

# ZCOM News

District 15, Area 4

May 2011

## Homewalk Funds 7 Scholarships!



From left: Jami Maloney, Sarah Brooks, Samantha Roberts, Elayne Smith, Jillian Seamster, Holly Snellenberger. Not pictured: Chantel Heilman .

This is why Homewalk is so important. This is why the Homewalk Committee works so hard throughout the year. This is why homeowners open their residences and decorators donate their talents. This is why we recruit sponsors. This is why we sell the tickets and stand for hours.

Why??? To hear the stories and feel the passion of our scholarship

recipients. To learn how wisely we've devoted our time and club efforts to improve the lives and futures of women in our community. To be a small part of their success. To help them achieve their dreams.

Our May dinner meeting brought all the pieces of the Homewalk puzzle together to celebrate the 2011 Zonta Club of Midland scholarship recipients and thank the homeowners and decorators for the major parts they played in the success of the event. Cathy Budd gave a brief presentation highlighting the 2010 Homewalk, the most successful Zonta fundraiser in 5 years. She asked the decorators and homeowners to stand and be recognized for their generosity in making it happen.

Each scholarship recipient was introduced by a different Zonta member. Family members were thanked and lauded for their unending support and encouragement.

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## Upcoming Events

**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! Midland Historical Society**

**Thursday, June 23, 7:15 am:** Board Meeting, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

**JULY: No meetings scheduled...Happy Summer!**



## President's Letter

Dear Fellow Zontians,

Zonta District 15 Governor, Denise Quarles, recently asked, "How often do we all express concern about the fact that many people have never heard of Zonta? We talk about how important it is to spread the word about this great organization to which we belong, in part, to help increase our membership and thereby to enhance our ability to carry out our mission." As members of the Zonta Club of Midland, we can proudly tell people about how our club has advanced the status of women both around the world with our International donation and locally with 7 scholarships and donations to local organizations. If you were able to attend the dinner meeting last week, you learned first-hand the positive impact we are having on the lives of women right here in our community. We were able to give an unexpected additional scholarship this year thanks the great success of last year's Homewalk.



Sadly, we have lost members this year due to transfers, moves, and life changes. This means we need to continue to grow our membership! Attending orientations, Zings, and other Zonta functions, I have heard many stories of how active participation in our club has helped Zontians develop leadership skills that have helped them both personally and professionally. I have benefited greatly from my membership in Zonta as both my friends and my supervisors at the recycling center can attest. (They have continued to support my membership in Zonta even in the worst economic circumstances.)

Have a great summer, and remember while many of our schedules are slowing down for summer, the Homewalk Committee will be hard at work securing the homes, rest-stop and sponsors for the 2011 Homewalk. The success of the Homewalk depends on every Zontian in our club, so please answer the call when asked to support their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Seaver  
President, Zonta Club of Midland

## June Birthdays



Lydia WatsonPinney, June 6

Jana Chotivkova, June 15

Maureen Acker, June 8

Esther Seaver, June 16

Lisa Lundahl, June 11

Rhonda Anderson, June 20

Linda Cassiday, June 12

Debra Miller, June 27

## Induction Ceremony Welcomes Four New Members

The May 7th business meeting saw four new members inducted into the Zonta Club of Midland. President Esther Seaver related the objectives of Zonta to the incoming members. Cynthia Chilcote explained the Zonta symbol while Sue Putnam used the flip chart to show each part of the symbol.

The new inductees, Bridget Sadenwater, Deborah Witt, Debra Miller, and Susan Kleinhans, received their pins and yellow roses. After reciting the Zonta pledge, the new members were warmly welcomed into the club by a round of applause.

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.



From left: Bridget Sadenwater, Debra Miller, Deborah Witt, Susan Kleinhans.

## Can You Dig It ???

When Becky Wieland had a conflict in her schedule, Maria Cohoon stepped in to serve as this year's Midland Blooms block captain. She rallied the troops and coordinated workers on Saturday, May 21st. Fortunately, the day was sunny and warmer, so the 13 members, friends, and family who volunteered to plant marigolds spent a pleasant hour beautifying the Zonta section of Eastman Road. Here's what you missed:



## Scholarship Evening *(continued from Page 1)*



Decorators (from left): Kathy Frost, Casey Pincumbe, Amanda Luplow, and Nancy Borman.

Holly Snelenberger is working on her Masters in Social Services at MSU. She wants to empower other women to achieve their dreams.

Two-time scholarship winner, Jami Maloney, is also a two-time cancer survivor. She's studying at Delta to become a nurse practitioner.

Sarah Brooks, another two-time scholarship winner, is in her final year of her BSN program. She will be doing her clinicals in Cuba next February.

Chantel Heilman is earning her Master's degree in Applied Behavioral Science. She will be using her education to improve the lives of families living with autism.

Inspired by teachers with passion, Jillian Seamster is a teacher candidate in her fifth year. She wants to inspire young women in inner city schools to achieve their full potential.

Elayne Smith continues to volunteer at Shelterhouse long after her internship there ended. She attends SVSU and will acquire a degree in Social Work, specializing in combating domestic violence.

Samantha Roberts is also in the Social Work program at SVSU. Her specialty will be domestic violence and healthcare. She was deeply affected by a trip to Haiti and the women she met there who endure under extraordinary circumstances.



Homeowners (from left): Joe and Alexandra Pulkiewicz; the Hughes family—Tom and Julia and their three daughters, Jeena, Johahna, and Guena.

### PICTURE THIS!



Do you need to refresh your Yellow Book photo? Are you a new member as of June 2010? If you didn't get your picture taken in May and would like one for the 2011 Yellow Book, get gorgeous for the lunch meeting on June 7 to have your picture taken. This is the last opportunity for this year's books.

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

**June Social is an Historic Event!**

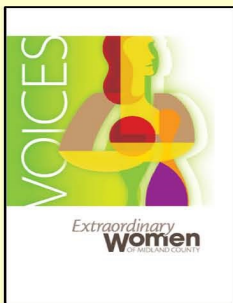
# Zonta June Event

## "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.

# Orientation Fun at Patty Mishic's



Patty Mishic's home was the site of an evening of learning and laughter as she hosted our new member orientation on May 10th. Her beautiful home has the perfect entertainment area in the lower level, which provided a comfortable location for the orientation presentation by Susan Putnam.

But before the formalities, Mixmaster Patty Aspin jumped behind the custom-made bar to serve thirsty members. New members quickly realized that this was not your typical orientation session! →



Along with wine, water, soda, and the like, our hostess provided a delicious buffet meal of gourmet sandwiches, salad, cheese, crackers, and rich fudge brownies. Everyone was full and mellow by the time the formal presentation started.



Kate Maxwell and Diane Moomey seriously discussing the benefits of red wine.

Susan started off the presentation by asking everyone to introduce themselves. She then recognized Sandy Weimer for her 20 years of Zonta membership. The slideshow explained the Zonta hierarchy from International to local clubs. It highlighted ZI's initiatives and the programs Zonta funds, both internationally and locally. Scholarship information followed with contributory comments from members about the Homewalk and how we fund our local scholarships. Finally, the program gave new members insight into how our club works, the committees involved, programs in place, and meals and RSVP protocol.



Two Debs enjoy orientation.

Thank you to Patty Mishic for opening her house to welcome new members!

*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, Linda Soltz, Kathy Dollard, Sharon Mortensen, and Sandy Weimer.*



## PARKING FOR PROFIT!



There are only three opportunities left 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.

Please look over the schedule below 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>
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*



## 2011 Auction Appreciation

A big thank you to all our members who participated in the auction either as a donor or buyer. The auction raised \$5245, surpassing our goal by \$245. I would like to thank everyone on my committee, Melissa Anderson, Ann Beck, Jerri Liphard, Lisa Lundahl, Gwen Northrup, Leslie Pierfelice, Casey Pincumbe, Kendra Sysak and Sandy Weimer for all their help in planning, organizing and executing the auction. A special thank you to Maria Cohoon and Tammy Swinson for volunteering to help also.

The following non-member businesses contributed to our auction. Please take a moment to thank them if you are patronizing their establishment: Heather & Holly, Northwood University and Northwood Gallery, Gems by Em, Villa D'Alessandro's, Apple Valley Dolls, Artistry from Lisa VanDerhoof, Great Lakes Loons, Linda Calzadillas, The Landing, Midland Tennis Center, The Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe, Organize with Hope, Riverwalk Place in Gladwin, McMahan, Thomson & Associates and SPACE.

Cari Francis  
Ways & Means Committee Chair



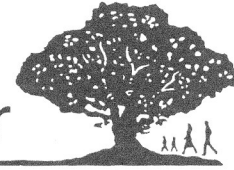
Happy 20th Anniversary !!!

Congratulations to Sandy Weimer, Nan Blas, and Michele Atwell who celebrate 20 years of Zonta membership in May.



# West Midland Family Center Thank-You

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May 17, 2011

Zonta Club of Midland  
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Dear Zonta Club members:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the West Midland Family Center, we would like to extend our gratitude for your donation dated 5/03/11, check number 5861 of \$500.00 Your donation will be used to provide transportation for our limited income families so they will have an opportunity to take advantage of our social development programs.

Part of our mission at WMFC is to improve the overall quality of life for residents of west Midland County by offering programs for all ages. These include preschool, year-round youth activities, adult, family and senior citizen programming, all of which are intended to encourage healthy lifestyles. Your gift will help ensure the continuation of these valuable programs.

Thanks to the support we receive from local residents and clubs & organizations, such as Zonta, we can strive on improving and expanding our offerings from year to year. You can be very proud that you are helping to make Midland County a better place to live!

Sincerely,

*@ \$4.29 a gallon this  
is going to help out  
a lot of Moms!*

Greg Dorrien  
Executive Director

*Greg*

West Midland Family Center is a 501(c) 3 organization, exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 170. We have not provided you with either goods or services in exchange for your contribution. For more information about the deductibility of your contribution, contact your tax preparer.



**Zonta Club of Midland  
Business Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 3, 2011**

Zonta President, Esther Seaver, called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm. The meeting began with the Zonta Blessing and introductions.

**New Member Induction** – Four new members were inducted: Bridget Sadenwater, Deborah Witt, Debra Miller and Sue Kleinhans.

**Secretary's Report** –The minutes of the April 5, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Motion to approve as presented by Sharon Mortensen; supported by Kathy Dollard approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Diane Moomey presented copies of the Treasurer's Report; expenses are down, so no transfer of funds is necessary, with \$8,500 sent to ZI. Motion to accept the report by Mary Hart supported by Debbie Stephens; approved. Dues are now past due!

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Assimilation/Retention/Rejuvenation (ARR) Committee – Nan Blasy:** ZING Thursday, May 19 downtown. Email will follow.

**Archives Committee – Becky Weiland:** .Reported that Dr. Ruth Ellis, MD, who was a Zontian for many years, and also was a moving force in organizing Big Sisters of Midland, passed away April 14, 2011.

**Attendance – Chair, Tammy Swinson:** Need to RSVP for June social by June 1<sup>st</sup>..

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

**Fellowship Committee – Chair, Kate Maxwell:** June social will be on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheet on tables.

**Finance/Fundraising Committee – Cynthia Chilcote:** No report.

**Homewalk Committee – Co-Chairs, Sue Moody and Cathy Budd:** Still looking for homes and sponsors.

**Intercity/United Nations Committee – Sue Moody for Chair, Chandra Morse:** Jane M Klausman Scholarships available; application deadline is May 27.

**Organization Membership/Classification - Chair, Susan Putnam:** May 10 is New Member Orientation, at Patty Mischic's home (will send email).

**Public Relations Committee – Colette St Louis:** Photos will be taken at the May lunch and dinner meetings. Website is up and should be totally functional. Taking orders for Yellow Books.

**Status of Women in Service/Legislation/Advocacy – Chair, Maureen Acker:** West Midland Family Center \$500; Shelterhouse – Girls on the Run \$750 Motion by Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Malekadel; approved. Pregnancy Resource Center \$500; BBBS \$500. Next fundraising via parking for Loon's games at old McKay Press building. May 9<sup>th</sup> is 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** \$5245 made at the Zonta auction.

**Parliamentarian – Kate Maxwell:** No report.

**Past President – Sue Moody:** No report.

## **Unfinished Business**

## **New Business**

## **Announcements**

- Mellissa Barnard – Museum exhibit, “Voices: Extraordinary Women of Midland County,” opens this Friday (free this day only!)
- Lisa Lundhal – Midland Kennel Club is hosting agility trials at the fairgrounds this weekend

**The 50/50 Raffle:** \$14.00 was won by Nicole Charles.

## **Dates to Remember**

May 10<sup>th</sup> – New member orientation at Patty Mischic’s home.

May 17<sup>th</sup> - Social Meeting 5:30 pm at Country Club

May 19<sup>th</sup> - 7:15 am – Board Meeting – Big Brothers Big Sisters

May 21<sup>st</sup> – Midland Blooms

June 7<sup>th</sup> - Business Meeting 11:30 am at Country Club

June 14<sup>th</sup> – Social at Historical Society

Meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Malekadeli, Secretary