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From the Desk of Governor Ina

Dear Fellow Zontians:

The 2005 District 11 Conference at the Atlantis on Paradise Island in the Bahamas was a wonderful, memorable adventure for me. I believe all 157 who attended felt the same way. I only wish all of you could have been there to enjoy the beautiful scenery and ambience. I especially wish you could have been there to enjoy the gracious hospitality extended us. Not only did the members of the Nassau and New Providence Clubs go all out to make us welcome, but they also had arranged for the Board to meet with the Deputy Prime Minister for Tea on Thursday. We were most honored to meet with this strong female leader and discuss District and International Goals with her. What a beautiful, strong force in the Bahamas.

On Thursday night the entire Conference was entertained with a reception at the home of the Governor General, another strong, gracious female leader. On Friday night, we all were invited to Sandal's Island to be entertained by the Director of Tourism. This was billed as a cultural extravaganza and believe me we experienced everything from the local foods such as conch salad and Johnny cake to being entertained by a mock Junkanoo Parade. We learned from our Keynote Speaker that the real Junkanoo Parade is a huge annual cultural event participated in by old and young alike and requires much work on costumes as well as much practice. The Director of Tourism was yet another amazing Bahamian Woman.

Working with the Bahamian Zontians gave me much food for thought. They don't appear to stress out. Their culture is much more laid back than I have been

probably in my entire adult life, which led to a few tense moments for me. But they just seemed to take it all in stride and GET IT DONE. I have promised myself to adopt a little more of their laid back culture in my day-to-day life.

A highlight of the Conference was the election of officers for the 2006-2008 Biennium. The newly elected officers, Area Directors, Vice Area Directors and Nominating Committee are listed elsewhere in this Newsletter. As I'm sure most of you know, the District elects its officers almost a year before they take office. Our current officers serve until the conclusion of the 2006 International Convention. This gives all positions an opportunity to work together to accomplish a smooth transition. I urge all currently serving leaders to include these newly elected officials in all your communications and include them in the process as much as possible. Likewise, I urge all newly elected officials to take full advantage of this period and use it to full advantage.

Of course, a much anticipated event at Conference is the Awards Banquet. This year's winner of the Governor's Trophy was the Zonta Club of Sanibel/Captiva. The Runner Up was the Zonta Club of Dothan. The remarks naming each of these clubs are included elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Our YPWA winner, Courtney Harris, was at Conference. Hearing from this young woman was a highlight for the Conference participants.

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Governor's Corner continued

These young women are truly our future. Judging by the nominees we received from all of you for this award, contrary to media headlines, we have many outstanding youth.

Our Jane M. Klausman winner, Lu Yang, was unable to attend because she had already begun a semester of study in Japan. Lu, who is Chinese, is studying Japanese. Although Lu was not chosen an International winner, she was selected as an alternate, which while it carries no financial aid, is still quite an honor.

Conference Minutes will be sent to all Club Presidents. Please be on the lookout for these and please share with all your members. Public relations begin "at home." Presidents are urged to share **all** communications, both District and International, with **all** their members. This is especially easy when materials are received electronically. A well-informed member is a better prepared spokesman for Zonta. Knowledge is power and having ready answers to questions concerning Zonta enhances Zonta's visibility and effectiveness.

The District Board will hold its mid-winter Board Meeting January 12 – 15. If you have any issues you would like to bring to the Board, please contact your Area Director. This will be the last Board Meeting before the change of officers. We value your input.

Please note that the amended District 11 Policies and Procedures adopted at Conference are now on the Website. These govern the operation of our District, and I encourage all members to become familiar with them. Also, as many of you are aware the Board is working on all the other Guidelines and Procedures which provide the road map for our District. Most of these are in the final stages of being updated. Once completed, these too will be published on the Website.

The Long Range Ad Hoc Committee has completed its recommendations which have been approved by the Board. These are posted on the Website for all of you to review prior to adoption at the 2006 Conference. You will, of course, receive this update in next year's Call to Conference; however. Chairman Mary Frisbie welcomes any comments between now and then

The ERA Resolution presented by the Zonta Club of Tallahassee was unanimously adopted at Conference. Marsha Turner and Jean Bryant of that club will be spearheading our efforts. I urge all members to cooperate with the ERA Ad Hoc Committee to the fullest.

The trafficking resolution adopted last year has taken on a life of its own. Many of our clubs have taken this on and are making admirable accomplishments. There was an outstanding program presented at Conference. The more we learn, the more we realize trafficking is much, much broader than any of us could have imagined. Sanibel/Captiva has led the way in this issue. Members of that club and Jean McElroy, ZISVAW Chairman, are not only willing but anxious to assist all our clubs in learning more about trafficking, how to identify it and how to deal with it. Please see the Sanibel article on trafficking elsewhere in this Newsletter.

I also call your attention to the Committee Reports found elsewhere in this Newsletter. These are copies of the written Committee Reports presented at Conference. I encourage you to share these with all your members. Our Committees have been quite active this year and I thank them for their contributions.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the clubs that contributed items for our Junkanoo Auction. Through your generosity and through the very active participation of the conference attendees, this auction raised \$3,795. As I'm sure you know, these fund-raising events were begun to assist with the District operating expenses in an effort to maintain our current dues structure. So, far, these efforts have been successful and a dues increase has not become necessary. Thanks, again to all.

Finally, a sincere thank you to all the members of District 11 for the generous check and especially the beautiful bracelet your gifts provided me. The bracelet will be a cherished keepsake of my service to District 11. I'm both humbled and gratified by your kindness.

Zonta Regards,

Ina Edens, Governor

Membership

The Zonta International Board has authorized its Executive Director to approve giving **Length of Membership Awards** based on 30 years or more of Zonta membership. A special individualized certificate will be provided by ZI and **sent to the District Governor** for presentation. In District 11, this award may be given out by the Governor or the Lieutenant Governor at an Area Workshop. This is a meaningful way to acknowledge the leadership and dedication of our long-time Zontians. A Length of Membership Award will let them know that they are valued as a Zontian and as a contributing member of their club. It will also set a good example for newer Zontians and encourage them to make Zonta a permanent part of their life.

It is up to each club to request the award by using the ZI website. Any individual or club may nominate a Zontian with 30 or more years of membership. Look under Member Resources---Club Administration---Membership. Click on **Length of Membership Award** and fill in the blanks. Be sure to let the Governor know that you are doing this, so she will be expecting the certificate. There is plenty of time to request awards for club members for presentation at the 2006 Area Workshops in the spring. If you have any questions, please call your Area Director, Vice Area Director, or the Lieutenant Governor.

I'M THE ONE

I'm the one who asked to join your organization. I'm the one who paid dues to join. I'm the one who stood up in front of all of you and promised to be faithful and loyal.

I'm the one who came to your meetings and no one paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly but everyone had their own friends with whom they want to chat and sit.

I sat down several times but no one paid any attention to me. I hoped very much that somebody would have asked me to take part in a fund raising project or something but no one saw my efforts when I volunteered.

I missed a few meetings after joining because I was not well and could not attend. No one asked me at the next meeting where I had been. I guess it didn't matter to the others whether I was there or not.

On the date of the next meeting I decided to stay home and watch TV. I attended the next meeting but no one asked where I was when the last meeting was held.

You could say I'm a good person who holds a responsible job, loves my community and my country.

You know who else I am? I'm the person who never came back!

It amuses me now to think that they spent so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time.

All they needed to do was make me feel needed, wanted and welcome!

Author Unknown

Zonta Calendar

2005

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

2006

JANUARY

- 12-15 Mid-Winter Board Meeting

JUNE

- 24-29 Zonta International Convention-
Melbourne Australia

SEPTEMBER

- 28-30 58th Zonta International
District 11 Conference
Hilton Head Marriott Resort

VISIT THE ZONTA DISTRICT 11 WEBSITE OFTEN. NEW THINGS TO CHECK OUT:

- ◆ Calendar of Events "When Does It Happen"
- ◆ Governor's Newsletters
- ◆ Past district Governors
- ◆ Membership section
- ◆ Service Projects section
- ◆ Club Fundraisers
- ◆ Scholarship Awards page
- ◆ Resource Center



REMARKS MADE AT CONFERENCE
by **SIMONE OVART-BRUNO**
OUR ZONTA INTERNATIONAL LIAISON

I would like to tell you how happy I am to be with you at this conference, both as the Liaison for your District and as Representative of our International President, Mary Ellen Bittner. This means that our relations will continue with ever greater strength. I see that Club Presidents as well as many members are attending this District Conference. Zonta extends a warm welcome to you all, particularly to those of you who are here for the first time and will share this experience with us. I congratulate the Governor Ina S. Edens and the Organizing Committee of the Conference for their serious commitment and the massive preparation that this Conference has entailed. Organizing a Conference requires taking a number of initiatives, ensuring effective management and a commitment to transmit values to members and the Organization itself. We have come to hear more about Zonta, through our Zonta friends, and to hear about the wonderful activities that have been conducted by Zonta, as will be highlighted during the following days. We have come to organize our strategies for the future, in a climate of understanding and mutual trust. We are together, as we get together during each biennium, to do exciting and creative things, to make new friends, renew old friendships, exchange ideas and opinions, bring and receive information, revive our commitment and strengthen our energies. The District Conference is an important milestone of the life of any District, and – believe me – any Zontian who attends a District Conference will come back to attend other District Conference.

You are going to listen to the reports of your District Officers.

My congratulations to the New Club Top of the Bay present here in Nassau, my congratulations also to the President, and their 32 news members. But existing clubs must also continue to increase their membership, and I would like to ask you to make all efforts to strengthen Clubs with 20 or less than 20 members, through follow-up, guidance and help.

We have begun the selection process for our International Service Program;

- ◆ women literacy
- ◆ the access of girls to education
- ◆ the training of women for health care

- ◆ the access of women to economic resources and opportunities for the forthcoming generation.

You will receive the report of your District Foundation Ambassador.

You will also hear the message from the International President, Mary Ellen Bittner. She regrets not to be with you for this splendid Conference, but she sends her best wishes to each and every one of you, and asks you to tell me about any topic – if there is any – that worries you so that she can forward them to the International Board. Mary Ellen Bittner, will discuss our program in Bosnia Herzegovina “Against the Traffic of Women”, our two education programs in Afghanistan, our AIDS program in Niger, our initiative on “violence against women”. In her message, Mary Ellen mentions the project which is being developed by a working party on “Strategic Organization”. The plan defines a strategic orientation and priority areas for Zonta in the forthcoming biennia. If it is approved by the Melbourne Convention, it will map our road that our Organization will travel until its centenary in 2010.

As you know, no plan has ever succeeded without an intelligent approach. The responsibility for implementing the plan in detail will rest with the future Zontian elected officers, starting with those which you will elect during this Conference for the biennium 2006-2008. I beg of you that you exercise intelligence and responsibility in electing your representatives.

More than 33,000 Zontians work together to contribute to the creation of a world that will give due priority to the rights of women, help women to progress towards economic power and gender equality.

During this conference, you will hear how your District intends to forward our mission, and you will have the responsibility to contribute your thoughts and ideas during the workshops, the meetings and our informal discussion. I call upon you to commit yourself to a strong participation. I encourage you to discover the joy of finding out about Zonta through its programs. I invite you to recognize the importance of its international nature.

I am honored to have the opportunity to get to know all of you and thank you for being here.

UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

DISTRICT 11 * September 2005

by Beverly Duff, United Nations Chair

This past March the Beijing+10 meetings were the 49th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women ~ Assessing Progress toward Women's Advancement and Gender Equality. That is a mouth full! Zonta was well represent in leadership by President Mary Ellen Bittner, International Director Simone Ovar Bruno (our own Conf. Rep.) and many other representatives of Zonta. The Commission adopted 10 resolutions on improving women's status including one on trafficking and one on women's economic advancement.

Zonta International continues it's on going dedication to HIV/AIDS among women, gender inequality in employment, lack of sexual and reproductive health rights and lack of equal access under the law.

It is particularly gratifying to know that many clubs in District 11 have taken on the International projects as local projects as well. The Sanibel Captiva Club of Area 6 have taken the lead in the education and criminal awareness of Trafficking of women and children in SW Florida. They have dedicated themselves to educating fellows Zontians as well as the community, and even law enforcement about this horrible crime.

Awareness is the first step, "Yes, Toto, there are bad people in our own neighborhoods that commit these acts against women and children!" Education about how each of us can make a difference and be alert to the clues of persons effected. They are there. Knowing who and how to contact the proper

authorities to get them to act, and to advocate for those who can't act for themselves through legislation and working with our lawmakers to pass legislation to put an end to the crime of Trafficking of any kind.

Bring an International Project "home" is important. Each club needs to be aware how our projects with the United Nations relate to each of us as members. We are each affected by HIV/AIDS in Niger, Education of Women in Afghanistan, Health issues in other countries and Trafficking throughout the world. Where ours may be a small role in the scope of things, it is mighty in its opportunity to bring these things to light in our communities at home.

As we have seen from the Tsunami in Asia, hurricane Katrina and other happenings in the World ~ we are not immune or untouchable. What happens in other parts of our country, in other parts of the World affects all of us. Through our relationship with the United Nations we have a bridge to help others worldwide. The scope of our interests may change with the reality of our changing world. It is the responsibility of each of us to help bear the burdens of others. That is why we are Zontians and dedicate ourselves to partnering with the United Nations and other organizations with our funds and their hands to do the job.

Thank you for making this a priority by your monetary donations to the International Foundation which is our funnel for funding these projects.

WORKSHOPS ARE FOR ALL. PLAN NOW TO ATTEND IN THE SPRING OF 2006.
DATES WILL POSTED ON THE WEBSITE SOON.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR -- DISTRICT 11 2006 CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT
HILTON HEAD ISLAND MARIOTT RESORT - September 28 – 30, 2006

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

September 2005 – District 11 Public Relations Report

District Directory - Hannah Dixon, Directory Chair

The District 11 Directory is completed and is as current as it can be at this time. Totalling 46 pages, informational content is in MSWord and membership information is prepared in Excel. Cost figures have been sent to Ina for Board discussion and decision on printing, distribution, and method of sales. Copies of the directory have been submitted for the Board's review.

This directory is a document that will require updating at regularly scheduled intervals (similar to the International Directory) - perhaps every 18 months. Initially, I recommend this directory be printed in hardcopy format to give members, district wide, the time to become familiar with it, make suggestions, etc. To minimize printing costs, I recommend that subsequent issues be accessible online only. Printed directories would be available only by request, in minimum quantities.

To obtain information for the directory we relied heavily on Treasurer Helen Brown and district conference registration information. The online membership information form set up by Michelle Marcum was extremely helpful - particularly in submitting information on new members and changes in information. Undeliverable "Save-The-Date" district conference postcards that were returned to Alice Chick proved to be another good source of information. Major thanks go out to all of these folks.

District 11 Website - Alice Chick, Webmaster

The 2004-05 fiscal year has been exciting and productive for the District 11 website. We now have a calendar of events "**When Does It Happen**", listing of **Past District Governors**, a **Governor's Newsletters** page, a **Membership** section, a **Service Projects** section, a place for Clubs to sell items for their **Club Fundraisers**, a **Scholarship Awards** page where we will be able to display all of our scholarship winners now and for the future, and a **Resource Center** of information & forms available for clubs to use and tailor for their specific functions. We are currently posting and will expand our posting of all required club filing forms - where they can complete the forms on the website before printing, saving and electronically mailing them to the appropriate recipients.

Of our 46 clubs in District 11, 50% have their own websites, 48% have PO boxes for snail mail, and 33% have a permanent email address. We are hoping that for the 2005 – 2006 year that our clubs will create their own websites, set up permanent email addresses and open a PO Box to receive their club's mail.

The District 11 website is a tool for the clubs to communicate with other Zontians, prospective members and the world - and will only be successful with participation of our members. If any Zontian has suggestions or recommendations to improve the District 11

website www.zonta-district11.org they should contact District 11 Webmaster, Alice Chick, at alice@chickkaro.com.

District PR – Shari Schleis, PR Committee Chair

At the 2004 district conference, an announcement was made that our district PR committee would begin collecting templates/samples of the marketing and PR materials in use by the clubs throughout District 11. Throughout the coming year, we will be requesting samples of various materials, so that our clubs can assist each other in creating materials and implementing initiatives that will drive both increased membership and media coverage. The request described below successfully initiated the collection of club brochures.

In February of 2005, a request for brochure samples (by a sponsoring club assisting a newly formed club) prompted the collection of brochures from clubs throughout our district. We received six electronic files and two brochures via snail mail (Thanks!). Electronically submitted brochures were forwarded to the new club, for potential adaptation and use. Outcomes of this initiative: We learned that several veteran District 11 clubs also do not have brochures. The brochures used by our district clubs vary greatly. In 2006, I intend to develop a simple brochure template that can be easily adapted by the clubs in our district who currently do not have - or want an improved - club brochure.

In early August 2005, a notice went out to all club presidents (to be forwarded to PR chairs) reminding them that by request (at http://www.zonta.org/site/PageServer?pagename=mr_logo), Zonta International will create customized logos for each of our clubs. Brand standards for use are also available on the site. Following organizational guidelines established by international strengthens our organization's brand!

In late August of 2005, a press release announcing the winners of the Amelia Earhart scholarships was sent to the colleges/universities and local papers in the cities of recipients. The release was also submitted to District 11 club presidents to forward to their PR chairs/local papers. Feedback from those who were able to get press coverage – or those who saw media coverage of the releases submitted by the district PR committee would be extremely helpful.

Zonta International has announced plans for a photographic exhibition entitled "Eyes on Club Success" at the 2006 International Convention in Melbourne. Photos showing club service successes – in action – are welcome for submission. Deadline is February 24, 2006. Submission instructions can be downloaded at www.zonta.org. This is a great opportunity for our district to receive great exposure at the International level.

IS A FOUNDATION RIGHT FOR YOUR CLUB?

The comparison listed below is a follow-up provided by Anne Mitchell to the Foundation Seminar held at Conference. One of the things that came out of the discussion at that seminar was the desire to have a listing of those clubs in our District that have foundations. Please send this information to our Webmaster to be compiled so that any club considering forming a foundation will have a list of resources.

COMPARISON OF DESIGNATED FUND AT PUBLIC CHARITY AND PRIVATE FOUNDATION

	<u>Private Foundation</u>	<u>Public Charity</u>
<i>Legal Identity</i>	Separate non-profit entity (trust or corporation)	Donor's choice of fund name at public charity
<i>Tax Status</i>	Private Foundation	Public Charity
<i>Taxation of Investment Income</i>	2% annually	None
<i>Payout Requirement</i>	Grants must equal 5% of corpus annually	None
<i>Deductibility of Gifts</i>	Deductible up to 30% of adjusted gross income; but gifts of certain assets limited to 20%, others limited to cost basis	Generally deductible up to 50% of adjusted gross income; but certain gifts limited to 30%
<i>Administration</i>	Detailed annual filing with IRS	All recordkeeping and accounting provided by public charity
<i>Grant making Expertise</i>	Large foundations may have professional staff; smaller ones cannot afford	Professional staff, with procedures for due diligence and monitoring
<i>Control</i>	Trustees or directors have full control (within legal limitations)	Board of Directors of public charity have control, subject to terms of agreement with donor
<i>Cost</i>	Legal and accounting costs to set up and obtain tax exempt status from IRS; annual accounting fees and other miscellaneous expenses	No cost to establish, management fee will vary depending on organization

This is very general and is not intended to be relied upon by any group making a decision whether to create its own foundation or a fund at a public charity. Each group should consult its own professional advisors and the appropriate personnel of any public charity that will be involved.

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.

EXCERPTS FROM ZONTA INTERNATIONAL SERVICE NEWSLETTER

From 25 November to 10 December ZONTA International is again supporting the "16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence" originated by "Women's Global Leadership Institute".

In 2005 the motto of this campaign is "For the Health of Women, For the Health of the World: No More Violence" which fits in well with the objectives of ZONTA International.

For details please refer to the ZI website: www.zonta.org. You will find many recommendations that can - and should! – be put into practice in your local club/community.

Local Service in Action – ZONTA Club of Sanibel-Captiva

by Kerry Dixon-Fox, Coordinator Local Service Committee

The ZONTA Club of Sanibel-Captiva is an amazing success story of what a club can do when it applies the mission of ZONTA, strategic planning, and applying the focus of a ZI service project at the local level. The club has been recognized by local papers, law enforcement, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services as a "role model of citizen activism" for their work in Human Trafficking in Florida.

From l-t-r.: Nola Theiss, 2004-2006 Anti-Trafficking (A-T.) Team Leader; Darla Letourneau, 2004-2005 President and A-T. Team member; Karen Pati, President 2005-2006 and A-T. Team member



The Human Trafficking project is a result of a strategic plan developed by the club – members realized they wanted to focus their local projects on strongly reflecting the international service projects of ZONTA. Members of the club went to Convention 2004 to find out more about the upcoming service projects. They networked with other clubs who had undertaken anti-trafficking projects to find out what worked and what did not. They returned to their club and set out to find a partner for their project.

After researching and interviewing various local agencies they partnered with the Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking. The club provided funds for education and training grants in the community as well as volunteering to serve as speakers to various organizations in the community to raise awareness of the issue. Florida is the second highest ranking state in the occurrence of human trafficking in the United States.

Club members met with the newly elected county sheriff to discuss the issue with him and he admitted to not knowing much about the problem. They helped to educate him and the members of his department. Out of this grew an Anti-trafficking Task Force that has its roots in the local ZONTA club. The club organizes Task Force meetings, develops educational materials, collects supplies for local victims, and speaks to local community groups. The club also coordinated efforts and sponsored similar activities with other ZONTA clubs in their state. As a result the club and their efforts have been featured in local and regional media, they have attracted members, and they can be credited with providing the education to a local service provider who realized that a client may be a victim of trafficking. This led to the arrests of four individuals who were charged with human trafficking.

You can find out more about the clubs' activities with anti-trafficking at their website: www.zontasancap.com. As the club says "Human Trafficking is a crime where victims do not or cannot speak for themselves and their safety and freedom is dependent on individual citizens who spot the signs of human trafficking. With a little information, you may be able to save someone from slavery."

Note: On Monday, October 24 and Tuesday, October 25, 9 PM (ET) LifetimeTelevision will be airing two parts of a miniseries "Human Trafficking". ZONTA International will be named as one of the NGO's supporting the fight against human trafficking.

YWPA News (Received too late to be read at Conference)
by Jane Wilson O'Brien, Coordinator YWPA Committee

Monetary Support:

Please remember that the YWPA program needs your monetary support at the international level in order to meet the program goals. *You have to specify YWPA in your international giving, for the money to be allocated to this program.*

In the past, clubs have assumed that their general donations cover YWPA and this is not the case at present. This has led to misleading statistics at the International level.

YWPA Questionnaire:

Our YWPA survey can be answered by any club in any part of our world - as we need to know how Zontians in every part of our world think about this program.

We need results and ideas to promote ways for a viable international level of the YWPA program.

Clubs who focus on this program emphasize the fact that a club winner has the opportunity to be an international winner.

Clubs who focus on this program are astounded at the PR generated because of the international aspect of this program.

Clubs who focus on this program know that *all these young women believe that it is only through education that eventually, educated women are those who will want to continue in their future work lives to work "to improve the status of women worldwide"*. This will be achieved either through working in public life and policy making areas or through working in volunteer organizations.

The 2006 Program:

Material for the 2006 program is available on the ZONTA International website. *Please note the CHANGE OF DATES.* District winning entries **MUST BE RECEIVED at ZONTA International Headquarters by the May 1, 2006.**

Zonta Dues Breakdown

When we pay our dues to our local club, a portion of those dues go to Zonta International and a portion goes to District 11. Here is a breakdown of those funds.

Zonta International - \$53 per year

\$41.00 – Member Services – this covers club mailings, website, postage,

The Zontian, International Board/Committee expenses, staff salaries & benefits.

\$3.00 – Insurance – this pays for the liability premiums for US and Canadian Clubs

\$5.00 – Organization & Extension

\$4.00 – Convention – this spreads the cost over the entire membership

District Dues – \$15.00 per year

This pays for board meetings, expenses of officers and Area Directors and expenses of identified Board to attend official meetings, supplies, website expenses, etc.

"ZONTA, SANIBEL, AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING" by Joan Good

Ever since the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva became involved in the issue of Human Trafficking, members have been asked how this happened. After all, the club has been honored by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services as a "role model of citizen activism" and a little more than a year ago, members barely knew what the term "human trafficking" meant.

Zonta's involvement is a direct result of two things: its mission to advance the status of women and last year's strategic planning process, the "Futures" project, spearheaded by Darla Letourneau. The strategic plan revealed an interest in developing a local service project with ties to Zonta International. Six members of the club went to the July 2004 International Convention and began researching the international projects. They chose the issue of Human Trafficking upon learning that Florida had the 2nd highest prevalence of the crime in the United States and that slavery had become the 2nd largest international crime.

Back in Sanibel, they further researched both the issue and local organizations with the goal of finding an existing not-for-profit to partner with. They found and partnered with Anna Rodriguez who recently founded the Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking, after serving 10 years as a victim's advocate for the Collier County Sheriff's Department and being involved in a number of landmark cases. Anna has been an integral partner and the club has advanced her work with a \$10,000 training and education grant. The research has been organized and made available to the public on the website www.zontasancap.com.

Convinced of the merits of the project, yet stunned by the lack of knowledge of the crime, Zonta members introduced a resolution to fight human trafficking at the September 2004 District meeting. It was unanimously passed and has been enthusiastically worked on by many clubs in the district.

Darla, Karen Pati and Nola Theiss approached newly elected Sheriff, Mike Scott, to discuss the issue. He confirmed that the department had not been educated on the subject and agreed to join training classes and initiate a Task Force. At the same time, they invited Anna Rodriguez to speak to the club and to teach a se-

ries of Renaissance Academy classes. Anna has shared her expertise and brought in experts from the FBI, the US Prosecuting Attorney's office, the Center for the Advancement of Human Rights and the Federal Department of Health and Human Services. Participants include local law enforcement officials, Zontians, service providers and the public at large.

Many members joined the effort, training to become educational speakers and helping organize the Sheriff's Task Force meetings. At the first meeting, April 20, a service provider told one of the Zonta facilitators that she thought one of her clients might be a trafficking victim. The Sheriff's Department, which, by this time and at the request of the local FBI agent had formed a Human Trafficking Unit, took the lead and three weeks later arrested 4 people on charges of Human trafficking. The second meeting led to the formation of a steering committee, of which Nola Theiss is a co-chair, and the announcement of the task force's name "The Coalition Against Human Trafficking in SW Florida". At the third meeting, Steve Wagner, the Federal Director of the Rescue and Restore Campaign of the Department of Health and Human Services called the Coalition a role model for the nation.

Meanwhile, Zonta services include organizing Task Force meetings, developing educational materials, collecting supplies for local victims, and speaking to local community groups, including the News-Press, BIG Arts Woman Studies class, Catholic Charities service providers, Women of Vision and Action and other Zonta clubs. They are scheduled to speak at Lee Memorial Hospital, the Lee County School Board, the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club and a local Sanibel church. Nola and Anna also helped the Sarasota Zonta club organize a meeting of local law enforcement and service providers in order to start a task force in Sarasota County.

Human Trafficking is crime where victims do not or cannot speak for themselves and their safety and freedom is dependent on individual citizens who spot the signs of human trafficking. With a little information, you may be able to save someone from slavery. You may schedule a presentation for your organization, neighborhood or church by e-mailing zontasancap@lycos.com or calling 239-472-3400.

THANK YOU FROM BARBARA DEAN

Thank you to everyone in our District, who sent me cards, made phone calls and sent Emails during my bout with cancer. I have just had a four months check up and all is negative - no sign of cancer. Isn't that wonderful?

I appreciated and love all of you very much.

"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE;
TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO
MUCH."

HELEN KELLER -

Letter from ZI YWPA Coordinator

Dear District Governor,

The members of the international YWPA committee wish you a very successful and happy District conference.

We know you will all enjoy hearing from your exceptional District YWPA winner this year and that you agree about the value of this program at the international level.

We would be grateful if you can continue to

Promote the importance of-

Participation in the 2006 program at the club level.

The need for monetary support from clubs- specifying the international YWPA fund in their giving.

Inviting parents, mentors, teachers of entrants to become members of Zonta.

The value of the international aspect of this program in support of youth and education and also as an exceptional PR tool for every club.

We also look forward to hearing any ideas from your members through our YWPA survey.

With our very best wishes always,

Jane Wilson O'Brien

District 11 Committees

Organization, Membership & Classification...Beatrice "Bea" Weaver, Lt. Governor

Status of Women ServiceMargene Brown

Subcommittees:

Amelia EarhartJosefina Acevedo Marquez

Young Women in Public Affairs.....Christina Salvatore

Z Club and Golden Z ClubYvette 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

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 December 22, 2005

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 MILESTONES:

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



Zonta Club of Memphis, TN	78 Years
Zonta Club of Birmingham, AL	68 Years
Zonta Club of Greater Palm Beaches, FL	58 Years
Zonta Club of Bartow, FL	46 Years
Zonta Club of Bradenton, FL	44 Years
Zonta Club of Columbia, SC	42 Years
Zonta Club of Ponce, PR	37 Years
Zonta Club of Dothan, AL	26 Years
Zonta Club of Hilton Head, SC	26 Years
Zonta Club of Nassau, Bahamas	23 Years
Zonta Club of Melbourne, FL	22 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.