, on their wonderful achievements.

The YWPA award recognizes women who have demonstrated leadership skills and a dedication to civic causes. Susan Greenman, a student of Marathon High School was an outstanding community activist whose participation in her school and voluntary service made her an ideal choice for the award. She exemplified the qualities of a true leader as President of her local Interact Club and captain of the varsity team. She willingly took up the challenge to increase membership in her Interact club and achieved this goal by boosting the club from a membership of 3 to 25 during her reign as President.

As a strong civic-minded individual, Ms. Greenman also participated as a member of NIKE, Freshman Talking to Seniors, Mu Alpha Theta and the National Honor Society in addition to working on meaningful community projects for agencies such as the American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, World Wildlife Fund and the National Guard Drug Prevention Program. Despite her involvement in these activities, Susan found time to tutor students, revive her school's Z-club and take part in many of her county's peer education programs.

Even with a strong focus on service, Susan still excelled academically, maintaining a 4.0 GPA in high school. It was therefore, no surprise that she was accepted into the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology

(MIT) where she plans to study engineering with the goal of becoming an aerospace engineer. We encourage her to continue to dream big and take advantage of the many opportunities open to her.

Susan's civic spirit was not limited to her community. She appreciated the importance of helping people worldwide, and reached out to those in need on a global level. Along with her sister, they founded a non-profit organization, "*Hands on Hands*", dedicated to helping underprivileged AIDS orphans in Kenya. Through their *Hands on Hands* project, they raised an initial \$3,000 to purchase bunk beds, shoes, toilets and school supplies for schools and orphanages in Kenya. However, their heart-warming and financial good works did not end there. They raised a further \$10,000 to fund the construction of a girl's dormitory at a new school in Kamboe. Susan's generosity and compassion has shown her to be a true humanitarian.

In her essays, Susan articulated a good understanding and appreciation of the problems facing women today. She provided well-thought-out recommendations to these issues which highlighted the need for the continued advancement of the status of women.

As District winner, Susan will receive a \$500.00 prize and go on to compete with winners from the other Zonta Districts for one of five Zonta International awards. She has also been invited to be a guest speaker at our District Conference this year in Puerto Rico in September. We are all looking forward to meeting this fascinating young woman.

Thank you to all of the Zonta Clubs who participated in this year's competition. We applaud you for recognizing the following young women as winners at the Club level, and for showcasing their outstanding works and achievements. We are truly proud of each and every one of them.

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Zonta International 59th Convention — 2008
Rotterdam, Netherlands
Visit the website at www.zonta2008.com for more information

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Spotlight on Our 2007 YWPA Winner - Susan Elizabeth Greenman (continued)

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Sponsoring Zonta Club</u>	
Kenyeda B. Adams	Columbia	<p>We hope that next year, we will see even more participation from clubs in District 11. Remember that the YWPA award gives us the opportunity to encourage young women, who have strong leadership skills and a commitment to service, to pursue their dreams and continue their advocacy work into adulthood. It is truly a rewarding program and I challenge each District 11 club to make the commitment to seek out and nominate a well-deserving woman in your community for the 2008 YWPA award.</p> <p><i>"The feeling that I am making a difference rewards me. Whether it is in a leadership position, backseat role or organizing big fundraisers, I feel like something meaningful is being accomplished and I'm influencing people's lives for the better."</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Susan Elizabeth Greenman</i></p>
Corey M. R. Decker	Dothan	
Trisha K. Lowe	Key West	
Caroline D. Perkowski	Melbourne	
Sarah M. Martin	Tallahassee	
Coral N. Owen	Bartow	
Nicole A. Sarrine	Tampa	
Ashley Thomas	Boca Raton	
Megan Tomsik	Pascagoula	
Callie D. Healan	Jacksonville	

Resources on Zonta.org

Newsletters from Zonta International's Public Relations & Communications Committee and the Status of Women Service Committee are available on the www.zonta.org web site. The January 2007 PR&C newsletter has important articles about club websites, strategic marketing, and communications, planning, and archiving club records. The SWSC newsletter has a lot of useful information for you to pass on to your club about scholarship and service projects at the International level and at the club level. Check them out on by clicking on Member Resources, then "Committees" under "Leadership". There are links to the pages for each of the International Committees where you will find the newsletters among other information.

Mark your Calendar—Come early and stay later
District 11 — 59th District Conference
San Juan, Puerto Rico
September 28 — 29, 2007

Look for more information on the
Inter-district meeting of North America
Ypsilanti, Michigan
June 22 — 24, 2007

Gender Equality in Atlanta

By Lorraine Chilvers, Vice President, Zonta Club of Atlanta



Photo: from left to right (**Lorraine Chilvers**, Vice President Zonta Club of Atlanta; **Mayor Shirley Franklin**, City of Atlanta; **Idella Moore**, 4ERA)

Making gender equality a reality is a core commitment of the United Nations, as it underlies vital development and human rights issues and is critical to global economic and social progress. In September 2000, the United Nations General Assembly, in its Millennium Declaration, called for gender equality among men and women in terms of education and life opportunities as key to the elimination of poverty and the elevation of society. Zonta's commitment to work together to advance the status of women incorporates gender equality issues, and we continue to work at the local and international level to achieve these goals.

In September 2006, Lorraine Chilvers, Zonta Club of Atlanta, was one of the representatives of the Atlanta community who took part in a self-assessment framework to measure the city's level of gender equality competency, which served as the basis for a global leadership initiative.

In November 2006, Lorraine attended several public events for the Global Leadership Initiative on Gender Equality, a workshop to "**promote gender equality and empower women**," one of eight [Millennium Development Goals \(MDGs\)](#) enacted by the United Nations. Co-hosted by the City of Atlanta and UNITAR (United Nations Institute for Training and Research), this workshop was supported in cooperation by ILO, UN-INSTRAW and UN-HABITAT and sponsored by Fulton County, Agnes Scott College, Spelman College, and Delta Air Lines. This was CIFAL's first workshop, which served as the kick-off of a worldwide dissemination effort in 2007, 2008, and 2009, leveraging other CIFAL Centers around the world to replicate the same program in multiple regions.

The primary focus of this workshop was to sensitize policy makers to gender equality issues as gender equality can only be achieved if it becomes a core commitment of the highest reaches of society and government. This commitment is demonstrated by action and the aim of this workshop was to outline the actions governments must take to achieve gender equality. The expected outcomes of this workshop are as follows:

- Diverse and informed best practice sharing and knowledge exchange among prominent government officials and gender experts from across the globe.
- Action-plans of personal commitment and initiatives undertaken by individual participants and city delegations
- The collective signing and adoption of ***The Atlanta Declaration on Gender Equality and Government***, which will validate the framework and commit signing members to practical action-oriented steps on gender equality in government

For more information, please go to www.cifalatlanta.org and www.unitar.org

"IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE WAY THE WORLD IS, YOU CHANGE IT. YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO CHANGE IT. YOU JUST DO IT ONE STEP AT A TIME."

MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

Zontians Sail on the Carnival Liberty

By Bea Weaver, Zonta District 11 Governor

Thirty-five Zontians, family, and friends signed up to cruise in style for eight days on Carnival Cruise Lines *Liberty*. We visited three Central American countries: Mexico, Costa Rica, and Panama, taking excursions in each port to experience the different cultures and scenery. With four days at sea to enjoy the ship, it was a fabulous trip!

The cruise was a fundraiser organized by the Zonta Club of Sarasota (Florida) through Travel Hintz, Inc. Unfortunately the travel agent and her husband, Lori and Dale Hintz, were unable to go at the last minute. Lori is joining this Zonta club, so we hope next year she can organize another cruise for the club.

The *Carnival Liberty* is only two years old and absolutely beautiful with all the amenities you could expect. We were pampered by our waiters and room stewards and had excellent meals. Six of us went to "Harry's" one night for a gourmet meal of many courses. In fact the chef kept slipping us little extras, and we all rolled back to our cabins unable to look at more food---until the next morning.

Ramon and Caring Santos (President of the Zonta Club of Sarasota) were joined on the dance floor each night by their friends Jonna and Lloyd Lininger. They are all excellent ballroom dancers, and we enjoyed watching them. Some of the excursions group members went on included a visit to Mayan ruins, a rainforest tour, snorkeling, a visit to a wildlife reserve in Costa Rica, tours along the Panama Canal, a boat through the Miraflores locks of the Panama Canal, a tour of Panama City, and many more. The ship had a multitude of activities going on, but lying around on deck doing nothing was a highlight.

This fundraiser certainly had a lot of fun in it. If the Sarasota Club does a repeat next year, I encourage anyone who enjoys cruising or who has never done it to sign up. Vacationing with friends like Zontians is a unique experience.



Sarah Lee, Past District 11 Governor, Zonta Club of Montgomery; Cyndi Bracken, President, Zonta Club of Boca Raton; Jane Adams, Vice Area 3 Director, Zonta Club of Boca Raton



Caring Santos, President, Zonta Club of Sarasota Jean West-Walker, Zonta Club of Sarasota



One of Caring's friends, Jackie Calloway; Priscilla Haflich and Caring Santos, Zonta Club of Sarasota

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Zontians Sail on the Carnival Liberty (continued)



Caring Santos,
Zonta Club of
Sarasota; Ellie
Veas, Zonta Club of
Jacksonville



Sarah Lee and Jane
Adams at the Bocuare
Reserve, Costa Rica



Cyndi Bracken and
Sarah Lee



Lloyd and Jonna
Lininger from
Sarasota, friends
of Caring Santos

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District 11 Committees

Organization, Membership & Classification...	Lynn Salvatore, Lt. Governor
Subcommittee:	
Latin American O&E.....	Libia Markus
Status of Women Service.....	Gretchen Williams
Subcommittees:	
Amelia Earhart.....	Ellen Wheeler
Young Women in Public Affairs.....	Yvette Ingraham
Z Club and Golden Z Club	Olga Gonzalez
ZISVAW.....	Carmen Gomez
Legislative Awareness & Advocacy.....	Jean Bryant
Service Coordinator.....	Jo Anne Garcia-Melendez
Jane M. Klausman.....	Helen "Honey" Gardiner
United Nations.....	Christina Salvatore
Nominating Chairman.....	Ina Edens
Finance Chairman.....	Donna Poulton
Public Relations/Communications.....	Alice Chick
Subcommittees:	
IT/Webmaster.....	Alice Chick
Directory.....	Hannah Dixon
Foundation Ambassador.....	Sarah Lee
Bylaws.....	Anne Mitchell
Leadership Development.....	Lollie Harper
District Archivist.....	Michele Marcum Buhler

CONGRATULATIONS TO CLUBS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS:

Clubs that have or will celebrated birthdays between May — July 2007 are:



Zonta Club of Greenville, SC	49 Years—June
Zonta Club of Pinellas, FL	45 Years—May
Zonta Club of San Juan, PR	41 Years—July
Zonta Club of Naples, FL	34 Years—June
Zonta Club of Atlanta, GA	28 Years—May
Zonta Club of Miami Lakes, FL	23 Years—June
Zonta Club of Sarasota, FL	22 Years—June
Zonta Club of Beaufort, SC	20 Years—May
Zonta Club of Marathon, FL	17 Years—May
Zonta Club of Bonita Springs, FL	13 Years—July
Zonta Club of Ocala, FL	1 Year —May

Please send me or Alice Chick, our Webmaster, any pictures you may make at celebratory events to be included on the Website.

NOTE: If I have overlooked your club or if we have the charter date for any of these clubs wrong, please let me know.

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