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From the Desk of Governor Bea

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Dear District 11 Zontians,

March 8 is Zonta Rose Day/International Women's Day. If your club has not planned an event to celebrate this day, then you can celebrate it by wearing your "ASK ME ABOUT ZONTA" button and your Zonta pin. I will be traveling to Denver on March 8, but will wear my button and pin. I'd like to hear from you or your club with the number of inquiries you got about Zonta. This is an excellent opportunity to let people know about the work of Zonta International and our Foundation.



It is time again for our exciting Area Meetings. Your board has put together a terrific agenda with the theme of "Bringing Zonta into Focus". I know you will enjoy this day. Please sign up now to hear about the new funding for the YWPA Scholarship Fund. You will be pleased. As usual, Governor-Elect Lynn Salvatore and I will attend the area meetings the other attended last year. We look forward to seeing you.

Yours in Zonta,

Bea

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Early registration ends April 1st
 Zonta International 59th Convention — 2008
 Rotterdam, Netherlands
 Visit the website at www.zonta2008.com for more information

Zonta International Foundation Fights Violence Against Women (VAW)

As the 2006-2008 Biennium comes to a close, and we start packing our bags for Rotterdam, keep in mind this fast-approaching deadline for your gift to ZIF to fight violence against women:

1 April 2008 - To ensure your Foundation contributions will be recognized in Convention materials, all monies and contribution forms must be received at Headquarters by April 1, 2008.

The online donation form may be found on the ZI website at:

http://www.zonta.org/site/R?i=18B7ixr49OJi8hhgA3D_ca

Violence against women and girls is a problem of pandemic proportions. **At least one out of every three women around the world has been beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in her lifetime** — with the abuser usually someone known to her. Perhaps the most pervasive human rights violation that we know today, it devastates lives, fractures communities, and stalls development.

Statistics paint a horrifying picture of the social and health consequences of violence against women. **For women aged 15 to 44 years, violence is a major cause of death and disability.** In a 1994 study based on World Bank data about ten

selected risk factors facing women in this age group, **rape and domestic violence rated higher than cancer, motor vehicle accidents, war, and malaria.** Moreover, several studies have revealed increasing links between violence against women and HIV/AIDS. Women who have experienced violence are at a higher risk of HIV infection: a survey among 1,366 South African women showed that women who were beaten by their partners were 48 percent more likely to be infected with HIV than those who were not.

The economic cost of violence against women is considerable — a 2003 report by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that the costs of intimate partner violence in the United States alone exceed US\$5.8 billion per year: US\$4.1 billion are for direct medical and health care services, while productivity losses account for nearly US\$1.8 billion. Violence against women impoverishes individuals, families and communities, reducing the economic development of each nation.

For information on the new ZI Service Projects to fight VAW, come to your Area Meeting. You will also hear about increased ZI scholarships for women, as well as increased monies for service projects.

Movie Review

Charlie Wilson's War

By Coretta Bedsole, Zonta Club of Columbia and
Jean McElroy, Zonta Club of Hilton Head Island)

If you ever doubted the importance of our Zonta International service projects, then look no farther than the movie "Charlie Wilson's War." In the early 1980s, Charlie Wilson is a womanizing US congressional representative from Texas who seemed to be in the minor leagues, except for the fact that he is a member of two major foreign policy and covert-ops committees.

Wilson learns about the plight of the people who are suffering in the brutal Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. With the help of a maverick CIA agent, Wilson dedicates his political efforts to supply the Afghan mujahideen with the weapons and support to defeat the Soviet Union. However, Charlie Wilson eventually learns that while military victory can be had, there are other consequences and prices that are often ignored. And when these factors are ignored, countries destabilize resulting in problems for the entire world.

This is where our work begins. When countries are devastated by war and left without the basic infrastructure needs, international service organizations and relief agencies step in.

Charlie Wilson is a real life character. His story is told with truth and humor. You laugh and cry. And you are reminded why you are a Zontian.

"LUCK IS WHEN PREPARATION MEETS OPPORTUNITY."

OPRAH WINFREY

Responsibilities of Zonta Clubs for New Club Presidents

This list is intended as a list of reminders for Zonta club boards and will be especially helpful to new officers. All of these actions are required by Zonta International or District 11. They are not optional. Review your Zonta Club Manual for more detail on each topic, or you may request more information from your Area Director.

1. Pay ZI dues by May 31 of each year along with a copy of the updated ZI billing.
2. Pay District dues by May 31 of each year along with a copy of the updated ZI billing. (\$20 per member as of 2008)
3. Submit the Club Officer's Form to both ZI and Area Director by May 31 each year.
4. Submit the District 11 Annual Report to the Area Director by May 31 each year.
5. Submit the ZI Club Report semiannually to the Area Director by the due date. For 2007-2008, the due dates are December 5, 2007, and May 5, 2008.
6. Donate to the Zonta International Foundation of each year the amounts pledged at conference by the club (by April 1 in even years.) Zonta International asks for one-third of all service funds collected in order to support our international service projects.
7. Be represented at the District Conference every year. "No club may be represented by proxy at more than two consecutive conferences."
8. Send one or more club representatives to the Area Meeting held annually in the spring.
9. Adopt and keep up to date club bylaws, using the format recommended by ZI in the *Zonta Club Manual*.
10. Maintain the active standing committees required by ZI.
11. Regularly review Zonta email at the club's email address.
12. Notify the district and ZI promptly if there is any change in the address the club mail is forwarded to or of a change in any member's email address. If a member is registered on the ZI website they are supposed to make all update changes directly. If a Club President or Treasurer is changed during the year, then the club needs to submit an updated Officers Report form and send a copy to District.
13. Ensure that all members with email are registered on the ZI web site.
14. Communicate promptly with the Area Director, other District Board members, and District and ZI Committee Chairs as requested.
15. Use Robert's Rules of Order, Revised to run meetings.
16. Elect board members, Nominating Committee members, and others according to Zonta procedures.



Wear your ASK ME ABOUT ZONTA pin

On March 8, 2008

**To celebrate Zonta Rose Day/
International Women's Day**

*Mark your calendar for you
Area Meeting*

Area 1 ~ April 19 ~ Hosted by the Dothan Club in Montgomery

Area 2 ~ March 1 ~ Hosted by the Savannah Club

Area 3 ~ May 3 ~ Hosted by the Miami Lakes Club

Area 4 ~ April 12 ~ Hosted by the Bartow Club

Area 5 ~ TBD ~ Hosted by the Caguas Club

Area 6 ~ April 26 ~ Hosted by the Naples Club

Register early for the

Zonta International 59th Convention — 2008

Rotterdam, Netherlands

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

Zonta Calendar

2007-2008

APRIL

- 1 — YWPA club candidates due to District
- 30 — Emma Conlon Award (Z and Golden Z Clubs) applications due to ZI

MAY

- 1 — Club Officers Report form 2008-2009 due to ZI and Area Directors
- 5 — Period 7 & 8: Quarterly Club Report due to Area Director
- 31 — Klausman Women in Business Scholarship club candidates due to District

JUNE

- 1 — Club dues payments for 2008-2009 due to ZI
- 27 — June 27-July 2 Zonta International Convention Rotterdam 2008

2008-2009

August

- 15 — Klausman Women in Business Scholarship District candidate due to ZI
- 31 — US Districts financial statements due to HQ for Group IRS 990 tax filing

SEPTEMBER

- 26-27 — 60th District 11 Conference ~ hosted by Tampa, FL

OCTOBER

- 16 — US Clubs Form 990 due to the IRS if gross revenue is more than \$25,000

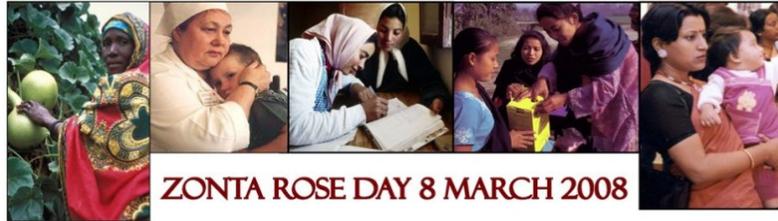
NOVEMBER

- 15 — Amelia Earhart Fellowships applications due

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

International Women's Day & Zonta Rose Day

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



Zontians around the world have a very special reason to celebrate. Our efforts have made and continue to make a difference in the lives of women everywhere. 8 March is a day to reflect on the achievements of the past year and prepare for the challenges ahead of us to advance the status of women worldwide.

The United Nations established International Women's Day in 1977 to celebrate the rights of women and international peace. However, its history stretches back to the early 1900s, when women's organizations used the day to rally support for their causes from the universal suffrage movement to the protest of poor working conditions.

Today, Zonta Clubs create annual events that:

- Celebrate progress made and outline future steps to improve women's equality;
- Unite women's organizations to encourage collaboration;
- Generate contributions for the Zonta International Foundation [Rose Fund](#);
- Create visibility for the organization.

Many suggested ways to celebrate Zonta Rose Day on 8 March 2008 are found on the ZI website, www.zonta.org. Each District 11 Zontian should wear our **ASK ME ABOUT ZONTA** button that day, along with the Zonta pin. We can tell those who ask us about Rose Day and how Zonta helps women!

Inspire Zontians around the world. [Submit your club's ideas](#) for International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day!

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59th Zonta International Convention—Rotterdam, Netherlands June 27 – July 2, 2008

This year's convention theme is "Global empowerment through local action". A PowerPoint presentation of Zontians in action will be shown prior to the start of the business sessions showing how we make a difference in our communities.

The convention only happens every two years (*even years*) and is a time to see old friends and especially make new ones. A Zonta International convention has worldwide attendance and affords you the opportunity to travel and see the world. Can you ask for more?

You can registration by mail or if you prefer you can register online at www.zonta2008.com and pay by credit card. Early registration is up to April 1st and the fee is 350 EUR (*as of 2/16/08 the Euro conversion was 1 EUR - \$1.4691 USD*).

Registration from April 1st to May 31st will be 425 EUR.

Late and onsite registration from June 15th will be 475 EUR.

District 11 realizes that traveling overseas can be expensive and that not all clubs will be sending a representative. The District 11 Board wants to make sure that if you want your voice to be heard and counted it will. In an effort to achieve this, if each club president would send an email to webmaster@zonta-district11.org with the following information we will be able to make sure that every club is represented.

1. Do you have a delegate attending from your club and who will it be?
2. If yes, is your club willing to carry a proxy for another club?
3. If no, do you want us to find another club to carry your proxy?

Remember that if your clubs dues are not received by Zonta International and District before the convention your club will not be in good standing and your delegate or your proxy club will not be able to vote for you.

Special events and happenings:

District Meetings

This is your opportunity to meet with Zontians in your district, prior to Convention briefings and Business Sessions, to review Convention issues that will come up for discussion and to take up district matters. *Friday June 27th (concurrent district meetings 14.00-15.30; 15.45-17.15. See the program book for the time and place of District 11 meeting.)*

Welcome Guests

Guests are invited to attend a special Welcome meeting. This is an opportunity to meet other guests, and hear about optional activities during Convention. •Date: *Saturday June 28th (10.00-10.45)*

First Timers' Meeting

This is a special welcome and orientation for those who are attending their first Zonta International Convention. All first timers are encouraged to attend this meeting. •Date: *Saturday June 28th (10.15-11.00)*

Delegates' and Alternates' Orientation

All delegates and alternates must attend this briefing to learn about their responsibilities during the Convention and familiarize themselves with the electronic voting system. •Date: *Saturday June 28th (11.15-12.30)*

Convention Workshops

Five inter-active workshops will be held on topics that will tackle organizational leadership, membership, service and advocacy. Workshops are for Zontians only. •Date: *Saturday June 28th (13.30-15.30)*

Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception

The Opening Ceremony on **Saturday** at 17:00 will provide a warm welcome and will kick-off an exciting Convention full of new opportunities and much, much more.

See the Call to Convention that can be downloaded from the Zonta International Convention website at www.zonta2008.com.

District 11 Committees

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO CLUBS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS:

Clubs that have or will celebrated birthdays between February 2008 — April 2008 are:



Zonta Club of Greater Miami, FL	71 Years—April
Zonta Club of Jacksonville, FL	68 Years—March
Zonta Club of Tampa, FL	68 Years—April
Zonta Club of Montgomery, AL	60 Years—April
Zonta Club of Tuscaloosa, AL	29 Years—February
Zonta Club of Anderson Area, SC	38 Years—March
Zonta Club of Ft. Myers, FL	34 Years—February
Zonta Club of Boca Raton, FL	33 Years—March
Zonta Club of Caguas, PR	33 Years—February
Zonta Club of Punta Gorda/ Pt. Charlotte, FL	29 Years—April
Zonta Club of Tallahassee, FL	28 Years—April
Zonta Club of Key West, FL	27 Years—March
Zonta Club of Myrtle Beach, SC	15 Years—February
Zonta Club of Bluffton, SC	7 Years—April

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

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

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