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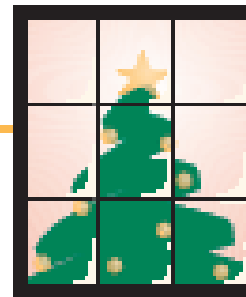
District 15, Area 4

October 2011

October Membership Drive Sees Results

The October dinner meeting welcomed 15 potential new members, two of whom have already applied for membership. The Membership Committee, using contact information provided by members, sent out 23 formal invitations that were evidently well-received. Members and guests were treated to three different presentations...all of them tied to Zonta missions and initiatives.

Sue Moody and Maureen Acker of the Homewalk Committee showed all the homes and the rest stop on this year's walk. (See Page 7-13 for pictures and summaries.) They took turns highlighting the unique features of each of them and reminded members that everyone needs to sign up to work at least one shift. This year we need 128 volunteers with 71 spots filled by Zontians, so the committee is asking membership to round up friends and relatives to work in the homes with you.



In the past 30 years, Homewalk has raised \$400,000, which has been used to fund scholarships and Service Committee programs. Homewalk tickets were distributed as members arrived, so if you don't have yours yet, please contact someone on the Homewalk Committee.

Sue announced that Homewalk raffle tickets would be available at the November lunch meeting.

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 1, 11:30 am: Business Meeting, Midland Country Club

Tuesday, November 15, 5:30 pm: Social Meeting, Midland Country Club (See Page 4)

Thursday, November 17, 7:15 am: Board Meeting, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Saturday/Sunday, Dec. 3-4, 1-5 pm: Homewalk!

Tuesday, December 6, 6:00 pm: Afterglow, Midland Country Club (**No business lunch**)

Thursday, December 15, 5:30 pm: Shelterhouse Christmas Party

December Board Meeting TBD

No December Dinner Meeting



President's Message from Cynthia Chilcote



Violence Against Women...Gender Violence...Domestic Violence. At this time of year, those of us who follow women's issues are feeling bombarded – overwhelmed by the media messages about violence against women – and pretty helpless. According to the National Organization for Women (NOW), we *should* be feeling a bit queasy. After two decades of international campaigns against gender violence, little progress has been made. Around the world, as many as one in every three women has been beaten, coerced into sex, or abused in some other way - most often by someone she knows, including by her husband or another male family member; one woman in four has been abused during pregnancy.

Violence against women continues to be called "the most pervasive, yet least recognized, human rights abuse in the world." The UN Population Fund (UNFPA) says gender violence jeopardizes women's lives, bodies, psychological integrity and freedom. It both reflects and reinforces inequities between men and women. It serves, by intention or effect, to perpetuate male power and control, sustained by a culture of silence and denial. It has far-reaching consequences, harming families and communities, stunting human development, and undermining economic growth.

Worse yet – it happens everywhere – at home and at work, on the streets and in schools, during peacetime and in times of conflict. And in little ol' Midland, Michigan.

The messages will keep coming...the frightening images...the horrifying statistics. But, *we can have an impact*. It starts with personal responsibility. We can act first as individuals. Take the first step – become aware - learn about the issue. Learn the warning signs of abuse. Then pay attention. Pay attention to what people say, what people do. Discourage behaviors that devalue and demean women. Stop supporting products, companies, movies and music that objectify women and sexualize young girls. Offer personal support and understanding to women who are threatened by violence.

As Zontians, we have a chance to multiply our impact by actively supporting programs like the ZISVAW, 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence, Say NO-UNiTE to End Violence Against Women, and our local Shelterhouse. We Zontians are part of a wonderful, dedicated community of women with a passion for changing lives and we can do it – one step at a time.

Visit the following websites for more information about violence against women:

Shelterhouse Midland, Michigan <http://www.shelterhousemidland.org/>

Zonta International <http://www.zonta.org>

United Nations Population Fund <http://unfpa.org/gender/violence.htm>

Center for Women' Global Leadership <http://16dayscwgl.rutgers.edu/>

Say NO – UNiTE to End Violence Against Women <http://www.saynotoviolence.org>

10 Things Men Can Do To Prevent Gender Violence <http://www.jacksonkatz.com/wmcd.html>

November Birthdays



Katherine Dollard, November 6

Julie Ratcliffe, November 7

District 15 Fall Conference Review (by Carole Calvert-Baxter)



"*The Sounds of Zonta*" resonates as one of the best District Conferences yet! The Dearborn Inn was an enchanting venue surrounded by the colors of the season. Our 40th Zonta District 15 Conference hosted by the Zonta Club of Southfield Area far exceeded any of our expectations.

The **First Business Session** gave us an opportunity to meet the candidates running for District Board for the 2012-2014 biennium, receive a message from Dianne Curtis, our Zonta International President, and meet our Zonta International Vice-President, Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard, who reminded us that one of the most important sounds of Zonta is "our voice". Fun followed as we moved to "Motown Sounds" in the Alexandria Ballroom to the timeless tunes of earlier days.

The **Second Business Session** gave us a glimpse into the **State of the District**. There are currently 40 Zonta clubs within District 15, totaling 916 members.

Jacque Gudmundsen, Past Governor and International Director shared the District's Goal of \$100,000 in donations to the Zonta International Foundation, with 100% participation from District Clubs. Jacque reminded us that today, worldwide, 70% of the 1.3 billion poor are women, gender barriers to education remain, 15 million women are living with HIV and violence, and human trafficking must stop. It is only through our efforts and our dollars, collectively and independently, that we will be able to effect change.

Our own president, **Cynthia Chilcote**, Public Relations Committee Member, unveiled the Public Relations Guide for the District.

Jan Mincinelli, Gayle Manley and Sharon Mortensen (at right) discussed the prevalence of violence against women and why social change is necessary if we hope to stop violence. They also shared suggestions for advocacy efforts that Zonta Clubs may consider.



L-R: Carole Calvert-Baxter, Esther Seaver, Cynthia Chilcote, and Area 4 Director, Linda Nabers.

The **Status of Women** luncheon's "Rock around the World" keynote speaker, Bridgette Carr, Founder of the Human Trafficking Law Clinic University of Michigan, was informative and thought-provoking. The Human Trafficking Clinic (HTC) is the first clinical law program that is solely dedicated to the issue of human trafficking.

The members of the Zonta Club of Midland were proud to see Katelyn Flint be recognized as this year's Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs award winner. Charlotte Allen was recognized at the Service of Remembrance. Her yellow rose was carried by Esther Seaver.

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District 15 Fall Conference (continued)

During the **Third Business Session** the newly elected board members for the 2012-2014 District Board were revealed:

Governor	Karen Armaley	Zonta Club of Detroit
Lt. Governor	Cheryl Hall	Zonta Club of East Lansing
Treasurer	Bonnie Odom	Zonta Club of Metro Detroit
Area 1 Director	Ann Sylvester	Zonta Club of Roscommon
Area 2 Director	Barbara Schram	Zonta Club of East Lansing
Area 3 Director	Celina Shoji	Zonta Club of Chatham Kent
Area 4 Director	Ellen Dolsen	Zonta Club of Pontiac-North Oakland
Nominating Committee	Cynthia Chilcote	Zonta Club of Midland
	Cherie Nutter	Zonta Club of Gaylord Area
	Jacque Gudmundsen	Zonta Club of Pontiac-North Oakland

Amy Allen, Victim Services Specialist, US Homeland Security, and Jane White, Founder, Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force spoke in an effort to broaden our understanding of the depth and extent of human trafficking in the world today. They reminded us that “slavery not only exists in the world today, it flourishes”.

During our **Fourth and Final Business Session**, “*Brunch with Bach*”, Zonya Foco, author and TV personality, shared important secrets on how to stay healthy in a culture that is anything but.

District 15 approved the proposal “that Zonta District 15 establishes a cooperative affiliation with the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force.”

The conference closed – with an invitation to our next District 15, Annual Fall Conference at Crystal Mountain Resort, hosted by the Zonta Club of Leelanau! See you there!



Holiday Eating Survival Guide



Find out all you need to know to make it through the holidays without gaining an ounce. At our **November 15th** dinner meeting, our member, Lydia Watson, M.D., OB/GYN, will present her "Holiday Eating Survival Guide" with new information on using herbs and recipes. Her tips and ideas will let you dig in and not pig out.



Membership Drive Dinner (continued from Page 1)

President Cynthia Chilcote greeted our guests and reviewed the "Welcome to Zonta" slide presentation which informs new members about Zonta International's missions and initiatives as well as Zonta Club of Midland's contributions and goals. She also explained the hierarchy of Zonta from international to district to local level. Currently, there are 29,000 members in 64 countries.

Benefits of Zonta membership

- Network with women outside your own profession
- Give back and be involved in our community and the world
- Learn about issues facing women in our community and around the world
- Have fun - *make a difference!*



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Sharon Mortensen's presentation gave the statistics and explained the programs developed to help reduce them. There is a domestic violence incident every 13 seconds, and every two minutes someone in the US is sexually assaulted. One of the main culprits driving the statistics is media portrayal of women and girls.

A very graphic, demeaning-to-women, violence-laden Eminem video was shown to emphasize how violence against women is imbedded in our culture. Advertisements that sexualize young girls are an accepted practice that needs to be addressed.. What can you do to help? Challenge it, reject it, don't buy it. Teach men and boys that real strength comes from respecting women. Then, take action by offering support, speaking up, and reporting any incident or emergency.

After dinner, Kate Maxwell, Fellowship Committee Chair, reminded everyone that October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Handouts regarding breast self-exams were available for everyone to take home. Carole Calvert-Baxter encouraged every women over 40 to get a mammogram every year.

Kate also thanked members who have contributed food to the Fellowship Committee's campaign to give back to the community. The October donations were given directly to United Way.

As the meeting closed, Cynthia thanked our guests and encouraged them to consider joining Zonta.

2011 YWPA Scholarship Winner (by Chandra Morse)



Katelyn Flint

The Zonta Club of Midland is pleased to announce that Katelyn Flint, a 2011 summa cum laude graduate of H.H. Dow High School has been awarded the Zonta International District 15 2011 Young Women in Public Affairs Award of \$1,000. Eligible candidates for this award are young women ages 16-19 in secondary or pre-university level studies who demonstrate a commitment to leadership in public policy including experience in local or student government, are actively committed to volunteerism, and support the Zonta mission of advancing the status of women worldwide. The Zonta Club of Midland accepted and reviewed applications, recommending Katelyn for this award.

Ms. Flint exemplifies these qualities with her participation in Mock Trial, Youth in Government, the National Art Honor Society, and community involvement including President of the Midland County Youth Action Council and a youth representative on the Midland Area Community Foundation Board of Trustees. She graduated with an International Baccalaureate Diploma and as a National Merit Finalist. She is currently attending Vanderbilt University and plans to major in biomedical engineering.

Campaign Against Gender Violence Gears Up (by Cynthia Chilcote)



The international campaign, 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence, celebrates its 20th year in 2011. The campaign runs from November 25, International Day Against Violence Against Women, through December 10, International Human Rights Day, each year.

Over 3,700 organizations in 164 countries, including Zonta International, support and have participated in the “16 Days” Campaign since its inception in 1991.

The campaign’s dates symbolically link violence against women and human rights, emphasizing that such violence is, in fact, a violation of human rights. The 16-day period also highlights these significant dates: November 29, International Women Human Rights Defenders Day; December 1, World AIDS Day; and December 6, which marks the Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre.

Originating at the first Women's Global Leadership Institute sponsored by the Center for Women's Global Leadership in 1991, the 16 Days Campaign has been used as an organizing strategy by individuals and groups around the world to call for the elimination of all forms of violence against women.

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence campaign:

- raises awareness about gender-based violence as a human rights issue at the local, national, regional and international levels
- strengthens local work around violence against women
- establishes a clear link between local and international work to end violence against women
- provides a forum in which organizers can develop and share new and effective strategies
- demonstrates the solidarity of women around the world organizing against violence against women
- creates tools to pressure governments to implement promises made to eliminate violence against women.

For more information, visit the Center for Women’s Global Leadership website at <http://16dayscwgl.rutgers.edu/>.



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 ★ The PR Committee will accept members’ articles (with accompanying photos, if applicable) for publica- ★
 ★ tion in this newsletter. Articles will be edited for content and compatibility with Zonta Club goals. Please ★
 ★ submit your articles in Word format, pictures in jpg format, or flyers and brochures as PDFs to: Colette ★
 ★ St. Louis at Colette51@charter.net. ★
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Homewalk 2011 Preview of Homes

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Rustic

315 Yager Court, Beaverton



The blazing fire and cozy ambience of the nature inspired holiday decorating will reward those who travel the highway to this home overlooking Tobacco River. Owner designed and built in 2002, the home boasts 26 foot ceilings that enhance the open plan design. While looking up, don't miss an unusual conversation piece. The interior has over 11,000 feet of knotty pine from a local West Branch mill. The full logs used in the construction came from the lot where the home is built and were owner installed. Amish furniture and cabinetry compliment the artistic use of skis, sled and snowshoes. The 2,700 square feet on the main floors and 1,300 square feet in the lower level provide ample room to incorporate twig furniture and display animal trophies. A treat for the avid outdoorsman and a delight for nature enthusiasts!

Holiday Decor by Homeowner



Homewalk 2011 Preview of Homes

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Colonial

4116 Spring Hill Road



Built in the 1980's, this 4900 square foot home has been freshly updated since the current owner purchased it this year. The oak hardwood floors have been beautifully polished and the oak trim has been painted throughout brightening up the home. The kitchen remodel is extensive with the white antiqued cabinets and the walnut counter on the island which bring out the colors of the original Mexican tile floor. Your eyes will be drawn to the delightful formal dining room lighting. The master bedroom is a women's dream with his and her closets but taken to a new high with a shoe closet. More remodeling in the lower level provided a guest room and bath along with children's play area and family room. It's just a short walk up the drive to this inviting home nestled in the woods.

Holiday Decor by Shawna Davidson - Davidson Design, Saginaw
Holiday Arrangements by Village Green



Homewalk 2011 Preview of Homes

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Transitional

2225 North Yasimin Court



After a devastating electrical fire in 2010, the interior of this 5000 square foot home was completely remodeled by the current owners. The transformation blended different styles in casual, comfortable and sophisticated ways, embodying the elements of the new transitional homes. The dark brown and white trim accents on the windows and stair railing along with the dark stained oak floors are striking. The kitchen is elegant and functional, set off by the diamond motif in the backsplash. The large two tiered island includes built in steamer and informal seating. Rich walnut paneling distinguishes the home office. The wall papered tray ceiling is a creative touch in the master bedroom. The lower level is all about family with the children's play area, theater and family room with wet bar. Experience this chic new look in home design.

Holiday Decor by Casey Pincumbe - Design Within
Holiday Arrangements by Kathy Frost - Designs in Bloom



Homewalk 2011 Preview of Homes

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Contemporary

2070 Rolling Ridge



The walk along the prairie style exterior leads to the custom designed 600 pound metal door that pivots open to welcome you to the 2,675 square foot two story home. Built in 2010 by Greystone Homes, the open floor plan showcases the formal dining room, the great room and the custom designed steel staircase railing by Midland Steel. Discover the many built-ins throughout the home that frame the owner's exquisite local art and collectibles. The master bedroom is uniquely located off of the stair landing which allows for 12 foot lower level ceilings for the family recreation area. The use of trimless windows and doors contribute to the modern appearance. Family comfort and enjoyment are accentuated by the game room with a bar, exercise room, and a sunroom which overlooks a beautiful patio and garden.

Holiday Decor by Mary Moore - Pier 1 Imports



Homewalk 2011 Preview of Homes

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Cottage Tudor

114 West Carpenter Street



A first for the Homewalk! Tour an Aladdin Kit House built in 1929. In 1906, the Aladdin Company of Bay City began offering homes for purchase by catalog. Homeowners selected a style, design and price. That home was then shipped via rail to the nearest station where the family would transport the precut lumber to the building site via horse drawn buggy or if they are lucky, a Model T. The houses were assembled by family and friends. The current owner verified the authenticity of the 1,382 square foot home through extensive research. The oak floors, stucco archways, and select light fixtures are some of the original features to this unique home. Stampings for construction can even be seen on the wood beams. Recognizing the home's historical significance, the owner highlights your visit with fascinating details.

Holiday Decor by Bernadette Van Slyck - Treasures on Townsend



Homewalk 2011 Preview of Homes

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Historic

1020 West Park Drive



From the front porch replica to the back door leading to the cement brick patio, you'll be charmed by this 2,400 square foot home built in 1926 on Arbury farmland. The meticulous planning in the renovations blend with the original features including the crown molding, fireplace and white oak hardwood floors. The silver, gold and white holiday décor grace the formal dining room, expanded kitchen, the family room addition and the living room with connecting sunroom. The festive look continues on the second floor where two bedrooms have been merged into a comfortable master bedroom with en suite bath. The winter chill is forgotten in the wicker decorated bedroom inspired by the Grand Hotel guest rooms. This home provides the perfect canvas for displaying family paintings and showcasing a beautiful array of holiday accents.

Holiday Decor by Diane K. Naylor, Interior Design Consultant
Holiday Arrangements by Kathy Frost - Designs in Bloom



Homewalk 2011 Preview of Homes

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Rest Stop Colonial Villa

5007 Universal Drive



Relax in comfort with tasty snacks and warm beverages courtesy of Colonial Villa. This is a convenient gathering place during the Homewalk to chat with friends in a welcoming environment. The spacious lobby leads you to the center court decked out for the holiday season. A crystal chandelier hangs from the two story ceiling. Colonial Villa features a large common area with a fireplace lounge, library and quiet sitting area. Seniors looking for gracious living with assisted care have many options available in apartment designs. Apartment layouts are named for historical figures such as George Washington, Betsy Ross and Paul Revere. Colonial Villa has consistently received the Michigan State Quality Award. The staff will be on hand to greet and acquaint you with Colonial Villa as you sample complimentary treats. Senior Services building -- immediately adjacent to Colonial Villa.

Zonta Club of Midland
Business Meeting Minutes- Proposed

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Zonta President, Cynthia Chilcote. The meeting began with the Zonta Blessing and introductions.

Secretary's Report –The minutes of the September 6, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Motion to approve as presented by Mary Hart; supported by Maria Cohoon; approved.

Treasurer's Report – Lynda Putt presented copies of the Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept the report by Jill Van Buskirk; supported by Maria Cohoon; approved. *Note to those Zontians who only paid half dues (\$160) in the spring – the balance of dues must be paid on or before Nov 1st; a \$10 late fee will be assessed after that date.*

Standing Committee Reports

Assimilation/Retention/Rejuvenation (ARR) Committee – Nan Blasy. Committee is planning 4 zings this year; October, November, January and March tentative. First Zing scheduled for October 25th at Nan's home after work. Please invite a friend, neighbor or coworker.

Archives Committee - Chair, Jill Van Buskirk. Committee will meet at 5:15 pm, Wed. Oct. 26th.

Attendance – Chair, Tammy Swinson. The new missed meal excuse policy was outlined for members..

By-Laws Committee – Chair, Cari Francis. No report.

Fellowship Committee – Chair, Kate Maxwell. Thanks for the over 200 items value over \$200 donated to the Food Pantry at the last dinner. For the October dinner, members were asked to bring items that will be donated directly to the United Way. The June Social will be held on June 20th which is the regularly scheduled date for dinner. Any updates on members will be published in the next and subsequent newsletters.

Finance/Fundraising Committee – Cari Francis. The budget for International giving was presented to members. Cari detailed the six funds, how much our club designates to each one and what the funds are used for. One-third of service dollars are given to Zonta International per the club guidelines.

Homewalk Committee – Co-Chairs, Sue Moody and Cathy Budd. Sign-up sheets are available for members. Many guest hosts/hostesses are needed this year, these guests hosts/hostesses receive a free Homewalk ticket. Members were reminded that they are required to staff a home one day or have a substitute. Debbie Stephens presented results of the sponsorship drive. The number of sponsors increased as well as the total dollar amount. Maureen Acker discussed the publicity efforts. This year we have radio station (106.3) exposure we hope will greatly increase publicity for the Homewalk. Members were urged to assist with publicity.

Intercity/United Nations Committee - Chair, Chandra Morse. The Intercity dinner will be held February 28th next year at the MCC. The Saginaw and Mt Pleasant Zonta clubs will be invited. The change of date is due to the Literacy Council's Greatest Dessert Party which will be held the 3rd Tuesday of February.

Organization Membership/Classification - Chair, Susan Putnam. The committee's number one goal is to recruit new members. New member recruitment drive will be at the October Dinner. Susan mailed 23 invitations to potential new members this morning.

Public Relations and Communications - Debbie Stephens. Committee meets the second Monday of the month at Grand Traverse Pie Company.

Status of Women in Service/Legislation/Advocacy - Chair, Maureen Acker. Committee meets the second Thursday of the month. They are looking for grant requests.

October 2011

Ways and Means – Chair Diane Moomey. Basket is going around the room to collect donations to purchase items for a raffle basket for the Fall Conference. A location is needed for organizing items for the April item.

Parliamentarian – Kate Maxwell. No report.

Nominating Committee/Past President – Esther Seaver. No report

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

District 15 Fall Conference is next week in Dearborn. Members interested in attending can still register online. Cynthia went over the schedule of the conference and talked about the topic of Human Trafficking.

Dollar Announcements

Linda Malekadeli – Friends of MCTV Magic Show, Gene Anderson will be performing Saturday and Sunday this weekend.

Nancy Barker – MCFTA Cathy Guisewite will be performing Friday evening. Friday has been declared Cathy Guisewite day in Midland.

Sharon Mortensen – October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Creative360 has an exhibit of Courage Faith and Hope. Our own Cathy Budd has photographs on display in the exhibit.

Linda Putt – Her nephew is looking for housing in Colorado to work at a ski resort. Linda asked if anyone had ideas for accommodations to let her know.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Lisa Miner.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 14-16 District 15 Fall Conference, Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, MI

Oct. 18 Dinner meeting, 5:30 – 8:00 pm, MCC

Program: Membership Drive (Invite potential members to attend; club pays for meal)

Program: Domestic Violence Awareness Month presentation by Sharon Mortensen, Exec. Director, Shelterhouse; "Service in Zonta – Make An Impact", Cynthia Chilcote, President, ZCOM.

Oct. 20 Board meeting, 5:30 – 7 pm, BBBS conf. room

Nov. 1 Business meeting luncheon, 11:30 – 1:00 pm, MCC

Nov. 15 Dinner meeting, 5:30 – 8:00 pm, MCC

Nov. 17 Board meeting, 7:15 am, BBBS conference room

Dec. 3-4 Homewalk!

Dec. 6 Afterglow, MMC, 6:00 pm (No business lunch)

Dec. 15 Board meeting – BBBS, to be determined

No December Dinner Meeting