Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley
Member of Zonta International
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

DECEMBER 2007

CALENDAR

12/10 Dinner Meeting *
Holiday Meeting
Please bring unwrapped child's gift and a holiday card to send overseas.

1/14/08 Dinner Meeting *
Amelia Earhart Program

2/11/08 Dinner Meeting *
Stop the Violence

Dinner $15, dues $3. Guests Welcome! Please notify Chris Gerl at 413/568-3593 or cgerl@comcast.net of the number of new and/or returning guests. Member reservations for the dinner meeting are assumed and payment expected unless Chris is notified the Wednesday before the meeting.

*** Zinfandel's Restaurant**, 1432A Main Street, Palmer, MA [413/283-2707] - Downtown Palmer on Route 20, at the lights, diagonally across from CVS. Parking is available on Main Street and lot at the corner of Bridge and Main Streets.

President's Message

Happy Holidays to all my Sister Zontians.

We will be meeting at Zinfandel's for our December Meeting. Please let me know if you are bringing a guest by Wednesday 12/5/07. Don't forget your cards for the service people serving oversea at this special time of year. And keep them in your prayers. Please make it a special Christmas for the area Children and bring a gift to be distributed by the Toys for Kids.

If you have not ordered your Poinsettia yet, don't forget this is an important fundraiser. One of our former members has brought an idea for a fundraiser. I will be sharing this with you at the meeting.

May the Holidays bring you and your families great joy.

Chris Gerl

From the Program Committee:

Here is the breakdown of counties we will be discussing at our December Meeting. You should use your last name as your guide to the one paragraph on "The Status of Women" within your assigned country.

A-F Iraq
G-L Iran
M-Z Afghanistan.

Even though we are not meeting at an individuals home the Committee hopes to make this a light and fun holiday gathering.

Thanks!
Janet DaSilva

The Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley

Annual Poinsettia fundraiser to support projects and initiatives in our community. Visit zontaqv.org or call Marge at 413-283-6448 before 12/7.

Florist Quality Great Gifts
Large/Medium Sizes $18 /$25
Red / White / Pink **Free Delivery**

COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS ADVOCACY

Poinsettia Committee Report

By Liz Reeves, Poinsettia Chair

Hi Everyone ,
We are down to the wire for this major fundraiser. We only need to sell 33 medium plants @ $18 and 26 large @ $25 to make our numbers from last year. Northampton has done a great job and we can do it too!

Don't forget Rosie the Riveter! I know we aren't factory workers but ..... Don't forget as we are all out in the world to ask our doctors , lawyers, Indian chiefs etc. if they are willing to support a wonderful organization that provides service in our collective communities.
Once again , thank you all so much for your efforts in this endeavor !

P.S. letter and order forms in this newsletter and online.

Zonta Bog Newsletter feedback and content suggestions are encouraged. Please send to MFKnight@Crocker.com

Club Officers 2008

At the May meeting we voted on our slate of officers for 2007-2008. There was unanimous approval for the following to serve their 2nd year of this biennium:

President	Christine Gerl
Vice President	Mary Knight
Treasurer	Debra Allen
Secretary	Elizabeth Reeves
Directors	Julie Bowder
	Dr. Mary Ann Rubis

Committees/ Current Chairs

Archives ..... Marjorie Cavanaugh
Environment..... Elizabeth Reeves
Golf Tournament…Marjorie and Deb Wood
Membership..... Mary Knight
Poinsettia Sales ..... Elizabeth Reeves
Program..... Janet DaSilva
Public Relations..... Debra Wood
Scholarship..... Kristen Goold
Service .....…Joanne Turner-Chiacchia
United Nations .....Betty Jane Bourdon
ZISVAW……..Dorothy LaFratta, Mary Knight

16 Days of Activism www.zonta.org

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is an international campaign originating from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute sponsored by the Center for Women's Global Leadership in 1991. The campaign highlights the connections between women, violence, and human rights from 25 November to 10 December. The Campaign is an organizing strategy for individuals and groups around the world to call for the elimination of all forms of violence against women. Key dates:
25 November ***International Day Against Violence Against Women***
1 December ***World AIDS Day***
10 December ***Universal Declaration of Human Rights***. This document was one of the first major achievements of the United Nations and provided the basic philosophy for many legally binding international instruments to follow.

November Meeting Minutes

Zinfandel's Restaurant
Palmer, Massachusetts
November 5, 2007
Business Meeting

Members Present:
Carol Bardon, Julie Bowder, Ann Cormier, Mary Knight, Kris Gould, Chris Gerl, Diane Kidd, Marge Cavanaugh, Judy Van deGeer, Dot LaFratta, Mary Ann Rubis, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Janet DeSilva, Debbie Wood
Absent:
Deb Allen, BJ Bourdon, Kathy Hood, Liz Reeves, Jeanne Dill, Louise Larocque

Guests: Trudie Canterbury, Bob Canterbury, Theresa Grove, Janet Sullivan, Anita Souter, Barbara and Len Hautin, Merry and Paul Mombourquette, Amy and Becky Herring, Linda and Bill Perry, Lou Ann Grimes

Dinner started at 6:00, after introductions.

A Zonta slide show was presented by Mary Knight, Chris Gerl, Judy Van deGeer, and Marge Cavanaugh.

Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report: Filed for audit

Committee Reports

Poinsettia Sale:
Marge reported on the Poinsettia Committee. The committee will make phone calls. There is to be an ad in the local papers, Belchertown, Palmer, and Ludlow.

Public Relations: Deb, when we know recipient of Founders Day Award, hopes to be able to get press.

Service Committee: Joann reported that proposals are being put on hold; suggestion that money go to children gifts. Service committee members were on vacation.

United Nations: BJ absent, due to birth of granddaughter.

Program: Janet suggested that the December meeting reflect women in Iraq, Iran or Pakistan. The committee will make a decision and get back to membership. Suggestion for pot-luck, bring a dish and the recipe to share, so we could make a cookbook.

New Business: none

Other Business: Chris Gould shared an article about Zonta that raised money for a library in Naples, FL. She asked for suggestions for the future.
Chris Gould shared a thank you note for the gift certificate we sent to Emily Giera for the making the necklaces for the convention.

Evening Program:
Marge gave a history of Founder's Day and introduced Trudy Canterbury. Chris read Trudy's biography.

Trudy unselfishly gives of her time, talent and financial support to make life better for her community. She exemplifies the ideals of Zonta and we are proud to honor her as our Founders Day Recipient.

There were comments from Zonta members about Trudie's good deeds in the community for many years.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20

Respectfully submitted
Carol Bardon, Acting Secretary

Did you know? Prevalence of violence against women and girls
Violence against women is a universal problem and one of the most widespread violations of human rights. One in three women will suffer some form of violence in her lifetime, becoming part of an epidemic that devastates lives, fractures communities and stalls development. In no country in the world are women safe from domestic and intimate violence. Half of the women who die from homicides are killed by their current or former husbands or partners. Get informed, spread the word. www.zonta.org

ZISVAW—Community Event for 2008

Members of the Northampton, Springfield and Quaboag Valley clubs met on 11/7 to discuss working together on a domestic violence awareness project for next October. BJ Bourdon, Dot Lafratta, Chrisine Gerl, Jayma Hall, Sharon MacDonald and Arora Fleming have outlined some thoughts and are seeking additional ideas. They are also inviting the participation of Berkshire and Quinebaug Valley members, and other interested groups.

Please review the following information and be prepared to discuss at the November 10th dinner meeting.

Proposed fall program/community event for 2008:

- **Working title**: Domestic Violence: Through the Eyes of a Child

- **Organizers:** Zonta Clubs of Western MA would coordinate and invite involvement from the local YWCAs, Men's Resource Group, Girl Scouts, Boys & Girls Clubs, and other interested organizations

- **Timing:** October 2008 - not to interfere with District I Fall Conference, Jewish Holy Days, Take Back the Night event or Halloween.

- **Location**: Site that would hold at least 100 people, have room for registration and booths, allow adequate free parking, allow food service, be a safe/secure environment, and be accessible easily from Mass Pike or Route 91.

- **Purpose**: Educate about the issue of Domestic Violence and raise awareness of its effect in the family, community and society - as seen through the perspective of children. Provide information on resources available and generate ideas for follow up.

- **Audience**: Indecision - need your help in thinking this out. Would it be:

  (a) victims and families; or
  (b) educators, counselors, advocates, employers, adults and students in leadership roles.

- **Program**: T.B.D. Ideas: Keynote address from a powerful local figure, such as Mayor Sarno of Springfield. Panel of experts such as: Marlene Steinberg (NOT AVAILABLE), Laura Koenigs, Jackson Katz, etc.

- **Budget**: Costs are unclear at this time, but could involve facility rental, food/refreshments, promotional materials (printing and mailing), at a minimum. We do have seed money from a conference held in 2005. Other income could include registration fee from attendees, booth fees from sponsors, and possible private donations.

FEEDBACK NEEDED BY 12/21/07 - please review the program overview with your club. Please have ONE member be accountable for responding back in writing with what her club would support by way of audience/ location/ program, and any other considerations. Please be as specific as possible so we can find consensus.

MEETING AVAILABILITY - while we can do a lot with email, at least ONE member of each participating club needs to attend the planning meetings in January and February so we have some continuity. By 12/21 please identify WHO will be the core member(s) that will commit to getting this project off the ground....AND.... what dates/times would be doable.

BJ Borden's office is 5 minutes from the Holyoke Mall and might be a good in-between location if meeting room is available.

Zonta Club of
Northampton Area
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You are Invited to a Holiday Season Celebration

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

Lord Jeffery Inn
30 Boltwood Ave.
Amherst, MA 01002

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Hors D'oeuves/Cash Bar
7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Dinner Buffet

Entertainment by GroupDeVille

Cost: $26.00 per. Person.

RSVP by December 9th: Northampton@zontadistrict1.org
or Telephone: 587-2690

Zonta club members will bring unwrapped gifts, gift cards or monetary donation to purchase gifts for the women at Grace House, Northampton

Optional for guests

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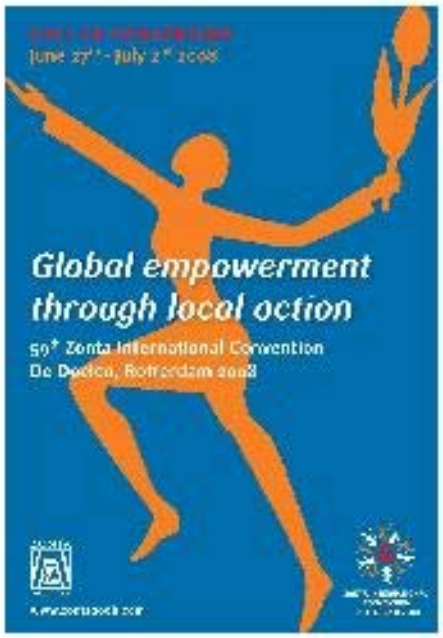

Call To Convention Now Available

The Zontian magazine with the **Call to Convention** insert was mailed in November 2007. For information on the Zonta International Convention in Rotterdam, 27 June - 2 July 2008, visit the Convention Web site at **www.zonta2008.com**.