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From the Desk of Governor Ina

Greetings one and all!

We have completed another year and are well into a new one. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who served as presidents of your clubs this past year. I hope you found your service to be most rewarding. I would also like to thank the entire leadership of each of our clubs and all the Zontians in District 11. From the Annual Reports, I can see that we have had a very productive, fruitful year. Together, we have made a significant difference.

We have completed all our Workshops, and I believe all in attendance found them to be not only very informative but also very enjoyable. A big thank you to the Zonta Club of Montgomery which hosted the Area 1 Workshop, to the Zonta Club of Greenville, which hosted the Area 2 Workshop, the Zonta Club of Greater Miami which hosted the Area 3 workshop, the Zonta Club of Tallahassee which hosted the Area 4 Workshop, the Zonta Club of San Juan which hosted the Area 5 Workshop and the Zonta Club of Bonita Springs which hosted the Area 6 Workshop. Each Area followed the format developed by the Board of Directors so that all Areas presented the same material. I believe this worked very well. I would welcome any comments from those of you who attended. Since a Board developed format was so successful this year, I believe we will follow this procedure again next year. Everyone should make a mental note right now to attend next year's Workshops which are always held in early spring.

Most of our clubs have forwarded their Annual Reports to their Area Director. Thank you. Clubs, however, have not been as vigilant sending in their Club Officers Report Forms. Please note that this Report contains information that is essential to various leadership in the District. If you have not already done so, please forward both the Annual Report and the Club Officers Report to your Area Director right away. If you are the outgoing President and you are receiving this Newsletter that means that I have not received the information on your incoming officers.

Again this year, I would like to have a second contact for each club in our District. If you want me to use the same second contact as I used last year, you do not need to do anything. Until your club sends in a second contact, I will use your Treasurer as the second contact if I have that information. Otherwise, I will use last year's President as the second contact until I get replacement information.

The Zonta Inter-district Membership Seminar of the Americas is being held in Denver, Colorado, June 25 and 26. I am delighted to learn that several clubs are sending representatives to this intensive membership event. This is the second year we have had this membership event. Last year it was for North America. This year,

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District 11 Conference
 September 23—25, 2005
 Nassau, Bahamas

We're on the web at www.zonta-district11.org

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it has been expanded to cover North, Central and South America. I am anticipating this event to continue annually for the next several years, and I would encourage all our clubs to keep this membership event in mind as you plan your budgets.

District Conference is right around the corner. All our members will be receiving an announcement card from the Bahamian Clubs inviting them to attend. There is an announcement also included in this Newsletter. This promises to be an outstanding event. The Atlantis is a one-of-a-kind facility. Our host Clubs and last Biennium's Board were able to secure wonderfully reasonable rates for our attendees. This is one opportunity you do not want to miss. The official Call to Conference will be sent at least 60 days before the Conference dates. While the announcement card will be sent to all members, the Call will be sent only to the Club Presidents who are asked to pass the information on to **all** your members – not just your delegate. Please note that all Conference information will be on our District 11 Website, www.zonta-district11.org.

We have received all our nominations for the YWPA and Jane M. Klausman awards. Our 2005 Young Woman In Public Affairs award goes to Courtney Harris. Courtney's application was submitted by the Zonta Club of Highlands County. Please see the article elsewhere in the Newsletter for a write up of our winner and a listing of all the applicants and the Clubs which submitted them. The Jane M. Klausman recipient has not yet been chosen. We are hopeful that both of these young women will be attending the Conference. Additionally, we also have five (5) Amelia Earhart Fellows in District 11 who will be invited to attend.

Please be advised that the Avenue of Service for this biennium will be requested early in

2006 by Zonta International. Additionally, the Melbourne Convention Committee is requesting that all clubs participate in a photo exhibition for the 2006 Convention. Photos are to showcase your service. You will be hearing more on both of these soon from Margene Brown, Chairman of our Status of Women Service Committee.

In closing, may I offer my sincere congratulations to all our new club leaders. Please feel free to contact your Area Director, Lt. Governor Bea Weaver or me if you have any questions or concerns. We all want to assure the coming year will be a rewarding, learning experience for you. And, to all District 11 Zontians, THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO ADVANCE THE STATUS OF WOMEN.

Ina Edens
Governor

Zonta Calendar

JUNE

- 1 2005-2006 Dues to HQ
- 2 Club email addresses to HQ
- 15 Amelia Earhart recipient announced
- 24-26 Inter District Membership Seminar Denver, Colorado
- 30 YWPA international recipients announced

AUGUST

- 1 International nominations to HQ
- 15 Klausman candidates to HQ
- 31 USA District report 31 May to HQ

SEPTEMBER

- 23-25 District 11 Conference
Atlantis Paradise Island
Nassau, Bahamas

OCTOBER

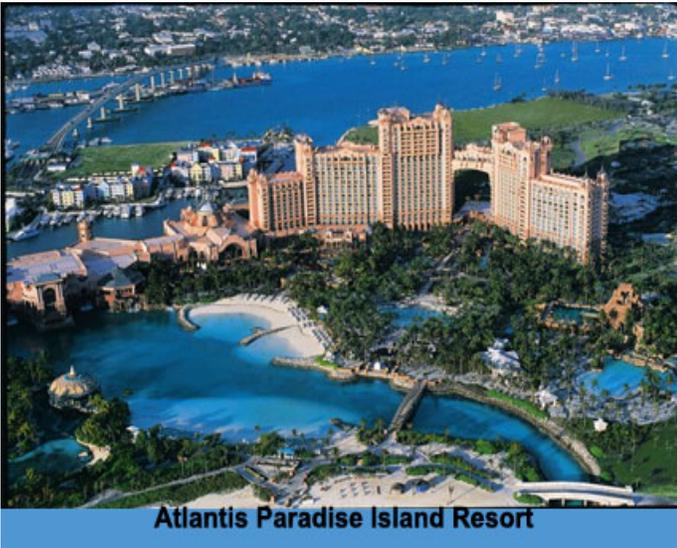
- 10 Klausman recipients announced
- 15 USA Clubs only: IRS form 990 due to IRS
- 24 United Nations Day
- 1997-2006 UN Decade for Eradication of Poverty
- 2005 International Year of Micro Credit

JUNE 2006

- 24-29 Zonta International Convention-
Melbourne Australia



57th Annual District 11 Conference
 September 23–25, 2005
 Atlantis Hotel, Paradise Island
 Nassau, Bahamas



The reservation request form and instructional are on the website at www.zonta-district11.org. Reservations for the Atlantis Hotel must be faxed to (954) 809-7902. Our group rates are available for 3 day pre and post Conference. The deadline for reservations are **August 23, 2005.** Hotel reservations made after August 23, 2005 will be at the standard Atlantis room rates. Make your reservations early.

Join your fellow Zontians as we:

- ◆ Welcome Simone Ovar Bruno, our Zonta International Representative;
- ◆ Delve further into the Trafficking issue with a program which will include both the District and international aspects of this shameful affront to society;
- ◆ Elect Officers and Area Directors for the 2006-2008 Biennium, adopt the Budget and consider amended District 11 Policies and Procedures;
- ◆ Determine if a 501(c)(3) Foundation is right for your Club;
- ◆ Exchange ideas with your Fellow Zontians and share your views with each other and the District;
- ◆ Come early and stay late at Atlantis Resort to enjoy the spectacular accommodations, exotic dining, magnificent marine habitats & water attractions, explore the ancient civilizations, and relax & invigorate yourself; and
- ◆ For more information visit our website at www.zonta-district11.org

Ina S. Edens

District 11 Governor

ZI Liaison – Mari Ramsten Vangdal

Following is the final Correspondence from our out-going Zonta Representative, Mari Ramsten Vangdal. Maria's term on the Zonta International Board expires the end of June. Our new ZI Representative, Simone Ovar Bruno, will officially take office on July 9. Simone, who is from Villar Pellice (Torino) Italy, will serve as an International Director from 2005 – 2007. We look forward to welcoming Simone to our 2005 Conference.



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POINTS FOR LIAISONS

BOARD MEETING 81-20 APRIL 2005

Membership

- The Euro account is rarely used. It was set up to do it easier for European Clubs. Please remember to use the Euro account for membership dues payments in districts where this is relevant (D28).
- Membership has declined since March 2004. We have 151 less members. This decline is a matter of real concern to the Board. We note that clubs with 20 or less members in particular experience difficulties retaining or increasing membership. 37% of our clubs are in this situation. The majority of these clubs have not grown in the last year and if they follow current trends will decline further. This is a serious problem.
- I ask you all to take this seriously. This should be a priority in all your "small" clubs. I suggest that the goal for the last year of the biennium to be that all club with membership under 20 shall reach 22!. Are you in?
- If your OMC Chairman has not yet sent reports to the international OMC Chairman with copy to the governor, please ask her to do it immediately. This is one important way the international OMC Chair can find out what happens in different districts and take action thereafter.
- ZI "Length of Service Award" will change name to "Length of Membership Award". The name is better reflecting what the award is about. Up till now the award has been given for 50 years of membership. That is now changed to 30 years, and gives more members possibility to achieve this Award.

District matters

- The Board adopted a policy on Inter-district seminars/meetings. They should not be arranged six months prior to conventions. Area-meetings, District meetings and Convention are official Zonta meetings, and we want our members to attend these meetings.
- The Board clarified the interpretation of procedures for changing area or district boundaries (reference to ZI Bylaws Article XIII, Section 4 and Article XIII, Section 2). I will come back to this later.
- The ZI Board has adopted a revised Campaigning Policy. You will get the new policy with the Board Highlights.
- There will be a major change in the ZI sales items. Information about this will be given on the web site. It is also a possibility for sale on discontinuing items. Be aware that ribbons will be discontinued sales also at convention – new technology will replace identification.

Clubs

- The ZI Board adopted a policy regarding how club projects should be conducted outside the club's geographical area. The policy will be sent with the Board Highlights.)

Policy on Generic E-mail Addresses

adopted by the ZI Board February 2004

The Board agreed that:

1. every Zonta District and Zonta Club should have an e-mail address available to all Zontians and the general public;
2. every Zonta Club is encouraged to have a Web presence (either its own site, or a page on the District site);
3. all Zonta Districts and Clubs are encouraged to use standardized, permanent e-mail addresses and Web site addresses that are retained from Biennium to Biennium;
4. in the case of new Zonta Clubs, it is suggested that appropriate Web site and e-mail addresses be established in connection with chartering and the selection of the Club name;
5. This policy will be provided to SOM clubs to ensure that this policy is emphasized in the club chartering process.

Mari Ramsten Vangdal



Spotlight of Our 2005 YWPA Winner by Christina Salvatore, YWPA Coordinator

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I announce that Courtney Harris of the Highlands County Club has been selected as the 2005 Zonta International District 11 winner of the Young Women in Public Affairs Award (YWPA). Competition for the Zonta International District 11 Young Women in Public Affairs award was more intense than ever this year because of the number of outstanding applications we received. Sixteen of the 46 clubs in our district, that includes the southeastern United States, Puerto Rico and the Bahamas, participated.

As the purpose of the YWPA award is to recognize leadership in public policy, government and volunteer organizations, Courtney, a recent graduate of Sebring High School in Sebring, Florida, is the ideal "young women in public affairs". She is well-rounded, motivated, dedicated, and most certainly ambitious. Her strong leadership skills were exhibited through her contributions to Mu Alpha Theta, (national math club), Student Government, National Honor Society, and Inner Club Council. And somehow she also found time to participate in her high school's tennis, volleyball and basketball teams, all while excelling in her studies.

Her academic and athletic achievements are indeed staggering and she has clearly demonstrated her commitment to school activities, but what was most impressive is Courtney's involvement in her community. She has worked on numerous projects for Habitat for Humanity, the United Way, and Big Brother, Big Sisters. Specifically, for the past three years, she has been a member of the United Way Community Investment Team that is responsible for reviewing and evaluating partner agencies' programs, management and budget in order to make funding recommendations. She has also worked with the Highlands County School Board, serving on their Student Advisory Committee. She has clearly taken on adult roles with large responsibility and far reaching impact on the service community. It is refreshing to see that her interests extend well beyond her own personal life and comfort zone.

Of course, Courtney's essays regarding the status of women in the United States and worldwide, which carry a lot of weight in the evaluation process, were thoughtful as well as perceptive. It is clear she has a good understanding of the challenges that face our gender and concrete ideas on how to address them. Again, she manages to exhibit a maturity beyond her years. It comes as no surprise that she plans on becoming a doctor one day.

As the District 11 winner, Courtney will be receive \$500 and have the opportunity to compete with all the other 31 District winners for one of five \$1,000 Zonta International Awards.

Additionally, she has been invited to attend and address our 2005 Conference in Nassau, Bahamas, September 23 and 24. We hope you have the opportunity to meet her in person and be as impressed as our YWPA Selection Committee.

On behalf of myself, our Committee and District 11, I would like to thank the other clubs that submitted their nominees:

Jessie Mann	Zonta Club of Dothan, AL
Mohsinah Usamani	Zonta Club of Memphis, TN
Rebecca Davis	Zonta Club of Tallahassee, FL
Allison Gauche	Zonta Club of Columbia, SC
Jessica Frey	Zonta Club of Jacksonville, FL
Lauren Crumpton	Zonta Club of Birmingham, AL
Rachel Eldridge	Zonta Club of Pascagoula, MS
Samuel Edouard	Zonta Club of Boca Raton, FL
Glenn Love	Zonta Club of Hilton Head, SC
Sofia Diaz	Zonta Club of Charleston, SC
Melissa Perez	Zonta Club of Tampa, FL
Kelley Greenman	Zonta Club of Marathon, FL
Kimberly Copley	Zonta Club of Upper Pinellas County, FL
Roxanne Bras	Zonta Club of Melbourne, FL
Sherrie Khandanga	Zonta Club of Montgomery, AL

Choosing a winner was not an easy task. All the nominees are outstanding young women. It is awesome to see all the efforts they put into their communities, their schools – their lives. With leaders such as these, our future will be in good hands.

Finally, we hope that hearing about Courtney is encouraging news about the direction of many of our youth. If your club already participates in the YWPA, you already know how inspiring it is to read the applications we receive each year from such promising young women. If your club doesn't currently promote the YWPA, I can't emphasize enough the importance of this award and the fulfillment your club members will experience throughout your involvement with it.

PDG Lollie Harper Elected to Four Year Term on

At the April 2005 Zonta International Board meeting, three new directors were elected to the Zonta International Foundation Board, including Lollie Harper of Charleston, South Carolina, past governor of District 11. Also elected to four-year terms were Betty Jane Bourdon of Massachusetts, USA, and Kirsten Theisen of Copenhagen, Denmark. There are nine Directors on the Foundation Board, seven elected members and the President and President-Elect of Zonta International. Directors serve four-year terms, which are staggered to provide continuity across biennia. As a rule, there are two meetings per year held at the ZI headquarters building in Chicago.

At the Zonta International Convention (Sydney, Australia) in 1984, a resolution was passed authorizing the establishment of the Zonta International Foundation for the purpose of administering the funds for Zonta's international service programs and to serve as a vehicle by which Zonta could receive grants as well as bequests from individual donors. One of the most immediate functions of the Foundation was the purchase of Zonta's first world headquarters buildings in 1986. In 1996, following a three and one-half year fundraising campaign, the Foundation had raised \$1 million to payoff the mortgage of the building. Please visit the Foundation's website and take a virtual tour of the building. The Board continues to consider and make decisions regarding building issues.

The Zonta Foundation Board of Directors is a vital component of the Foundation's goal – to carry out the charitable service purposes of Zonta International. They set policies and direction for the Foundation, assures its financial viability, and assesses its performance. With help from the District Foundation Ambassadors (in District 11, it's our wonderful Sarah Lee!), Board members encourage Club and individual support of the Foundation's Funds and advance the mission: to advance the status of women.

The Foundation's information can be reached through www.Zonta.org. It includes information on all programs, funds, the building, and even has handy forms for donation purposes!

District Directory

For our District Directory to be a success, we need contact information on **every member**. If you have not already done so, please visit the District 11 website at www.zonta-district11.org and complete the form online. When you click submit, it will be emailed to Hannah Dixon, our Directory Coordinator.

The United Nations defines trafficking in persons as follows: the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation.

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District 11 Zontians Thank You & Muchas Gracias!

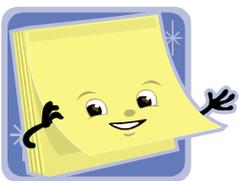
At the Sydney, Australia Zonta International Convention in 1984, a resolution passed authorizing the establishment of the Zonta International Foundation for the purpose of administering the funds for Zonta's international service programs and serving as a vehicle by which Zonta could receive grants as well as bequests and gifts from individual donors.

One of the unique benefits of Zonta is the opportunity to participate in international service. This is something we continue to do -- for over 85 years now! Our challenge is to bring support for our programs to new levels so that we can continue our fight for a better world for women – because a better world for women is a better world for all. This Biennium, our goals are:

- Every Zonta Club contribute one-third of all service funds collected to the Zonta International Foundation to support our international service programs.
- Every Zontian make an individual annual gift to the Zonta International Foundation to support Zonta's international programs.
- Every Zontian investigate and consider a planned gift to our Foundation.

Zontians all over District 11 generously contributed \$1,912.00 during our Spring Workshops. There were also 2 planned gifts to our Foundation. I wish to thank all of you who made generous gifts to OUR FOUNDATION at the workshops or otherwise.

Motivation gets you started – habit keeps you going. Keep up the good work!



REMINDER: Last year in Key West District 11 Clubs set Goals for Club Gifts to the Foundation Funds for Amelia Earhart, International Service Fund, and ZISVAW. These checks should have been sent by the end of our fiscal year (May 31). If this was not done, please have your Club Treasurer send your check NOW.

PLAN AHEAD: This summer take time to set your Club's Service Budget, so your delegate to the Nassau Conference can answer the Goal setting Roll Calls with your Club's commitments for next year.

District 11 Nominations Completed

The District Nominating Committee completed their slate of candidates for the 2006 – 2008 biennium. The report is on the District Website and will be in the Call to Conference. Other qualified Zontians may still run for election to District Offices by nomination from the floor at the Nassau Conference.

“THE CLOSER ONE GETS TO THE TOP, HE MORE ONE FINDS THAT THERE IS NO TOP.”

NANCY BARCUS -

Take Up the Challenge to Start a Z or Golden Z Club by Yvette Ingraham, Z and Golden Z Club Coordinator

Z & Golden Z clubs are the junior arm of Zonta and give Zontians the opportunity to mentor young adults. They also give our youth the chance to develop leadership skills, explore career alternatives and improve international understanding through service projects. As their motto says, they are our "Future Leaders Building A Better World Today."

Z-Clubs are made up of students from secondary schools while the Golden Z clubs (GZ) have college and university students as members. The Z & GZ clubs do not have to be affiliated with a particular school, college or university and can be made up of youths from within the community.

Zonta Clubs that have sponsored Z or Golden Z clubs can attest to the enormous benefits that the students received from the programme. They learn how to work as a team and, in so doing, build strong camaraderie. The Z and Golden Z clubbers also get very involved in service projects. This exposes them to seeing persons less fortunate and this gives them an appreciation for the importance of helping others. The Z and Golden Z club members get to see that their time and effort can positively impact and greatly improve someone else's life.

In District 11, we have been fortunate enough to have quite a number of Z and Golden Z clubs which have done tremendous work in the areas of service and fundraising. I encourage all Zontians to continue to support their Z and GZ clubs. Ensure that you visit with the students so that they see your support. While there, take the time to share your expertise and experiences with them. They will appreciate your taking just a few minutes to give them pointers on their projects or talk about who you are and what your job entails.

As Zontians, we have a wonderful opportunity to provide a valuable outlet to our youth through the Z and GZ clubs. Therefore, our goal must be to continue to reach more and more students. How can we do this? By sponsoring more Z and GZ clubs! I urge and challenge each club in District 11 to start at least one Z or Golden Z club this biennium. If your Zonta clubs sponsors Z or GZ clubs already, then this is your chance to sponsor another or to work

along with a sister District 11 Zonta club and assist that club with starting a new Z or GZ club.

It is very easy to start to start a Z or GZ club. All you have to do is:

1. get the permission/support of your Zonta Club (members);
2. choose a Z or GZ club chairperson from your Zonta Club;
3. decide on a school or area in the community in which to have the club;
4. send an information packet to the school administrator or principal;
5. This packet will tell about Zonta International as well as give details about what Z and GZ clubs are all about.
6. follow this up with a visit to school to sell and market the idea of why a Z or GZ club would be beneficial to the school;
7. have the school's Principal identify a teacher/counsellor to work with the club. This individual would be the Advisor and the liaison between the students and the sponsoring Zonta club;
8. train the new Advisor;
9. work with the Advisor to promote formation of the new club and encourage students to join;
10. set up the club's Executive Board. Collect names, addresses and telephone numbers of these executive members. Have the Z or GZ club chairperson (from the sponsoring Zonta club) send in the application and fees to obtain a charter. The initial charter registration fee (US\$25.00) and yearly renewal fee (US\$5.00) is payable to Zonta International;
11. Have a Zonta representative visit at the second meeting in the school, and give an explanation about Zonta, give some goals for the biennium, report any Zonta planned activities and announce any upcoming functions, conferences or conventions;

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Take Up the Challenge to Start a Z or Golden Z Club by Yvette Ingraham, Z and Golden Z Club Coordinator

12. conduct the Charter Presentation;
13. Make sure that the *Z or Golden Z club* plan activities centred around (i) school (ii) community or (iii) international;
14. maintain contact and communication monthly between your Zonta club and the *Z or GZ club* to encourage, support and assist these young adults and as well as the teacher/counsellor;
15. Remain committed as the sponsoring Zonta club, as this is essential to the success of the *Z or Golden Z club*. The greater the interest, participation, and communication between your Zonta club and the *Z club or Golden Z club*, the greater the chance your *Z or GZ club* has of attaining its goals.

A number of Zonta clubs in the District have commented that their membership is small and therefore, they do not have the resources to sponsor a *Z or GZ club*. I hope however, that after reading the above, you will realize that all it takes is a few hours a month on your part to have a successful *Z or GZ club*. If you are still a bit hesitant, please rest assured that as District 11 Coordinator, I am here to work with. Also, Zonta International has a very informative *Z Club and Golden Z Club Manual* available to you which provides clear guidelines on starting and maintaining these clubs. So let's work together to achieve growth and success of District 11 *Z Clubs and Golden Z clubs*.

District 11 Committees

Organization, Membership & Classification...	Beatrice "Bea" Weaver, Lt. Governor
Status of Women Service	Margene Brown
Subcommittees:	
Amelia Earhart	Josefina Acevedo Marquez
Young Women in Public Affairs.....	Christina Salvatore
Z Club and Golden Z Club	Yvette Ingraham
ZISVAW.....	Jean McElroy
Legislative Awareness & Advocacy.....	Donnie Beer
Service Coordinator.....	Gretchen Williams
Jane M. Klausman.....	Helen "Honey" Gardiner
United Nations.....	Beverly A. Duff
Nominating Chairman.....	Sarah Lee
Finance Chairman.....	Donna Poulton
Public Relations/Communications.....	Shari Schleis
Subcommittees:	
IT/Webmaster.....	Alice Chick
Directory.....	Hannah Dixon
Foundation Ambassador.....	Sarah Lee
Long Range Study Committee.....	Mary Frisbee
Procedures Task Force.....	Ruth F. Walker, PIP

Highlights of the ZI Board Meetings as of 10 May 2005

The Zonta International Board at its third meeting in 2004-2006, held on 18-20 April 2005, took the following actions:

- Agreed that several clubs with less than 6 members for more than 12 months will forfeit membership by various dates unless the number of members is increased.
- Reviewed a report on sales items offered through Headquarters, and directed the staff to reduce the types and numbers of items offered for sale. Ribbons will no longer be offered after the current inventory is depleted.
- Agreed that the newly chartered Zonta Club of Madrid Km. 0, the first club in Spain, will be included in District 29, and that any clubs formed in Italy in the area east of Venice will be in District 28.
- Adopted procedures for changing district or area boundaries. (See attached.)
- Adopted a policy regarding inter-district meetings which states that such meetings are unofficial and should not be scheduled within the six months prior to an international convention. (See policy attached.)
- Adopted a policy regarding optional district finance committees that will be included in the next revision of the Zonta District Manual (February 2006).
- Adopted a position description for district bylaws committees that will be included in the next revision of the Zonta District Manual (February 2006). (See attached.)
- Suggested that districts print the district rules of procedure in the district conference program booklet.
- Reviewed the current policy regarding disaster relief funds and decided to make no change in the policy.
- Adopted a policy regarding club projects conducted outside of the club's geographical area. (See policy attached.)
- Adopted a revised policy on permissible and impermissible activities when running for office. (See policy attached.)
- Adopted a policy regarding Zontians who are elected or appointed to positions in other organizations on the basis of a Zonta position. The policy requires notification and approval from the appropriate Zonta level (club, district or international) before accepting such positions.
- Discussed the ZISVAW program and recommended options for future ZISVAW funded activities to the Zonta International Foundation Board.
- Agreed to change the name of the Meritorious Service Award based on length of service to *Length of Membership Award* and to establish the eligibility at a minimum of 30 years of membership.
- Reviewed and discussed the results of the member survey carried out in February 2005. (*Note: Survey results will be posted on the Web site within the next month.*)
- Reviewed the final report of the 2004 Convention Committee.
- Adopted a budget for the 2006 Convention.
- Agreed to investigate further Bangkok and Taipei as possible venues for the 2010 Convention, based on the detailed proposals submitted by Districts 17 and 26 respectively.

Adopted a revised 2004-2006 budget which included a decrease in the expected dues revenues based on lower membership statistics, and included a decrease in expenditures.

Copies of all the attachments are available. If you are interested in receiving these, please contact me at iedens@msn.com and I will forward them to you. Following is the attachment on Campaigning Policy

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Highlights of the ZI Board Meetings as of 10 May 2005

Campaigning Policy

Permissible and Impermissible Activities when Running for Office

as adopted by the ZI Board at the 18-20 April 2005 meeting

Zonta needs the most qualified leaders for office. Candidates for Zonta office need to demonstrate high ethical standards. Zonta wishes to ensure the most qualified candidate is elected and will ensure all candidates have the opportunity to inform the membership in a fair, equitable and appropriate way. The following campaigning policy outlines the behavior expected.

Campaigning is defined as encouraging voters to vote for or discouraging voters from voting for a specific candidate. A candidate is an individual who intends to run for club, district, or international office, whether or not the slate has been issued and whether or not the individual is on the slate.

Campaigning for or by any candidate is not allowed. However information about candidates is necessary for informed voting. Therefore:

- a. After the slate has been issued, a candidate on the slate may be introduced at functions as a candidate for the office for which she or he is nominated.
- b. At a convention or conference a candidate running for international or district office respectively may give a presentation promoting her candidacy if scheduled as part of a business session.
- c. The nominating committee may distribute materials prepared by the candidates about their background, qualifications and goals if elected.
- d. At conventions or conferences candidates on the slate may wear official identification indicating that they are candidates. After being nominated, candidates from the floor are also entitled to wear such identification.
- e. Zontians who are attending a district conference at which elections are held may confer with other members of their club to discuss the candidates, but they may not instruct delegates how to vote.
- f. Zontians who are attending an international convention may confer with other members from their district to discuss the candidates, but they may not instruct delegates how to vote.
- g. If asked, Zontians may orally provide information to other Zontians about candidates, but may not solicit votes for any candidates.

Examples of Permissible Activities

1. A candidate may attend a meeting of a club other than the candidate's own, or the conference of a district other than the candidate's own.
2. *A candidate may give a speech or presentation, if invited, at a club meeting, area meeting, or district conference, whether the candidate is from the club, area, or district or not.*

Examples of Activities that Are Not Permissible

1. Distributing any gift, trinket, buttons, or other promotional material on behalf of a candidate, at any time.
2. Advocating or discouraging the election of a candidate in club or district communications.
3. Making a speech about a candidate.
4. Encouraging or discouraging clubs from sending delegates or proxies to a conference or convention in order to improve the likelihood that a candidate will win or lose an election.

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Highlights of the ZI Board Meetings as of 10 May 2005

Enforcement of the Policy

1. Alleged violations of the Policy are to be reported in writing to a member of the board at the level of the office the candidate is seeking (i.e., club board for candidates for club office, district board for candidates for district office, international board for candidates for international office).
 2. The board may consider alleged violations at a regular or special meeting or, if necessary, in a mail balloting. The candidate will be given an opportunity to respond to the allegations. If the candidate is a member of the board, she or he may be present at the consideration of the alleged violations if they are considered at a regular or special meeting, but may not participate in the deliberations or vote. If the board considers the alleged violations at a regular or special meeting it may, by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, (1) reprimand the candidate privately; or (2) reprimand the candidate at an official function, including the election meeting; or (3) remove the candidate from the slate. If the international board considers the alleged violations by mail ballot, the vote to impose discipline must be unanimous by the entire board, except that if the candidate who is alleged to have engaged in misconduct is a member of the board, she or he will not be entitled to vote on this matter.
 3. If the alleged violation does not come to the board's attention until after the election, and if the candidate is elected the board shall follow the disciplinary procedures with respect to removal from office as set forth in the Zonta International Bylaws.
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AMELIA EARHART FELLOWS NAMED

Zonta International has named thirty-five (35) Amelia Earhart Fellows for the 2005-2006 year. District 11 is proud to have six (6) of these recipients attending schools in our District. This year's Fellows are:

Jing Liu University of Central Florida

Karen Feigh Georgia Institute of Technology

Liu Liu Georgia Institute of Technology

Leslie Lamberson Georgia Institute of Technology

Leihong Li Georgia Institute of Technology

Yoko Watanabe Georgia Institute of Technology

Jing Liu who attends the University of Central Florida and spoke at our Conference in Key West and Liu Liu who attends the Georgia Institute of Technology were also 2004-2005 Fellows. The other four young women are new recipients. Three of our recipients are from P. R. China, one is from Japan and two are from the USA.

Website Guidelines

The Zonta District 11 website is a web presence to find District, Club and Zonta International news and information. The objectives of the website are to provide information to members and guests, promote interest in Zonta International, and communicate local activities and events. The website will also be a central source of information linking Zonta International Clubs across the world. To assure that communications are only of the highest quality materials that will be published to the District 11 website at www.zonta-district11.org the following guidelines are to be adhered to:

Document Submission

The Club President or other designated members are authorized to submit documents to be posted on the website.

The submission must be made to the District Webmaster at least 2 weeks prior to the event, activity, or meeting.

Any follow-up submission concerning an event or activity must be made to the District Webmaster at least 3 days following the event or activity.

The document must be submitted using Microsoft Word 6.0 or greater, and contain the following information:

Date of the event or activity, spelled out, e.g. Thursday September 9, 2004

Time of the event or activity (indicate A.M. or P.M. and Time Zone)

Start Time

End Time

Location of the event or activity, including address, phone number, and web address

Contact email address

A brief description of the intentions, expected results, and the goals of the event.

Images will be accepted in the same submission as documents providing that they are in the correct format. See below.

Pictures or other forms of graphics (image) submission

Format of the images must be:

.jpg

.tif

.gif

or Photography in color or black and white. Mail under separate cover.

The image may not be any form of copyrighted material, unless consent from owner is given in writing and submitted to the District Webmaster.

The image must be at least 4 inch by 6 inch in size with 72 DPI Resolution

The image submitted may not be returned to the submitter

The images submitted become the property and right of Zonta International District 11

Documents will be accepted in the same submission as images

The submitter's personal email addresses will be used to confirm the submission to the District Webmaster, any further questions or concerns about the submission will occur using that email address, unless otherwise stated by the submitter.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CLUBS CELEBRATING SIGNIFICANT



Clubs that will celebrate significant birthdays in the next several months are:

Zonta Club of Mobile

40 Years

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.

We're on the web at www.zonta-district11.org