



# GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER



Alice Chick, Editor

## Zonta International District 11

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From the Desk of Governor Ina

Dear Zontians:

Happy Spring to all! It is very hard to believe we are already three months into 2006. I'm sure all of you are in the midst of nominating officers for the next year. Hopefully, most of you are also in the midst of recruiting new members as well. March and April are the ideal times to ask prospects to join you for a membership meeting. Then, hopefully, they will be set to join Zonta at the beginning of the New Year come June 1.

Judging from the Footprints of Service, the clubs in our District have certainly had a full biennium as we near the completion. When I see all the information coming in, it gives me such a sense of accomplishment for Zonta and such pride in the members of District 11. Kerry Dixon-Fox, the ZI Local Service Coordinator, is compiling all the information from these reports for all of Zonta. Once she completes the report, she will share the results for District 11 with me and I will share this with you. There are still several clubs that have not completed this report. Please send it right away so that the information for District 11 will be complete. To those of you, who responded so timely, thank you.

Congratulations to the clubs in District 11 who participated in the Convention Photographic Exhibition. I was very pleased with the response and know our contribution to the exhibit will be meaningful. This exhibition will be a wonderful testimony to the work Zontians worldwide provide to their communities.

Spring is a busy time in all areas of our lives. It is especially true in the world of Zonta. I know from your newsletters that clubs have many projects in the works. I am urging you to add one more priority to your list of things to do -- ATTEND THE AREA

MEETINGS which are scheduled during the month of April. The format for the Meetings is geared **to all members**. This is a great opportunity to increase your knowledge of Zonta and District 11, meet fellow Zontians and best of all learn what other clubs are doing and how to incorporate their successes into your own clubs. The schedule is:

Area 1 – (INA) April 22, 2006 – host club Zonta Club of Mobile

Area 2 – (INA) April 29, 2006 -- host club Zonta Club of Columbia

Area 3 – (BEA) April 22, 2006 – host club Zonta Club of Greater Palm Beaches

Area 4 – (BEA) April 1, 2006 – host club Zonta Club of Top of the Bay

Area 5 – (BEA) April 30, 2006 -- host club Zonta Club of Ponce

Area 6 – (INA) April 1, 2006 – host club Zonta Club of Highland County  
**(CANCELLED)**

As you will recall, beginning last year, the Governor and Lt. Governor divided the attendance at Area Meetings. This year, Bea and I will switch areas so that the Lt. Governor will have had the opportunity to visit with all club members over the biennium prior to taking office. Visiting every Area will provide Bea the opportunity to meet as many members as possible and will greatly assist her in making committee assignments for the upcoming biennium. **Please note the dates above and plan to attend.** Some of the topics to be covered are Maximizing Winning the Governor's Trophy, Membership Strategies, International Service Projects, Effective Use of the Club Manual, and the segment that everyone always enjoys, breakout sessions on Service and Fundraising with reports to the entire meeting on the findings from the breakout sessions.

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We're on the web at [www.zonta-district11.org](http://www.zonta-district11.org)

## Governor's Corner *continued*

There are several deadlines you should be sure to observe:

- The YWPA club winners are due to Christine Salvatore by April 1. See Christine's article elsewhere in this Newsletter.
- Contributions to Zonta International Foundation are due by April 1 to be included in the Convention listing. Final deadline is the end of the fiscal year, May 31.
- Deadline for early Convention registration is March 31. The registration fee increases by \$100 beginning April 1.
- The Annual Reports and Club Officer Report form are due to your Area Directors by May 1 (original and 2 copies). **Please remember: *The completion of the Annual Report should be a joint club effort.*** The President only oversees and assures it is completed.
- A copy of the Club Officer Report form is also due to ZI Headquarters by May 1.
- The 2006 Convention Voting Credentials Registration Form included in the March mailing from ZI to Club Presidents should be returned to Headquarters by May 8. I will try to assist clubs with proxies as needed.
- The 2006 Convention in Melbourne Australia is scheduled June 24 – 29. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the "other side of the world." Please note there will be District meetings on Saturday, June 24 from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Please make your travel arrangements so you can be sure to attend.

It would be helpful to have a list of the Zontians from our District who are planning to attend the Convention. I will compile this information as I receive it. If anyone is seeking a roommate, I will be glad to assist in this effort. A list of attendees will also help in trying to assure all our clubs are represented at Convention either by delegate or proxy. In this regard, please see the Credentials information included in the most recent mailing to club presidents from Zonta International.

Hopefully all of the club presidents and the District officers have received the copy of the District 11

Directory mailed March 21. If you are a club president or an officer and do not received a copy in the next several days, please let me know. A tremendous thank you goes to Hannah Dixon, the coordinator of this effort, Alice Chick who collected information on the District Website and assisted in many other ways and to Secretary, Dottie Munsch, who did the copying, collating and mailing. I hope you will find this to be a most helpful tool. Of course, the information is only as up-to-date as the input you provide allows. Hannah will continue to work with the Directory, updating and maintaining it with a view to making this information available electronically. The final direction this service takes will depend on you, your utilization, your input and especially your suggestions.

Zonta International is urging all clubs to have a unique permanent club Email address by September 1, 2006. This should be an address that does not change from year-to-year. This should NOT be the personal Email address of the current President or other club member. This is quite important since this permanent club Email address will be used increasingly to transact club business with Zonta International Headquarters.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to express some truly personal sentiments. The 2004-2006 officers and Area Directors have been a joy to work with this biennium. I would like to use this opportunity to officially thank them for their tireless efforts on behalf of our District, the long meetings they participated in and their suburb follow through. I am most gratified by all that we were able to accomplish. A huge thank you goes to the Committee Chairmen for taking charge of their areas of responsibility and fulfilling the requirements of these areas. I am proud to have had the opportunity to work with all of you. And, finally, to the club Presidents, thank you for the work each of you has done for your club, our District and International. Leadership at the local level is so crucial to our overall efforts. Even though our work this biennium is not over, this may be the last time I have the opportunity to tell all of you just how very proud I am of what District 11 has accomplished this biennium. It was made possible by all of you.

Zonta regards,

Ina



Dear District 11 Zontians,

Good news regarding membership! We are finally on an even keel. As of the end of February, we have the same number of Zontians as we did last year on May 31, which is 1,130. Many clubs have been working hard to accomplish this. Congratulations to Area 4 and Area 5; both these areas have increased their membership. Congratulations to all those clubs in all areas that have increased membership this past year. Keep up the good work!

Of course, this year is not over, so I can't divulge which club has the greatest percentage increase in membership so far. Remember, it is the club in each area with the greatest net increase in members since May 31, 2005, that wins the Rosa E. Fiol Membership Award for the area. These winners will each receive their area's Rosa E. Fiol Membership trophy to hold for the next year and a \$200 credit towards this year's fabulous District Conference in Hilton Head Island. So if you still have new half year memberships, turn them in to District Treasurer Helen Brown.

Now our challenge is to keep all our members, not just the 168 new Zontians, interested and active. In Membership Bulletin #7, four critical components of a strong club were discussed: an Active Service Program, In-Depth Orientations for all New Members, a Mentoring Program, and Fellowship Activities.

In Membership Bulletin #8, a new type of orientation program was introduced. If you have not received either of these bulletins, go to our district website, [www.zonta-district11.org](http://www.zonta-district11.org), to find them in the Membership Section. In this year's area meetings, Governor Ina and I will show you the new orientation program developed by the Zonta Club of Hilton Head Island, and together we will develop more ideas for maintaining a strong and healthy Zonta club.

District 11 clubs are only as good as their members. Our Zontians are fantastic, so let's set our sights on next year's ZI goal which is a net increase of at least one member for each club in the district. Smooth sailing!

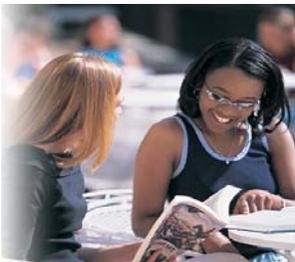
Bea Weaver

Lieutenant Governor  
Governor-Elect

## District Directory – 2006!

by Hannah Dixon, Directory Coordinator

**COMING TO YOUR CLUB SOON!** The District 11 Membership Directory will make its debut at your club soon. Each Club President will be sent a copy of the District Directory.



The District Directory has the Zonta International Board of Directors, District Officers, Clubs by Area, and Committee Chairmen. The directory also lists District 11 club members by area, club, name and address, phone numbers and email addresses.

Developed as a handy source of information, the directory is to be used by Zonta members only. Unauthorized use is strictly forbidden.

## Conference 2006!

by Conference Co-chairs, Jan Dyer and Mary Jo Riley

September is the most beautiful time of year to visit the coast. With the 2006 District 11 Conference being held on Hilton Head Island, now is the perfect excuse to take that long weekend getaway.

The Zonta Club of Hilton Head Island, with help from other area clubs, is busy planning that perfect long weekend for members of Zonta District 11. With 2006 being an "off-year" for the District it will be an opportunity for more learning and socializing. The conference, which will be held at the Marriott Hilton Head Resort, will begin Friday, September 29th with the closing awards banquet held during lunchtime on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

We are encouraging all members to plan an extended stay with us. There will be social activities during the day on Thursday, Thursday evening and also on Saturday evening, leaving plenty of time for the beach. And of course what's a trip to Hilton Head without golf! A golf outing will also be included in the conference activities.

To provide an incentive for "first-timers" to attend, the Hilton Head Island Club has offered a prize of \$500 to be presented to the club with the highest percentage of "first-timers" attending the conference.

A video highlighting beautiful Hilton Head Island and a "Budget Worksheet" have been sent to each club president and Area Director in District 11. The Budget Worksheet will help members create a savings plan that would make their commitment to attend painless.

Please put the 2006 District 11 Conference on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you in September!

## District 11 Website update

by Alice Chick, Webmaster

Fellow District 11 Zontians;

Great strides have been made during the last biennium to enhance the District 11 website and local chapter's presence on the World Wide Web. Governor Ina Edens set specific goals and during the last few years, we have achieved those goals. The District 11 website brings Zontians, potential members, and other visitors together. The website provides information about Zonta, its goals and objectives, accomplishments, and future activities. The website has grown by leaps and bounds to include this newsletter, membership, e-commerce, and detailed information about the local chapters. Through the use of the website, local clubs have extensive resources available to them to aid in fundraising, membership, access to rules, forms and reports, and most importantly, the District 11 website is a portal of communication to your fellow Zontians.

Governor Ina feels that communication is one of the single best ways of maintaining members. In order to keep the members informed about the activities of the district, the

District 11 Webmaster has created a central depository of email addresses of our members. This list was applied many times to keep the members updated regarding the successful District 11 Conference in the Bahamas. This conference is one example of the power of the website and now it is up to the members to aid in its maintenance. When you have a change of your email address it is very important for you to contact the District Webmaster Alice Chick with your email address. There is a link on the website [www.zonta-district11.org](http://www.zonta-district11.org) to send an email. We do not want anyone to ever be out of touch and not receiving information.

In order to continue the perfection of our website, we have solicited suggestions, comments, and recommendations from the Zontian members. This feedback is very important to the future development of this website and I appreciate all the support. As this next biennium arrives, I shall attempt to continue to improve and develop the District 11 Website keeping the original goals in mind, content and communication.

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HILTON HEAD ISLAND MARIOTT RESORT - September 28 – 30, 2006



**Simone OVART-BRUNO**  
**International Director 2005-2007**  
**OUR ZONTA INTERNATIONAL LIAISON**

Dear Governor, Ina Edens,  
Dear fellow Zontians,

I always have in my eyes and in my heart the District Conference in the Bahamas, not only for the wonderful place but especially for your smile and your friendship.

You have to know that all the time, I am speaking about District 11. It was so great to know you, even if unfortunately, I have had no possibility to speak with each of you personally.

For a Liaison, it is important to have a good connection with the District Governor, and I received it, and therefore I want to say, thank you Ina, you have done a very good work!

During the Governor's training in Chicago, last February, I have had a very good contact with the Governor Elect Bea, and I wish her all the best for the future.

Now, I would like to tell you some Liaison Points, all of them have been already sent to your Governor but I want to point out the following:

- **ZIF CONTRIBUTIONS:** The closing date for 2004-2006 biennium Foundation contributions is April 1, 2006 to be included in recognition during the Convention and May 31, 2006 to be included as 2004-2006 contributions.
- **MELBOURNE Convention:** All Zontians that are coming to Australia cannot bring items into Australia.
- See Website of Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to find out what cannot be brought into Australia – [www.affa.gov.au](http://www.affa.gov.au)
- All clubs shall have a separate, permanent E-mail address by September 1, 2006.
- No personal address or business address but club E-mail address.
- Districts that want their Liaison to visit their District Meeting at Convention shall notify her before Convention.
- The use of the name and symbol of Zonta by a non member (a company is not a member, even if the owner of the company is a Zontian). This requires ZI President approval per the bylaws.

Thank you again for the big work you have done.

See you in Melbourne

Fondly,

*Simone Ovar-Bruno*  
*International Director*  
*Zonta International*

## Legislative Awareness and Advocacy

by Donnie Beer, Coordinator

As Advocacy chair I want to remind our members that in order to bring about change we have to be informed, involved and willing to take the time to write to our representatives at both the state and federal level as often as possible when there are issues that pertain to women and children. We need to do this in support of as well as in opposition to the issues being discussed. Attend meetings where issues such as domestic violence, child abuse and equal rights are being discussed. Write letters to the editor as an individual and as a group. We would not be where we are today if our mothers and grandmothers had not gotten involved.

## ERA Advocacy update

by Jean G. Bryant, District 11 ERA Advocacy Coordinator

As of March 22, I have not received any reports from Zonta Clubs in District 11 regarding their local efforts on behalf of the ERA, nor have I received any contact information for each club's Advocacy Chair. It would be most helpful to all if we share such information and might suggest innovative strategies.

In Florida, Monday, March 13, the non-partisan ERA Legislative Coordinating Council and the co-sponsors of the Senate and House bills, Sen. Gwen Margolis & Rep. Arthenia Joyner, held a press conference in the Capitol Rotunda. The event featured statements in support of the ERA by spokespersons of various organizations, including a representative of Zonta Club of Tallahassee who read our club ERA Resolution and stated that the Zonta clubs throughout Florida endorsed a similar resolution. Organizers also read a letter from the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce endorsing the Florida ERA campaign. All of the formal statements endorsing the ERA were included in press packets for dissemination to legislators. The press conference also featured brief remarks by a spokesperson of a touring group of Iraqi women who expressed her surprise that the U.S. Constitution does not have a clause guaranteeing equal rights for women.

Gail Cordial, Melbourne Zonta Club, has contacted a few Zonta clubs in central/south Florida districts with legislators whose support is key in getting a committee hearing, urging Zontians to call, email, and send letters urging them to sign on as co-sponsors of the Senate or House bill.

Tallahassee Zonta Club had a brief update and "call to action" by a coordinator of the ERA Legislative Coordi-

nating Council ERA at our Tuesday, March 21 meeting. She gave us a list of "MUST contact" legislators who we need to get aboard, but only one has a district that includes a small part of our county.

Florida Zontians need to telephone, email, and also send letters to legislators in TALLAHASSEE.

At this stage of the session, mail boxes (& email boxes) in Tallahassee tend to get full, so we urge you to TELEPHONE and urge members to sign on as co-sponsors of the House or Senate bill; call the chairmen and members of the Senate and House Judiciary committees & urge them to allow the ERA bills to be heard in committee; but ALSO contact House Speaker Allan Bense and Senate President Tom Lee and urge each to help bring the ERA resolutions to the floor for a vote.

For mailing addresses and phone #s of senators and representatives, go to [www.eraflorida.org](http://www.eraflorida.org) & click on the box "Contact your legislator", then click on "contact your Senator" & "contact your Legislator" for contact information.

It is imperative that Florida Zontians and those in other District 11 states that have an ERA campaign in process let legislators hear from us. We have circulated the District Resolution and spoken on behalf of Zonta clubs, and if there is no follow-up by individual members and individual clubs, Zonta will appear to be an ineffective organization.

Together, we CAN make a difference.

Jean G. Bryant  
(Zonta Club of Tallahassee)

## Headquarters Building Repair

9 Feb 06

During 20 March through approximately 31 May 2006 the ZI Headquarters building will undergo repairs to the floor joists on the second and third floors on the east side of the building. Unnecessary concrete sub-flooring on the west side of the building will also be removed at that time.

In 1998 some floor joists were repaired in a limited section of the second floor. The current repair will be made to other areas of the second floor plus additional areas of the third floor.

As you know, our Headquarters building is owned by the Zonta International Foundation. The Foundation Board of Directors has undertaken a detailed study of the conditions requiring repairs based on the opinions of two different structural engineering firms and the professional building management company that oversees the building.

The Headquarters building is a major investment asset of the Foundation. All property owners expect repair and maintenance costs in order to safeguard their investment. Given real estate market conditions in the area surrounding our Headquarters building, these repairs are prudent from a financial perspective. The funds for this work are available from prior earnings that have been invested and the Zonta International Foundation is therefore not seeking special contributions to finance these repairs.

During the repair period it will be necessary to vacate the first and second floors of the building. These floors

contain the offices utilized by our staff. Staff will be relocated to areas of the third floor in a temporary work environment and will continue to work as construction activity permits during the repair period. Because of this disruption, working hours may be adjusted and productivity undoubtedly will be affected. The staff will concentrate on priority matters only. Zontians are asked to limit non-priority correspondence, e-mail and telephone calls during this period.

The repairs are expected to be completed by 31 May and the staff will move back to their normal work locations shortly thereafter. Your patience during the repair period will be greatly appreciated.

We expect to confirm the completion of this repair work at convention. We look forward to seeing you all in Melbourne.



Anne Silvester  
President, Zonta International Foundation



Mary Ellen Bittner

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## 2006 Young Women in Public Affairs Award

### Deadline Approaches



For those clubs that are participating in the YWPA Award program (which I hope is many), this is just a friendly reminder that the deadline to choose a winner is drawing near. Once your club has made its selection, you will need to forward the original application of your award recipient, including all attachments, to the District YWPA Chair (and not the District Governor as indicated in the application's instructions).

**April 1** is the date the winning applications should be sent to the District. Please send the **original and 4 duplicate copies** to the following address:



Christina Salvatore  
 YWPA District 11 Chair  
 1266 Hollywood Avenue  
 Jacksonville, FL 32205

**Also, please either e-mail me or include in your package to me the number of young women who applied to your Club for the YWPA this year.**

Upon receipt of the Clubs' winning applications, one young woman will be selected as the District awardee. Each District then forwards its winner by May 1 to compete at the International level. District winners will receive \$500 and International winners receive \$1,000. Although there can be only one individual selected at the District level, Zonta International generally chooses five worthy young women to receive its award.

If you have any questions about this process or want to obtain additional information about how your club can participate next year, please e-mail Christina at [csalvatore@swisher.com](mailto:csalvatore@swisher.com) or call her at 904-353-4311 ext. 5529 Mon-Fri, 9am – 4:30 pm.

### **What? Don't Participate in the YWPA?!**

#### **Other Ways You and Your Club Can Get Involved**



#### **\*Promote the YWPA Award Locally**

If your club doesn't currently offer the Young Women in Public Affairs award, I encourage you to consider getting involved in this very rewarding project when developing your service goals for the next fiscal year. While some clubs offer as much as a \$1,000 award to their winner, others reward much smaller amounts or even nothing at all. You can decide to start small, and as your enthusiasm for the project grows, you can adjust the budgeted prize money in future years. Even if you don't believe you can commit monetarily, you can still get your Club involved by offering the YWPA in name only, perhaps with a certificate and ceremony for the local winner. All Club YWPA winners go on to compete for the District's \$500 award. Last year, only a third of the Clubs in our District offered the YWPA. We can do better.

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## 2006 Young Women in Public Affairs Award *continued*

### \* Support YWPA at the International Level

If your club is short on time, you should consider donating money instead to International and earmark it for the YWPA program. (Check out this link to learn how to make a contribution: [http://www.zonta.org/site/PageServer?pagename=zif\\_opportunities](http://www.zonta.org/site/PageServer?pagename=zif_opportunities) .) Of course, clubs already offering the award are also strongly urged to contribute to International.



In addition to funding each District's \$500 prizes, International provides five international \$1,000 awards. But, they can only do this through your financial support! Currently, 80% of this program is funded by Clubs and 20% by individuals. (Remember, as individuals, contributions to Zonta International Foundation are tax-deductible.) Unfortunately, only 19% of our Clubs worldwide contribute to this fund. And the District is not much better--only 20% of the District's Clubs contributed. Luckily, those 20% of the Clubs did a lot: totaling \$3,028. Not only can we do better, but we must if the program is to continue.

### \*The Benefits

In addition to directly improving the lives of young of women worldwide, you and your Club will benefit as well. Promotion of the YWPA exposes young women and schools in your area to Zonta and its important mission. Maintaining relationships with your winners, applicants and other students offers some unique opportunities. These young women could be future Club members. The mother of one Club winner in Jacksonville, Florida joined after learning about the Club when her daughter won the award. Continued contact with your local schools can also generate interest in the formation of a Z Club. And of course, the publicity surrounding the award and the announcement of the winner is excellent PR--just one more way to promote the Club and our mission. Finally, the most fulfilling aspect of the award is the opportunity to meet and learn about so many wonderful young women in your community. Their stories are often both touching as well as inspirational. It serves as both motivation for and affirmation of all the good work our clubs strive to accomplish.

## Zonta Calendar

### 2006

#### MARCH

30 — Melbourne Convention early registration deadline

#### APRIL

1 — Melbourne Convention registration fee increase.

Check the website calendar for Area Meetings

**NOTE: Area 6 Meeting April 1, 2006 has been cancelled.**

#### MAY

1 — Club Officers report due to HQ

#### JUNE

1 — Club dues for 2006-2007 due at HQ  
24-29 58th ZI Convention in Melbourne , Australia

#### SEPTEMBER

29 — 30 2006 District 11 Conference Hilton Head, SC

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## Highlights of the ZI Board Meeting October 17-20, 2005

At the fourth meeting of the 2004-2006 biennium, the Zonta International Board took the following actions:

- considered the report of the joint Strategic Planning Taskforce for ZI and ZIF, adopted in principle a draft simplified plan, and agreed to consider the plan further at the next meeting.
- requested Governors to encourage incoming District Foundation Ambassadors (DFAs) to attend convention and DFA Orientation and Training, and noted that the District may choose to reimburse the DFA for a portion of the cost related to convention attendance.
- received a briefing on Board fiduciary responsibilities from Zonta's legal counsel.
- adopted the audit report for the year ended 31 May 2005 as presented. *(A copy will be sent to all clubs in the November 2005 club mailing.)*
- adopted a budget for 2006-2008, with no dues increase but including a deficit for 2006-2008, while maintaining a one-year cash reserve.
- agreed to extend Zonta International into Romania and further agreed that the new club (when chartered) will be assigned to District 30.
- approved the action taken at the District 26 conference to divide the district into 3 districts as follows:
  - District 26 consisting of the Zonta clubs in Japan;
  - District 31 consisting of the Zonta clubs in Taiwan; and
  - District 32 consisting of the Zonta clubs in South Korea.*(The numbering of the new Districts is premised on the seniority of the oldest club in each.)*
- reviewed several possible bylaw amendment issues and referred them to the International Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.
- reviewed proposed procedures for the use of ZI funds to support district and club rejuvenation and extension efforts, and requested revised procedures prior to the formal announcement of the availability of the funds. *(When finalized Governors and OMC district chairmen will be advised and the procedures will be posted on the ZI Web site.)*
- adopted a procedure for approving Zonta participant attendance at the annual Commission on the Status of Women non-governmental organizations meeting at the United Nations.
- reviewed and adopted revisions to the Zonta District Manual and the Zonta International Manual. *(The revised District Manual will be available on the ZI Web site by March 2005.)*
- Reviewed plans for Convention 2006, and approved preliminary arrangements for some aspects of the 2008 convention.
- agreed that Bangkok will be the venue of the 2010 Zonta International Convention, contingent upon reaching satisfactory agreements for the venue facilities.
- approved initial appointments to international committees for 2006-2008.
- received a preliminary report on the proposed 2006-2008 International Service Projects which will be included in the 2006-2008 proposed Biennial Goals for presentation at Convention.

## ZISVAW Newsletter Update

by Jean E. McElroy, ZISVAW Coordinator

The time of the year has come when your club's Service Projects should be winding down, and you as a club should be analyzing, summarizing, and then evaluating yourselves on what you have accomplished. Below are some questions to help with this process:

- ⇒ Do your club members know what ZISVAW means?
- ⇒ What has your club accomplished this year in response to our commitment to the Anti-Trafficking Resolution adopted at our 2004 District Conference?
  - Have you educated your club members on Trafficking?
  - Have you educated your community on Trafficking?
  - Have you taken any advocacy action regarding Trafficking?
- ⇒ Did you take time to watch the LIFETIME Television program Human Trafficking as recommended by our Governor?
  - Did you contact organizations/professionals in your community who could benefit from the information?
  - Did you discuss the content with your club members and friends?
- ⇒ How many of your Service projects are directly related to preventing violence against women?
- ⇒ Have you used any of your meeting time to educate your club members about ZISVAW on the International level?
  - What are our Zonta International Projects that relate to ZISVAW?
  - Where is our ZISVAW Grant money being spent?

How did you do? I suggest you find your club's weak areas and pass the information on to your Strategic Planning Committee or your Service Committee Chairmen for next year. Let's all "take it up a notch"!

I hasten to add that I realize most of you already have your engines in high gear. I know because I have had the pleasure of sharing many exciting accomplishments from our District 11's clubs. But I also know that you all like a challenge. So as I end my term as your ZISVAW Coordinator, please consider this my challenge to you increase your **octane**. The better the fuel, the less effort it will take to get to your destination. (In other words, well educated members will accomplish your ZISVAW goals much more efficiently.)

It's been my pleasure serving as your ZISVAW Coordinator. Jean

## 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](http://www.zonta-district11.org) and complete the form online. When you click submit, it will be emailed to Hannah Dixon, our Directory Coordinator.

We're on the web at [www.zonta-district11.org](http://www.zonta-district11.org)

## Status of Women

by Margene Brown, Chairman

As the biennium comes to a close I hope each of you has found ways in your local organization to improve the Status of Women in your community. Through your fundraising and contributions to the Zonta Foundation you have contributed to elevating the status of women throughout the world.

In closing this year it is hoped that you have a Young Women in Public Affairs candidate, and a Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Candidate. If both of these programs were not part of your club's year work to make them a reality for the new biennium. There are young women in every community who can benefit from the experience of applying and each member of your club can benefit from knowing you have helped a woman grow regardless of whether they win the scholarship. The exposures to the ideals of Zonta plus your fellowship are important. Work to have candidates for District and International in the year ahead.

The Footprints of Service was due to International

earlier this month. If you did not submit one to International and the District, please do so right away. The process of completing the form makes you aware of the accomplishments of your local club. The process can also help provide some focus for the new year as you evaluate current programs to determine which should be continue and improved upon in the new biennium.

I encourage each club president to make a calendar with the important dates for these programs so that planning and implementation of each one will be done. The resources are available through International to deserving women; we just need to find the right candidates. Check the Zonta website for these dates, forms and application processes.

To each of the members of the Status of Women Committee during the past biennium, thank you. It has been a pleasure to get to know each of you and the work you did to promote each area is greatly appreciated.

## Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Award

by Honey Gardiner, Coordinator

This award will be made to an outstanding woman who is pursuing an undergraduate degree in business, having completed at least two years at an accredited university or college, with an outstanding academic record.

District 11 invites and encourages all clubs to select a candidate from their area who meets the criteria and to submit her application for this scholarship to the District Committee by May 31. The applications must include:

1. One confidential letter of recommendation from a faculty member in the major field of study.
2. One confidential letter of recommendation from an employer, volunteer supervisor or academic advisor.

3. An essay that clearly describes immediate and future academic and career goals.
4. Verification of enrollment from the college or university registrar including a transcript.

A committee appointed by the District Governor will select the winning candidate. The award provided by District 11 is \$500, and the application of the District 11 winner will be submitted to Zonta International. There are six International Awards, each in the amount of \$5,000. Completed applications should be sent to the District Chairman, Honey Gardiner, 5848 Paradise Circle, Naples FL 34110.

## GET EXCITED ABOUT THE Z & GOLDEN Z CLUB PROGRAM

by Yvette Ingraham, Coordinator

As women in business and the professions, we have the opportunity through Zonta International to make a difference in our communities. Just giving of our time and our voice can go a long way in creating a positive environment for future Zontians to thrive.

Within our clubs, we often stay within our comfort zones and focus on fundraising efforts and service projects that do not require long-term commitment. However, by doing this, we can miss out on opportunities to mould, inspire and guide future generations of Zontians. Being a host to a Z-club or Golden Z (GZ) club provides the pathway for this kind of positive interaction. The Z and GZ clubs are important because they expose students to active participation in school, community and international affairs while gaining valuable communication skills, leadership experience, career development and an understanding of the importance of commitment to service.

Through the Z and GZ clubs, students get involved in planning, organizing and participating in meaningful activities. They also get to experience the satisfaction of giving, the pride in devoting time to others, particularly those less fortunate, and the realization that they can influence the world around them.

A number of clubs in District 11 are small clubs and thus the idea of sponsoring a Z or GZ club can seem a bit overwhelming. However, just a commitment of a few hours a month can sustain a Z or Golden Z club, so no matter how small your club is, rest assured that you can sponsor a Z-club. Below are some of the duties of the host Zonta club, most of which are carried out in conjunction with the school representative:

- Providing a venue for students to become Z and Golden Z club members
- Providing a select place to meet
- Selecting a teacher as an advisor to the Z or Golden Z club
- Providing assistance to the advisor if/when necessary

- Helping the Z and GZ-clubbers decide on service and fundraising projects
- Getting Z and Golden Z-clubbers involved in Zonta projects

Realizing the importance of the Z and Golden Z program, I encourage you to take up the challenge to start a club in your area. Getting started is easy, here's how.

1. Choose a Z club or Golden Z club chairperson from within your Zonta club.
2. Choose a school at which to begin a club.
3. Send information on Z and Golden Z clubs to the school administrator.
4. Follow up with a visit to the school to market or sell the benefits of having a club at the school.
5. Train the new teacher/counsellor.
6. Set up the club with executive members. Collect names, addresses and telephone contact for members of the executive.
7. Send in the application and fees for a Z or GZ charter.
8. At next meeting, talk to the Z and Golden Z clubbers about Zonta, its goals for the biennium and any upcoming Zonta activities.
9. Assist the Z and Golden Z clubs with planning service activities in the areas of school, community and international.
10. Communicate with the Z and Golden Z clubs regularly, at least monthly, to encourage, support and assist the students as well as the teacher/counsellor.

The long-term benefits of being involved as a mentor in lives of children are immeasurable, so I call on all District 11 clubs to start a Z or Golden Z club or get more involved in your current Z and Golden Z club and help our **future leaders build a better world today.**

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## Zonta International Foundation Gift Recognition

by Sarah Lee, Foundation Ambassador

**Thank you** . Over the years, millions of women's lives were touched thanks to the generosity of Zontians like yourself. Your commitment to advancing the status of women has improved the lives of women around the world .Thousands of women were given opportunities to advance in the fields of aeronautics, science, engineering, business and public affairs; fields where women have traditionally been overlooked and under funded. Your generous support provided millions of dollars for projects aimed at improving access to basic education and healthcare, and violence prevention education and resources for women in places like Afghanistan, Niger, and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

*Editorial Note ... Most of this article is directly from our Zonta International Website. Since I want to cover all the points, please allow me to share this important information through Governor Ina's newsletter. Another Thank You ... from your District 11 Foundation Ambassador, Sarah Lee.*



### Convention Recognition

We offer our deep gratitude and special thanks to all of the individuals and Clubs who have contributed, and will contribute, to the Foundation during the 2004-2006 Biennium.

At each Zonta International Convention, the Foundation takes the opportunity to recognize the efforts and personal contributions of the many Zontians and Zonta Clubs who make contributions throughout the biennium in support of the mission, goals and programs of Zonta.

As you prepare for your trip to Convention in Melbourne, keep the following in mind:

For contributions to be recognized in Convention 2006 materials, monies and supporting documents (contribution forms, giving envelopes) must be received at Headquarters by **1 April 2006**.

- **I encourage individual donors to use Online Giving.** By using the safe and secure Online Giving option, donors can help the Foundation save on processing fees.
- **To be counted towards this biennium's totals,** contributions must be received in the Foundation's bank account by the end of the fiscal year - **31 May 2006**. I encourage Clubs to send their contributions early!

Individuals who contribute **US\$1,000** during the biennium, or reach **US\$1,000** in cumulative giving\* for the first time during the biennium, or have reached **US\$5,000** in cumulative giving\* are invited to attend an **invitation-only reception**.

Individuals who reach **US\$10,000** cumulative giving\* are recognized during the Foundation presentation.

Clubs that give **US\$20,000** or more during the biennium are recognized during the Foundation presentation.

In Melbourne, we will also recognize our outstanding Districts and District Foundation Ambassadors. We will recognize:

The top three Districts for their total giving during the biennium, including all club and individual gifts.

The District with the greatest weighted increase in total contributions during the biennium, including all club and individual gifts.

Those Districts with 100% club participation (gifts from clubs only, individual gifts from club members do not count toward this goal).

**We only have 3 clubs that have not given yet – there is still time!**



### 2006 Donor Reception

The Foundation Board is looking forward to hosting the 2006 Biennium Donor Reception at *FortyOne at the Rialto* during the 2006 Zonta International Convention in Melbourne.

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“IT'S WHERE WE GO, AND WHAT WE DO WHEN WE GET THERE, THAT TELLS US WHO WE ARE.”

JOYCE CAROL OATES -

## Anti-Trafficking Initiative: Model for other Clubs Based on Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva's Successes

by Darla Letourneau, Immediate Past President

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva has had an amazing biennium (2004-2006), headlined by our work on human trafficking. We believe the foundation of our success was our strategic plan, which aimed to put the positive Zonta circle in action-- good service projects leads to results and recognition, which leads to member satisfaction, to retention of members, and the recruitment of new members. Our experience is proof that the circle works! Although we, like every Club, have some unique characteristics that contributed to our success, we believe that every Club can put the positive Zonta circle in action and believe that human trafficking is a great service project to put this model to the test.

Another part of our strategic vision was to form a connection with Zonta's international mission and organization, and have a sense of being part of a global community. Through the Club's research, we found that trafficking in persons was one of the largest international crimes and that Florida was one of the top US destinations for persons being trafficked. Thus the club chose as its major strategic focus the eradication of human trafficking, both locally in Southwest Florida and globally. In addition, the Club wanted to go beyond a traditional service project concept to a more comprehensive approach, including education and advocacy, to further advance the causes we were supporting.

In sum, our strategic vision gave the Club **focus** (our mantra), allowed us to feel that we were making a real difference in the lives of women in our community and beyond; brought us closer to the international parts of Zonta, provided a blueprint for the continuity of the club over a 3-year period; gave Club members a feeling of ownership and involvement; made us a more cohesive and dedicated group; made Zonta a highly regarded household name on Sanibel and SW Florida, allowed us to raise substantially more money for our grantees, and gave us new energy to move forward. Our successful service projects and accompanying visibility have resulted in an increase in membership of 21% during this biennium—from 56 to 68 members over this period, with prospects of even larger gains in the coming year. One of our goals was to

take our Club to the next level, and we've succeeded beyond our wildest expectations.

Our human trafficking initiative has four components:

- to raise public awareness,
- to partner with a nonprofit organization with expertise in this field,
- to assist in coalition building,
- to advocate for legislation, policies, and resources at all levels

As a result of these efforts, 22 human trafficking investigations have been initiated in Southwest Florida, over 10 traffickers have been arrested, 6 victims have been certified under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, and services and assistance have been provided to these victims to help restore a normal life. With the heightened public awareness and involvement of a broad coalition of community partners in Southwest Florida, more cases are likely and many more victims will be rescued. We are working with Florida State legislators to enact legislation to strengthen state anti-trafficking statutes, to provide funding for local efforts, and have been advocating for a statewide coalition. We are hopeful that the level of commitment to eradicating this crime in our area will ultimately lead to the prevention of human trafficking.

The Club has been recognized by local and regional newspapers, law enforcement officials, County Commissioners, City Council, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as a "role model of citizen activism" for its public awareness campaign to fight human trafficking in Florida.

From the beginning of our project, we have sought to involve other Zonta Clubs in the fight. At the 2004 District Conference, the Club introduced a resolution to encourage all Clubs to make the eradication of human trafficking a goal and to take action at their level to raise public awareness about the problem

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## Anti-Trafficking Initiative: Model for other Clubs Based on Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva's Successes continued

The District delegates unanimously approved this resolution and over the past 2 years, many clubs have sought our advice and assistance about taking our model and implementing it in their community.

If your Club is interested in implementing a local anti-human trafficking project, the following are seven things your Club can do to launch a project in your own community:

1. Make a commitment
2. Educate yourselves (research & bring in speakers)
3. Find a partner
4. Develop goals and an action plan
5. Focus on Community Awareness
6. Engage the community; law enforcement, media, etc.
7. Advocacy

(The entire model, including a complete explanation of these seven actions, can be found on the District website at [www.zonta-district11.org](http://www.zonta-district11.org).)

Start by checking into whether your State has enacted legislation to fight human trafficking. There is Federal legislation in place, and the U.S. DOJ has developed model state legislation that you could suggest your state consider. (see our website,

[zontasancap@lycos.com](mailto:zontasancap@lycos.com), for link) If state legislation is needed, consider teaming up with other Zonta Clubs in your state to press up this action, build a coalition with other organizations that support this legislation, ask your local legislative representatives to press and cause, and find sponsors to introduce this legislation. We think you'll find that this is a bipartisan issue that is not controversial and there are plenty of lawmakers that would like to be associated with fighting human trafficking.

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva wants to help other Zonta Clubs to replicate and/or adapt our models to your Clubs. Through our website, our large e-mail communications network and other events, we have shared information about our efforts on an ongoing and frequent basis. We are now working with ZI and the District 11 leadership to determine how best to support this effort. Feel free to contact us at [zontasancap@lycos.com](mailto:zontasancap@lycos.com) with questions and ideas for your community We are committed to maintaining and building on the momentum we have achieved to make an even greater difference in more women's lives in the future, and we think the Zonta network is the best way to make a difference in eradicating human trafficking, both locally and globally.

The complete reprint of the above article can be found on the District website at [www.zonta-district11.org](http://www.zonta-district11.org) on the Newsletter page.



## FINAL AREA 1 REPORT

by Ellen Wheeler, Area 1 Director

### **BIRMINGHAM**

The Zonta Club of Birmingham, Alabama is a strong and vibrant Club. For their service projects they work closely with the local YWCA, supporting several programs administered by the "Y," make book donations to the domestic violence shelter and donate clothing to the homeless women's shelter to name a few.

Each January the Amelia Earhart Luncheon raises funds earmarked for the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. Other fundraisers are a Christmas party, used book sale, dinners at member's houses and plant sale.

Officer election was held very early this year, so they are all set for the upcoming year with what Dot Mueller, outgoing president, describes as a strong and knowledgeable leadership. This club has co-presidents and co-secretaries, and that arrangement has worked very well for them over the years.

The 2006-2008 Vice Area Director, Sidney Hoover, is from Birmingham.

### **DOTHAN**

The Dothan, Alabama club has added several new members since October of 2005. The Club added 8 members last year but lost as many, so they are hoping to stop that trend. Sadly, the President Gloria Mathis passed away January 2. She lost her battle with lung cancer.

They are engaged in several service projects. The two biggest are a collaboration with Stein Mart Department Store, the House of Ruth (a shelter for abused women) and Zonta to provide clothes for disadvantaged women and support to "Chrysalis," a home for girls, both monetarily and through personal involvement. Each month a group of members go to the home and do something with the girls from going to the movies or out for pizza to attending a concert or just staying in and playing games.

They have two very well established fundraisers. One is an "International Food Festival" which takes place in the Spring and is well attended by the entire

Dothan community and the other is taking orders and selling large Poinsettias at Christmas.

The Dothan Club was the runner-up for the Governor's Trophy presented at the 2005 District Conference.

### **MEMPHIS**

The Zonta Club of Memphis, Tennessee is a very small Club; however, in the words of the past president, they are "moving upward with tiny steps." Their main service project is long term support to the YWCA Spousal Abuse Program. In addition, they read to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders at local schools, provide books and have established a Zonta reading veranda and reading niches, and have decorated halls by creating murals. In addition, they are working on adding service projects that have to do with the advancement of women in keeping with the Zonta goals

This Club's fundraisers of fall and spring flower sales are well established and allow them enough money to do a lot of good wherever they choose to spend it.

The incoming Area 1 Director, Lee Ann Dobson, is from the Zonta Club of Memphis.

### **MOBILE**

This Club's main goal this year was to add new members and they have definitely succeeded at that. President Sylvia Roberts wants to double the size of the Club, and she might just succeed (there were 17 members when she took over).

Membership, however, has not been the only activity this year. Fundraisers and service projects are of equally great importance, and the Club works very closely with several organizations in Mobile that are committed to helping women and children. The homeless shelter for women and children was destroyed by hurricane Katrina; so, a percentage of the money raised through their fundraisers will go towards helping rebuild that facility.

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## FINAL AREA 1 REPORT *continued*

### **MOBILE**

Several years in a row the Club has held a yard sale as a fundraiser. This year that turned into a major event held in a park with speakers and entertainment and with play money for needy women and children to be able to "shop" after the sale closed for the general public. They finished up with a cook-out for those same women and children.

This club will host the Area Meeting April 22.

### **MONTGOMERY**

The early news for the 2005-2006 year from The Zonta club of Montgomery, Alabama was not so good but as of this spring, things are looking up. They have a new slate of dedicated officers with a very energetic incoming president, Charlene Thomas.

This club is working hard to start a repeat fundraiser, knowing the importance of that. They have some very good service project. They work with Montgomery Area Council on Aging to do holiday gift bags and are partners in education with E.D Nixon Elementary school. Their most important service project and the one they are most proud of is "Aid to Inmate Mothers (AIM) Storybook Project." Each month a group of members goes to the local prison where they help women tape bedtime stories for their children. During the course of the morning, each volunteer will help 15 to 20 mothers record readings for their children. The women are allowed to record for 20 minutes. The tapes along with the books, are then sent to their children at home to keep for listening and reading along with their mother's voice.

The District Foundation Ambassador, Sarah Lee, is from the Montgomery Club.

### **PASCAGOULA**

The Pascagoula, Mississippi Club has gotten back to holding regular meetings again. Meetings were on hold for a few months after hurricane Katrina, and the Christmas party was the first time members had a

chance to get together and just enjoy each other's company. Service projects are at a standstill at the present time. Members are still too involved in getting their homes back in order. Since they weren't able to hold the annual fundraiser "Zonta Arts and Crafts Fair" last October, money is tight for service projects anyway. The Club did, however, receive \$1000 from members of the Zonta Club of Corvallis, Oregon and \$200 from the Zonta Club of Parkersburg, West Virginia and are very grateful for that.

Almost every member was affected by the Hurricane, but 15 members had catastrophic damage to their home. The President, Margaret Bush, is applying for membership dues to be paid for these members through the newly revised funding/service request fund.

### **TUSCALOOSA**

The Tuscaloosa, Alabama Club has been working hard to add new members and to develop a fundraiser that they can repeat each year which can give them some recognition throughout the community. In the past their main fundraiser has been a wine tasting party and a silent auction where they also served heavy hors d'oeuvres; however, they feel there are too many silent auctions in the area, and something new would be good. This Club's service projects are a major scholarship to a local University, Christmas stockings for the Salvation Army and collecting items for the Domestic Violence shelter. In addition, they are talking about getting involved with the Big Brother/Big Sister organization.

The Club took the idea of co-presidents from Birmingham and feels that has worked well for them. If a club has a problem getting someone to commit to the presidency, having two members share the responsibility is really a good idea. Today, many people are so busy that taking on the task of president can just be too much; so, members decline to serve and everyone loses.



## Area 2 – The Best Area in District 11 by Coretta D. Bedsole Area 2 Director

It has been an honor to serve on the 2004-06 Zonta District 11 board as the Area 2 Director. It seems that we area directors spend a great deal of our time at each board meeting discussing how each of our respective areas is the best in the District. So with all due respect to the other five areas in District 11, I believe Area 2 is the best. During my two-year term I have had the opportunity to meet some of the most dedicated and hard working Zontians. It has at times been a challenge working out the logistics to visit with the 11 clubs in Area 2, but each visit has been rewarding and interesting. As my last official task as Area 2 Director, I would like to thank the Area 2 clubs for each of their significant contributions.

Anderson, you have continued to amaze with your recruitment efforts; you are a small club with lots of spunk. Atlanta, thank you for accepting the challenge of continuing and growing a club in an urban area that offers so much competition. Beaufort, thank you for your dedication to projects dealing with addressing violence against women. Bluffton, thanks for showing the spirit of teamwork by joining with other Zonta clubs to complete successful service projects.

Charleston, you have been tremendous in your efforts to teach the rest of us how to better market our fundraising projects. Columbia, thank you for being patient with Ina, Dottie and me, as we often called upon each of you to help us with area and district tasks. Franklin, your Art and Chocolate event is to be envied as well as the dedication of your members who accepted the offer of a day long training and gave up an entire Saturday to improve the operations of your club. Greenville, you were the epitome of graciousness and organization when you hosted a very successful area meeting.

Hilton Head, you did us proud when you won the Governor's Cup for your many achievements. Myrtle Beach, your enthusiasm and dedication to expanding Zonta clubs in Area 2 is commendable; among other things, thank you for serving as the SOM club for Florence. Savannah, you exhibited the true Zonta spirit with your efforts to assist clubs outside of our area and district during the recent natural disasters.

To Jean McElroy, the incoming Area 2 Director, you have a great team in place, and you will lead them well. Ellen, Pat, Lynn, Cuca and Cindi, Area 2 is still the best. It was great serving with you guys and Ina, Bea, Helen and Dottie on the District 11 board.

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## Greeting from Area 4 by Lynn Salvatore Area 4 Director

Overall, Area 4 has had a fantastic biennium. I am pleased to say we have added the Top of the Bay Club, located in the Tampa area, to Area 4. Top of the Bay has made membership in Zonta a priority and is sponsoring the Zonta Club of Ocala, which now has over 20 charter members! Watch the District website for information about Ocala's charter meeting.

The news in Area 4 just keeps getting better with the Melbourne Club sponsoring a Club in Orlando. Melbourne would love to hear from you if you know any prospective members in the Orlando area.

The remaining Clubs in Area 4 are growing as well and making membership recruitment and retention a priority. The Melbourne and Jacksonville Clubs have recently inducted their first male Zontians. Every Area 4 Club should be proud of its accomplishments this biennium. I only wish I could nominate each Club for the Governor's Award.

On a personal note, I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure as Area 4 Director. I have learned so much about Zonta International and the Clubs in District 11. But what I will cherish most of all is the lasting friendships I have gained with so many of my fellow Zontians. Thank you Area 4 for allowing me to serve you as Area Director.

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## Newsletter Zonta Clubs Area 5 by Petrona (Cuca) Benitz Area 5 Director

The three clubs of Area 5 had followed the pledge to their services as stated in the by-laws of Zonta International.

### San Juan Club

San Juan Club the first and oldest club in this area does not have a large membership; however, it has compromised women available to give service to those in needs.

At the last workshop we presented extraordinary business women from different fields. All of them have joined the club. In our next workshop, which will be hosted by Ponce Club, there will be attending the meeting other amazing business women who want to join the club. They already have been oriented in a gathering for new members.

Different services have been given for the status of women. These have been collecting clothing and personal articles for women, their newborns and children who are staying at shelters for abused women. They have also participated in health and dental fairs. Clothing and personal articles for homeless at a shelter were also collected.

The San Juan Club service project helps abused women their newborns and children, blind associations and bestows medals for outstanding students at the Conservatory Music School Program.

### Caguas Club

This Club has a major project for the status of women. They have been working with low income communities and providing them with conferences on "how important are women, their personalities and self-motivation in their life". Furthermore, they have been working in a collaboration project with the Education Department, giving conferences to the young for encouragement to get their high school diploma. Caguas was the Club awarded for holding the same memberships during the past biennium.

### Ponce Club

This Club's major project has been working along with the Department of Education helping high school students in different ways, such as those winning essays at public and private universities. Also, they have been working along with the Mayor of the City of Ponce to give seminars on how to vote correctly during the elections. Moreover, they have been supporting the campaign of Down Syndrome March along with other organizations.

The Zonta Clubs of Area 5 have given their best in there localities. Each major project chosen by each club has been a success, giving the services as they are asked and going further in their help and assistance. Our thanks to governor Ina S. Edens, who support us and was always at our side when we most needed.

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**MEMBERSHIP IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL. REMEMBER "EACH ONE GETS ONE."**



## Newsletter Zonta Clubs Area 6

### by Cindi McIntosh Area 6 Director

The Zontians of Area 6 have been busy raising money, volunteering their time in the local communities, and working on club development. If I reported on all the activities of the clubs I would need the entire newsletter. I have tried to just touch on a few major accomplishments. If you would like any additional information please email me at [cmcintosh@allstate.com](mailto:cmcintosh@allstate.com). I will help you reach the individual Club.

#### **Bonita Springs:**

The Zonta Club of Bonita Spring held its annual Dessert Auction and Luncheon on November 23. The event consists of a live auction of desserts, a Chinese auction, and a door prize of a trip to Key West. The club honors a local woman for outstanding service in the community. They also draw the winning ticket in their jewelry raffle. The Club sells raffle tickets at \$10.00 to win an expensive jewelry item that is donated by a local jeweler. The club used a local weatherman as the auctioneer which gave them a spot on the local news. The event was also covered by the local newspaper. Great Publicity! They invited their grant recipients and gave out very large grant checks. Profit from the auction and raffle exceeded \$9,000.00.

#### **Ft. Myers:**

Ft. Myers is adjusting to their new meeting schedule and fundraisers. The club made major changes this year in an effort to bring in a wider range of professionals. They felt meeting in the evening was more appealing to teachers and business women.

They recently held a caregivers' picnic on February 10 for people with Alzheimer's. The Club provides food and entertainment. A computer and software was purchased for a group home for 8 single moms and their babies. The Club is also helping the girls have a night off by babysitting and providing funds for a planned outing.

The clubs major fundraiser was raffle for a 7-day cruise on a brand new cruise ship.

#### **Highlands County:**

Highlands is busy raising money this year. They just finished a wine tasting and silent auction January 19. The big fundraiser of the year will be a tour of homes in April. The girls volunteered at a community casino fundraiser. They provided Christmas gift boxes to a local migrant organization. The Club sponsors an YWPA scholarship. They had the District winner at our 2005 Conference in the Bahamas. They are focusing on membership and have gained one new member. They are also hosting our Area Workshop April 1.

#### **Naples:**

The Naples Club was very busy at Christmas. Each club member sponsored a student from the PACE center for Girls. The Zontians bought several gifts so each girl had Christmas presents. Each of the 5 teams in the club also sponsor a family provided by Naples Community Hospital. The family has one member who is seriously or terminally ill. The team provides presents, food and decorations that are specific to the families needs.

The Club's major fundraising was a fashion show February 16. The funds raised were for Pace Center for Girls and the Teenage Parenting Program. The event raised over \$8,500.00. They also hosted the District Inter-City Dinner February 28.

#### **Punta Gorda/ Pt. Charlotte:**

The members of the club just completed their Christmas Shopping Spree. They provide Christmas gifts for the Charlotte Harbor School and the S.T.A.R. program. The club works with Wal-Mart to help these under privileged kids have a special Christmas. Wal-Mart has been the corporate sponsor for 17 years. McDonald donates snacks for refreshments.

The club held a garage sale in February and a scholarship fundraising luncheon in March at Outback.

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## Newsletter Zonta Clubs Area 6 continued

### **Sanibel:**

The Sanibel Club is a whirlwind of activity. They have installed 6 new members. They received the People to Praise award for 2005 from the *Ft. Myers News-Press*. They continue their work on Human Trafficking with articles in the *New-Press*, *The Zontian*, the local Sanibel paper, and the Chamber of Commerce Newsletter.

The club continues to help other Zonta Clubs. They spoke at the Naples Club in October and the Ft. Myers Club in February.

The club co-hosted a national conference on Human Trafficking at Florida Gulf Coast University on February 2 and 3. The United States Attorney General, Alberto Gonzales, was the keynote speaker.

Their big fundraiser was a tour of homes on Sanibel March 11. They have a website to education and help stop trafficking.

**All this and more is why they were our Governor's Cup winner at Conference in the Bahamas.**

### **Sarasota:**

The Sarasota Club has been busy reorganizing and restructuring. The Club has agreed to simplify its structure, change their by-laws, and consolidate the number of officers. They are looking at simplifying their long-range plan. Membership is also a focus this year. The Club is looking at building stability within the current membership and growing with quality members.

## 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](http://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 and Ending 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.

## 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
District Archivist.....	Michele Marcum Buhler

### CONGRATULATIONS TO CLUBS CELEBRATING SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES:

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



Zonta Club of Greater Miami, FL	69 Years
Zonta Club of Jacksonville, FL	66 Years
Zonta Club of Tampa, FL	66 Years
Zonta Club of Ft. Lauderdale,, FL	59 Years
Zonta Club of Montgomery, AL	55 Years
Zonta Club of Anderson, SC	36 Years
Zonta Club of Ft. Myers, FL	32 Years
Zonta Club of Boca Raton, FL	31 Years
Zonta Club of Caguas, PR	31 Years
Zonta Club of Pascagoula, MS	29 Years
Zonta Club of Punta Gorda/Pt. Charlotte, FL	27 Years
Zonta Club of Savannah, GA	26 Years
Zonta Club of Tallahassee, FL	26 Years
Zonta Club of Key West, FL	25 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.