

ZCOM News

District 15, Area 4

April 2011

Going.....Going.....GONE!

“There are no friends at auctions!” So declared Trudy Grimason from Furlo Auction and Appraisers who called the auction and encouraged bidders. That statement was borne out as tablemates got rowdy bidding against each other. In the end, the winners were cheered and high-fived, surrounded by laughter and maybe more than one cosmopolitan.



This table had lots of happy bidders!

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The 2011 Zonta auction raised \$5245, which will be used to support the education of our leadership by funding Spring Workshops, sending two delegates to Fall Conference as well as providing \$100 refund to others who attend, and sending two delegates (existing and incoming presidents) to International Conference.

Once again, Trudy donated a fur coat to the auction because she believes in and supports Zonta's mission.

Melissa Anderson was the lucky lady who wore the coat home. A faux fur jacket went home with Kate Maxwell. (More pictures on page 3)

Upcoming Events

SPRING WORKSHOPS: April 30th, May 1st, May 14th, and May 15th. See page 4 for details.

Tuesday, May 3, 11:30 am: Business Meeting, Midland Country Club; Yellow Book picture-taking; New Member Induction

Tuesday, May 10, 5:30 pm: New member orientation at Patty Mishic's home

Tuesday, May 17, 5:30 pm: Social Meeting, Midland Country Club

Saturday, May 21, 8:00 am: **Midland Blooms!**

Tuesday, June 7, 11:30 am: Business Meeting, Midland Country Club; Yellow Book picture-taking; Installation of Officers

Tuesday, June 14, 5:30 pm: **June Social!**

President's Letter

Dear Fellow Zontians,

Spring is here! It's hard to believe that our Homewalk committee is hard at work securing homes for the next Homewalk. They will soon be seeking sponsors as well. This is the major fundraiser we have that funds all the great projects both here in our own community and around the world.

If you are not familiar with the projects of Zonta International, be sure to check out their website at www.zonta.org. There you will find updates on such programs as *Combating HIV Transmission in Rwanda* and Community-Based Self-Help Initiatives in Sri Lanka.

Committee sign-up sheets for 2011/2012 will be appearing on the tables soon. Start thinking about which committee you would like to sign up for. Please contact me if you would like information on the responsibilities and duties of any of the committees. We have an outstanding line-up of committee chairs for next year that will provide the leadership needed for a successful year.

Sincerely,

Esther Seaver
President, Zonta Club of Midland



It's Bloomin' Time!

Grab your trowels, brooms, gloves and knee pads... Midland Blooms is just a few weeks away. On Saturday, May 21st, at 8 am, the place to be is the east side of Eastman Rd. between Bookness and Carpenter where the Zonta crew will be gettin' down and dirty.

You can sign up at either of the two May meetings, or contact Maria Cohoon to volunteer. Sporting a Zonta tshirt or logo will promote our club to passersby. It takes only an hour to beautify our block, so c'mon out and dish some dirt.

May Birthdays

Jerri Liphard, May 12

Maria Cohoon, May 28

Mary Margaret Collins, May 21 Alice Strange, May 29

Lisa Miner, May 21



Induction Ceremony Welcomes Six New Members



The April 5th business meeting saw six new members inducted into the Zonta Club of Midland. Sue Putnam of the Membership Committee read a brief bio of each new member and told the new members about the Zonta colors and the yellow rose. Patty Mishic explained the meaning of the Zonta symbol. After reciting the Zonta pledge, led by President Esther Seaver, the newest Zontians were

applauded and welcomed by the general membership.



On Tuesday, May 10th, at 5:30 pm, Patty Mishic will host a new member orientation at her home. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know our new members and to reinvigorate your own commitment to Zonta. Patty will provide hors d'oeuvres and libations...all we need is you!

There will be another induction ceremony at the May luncheon, so plan on attending to welcome the dynamic women who are joining our club.



Our newest Zontians: (L to R) Beverly McCray, Linda Cassiday, Lynda Putt, Lori McCracken, Patty Aspin. Not pictured: Jill VanderZouwen



The Membership Committee has worked hard this year to increase our membership, but it's up to all of us to continue to provide recommendations for new members and mentor recent inductees. If you need any promotional material, please contact Sue Putnam or anyone on the Membership Committee.


Auction 2011 Memories (continued from Page 1)



District 15 Spring Workshops

As mentioned by Esther in her President's letter, the Spring Workshops are ready for sign-up. The brochure below is from the District 15 website: www.zonta15.org. You will also be getting a "Call to Workshop" via snail mail. Note the registration deadlines so you don't miss participating at the location of your choice. Registration costs are covered by our club. So fill your car with Midland Zontians and go visiting!

<p>Area 1 - Saturday, April 30, 2011 <i>Hosted by the Zonta Club of Gaylord</i></p> <p>Site: Otsego Club and Resort 696 M-32 East, Gaylord, MI 49734</p> <p>Registrar: Trisha Chandler P.O. Box 853, Gaylord, MI 49734 Email: trisha.chandler10@gmail.com *****</p> <p>Area 2 - Sunday, May 1, 2011 <i>Hosted by the Zonta Club of Meridian East</i></p> <p>Site: First National Bank of America 241 E Saginaw Hwy, East Lansing, MI 48823 (800) 266-7661 – (517) 351-2660</p> <p>Registrar: Tracey Wellman 3542 Hiawatha Dr., Okemos, MI 48864 Phone: 517-230-3385 (cell), Email: knittingmachine25@gmail.com *****</p> <p>Area 3 - Saturday, May 14, 2011 <i>Hosted by the Zonta Club of Lenawee</i></p> <p>Site: Cabella's 110 Cabella Boulevard East Dundee, MI 48131</p> <p>Registrar: Bridget Eisenhauer Phone: 517-265-7000 1390 W Maumee St, Adrian, MI 49221 Email: brieis@kernneriottagency.com *****</p> <p>Area 4 - Sunday, May 15, 2011 <i>Hosted by the Zonta Club of Lapeer</i></p> <p>Site: Chatfield School's Willows Earth Education Center Chatfield School, 231 Lake Drive, Lapeer, MI 48446</p> <p>Registrar: Phyllis Clark 2447 King Road, Lapeer, MI 48446 Phone: 810-664-1445</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>2011 DISTRICT 15</p> </div> <p>Area Spring Workshops</p> <p>9:00-9:30 <i>Check-in and Breakfast</i></p> <p>9:30-10:50</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Welcome- President of Host Club Governor- Denise Quarles Lieutenant Governor- Karen Armaly Treasurer- Patty Johnson Service Committee Presentation Messages: Area Director - Introduce Connections Workshops</i></p> <p>11:00-Noon <i>Program:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cast a Ball of Yarn: Why do you value membership in Zonta International?</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Recruit/Retain/Revitalize Exercise Introduce 1 membership moment Membership is Vital</i></p> <p>Noon <i>Lunch</i></p> <p>1:00 -2:00 <i>Program:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Big Stone/Little Stone: The Art of Prioritizing Recruit/Retain/Revitalize Exercise introduce 1 membership moment</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Draw your Vision of your club in 1 year; 3 years; 5 years</i></p> <p>2:00-2:30 <i>Wrap Up</i></p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Registration Form</p> </div> <p>Cost \$30 (U.S.D.) Payable to the host club for each workshop</p> <p>Indicate which workshop you plan to attend:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Area 1: Saturday, April 30 - Registration Deadline April 23, 2011 (Check Payable to Zonta Club of Gaylord Area)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Area 2: Sunday, May 1 - Registration Deadline April 23, 2011 (Check Payable to Zonta Club of Meridian East)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Area 3: Saturday, May 14 - Registration Deadline May 7, 2011 (Check Payable to Zonta Club of Lenawee)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Area 4: Sunday, May 15 - Registration Deadline May 7, 2011 (Check Payable to Zonta Club of Lapeer)</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City/State/Province/Zip Code: _____</p> <p>Zonta Club of: _____</p> <p>Phone (Residence): _____ Other: _____</p> <p>Email Address: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have dietary restrictions. Restrictions are: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> check here if this is your first time attending a Spring Workshop</p> <p>Send your registration to the registrar listed for the workshop you plan to attend:</p> <p>Area 1: Trisha Chandler, PO Box 853, Gaylord, MI 49734 Area 2: Tracey Wellman, 3542 Hiawatha Dr., Okemos, MI 48864 Area 3: Bridget Eisenhauer, 1390 W Maumee St., Adrian, MI 49221 Area 4: Phyllis Clark, 2447 King Rd., Lapeer, MI 48446</p>
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PICTURE THIS!

Do you need to refresh your Yellow Book photo? Are you a new member as of June 2010? If so, be prepared at either the lunch meeting on May 3 or lunch meeting on June 7 to have your picture taken.

Bob Stafford has generously offered his time to take our pictures. He will be set up half hour before each meeting to capture the magic. Say, "Cheese!"

June Social is an Historic Event!

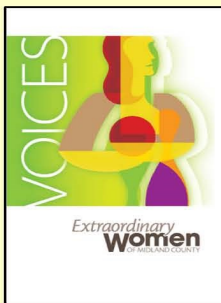
Zonta June Event

"A Night at the Museum"

Tuesday, June 14, 2011*

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Midland County Historical Museum
3417 W. Main Street (near Cook Road)**



Discover the remarkable women whose lives helped shape our community in this exhibit honoring the achievements of local women, past and present, and sharing their stories.

Educators, health care workers, homemakers, businesswomen, artists, activists, community volunteers, philanthropists, women of faith and many others – there are so many inspiring stories that deserve to be shared.

Empty Canvas

Artist / musician Mike McMath, along with his twin brother, musician Scott McMath, completes a painting while singing lead and back-up vocals. The brothers McMath perform great covers and fun originals as a background for an original painting that can be purchased after the show.

Painting will be auctioned off at the end of the performance.



**ALSO FEATURING
BOB'S MICRO-BREWED BEER
4 UNIQUE BREWS**



**Spouses, Friends, Family are Welcome
No Charge to Zonta Members
\$25 for Guests**

RSVP by June 1, 2011

**Tasty appetizers and desserts will be served all evening
No charge for beer, wine, or soft drinks**

*Please note the date change from our regular Dinner meeting night.

Wine, Chocolate, & Friends...That's a Good Time!



Zonta Zing #3 was hosted by Lisa Hulbert and husband, Mike. The event was a wine-tasting party that provided an opportunity to sample seven different wines and listen to their "stories". The storyteller was Angela Garcia of *Wines for Humanity*.



Reds and whites, dry to sweet, with a few nuts and chocolates in between

gave all the guests an opportunity to sample wines from around the world and learn how to best appreciate them using the "Five S's" of wine tasting: sight, swirl, smell, savor, swallow. At the beginning of the evening everyone was decorously sipping their samples and chatting quietly. By the third round, the volume began to rise and sippers shared wine they didn't care for with others who liked it. At the end of the presentation, Angela's message was sometimes lost in the din and laughter.

Angela shared her knowledge of the wines we were tasting and explained how different grapes at different stages of development create different wines. Did you know that Dom Perignon, the Benedictine monk who was the cellar master at his abbey and whose name is synonymous fine wine, invented the wire cage

that covers corks in wine bottles? He did that to keep the fermentation process from causing corks to explode from bottles. Angela supplied several stories like this as she poured each wine and passed around sugared nuts and Dove chocolates.



The Barkers trying to decide which wine(s) to purchase.

One of the side benefits of hosting a Wines for Humanity party is that a portion of the purchases from the party is donated to local charities that work for the prevention of homelessness in families with children. It's a great way to share the camaraderie of friends, learn a little bit along the way, and help the community all in one evening.



Angela pours the first round.

Thank you, Sponsors!

A special thank you to our new-member sponsors for inviting these remarkable women to join Zonta. Your mentoring and fellowship has strengthened our club and promoted the Zonta message. We appreciate Diane Moomey, Esther Seaver, Susan Putnam, Gwen Northrup, Cynthia Chilcote, and Linda Goltz.



PARKING FOR PROFIT!



Zonta has 8 opportunities to raise money for our club by parking cars in the McKay lot at Loons home games. Lisa Orlando and Linda Malekadelì have volunteered to serve as lead coordinators to round up other volunteers and manage the logistics. Each game requires 4-6 volunteers to take money, direct traffic, and allocate parking slots.



Maureen Acker, Chair of the Services Committee, provided the following game schedule. Please look it over and see if there's a date and time that you can come out and help Zonta raise some money. Just call the coordinator to book your day. This is a great opportunity for families with older children.



<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
Mon.	4/18	6:05pm	South Bend	Lisa Orlando
Sat.	4/23	6:05pm	Dayton	Linda Malekadelì
Sun.	5/8	2:05pm	Bowling Green	Linda Malekadelì
Fri.	5/20	7:05pm	South Bend	Lisa Orlando
Wed.	5/25	7:05pm	Dayton	Linda Malekadelì
Fri.	6/3	7:05pm	Peoria	Linda Malekadelì
Mon.	8/15	7:05pm	West Michigan	Lisa Orlando
Wed.	8/24	7:05pm	Dayton	Lisa Orlando

Dates and Times Subject to Change--Contact Loons For More Information



Archives Committee Seeks Club History

Are you harboring Zonta documents, photos, or reports? The Archives Committee is looking for the following items to detail the history of our club. Please contact Jill Van Buskirk at jillievb@gmail.com if you have any of these items:

- 2008 through present:
 - Meeting minutes (board, membership, and committees)
 - Annual reports
 - Membership lists/Yellow Books
 - Board, officers, nomination & committees
 - Financial records
 - Service: documentation of scholarships, gifts and recipients, donated items
 - Club publications
 - Club activities and project awards
 - Newspaper articles
- Any years:
 - Photographs
 - Scrapbooks
 - Oral history

**Zonta Club of Midland
Business Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 5, 2011**

Zonta President, Esther Seaver, called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm. The meeting began with the Zonta Blessing and introductions.

New Member Induction – Six new members were inducted; Patti Aspin, Linda Putt, Linda Cassiday, Jill Vander Zouwen, Lori McCracken, and Beverly McCray.

Secretary's Report –The minutes of the March 1, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Motion to approve as presented by Jan McGuire; supported by Gwen Northrup; approved.

Treasurer's Report – Diane Moomey presented copies of the Treasurer's Report, including \$8,500 dues to ZI. Motion to accept the report by Sue Moody supported by Colette St Louis; approved.

Standing Committee Reports

Assimilation/Retention/Rejuvenation (ARR) Committee – Lisa Hulbert: ZING tomorrow night at Lisa Hulbert's home; RSVP's still being accepted.

Archives Committee - Chair, Jill Van Buskirk: Request for items for Archives.

Attendance – Chair, Tammy Swinson: No report.

By-Laws Committee – Chair, Cynthia Chilcote: No report.

Fellowship Committee – Chair, Kate Maxwell: June social will be on Tuesday, June 14th. No cost to members; \$25 for guests. The 2nd Tuesday was chosen to avoid the Summer Solstice events downtown. Will be held at the Historical Society; entertainment - Empty Canvas. Home-brewed beer will be served.

Finance/Fundraising Committee – Cynthia Chilcote: Proposed Budget (see handout) has no increase in dues; Motion to accept the Budget by Finance Committee supported by Sue Moody; approved.

Homewalk Committee – Co-Chairs, Sue Moody and Cathy Budd: Looking for homes; please notify either co-chair if you have a lead.

Intercity/United Nations Committee – Sue Moody for Chair, Chandra Morse: Zonta Rose note cards are available; ask that members send a card to a female mentor who made a difference in your life. Jane M Klausman Scholarships available; application deadline is May 27.

Organization Membership/Classification - Chair, Susan Putnam: No report.

Public Relations Committee – Colette St Louis: Photos will be taken at the May lunch and dinner meetings. Website is still being updated. Zonta Club of Midland is now on Facebook.

Status of Women in Service/Legislation/Advocacy – Chair, Maureen Acker: Opportunity for fundraising via parking for Loon's games at old McKay Press building. April 18th is 1st date; 6:05 start; need 5-6 volunteers for each date, and need to be there 2 hours in advance.

Ways and Means – Chair, Cari Francis: Sandy stressed the importance of the April auction, explaining what the funds are used for. Mentioned many of the items already collected, and that the committee still needs more items, especially from members. Will have both silent & live auctions. Paypal available for a small fee.

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Parliamentarian – Kate Maxwell: No report.

Nominating Committee – Carole Calvert-Baxter: Presented slate of officers. Sharon Miller moved that the Slate of Officers be voted on as a single slate; 2nd by Lisa Hulbert; presented; Slate approved as presented.

Past President – Sue Moody: No report.

Unfinished Business

Election of Officers for 2011/2012 (see attached).

Presentation of Slate of Officers for 2011/2012 (see attached).

New Business

Announcements

Denim Day Friday, April 8 in support of Shelterhouse.

Chefs for Shelterhouse on April 28.

Rotary Club is having a bread sale.

Literacy Council thanks all Zontians for their help in the Greatest Dessert Party; raised over \$25,000.

The 50/50 Raffle: \$42.00 was won by Lisa Lundahl.

Dates to Remember

April 5th - Business Meeting 11:30 am at Country Club

April 6th – 6:00 ZING at Lisa Hulbert's home

April 19th - Social Meeting 5:30 pm at Country Club, Zonta Auction

April 21st - 7:15 am – Board Meeting – Big Brothers Big Sisters

May 3rd - Business Meeting 11:30 am at Country Club

May 10th – New member orientation at Patty Mischic's home.

May 17th - Social Meeting 5:30 pm at Country Club

May 19th - 7:15 am – Board Meeting – Big Brothers Big Sisters

June 7th - Business Meeting 11:30 am at Country Club

June 14th – Social at Historical Society

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Malekadeli, Secretary