Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley
District 1, Area 2

January 2007

ZONTA BOG NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Sister Zontians,

Season Greetings! Another busy year for QVC has come to a close. All of you have done a great job promoting the message to others in the QV and beyond. We have taken home the Governor's award two years in a row. This speaks for all the hard work that has been done in the past two years and what our club stands for. We work together within our club and with other clubs to advance the status of women. Let us not forget this in the future projects that we undertake.

We have many new ideas to look at for the up coming year. Dot and I will be attending the Hampden Regional Council this month. (See the invitation we received later in this newsletter.) If there is anyone else that is interested please let me know. It will be Wednesday, January 17th at 3:30-5:00 pm at the Springfield YWCA. We will report to the club on how we can be effective and promote the status of women in the area.

Some other ideas have been presented to me and I will share them at the January meeting. We need to be ever open to the new opportunities in which our club can advance the status of women.

Have a wonderful New Years and may it be prosperous and healthy.
Yours in Zonta
Christine Gerl

Quote of the Month:
Ambition
"....in dreams begins responsibility"

I thought this would be appropriate for the Amelia Earhart honor in January. She took her dream and dedication to Women's empowerment to the highest level. **Janet DaSilva**, Program Chair

Calendar 2007

1/8 January Dinner Meeting **5:30 p.m.***
Zinfandel's Restaurant. Guests welcome!

1/11 Amelia Earhart Day

1/15 MartinLutherKing Jr.'s Birthday
ZQV Board Meeting

2/12 February Dinner Meeting **5:30 p.m.***
Zinfandel's Restaurant. Guests welcome!

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!

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!

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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 December 11, 2006 6:00 p.m. Home of BJ Bourdon, Westfield, MA

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

Committee Reports:

Service: Joanne Turner Chiacchia presented the following requests to the membership:

Palmer Christmas for Kids	$150
Ware Christmas for Kids	150
Food Pantries in	
Palmer	200
Ware	200
Belchertown	200

A motion was made, seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the donations in full.

Christmas for Kids donations have been collected and will be dropped off at DreamCatcher's in Palmer. Kathy will have a box for that purpose. MaryAnn asked us to provide an accounting of how much was spent on this effort for the report we file every other month. Please email Chris Gerl with that figure.

Chris also reminded members to let her know of guests we've invited and other Zonta events/meetings we attend so Zontaland can be updated.

Poinsettias: Liz believes we did about the same as last year but should have all of the money in and final numbers by our January meeting.

Program: Janet passed out surveys again for members to fill out on what they are interested in having presented to the club. Judy made a few suggestions...Ellen Story, Representative from Amherst and Kathleen Norbut. Julie offered to do a program on finance and identity theft. We need to send invitations to some of the people that we would like to have present at a meeting. Betsy Shivelli, DA for Northampton and Wendy Story, Funeral Director, were a few of the names mentioned.

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

Treasurers Report: Postponed to a later date as Deb A. was absent. Joanne asked when the club would have a completed budget for this year.

Mary K. went to the **Massachusetts Conference for Women in Boston** on December 6th and shared a few high points with us. (See separate report later in this newsletter.)

Our Program was sharing the status of women from different countries. Each member made a recipe from her country of choice. Excellent international dishes were enjoyed by all!

Meeting Adjourned 8:30

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Reeves, Secretary.

Just a reminder to the membership that if you do not let us know by the designated date that you will not attend a meeting , you will be responsible to pay for the extra meal . If you do let us know you will only be responsible for the $3 operating expense .I don't know about anyone else but I can't remember what I did a day ago much less a month so..... the attendance record will be with the minutes.

Monday, January 8, 2007

Our program will focus on something we don't want to think about: **The Aging of America is hitting home for many of us.** With support from family members and community resources, older adults can maintain their independence for a long time, depending on their health. Checking out available community resources can help you ensure a safe, satisfying life for the senior citizen in your family.
But there are so many questions!
What are the basic needs?
Where can you look for help?
What questions should you ask?

Join us to get answers to these and other important questions from those in the know.

Amelia Earhart and her connection with Zonta International

After hearing of Amelia Earhart's disappearance in 1937, the Zonta Club of Bakersfield, California, USA suggested honoring the trailblazing Zontian with a scholarship that would further her deep interest in the science of aeronautics. The Zonta International Board established a committee to gather information on the subject from many sources: the National Aeronautics Association, commercial aviation companies, airports and flying schools, universities and engineering institutes. The committee's research revealed testimony that women, given the proper training, were capable of carrying on specialized work in various departments of aviation and that many opportunities for their services were open in that wide and complex field.
In 1938, Zonta established the Amelia Earhart Fellowships. Few women were active in aeronautics, science or engineering at the time - no qualified applicants were even found in the first two years the Fellowship was offered. Yet Zontians did not doubt the success of such a scholarship program and faithfully supported it, instituting it as a loan to women pursuing graduate education in the aerospace field. In 1952, the Amelia Earhart Fellowship (by that time an award rather than a loan) became, by constitutional amendment, Zonta's first continuing international service program.

January is Amelia Earhart Month
In addition to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship program, Zontians have shown their admiration for Amelia in several ways. In 1963, the Amelia Earhart commemorative airmail postage stamp, for which Zontians fervently campaigned, was issued by the United States Postmaster-General. The Zonta Club of Atchison, Kansas, erected a life-sized bronze statue of Earhart in the International Forest of Friendship in Atchison, Amelia's birthplace. The Zonta Club of Schenectady, New York, purchased a replica of Amelia's plane, now housed at the New York Aerospace Museum. Clubs from all over the world honor her trailblazing spirit every January. 11 January is designated as Amelia Earhart Day, commemorating the day she became the first woman to fly solo over the Pacific Ocean.

Dear Zontians of Quaboag Valley:

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women invites you to become a charter member of its new ***Hampden Regional Council***. The inaugural meeting of this group will be held on Wednesday, January 17 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the YWCA of Western Massachusetts, One Clough St., Springfield.

The MCSW is an independent state agency that was legislatively created in 1998 to advance Massachusetts' women to full equality in all areas of life and to promote their rights and opportunities. As the organization charged with being the permanent, effective voice for the women of Massachusetts, the MCSW must have its finger on the pulse of the status of women statewide. To this end, the Commission is establishing a network of nine Regional Councils that will amplify the work of the Commission by educating and advising the MCSW on region specific issues and concerns and emerging trends.

The Councils will also afford us the opportunity to build our network and identify women who can be tapped as potential Commissioners, candidates for either appointed or elected office, and those who should be connected with other women around the state who are focusing on similar issues.
You have been recommended as someone who would be an asset to the MCSW's Hampden Regional Council. We are seeking 20-30 key women leaders from diverse professions and backgrounds who are prominent in their communities and areas of expertise. We anticipate Councils will meet locally twice a year.

The Commission is very excited about this wonderful opportunity to more effectively connect with the women of Massachusetts and hope you will choose to participate. We have enclosed an MCSW brochure and would refer you to our web site www.mass.gov/women for more information. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please reply to our Outreach Coordinator Jill Ashton at 617-626-6520 or jill.ashton@state.ma.us.

Sincerely, Linda Brantley Executive Director

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Poinsettia Sales	Liz Reeves
Environment	Liz Reeves
Scholarship	Kris Goold
Program	Janet DaSilva

Highlights from our November 2006 Dinner Meeting.

Kathleen Norbut Conley receives the Founders Day Award from ZQV President Christine Gerl and then a citation from Senator Steve Brewer for her work on behalf of women and children victims of Domestic Violence.

Mary Knight, as conference delegate, gave an overview of the Fall District I Conference; and District Governor Lynn Goodhue explained the significance of the Governor's Award and congratulated the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley for earning the award for the 2nd year in a row.

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