Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley
District 1, Area 2

February 2007

ZONTA BOG NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Sister Zontians,

I will bring correspondent from Lynn Goodhue and International and put them on the side table for everyone to read. Dot LaFratta did go to the regional meeting on the status of women in Springfield and will report to us on what happened at this meeting.

Please fill out the international survey distributed last month and bring it to the February meeting, sealed inside the envelope provided. Please do not put any markings on the outside of the envelope. I will then give them to Lynn to send to International for processing. Please let's have 100% participation in this.

I understand that our sister club in Colorado did an outstanding job on the Glass slipper Ball. It has not been totaled up yet. On one aspect they made over $10,000. Rosalie will keep me informed to the event progress. Great job to all the members that participated in the event!

Many of the standing committee have met this month and will be giving us an update on there progress and the needs for members help in the upcoming projects.

We will be welcoming our Newest member Dianne Kidd at our need meeting. Congratulation and welcome to the Quaboag Valley Club.

I hope that I have covered everything. See you all Feb 12.
Yours in Zonta's Spirit of advancing the status of women.

Christine Gerl

Quote of the Month from our Service committee:
"Love is that vital essence that pervades and permeates, from the center to the circumference, the graduating circles of all thought and action. Love is the talisman of human weal and woe-the open sesame to every soul." **Elizabeth Cady Stanton**

Calendar 2007

2/12 **February Dinner Meeting 5:30 p.m.*** Zinfandel's Restaurant. Guests welcome! BJ Bourdin will share information on International Service Projects for Zonta with a focus on Women's Health.

2/18 President's Day
ZQV Board Meeting

3/8 **Rose Day, International Women's Day**

3/12 **March Dinner Meeting 5:30 p.m.*** Zinfandel's Restaurant. Guests welcome! Kris Holloway, author of ***Monique and the Mango Rains***, will be our guest speaker. Thanks to Liz Reeves who was able to contact and secure Ms. Holloway for our program. Great opportunity to invite a guest—let's publicize!

4/9 **April Dinner Meeting 5:30 p.m.*** Zinfandel's Restaurant. Guests welcome!

5/5 New England Area Retreat Wells, ME
Save the Date!

* **Dinner $15.00, dues $3.00.** 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 St, 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 Street and Main Street.

Holiday Dinner Meeting Minutes January 8, 2007 6:00 p.m. Zinfandel's Restaurant, Palmer MA

Zontians present: Debra Allen, BJ Bourdon, Julie Bowder, Ann Cormier, Janet DaSilva, Jeanne Dill, Christine Gerl, Mary Knight, Elizabeth Reeves, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Judy Van de Geer, Debra Wood
Zontians absent: Marge Cavanaugh, Kris Goold, Kathy Hood, Dot LaFratta, Mary Ann Rubis
Guests: Catherine Dionne, Carol Bardon, Diane Kidd.

Dinner was served at 6:00 PM. Chris welcomed our guests and all of the members introduced themselves.

Program: Janet shared a few facts about Amelia Earhart. Then Chris and Janet presented some helpful information on living options for elderly people as they age.

The meeting was brought to order at 6:45 PM

Previous Minutes: Mary Ann made a correction under Christmas for kids. Instead of our "report being filed every other month " It should be "quarterly" (She did this through email since she was not present at the meeting.) A motion was made to accept the minutes as written after the correction was made.

Treasurers Report: Deb went over the report and it was filed for audit. Proposed Budget: A vote was made to accept the budget and was seconded.

Committee Reports:

Environmental: Liz will schedule a meeting in the next few weeks.

Poinsettia: All of the money should be in by the next business meeting and we should have the final numbers.

Golf: The committee will be scheduling a meeting.'

ZISVAW: Mary attended the performance of The Yellow Dress and found it extraordinary. Nothing has been set in motion with the FVIC. Mary urged us to email her with any suggestions as to what we could do. Chris and Dot will be attending Hamden Regional Council and may get some ideas as to what we could do.

Membership: Mary has received some names of perspective members and has mailed them Zonta information. We need to do an article on Diane Kidd letting us know more about her since she is becoming a member.

PR: Chris mentioned that the editor from The Women's Times will be a guest in February.

Service: Joanne's committee reviewed Top Floor Learning Center request for Literacy Tutor Training funds. The club voted and accepted to give them $500.
Program: Next month we will read **Kris Holloway's** book, ***Monique and the Mango Rains***. Liz has emailed Kris to see if she could join us for the meeting. Mary suggested that we focus on some questions while reading the book.

UN: The trip to NYC is limited to six people from District 1. The dinner for the Commission on the Status of Women will cost $85.00. BJ and Jackie are working on getting a trip together to go to the UN at another time.

New Business: ZI Survey was handed out and Chris would like all members to return it to her at the Feb meeting.

Raffle: Julie Bowder and Debbie Wood won the raffle !

Meeting Adjourned 7:30
Respectfully Submitted
Liz Reeves

CLUB OFFICERS 2006-2007

President:	Chris Gerl
Vice President:	Mary Knight
Treasurer:	Deb Allen
Secretary:	Liz Reeves
Directors:	Julie Bowder
	Dr. Mary Ann K. Rubis

COMMITTEES/CURRENT CHAIRS

Membership	Mary Knight
Service	Joanne Turner-Chiacchia
Public Relations	Deb Wood
ZISVAW	Dot LaFratta, Mary Knight
United Nations	BJ Bourdon
Archives	Marge Cavanaugh
Golf Tournament	Marge Cavanaugh
Poinsettia Sales	Liz Reeves
Environment	Liz Reeves
Scholarship	Kris Goold
Program	Janet DaSilva

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

Dianne Kidd to be welcomed to the Club!

BJ has known Dianne for over 25 years and is honored to call her a close friend. She has all the virtues of a true Zontian and lives them daily. She and her husband, Ron, have raised 5 children on their farm in Hampden, MA. The children are all married now and Dianne and Ron are enjoying their 5 grandchildren (2 girls and 3 boys). Dianne is a successful realtor and has been for over 20 years. She is associated with Carlson GMAC in Wilbraham.

Dianne was unanimously voted into membership by email vote and will be installed at the February meeting. Congratulations and Welcome!

Contact info: **Carlson** GMAC Real Estate 2040 Boston Road, Ste 16 Wilbraham, MA 01095 USA Phone: (413) 596-6711 Fax: (413) 596-6718 Email: DKidd@carlsonre.com

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Golf Fundraiser - Committee Update

Marge Cavanaugh and Debbie Wood (co-chairs)

The committee met on January 29th to discuss the 13th Annual Golf Tournament to be held Saturday, June 16 at Mill Valley Golf links. As in the past, the schedule will be 7 A.M. Registration, Coffee/Danish; 8 A.M. Shotgun start---18 Hole Scramble--snacks at the turn; 1:30 P.M. Picnic Lunch with Burgers, Dogs, Salads, etc. The cost will be $65 per person for non members and $40 for Mill Valley members.

Mary Knight will prepare Sponsor and Player letters to be mailed mid March. Debbie will contact Foxwoods for a donation of dinner and hotel room for a main raffle prize. Peter Pan Bus Lines (thanks to Kris Goold) will donate 2 Red Sox Tickets for a weekend game ($210 value) and members will be asked to suggest additional items with a $100 value. Marge and Kris Goold will look into the printing of the tickets as Pathfinder is not able to do it this year. Price of raffle tickets will remain the same: $1.00 each or a booklet of 6 for $5.00.

Members will be asked to begin collection and solicitation of prizes for both men and women players. Marge and Debbie will work with Frank Leja at Mill Valley regarding the details of our plans. A $200 deposit which will be requested at the next dinner meeting. Give-Aways for Players: Debbie had samples of small towels with iron on "Z's" that she is willing to make with grommets and hooks attached. Marge has some bags to offer players a choice. Other tasks to be assigned closer to date of tournament: purchase/donation and delivery of donuts, Danish; purchase/donation and delivery of snacks; volunteers for registration, sale of 50/50 and raffle prizes, sale of mulligans and prize table setup.

We are looking forward to another successful event!

Enviornment Committee Update

Liz Reeves, Chair

The committee met on January 22nd to discuss possible projects. A decision was made to do Ludlow's planters again if the town is interested. A second project may be tied in with Peaked Mountain Reservation in Monson. Judy is following up to see what support might be needed.

Did you Know?

In sub-Saharan Africa, 57% of adults with HIV are women and young women 15 to 24 are more than three times as likely to be infected as young men.

Globally, more than 80% of women do not have sufficient knowledge about HIV/AIDS and many women do not have the power to say no to sex with an infected partner.

Every year an estimated 4 million women and girls are bought and sold worldwide.

In Bosnia, more than 10,000 victims of trafficking are in the country at one time.

More than 59 million school-aged girls are not in school and female illiteracy rates remain higher than men.

About 530,000 women die annually in pregnancy or during childbirth, mainly due to lack of access to health care.

Be "In The Know" - visit www.zonta.org

What is ZISVAW? The ZISVAW resolution adopted at the 1998 Convention in Paris, France says it best :

Zonta International is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women. Zonta International has dedicated nearly 85 years to improving the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women. For 50 years Zonta International, in partnership with the United Nations, has focused on recognizing women's rights. Zonta International held a summit to determine the causes, costs and consequences of, and possible solutions to issues surrounding violence against women.

WHEREAS: Zonta International worldwide has selected the eradication of violence against women of all generations as its primary service focus locally and internationally

BE IT RESOLVED therefore that:

1. Zonta International, utilizing its membership and drawing upon diverse international expertise and resources, will develop strategies to eradicate violence against women.
2. Zontians in their clubs will select issues of concern and generate a plan of action for their summit meetings.
3. Zonta International regional summit meetings will include all concerned members of the community, government agencies, organizations and associations, recognizing that violence against women is an issue that effects mankind.
4. Zonta International will develop an International Resource Center and Advisory Council to enhance the capacity to monitor legislation and advocate for the elevation of women's social status, guaranteeing their human rights.
5. Zonta International will promote education regarding women's rights, to create an environment of gender equality in family life, in the sphere of education, in the workplace, and in government.
6. Zonta International will increase efforts to provide social, emotional, financial, health and environmental well being and security for the empowerment of women of all generations through advocacy within the legal, medical and public safety systems.

DECISION: The Board recommended for adoption the ZISVAW Policy Statement as follows:

ZISVAW POLICY STATEMENT

Violence against women and children is often condoned by cultures, legal systems, educational systems, health care providers, religions, business institutions, the media and military institutions. Zonta International, an organization pledged to improve the status of women, has taken the eradication of violence against women and their dependent children, as its major goal into the 21st century. Zonta International is committed to draw upon diverse international expertise and resources to develop strategies to contribute to the eradication of violence against women and children worldwide.

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