

# ZCOM News

District 15, Area 4

April 2012

## Minks, Drinks, and Winks Raise \$5948!



President Cynthia with her hard-won fur wrap.

The 2012 Zonta Auction is over. Thanks to the hard work of the Ways and Means Committee, the bountiful donations of auction items from Zonta members, auction calling by Trudy Grimason from Furlo Auctions, many fur coats, stoles, and wraps, and the abundance of wine in almost every basket auctioned, we raised over \$5800 (after expenses) to support our Zonta programs. According to Diane Moomey, the committee set a goal of \$4300 net, and the final results exceeded that by 136%!

Trudy started off the evening by announcing that she'd accept a raised paddle, raised hand, nod of the head, or a wink as a bid sign. As the bidding got hot and heavy on a couple of items, it was hard to tell who was actually bidding because the signs were so subtle.

Ann Beck created a wall of Girl Scout Cookies with a number on the outside of each box. Members paid \$10 and selected a box (based on their favorite flavor or number). At the end of the evening all the numbers were put in a bowl and one winning number was drawn to win \$100 gift certificate to Whine. Kathy Dollard drew the winning number and as luck would have it, Ann won!



Carole enjoying her surprise!

Beautifully decorated and overflowing baskets with names like "Purple Passion Basket" and "Ho, Ho, Ho Santa Basket full of Jolly" were assembled and tagged the previous evening by the committee members. Carole Calvert-Baxter outbid everyone for what she thought was a coffeemaker, but what she got was a box full of surprises: a stuffed, multi-colored caterpillar, a knick-knack box, and other goodies.

The Zonta Club of Midland is very fortunate to have Trudy Grimason as our returning auctioneer. She not only donated 3 of the furs that were auctioned, but Trudy put up her own money for baskets that did not raise the expected amount. Thank you, Trudy, for your continued support of our Zonta Club and its programs.

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## President's Message from Cynthia Chilcote

Spring is truly upon us (for real this time). It may not seem like it some days with the temperature swinging all the way down into the 30s. But, there are signs of new life all around – buds on the trees, green grass, and robins.

It's a time for new beginnings, a fresh start.

For many Zontians, spring sort of feels like the end of the year. Homewalk is wrapped up. Elections are over. All that's left is to spend the money.

But, spring is also the season to give scholarships. And, as I write this column, the Service/Advocacy and Intercity/United Nations committees are hard at work reviewing scholarship applications to award our hard-earned Homewalk dollars to a fortunate few.

Soon we will get a chance to meet these deserving scholarship recipients and hear first-hand about the impact we Zontians are making on their lives, about how our (relatively) small contribution toward their education is just what they need to make it through. About how this award is giving them a fresh start.

So, this spring, let's take a lesson from our scholarship winners. Let's use this traditional time of renewal and rebirth to renew our commitment to Zonta's ideals. Let's be proud of the impact we are having on women here and around the world.

I recently received a letter from the President of Zonta International, Dianne Curtis. I hope her words inspire each of us in the upcoming year.

*Dear President Chilcote,*

*I wish to thank the members of the Zonta Club of Midland for their generous contribution to the Zonta International Foundation. Please convey my appreciation to the members and thank them for the many ways they work to advance the status of women worldwide.*

*It is through their efforts that women are safer, healthier, better educated and have the opportunity to improve their lives and fulfill their potential. Together, we are making the world a better place for women, which make the world a better place for all.*

*Warm regards,  
Dianne*



## We've Got a Birthday Comin' Up !

The Zonta Club of Midland will celebrate its 65th birthday on June 5, 2012 at our luncheon meeting. On June 5, 1947 our Midland Zonta Club was chartered in a ceremony in the old Midland Country Club building. We will be celebrating 65 years to the day! Stay tuned for information about the party.

## Accessori-ZING! with Lisa

Bead caps, head pins, needle-nose pliers (in varying sizes), and boxes of beads provided the props for the latest ZING! hosted by Lisa Hulbert. Lisa shared her supplies and beading expertise with fellow-Zontians, showing us how to create their own unique earring designs.



A small sample of bead choices

After a brief introduction to beading, Lisa directed us to the many boxes and trays of beads, spacers, and jewelry wire she had on display. Choosing which beads in what color combination was very stressful. So, to help relax us, Lisa served wine and margaritas!



Nan Blasy, Cinthia Brooks, Lisa Hulbert, and Maureen Acker creating custom jewelry

After a few sips, we grabbed our trays and made our selections. Lisa explained how to start loading the head pin and offered suggestions for placing your beads for the most attractive appearance. Then she moved on to looping, using a variety of pliers to get just the right tension and loop size. Helping each of us in turn create one earring, we were on our own for the second one. Thanks to Lisa's guidance, they turned out pretty good! Once we made one set of earrings, some of us made one or two more pairs, getting braver with each attempt.

Meanwhile, Lisa worked on repairing jewelry that a couple of members brought to her. Lisa's been beading for several years. In fact, she taught classes in beading at MidMichigan Community College. Her collection of tools, supplies, wires, and beads is extensive and we just touched on the bare minimum.

After a couple of hours of beverages and beading, the new beaders left Lisa's home with a few pieces of their own handiwork and maybe the bug to start collecting their own beads and making their own jewelry.



Tools of the trade

## Slate of Officers for 2012-2013 Approved

The Zonta Club of Midland elected the slate of officers and committee chairs as presented at the business meeting. Thank you to the following members who have accepted leadership roles in our club:

President: Diane Moomey	1st VP: Cathy Budd
2d VP: Colette St. Louis	Treasurer: Lynda Putt
Secretary: Rhonda Anderson	ARR: Lisa Hulbert
Archives: Esther Seaver	Attendance: Harriet Stopyak
Bylaws: Cathy Budd	Fellowship: Lisa Miner
Finance: Cathy Budd	Homewalk: Sue Moody & Ann Beck
UN/Intercity: Cari Francis	Membership: Sharon Mortensen
PR/Newsletter: Debbie Stephens	Service: Michele Atwell
Ways & Means: Colette St. Louis	
Nominating Committee: Nan Blasy, Cynthia Chilcote, Diane Moomey	

# You Won't Catch Any Zs Here!

# Fun!

## Zonta Club of Midland June Social 2012



Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Midland Curling Club (Adjacent to Midland Community Center)

5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

# Slumber Party!

## Games

Remember when you were young and got together with your girlfriends!



## Movies and Music



## SCARY STORIES



## Surprises!



## Drinks



## Food



No charge for members; \$25 for guests (female only for this event)

**RSVP by June 11th**

# Midland Blooms

Planting for Midland Blooms is set for Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:30—9:30 ish. Nan Blasy will be the Zonta Block Captain this year and is on the lookout for volunteer petunia planters (people, not containers). There will be sign up sheets at the May 1st meeting. If you are unable to attend that meeting, please contact Nan directly to sign up.

Zonta Club has its usual block near Carpenter. Nan will attend the kick-off meeting and provide leadership and direction to the crew on May 19th. It's a family-friendly event (no small children) and takes only an hour of time.

Once again, Colonial Villa is hosting a free pancake breakfast for all volunteers immediately following planting.

# Member Highlight: Harriet Stopyak



Harriet Stopyak, our newest member, was inducted into the Zonta Club at the business meeting on April 3d. The ceremony included Megan Piwowar and Susan Putnam explaining the roots and meaning of the Zonta symbol. Harriet, sponsored by Tammy Swinson, received her pin and yellow rose as the Zonta pledge was recited.

Harriet started working for Chemical Bank in March of 1989 as a part time teller. She worked her way up through various positions including full time teller, head teller, customer service representative, branch manager, and assistant vice-president. Harriet is now manager of the vendor support team in the consumer lending department.

She has been married for the better part of 30 years to her husband, Mark. They have one daughter, Sara, who is 25. and one dog, Buster, who thinks he is a human being.

In their spare time they like to go camping with family and friends. They also watch and attend Nascar races and mixed martial arts (UFC)fighting. Camping, bike-riding, and spending time with family and friends round out their activities.


You can find the Stopyak's front and center during the Christmas season as they are professional Santa and Mrs. Claus. They've been acting these parts for more than 30 years.



Harriet joined Zonta because she was looking for a service club andTammy Swinson always had wonderful things to say about Zonta.

Mark and Harriet as Mr. and Mrs. Claus with a familiar little girl (Tammy Swinson) on Santa's lap.

**Yellow Book Pictures**



Bob Stafford will be at the May lunch and dinner meetings to take pictures for the Yellow Book. The PR Committee will have a sign-up sheet at the April meetings for you to register to have your picture taken. Please make sure you stop by and sign up. Practice your smile!

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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. ★

★ This newsletter is published by the Zonta Club of Midland PR Committee, edited by Colette St. Louis. ★

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## Scholarship Applicants Sought



Jane Klausman

Applications for the 2012 Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships are now available from the Zonta Club of Midland through the Zonta International website [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org).

The Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships, first awarded in 1998, are open to women enrolled in at least the second year of an undergraduate program through the final year of a Master's program in business, leading to a business management career. The program is designed to encourage women to enter careers and to seek leadership positions in business-related fields in their communities and throughout the world. The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships look to the women of today to be the leaders of tomorrow.

Applications must be returned locally by **May 25, 2012** to: Zonta Club of Midland, ATTN: Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship, P. O. Box 196, Midland, MI 48640-0196. Any questions should be directed to Chandra Morse, chairperson, Intercity/United Nations Committee at (989) 832-9247. Awards will be

granted in October 2012.

The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship is one of many programs for women and girls sponsored by Zonta. If you know a woman who possesses the qualities and qualifications listed for this award, please direct her to the International website, or to Chandra.

## Spring Workshops (taken from District 15 website)



**CALL TO  
SPRING WORKSHOP 2012**

Come discover ways to reframe and revitalize your club and it's 'connections' to members, your community and Zonta International. The Zonta District 15 Spring Workshop will show clubs how to make little 'connections' to make BIG things happen!

Registration Fee of \$30 includes a continental breakfast and lunch

For more information visit the District website: [www.zonta15.org](http://www.zonta15.org).

**Area 4 - Saturday, April 28, 2012**  
Hosted by the Zonta Club of Midland

**Area 3 - Sunday, April 29, 2012**  
Hosted by: Zonta Club of Milford

**Area 2 - Saturday, May 5, 2012**  
Hosted by the Zonta Club of Grand Rapids

**Area 1 - Sunday, May 6, 2012**  
Hosted by: Zonta Club of Alpena

# Parking for Profit



**It's Loons' Baseball Time!** And an opportunity for us to raise funds for Zonta. Last year this effort generated over \$1500 for the club.



Maureen Acker, chair of the Service Committee, reports that we have once again been offered the opportunity to park cars at Loons' games to raise money for Zonta. The McKay Press parking lot, which is used by area non-profits for fundraising, will remain available for that purpose until the building is sold.



Last year we had volunteers to coordinate particular days. Coordinators are responsible for finding volunteers, managing the parking for the designated day, and depositing the funds into the Zonta bank account. The day of the event, volunteers will need to be available for around 2 hours: 1-1/2 hours before a game and 1/2 hour after the start of a game.



Maureen distributed an email requesting sign-up for coordinators so we could get the dates we wanted. Last year we coordinated 7 games and will keep that target for this year. The following dates have been selected and coordinators have been assigned:

### Thank you to These Volunteer Coordinators!!!



April 13 7:05—Beverly McCray

June 17 2:05—Linda Malekadeli



April 27th 7:05—Linda Malekadeli

August 11 7:05—Linda Malekadeli



May 23 7:05—Esther Seaver

August 26 2:05—Esther Seaver



June 12 7:05—Cindy Vickery

Please consider spending a couple of hours as a team volunteer to support our coordinators. It's for a great cause!



## Suite ZING!

**Where:**



**Northwood Suite at Dow Diamond**

**Thank you to Rhonda Anderson for securing the venue!**

**When:**

**Tuesday, May 29**

**Who:**

**Zonta members and adult guests welcome**

**How:**

**30 tickets available at \$3 each.....RESERVE YOURS NOW!**

**Call or email Nan Blasy or Lisa Hulbert**

**Why:**

**An evening of baseball, friends, food and drink (purchase your own refreshments at the stadium and bring to the suite)**





**Zonta Club of Midland  
Zonta Business Meeting Minutes - Proposed  
Tuesday, April 3, 2012  
12:00 pm Midland Country Club**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Zonta Board President, Cynthia Chilcote. The meeting began with the Zonta Blessing and introductions.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report** - Jill Van Buskirk. The minutes of the last meeting are available. A motion was made to approve the Corresponding Secretary's Report by Sharon Mortensen; supported by Jerri Liphard; approved.

**Treasurer's Report** - Lynda Putt. Summaries of the treasurer's report are on the table. Many donations on sheet (add to minutes). Treasurer's report was presented, motion to approve by Linda Malekadel; supported by Diane Moomey; approved.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Assimilation/Retention/Rejuvenation (ARR)** - Nan Blasy.

**Archives** - Becky Wieland. Becky thanked the club members for clipping articles for the archives. There was an article about the Zonta/Kiwanis dance in the Midland Daily News. The Zonta Club of Midland's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday party is coming up in June. To help celebrate the 65th birthday, Esther Seaver passed out note cards so we could write down reasons to be a Zontian.

**Attendance** - Tammy Swinson. No report.

**Bylaws** - Cari Francis. No report.

**Fellowship/Awards** - Kate Maxwell. There are flyers on the tables regarding the June Social Slumber Party. There will be no charge for Zontians but a \$25 charge for guests. Please RSVP by June 11 if you are bringing a guest. The dress code is flexible and if anyone wants to come in their pajamas or robes, feel free to do so and also bring conversation pieces such as hair curlers. The next Fellowship/Awards Committee meeting will be on April 24 at the Cornerstone Pub at 5:30. Cynthia Chilcote said to attend this committee meeting if you're interested in joining it.

**Finance** - Cari Francis. No report.

**Homewalk** - Sue Moody and Ann Beck. The committee has recruited all of the Homewalk Homes and a list will be available by the next meeting. Club members need to push to raise more funds.

**United Nations/Intercity** - Chandra Morse. Chandra modeled a mink coat that will be part of the auction. Members can still feel free to donate to the auction. There will be Women in Business meeting on May 25. Application for \$1000 scholarship recipient.

**Organization, Membership and Classification** - Susan Putnam. No report.

**Public Relations/Newsletter** - Debbie Stephens. Colette St. Louis reported that there is a sign up sheet on the tables for pictures for the Yellow Book. Photographs will be taken at both meetings in May. Midland Blooms is May 19 - the same Saturday as the Dow Run/Walk. Zonta needs a block captain for the event.

Megan Pewowar - great turnout at first Facebook seminar. Will have another seminar - will let us know date.

**Status of Women Service/Advocacy** - Maureen Acker. An email has been sent out regarding Loons Parking. Volunteers are needed to coordinate the parking days and will be responsible for finding 6 volunteers for those days. The Loons games start in a few weeks. This is an easy way to obtain funding. The parking lot should be open in June or July and we might even have it through August, depending on the construction schedule. As long as parking lot is there we can use it.

The next dinner meeting will be on the fourth Tuesday of May instead of the second Tuesday of May so that more Zonta scholarship awardees may attend. Homewalk homeowners and decorators will also be invited to this meeting.

**Ways & Means** - Diane Moomey. Two weeks from today (April 17) is the Zonta Auction. Diane thanked members for their donations and said we can always use more donations (between today and Monday April 16). Baskets will be put together on April 16th between 4:00 and 8:00 pm at the Midland Area Chamber of Commerce. This year there will be no early checkouts at the auction. If an individual needs to leave early leave early, they may pay with a check or be invoiced with PayPal. There is a 2.5% surcharge for using PayPal. The trips that will be in the auction are still available before the auction and are listed in newsletter. There is a \$25 fee for guests at the auction. There will be a cash bar and dinner.

**Parliamentarian** - Kate Maxwell. No report.

**Nominating/Immediate Past President** - Esther Seaver. The slate was announced:

President - Diane Moomey; First Vice-President - Cathy Budd; Second Vice-President - Colette St. Louis; Treasurer - Lynda Putt; Secretary - Rhonda Anderson; ARR - Lisa Hulbert; Archives - Esther Seaver; Attendance - Harriet Stopyak; Bylaws - Cathy Budd; Fellowship - Lisa Miner; Finance - Cathy Budd; Homewalk - Sue Moody/Ann Beck; UN/Intercity - Cari Francis; Membership - Sharon Mortensen; PR/Newsletter - Debbie Stephens; Service - Michele Atwell; Ways and Means - Colette St. Louis; Nominating Committee - Nan Blasy, Cynthia Chilcote, Diane Moomey

Since there is no quorum, we can't have the election today.

A motion was made to accept the slate by Patty Aspin; seconded by Becky Wieland; approved.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – No unfinished business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Harriet Stopyak, new Zonta member, was inducted into the club. She is sponsored by Tammy Swinson.

Sharon Mortensen reported on the Zonta/Kiwanis Dinner dance on Friday March 30, 2012. Thirteen Zontians attended the event. The Kiwassee Kiwanis Club has already invited us for next year. Zonta made \$109 in profit from the event.

Equal pay day coalition is in April in Lansing. Individuals meet with legislature to discuss equal pay for women. District 15 signed up as a sponsor (\$100 fee). We will be listed as a sponsor with other clubs. Our cost is \$5.20. If you want to attend, email Cynthia Chilcote.

The 50/50 raffle of \$25 was won by Cinthia Brooks.

## **DOLLAR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Linda Malekadeli announced that the Midland County Diaper Bank will be having a flamingo sale to raise funds for diapers for children and the elderly.

April 13 is denim day - Wear denim that day to support sexual assault awareness..

The Midland Recyclers will have a party from 1-4 on April 22.

Lynda Putt announced that a group of women will be building a home for Habitat for Humanity. Contact Lynda for further information.




The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Van Buskirk, Corresponding Secretary.











# MAY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11:30 am Business Meeting, @ MCC, Yellow Book photos	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Jerri Liphard 
13	14	15	16	17 7:15 am Board Meeting @ BB/BS	18	19 Midland Blooms
20	21 Lisa Miner 	22 5:30 pm Dinner Meeting @ MCC Scholarship Winners Yellow Book photos	23	24	25 Jane Klausman applications due	26
27	28 Maria Cohoon 	29 Alice Strange 	30	31		

# JUNE 2012

*Celebrating 65 Years!*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 11:30 am Business Meeting, @ MCC, Officers Installed <i>65th Anniversary 1945-2012</i>	6 Lydia Watson-Pinney 	7	8 Maureen Acker 	9
10	11 Lisa Lundahl 	12 Linda Cassidy 	13	14	15 Jana Chotivkova 	16 Esther Seaver 
17	18	19 5:30 pm June Social - "Sleepover" @ Midland Curling Club	20 Rhonda Anderson 	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Deb Miller 	28	29	30