

# ZCoM News

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## 2013 Scholarship Award Dinner Success Stories



2013 Homewalk Scholarship Winners (L-R): Megan Griswold, Laurie Doerner, Chantel Heilman, and Noel Contardi. Not pictured: Holly McCargar, Cara Callan, Jami Maloney, and Elayne Smith.

If you ask any Zonta Club of Midland member what her favorite meeting of the year is, she'll probably say the scholarship award dinner. This event presents the winners of the \$2000 scholarships funded by the previous year's Homewalk sponsorships. Thanks to the hard work of our Homewalk sponsorship subcommittee and the generosity of our committed sponsors, our club awarded 8 scholarships at the May 21st dinner meeting. The audience included the winners, their friends and families, homeowners who make

this night possible, and the decorators who make the homes glow with the Holiday Spirit.

Michele Atwell, Service Committee Chair, explained that the scholarships are awarded to women re-entering the workforce and first-timers who need a little help due to unforeseen circumstances. Each winner was introduced by a Zonta member who teased the audience with a snippet about the winner. Each winner then took the microphone to share her story:

Laurie Doerner moved to Midland under stressful circumstances. Her son, who had problems in school and was thought to have ADHD, was later diagnosed with Aspergers, a form of autism. When Laurie considered returning to school, she asked herself, "Do I even know how to study?" Her counselor told her she was just the right age, enriched by all her life experiences. She currently attends Delta, but has plans to earn a master's degree in counseling and obtain an LPC license. Laurie is inspired by her 94-1/2 year-old grandmother who voluntarily gave up driving to "accept where I'm at." Laurie thanked the Zonta Club for encouraging her with this scholarship.

Noel Contardi, working toward a physical therapy assistant degree at Delta, gave up a job she loved to follow her husband to a new job and stay at home to raise her family. She lived in Ludington for 7 years before moving to Midland. She said the move felt wrong from the beginning. After several months, her marriage ended and she became a single

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mother with 3 children to support. After being out of the workforce for 15 years, Noel needed help to get back on her feet. She thanked the Zonta Club for the financial assistance to go back to school. "I couldn't do it without you guys!"

A single Mom of a 6-year-old son, Megan Griswold is at SVSU completing coursework for a social work degree to help special-needs children. She spent the last 5 years working with adults and children with special needs. She said that most people go first to what people with special needs *can't* do; she focuses on what they *can* do. Megan worked as a teacher for 5 years and realized it wasn't for her. She expressed her appreciation to her parents and mentors and said she's "proud to be associated with the generous women" of Zonta.

Chantel Heilman is a previous winner of a Zonta scholarship and has appeared in the newspaper promoting the Zonta Homewalk. She has a BS in business from Northwood, but now attends CMU where she continues coursework toward a degree in Applied Behavior Analysis and Speech Pathology. Introduced to the world of autism 4 years ago, Chantel loves working with children in schools. She told a story about an autistic first-grader who took her untended keyboard and began typing one day. His first word was "elephant." "What first-grader knows how to spell elephant?" she asked incredulously. He then proceeded to type out the names of everyone in his class. Within 3 weeks he was typing for everyone, not just Chantel. She said that she "would not have been able to attend school without this scholarship."

After the scholarship winners concluded their heartfelt stories, Diane Moomey reminded everyone that Homewalk revenue also supports Zonta International programs and local service grants. She then had the homeowners and their decorators stand to be recognized. Homeowners "give" their homes to Zonta for a weekend and let hundreds of people through their doors. The decorators bring their significant talents to create magnificent displays throughout the homes.



L-R: Decorator Casey Mallek, Homeowners Dan and Rolleen Bodeis, Homeowners Joanne and Barry George, Homeowner Lorraine Talbot, and Decorator Kathy Kilbourn.

The scholarship winners who were unable to attend the dinner are:

- Holly McCargar is a single mother working at MMMC and going to school full time to become a nurse. She will attain her ADA in May of 2014.
- Cara Callan is a single independent woman who has worked in music education for 6 years. She will pursue a career in medicine as a physicians assistant when she attends the University of New England as a grad student.
- Jami Maloney owned and operated an in-home day care from 2001-2008. After her husband became disabled with a neuromuscular disorder, she began working on a nursing degree. Even though she was diagnosed with cancer in 2008, again in 2010, and again in 2012, she's still on track to graduate as a registered nurse in the Fall of 2013.
- Elayne Smith will be a senior at SVSU and is working on a degree in Humanities and Social/Behavioral Science. She would eventually like to run a shelterhouse facility.

The Scholarship Awards dinner is the highlight of our Zonta year. It brings all the parties together to recognize the impact the Homewalk has on lives in our community. Congratulations to all the scholarship winners and many thanks to our homeowners and decorators.

## “Color Me Beautiful” - June Social Theme



Our final get-together before Summer is on Tuesday, June 25, at Whiting Forest. The Fellowship Committee has put together a personal attention package to send us into Summer in style.

Do you know what your most flattering color is? Do the colors you wear show you to your best advantage? Do you have the confidence that comes with knowing you're at your best?

All these questions and more will be addressed at the June Social. Lisa Miner, Chair of the Fellowship Committee, reports that there will be dinner, beverages, two presentations and then individual break-out sessions.

Ann Ratcliffe, Julie's sister-in-law, will cater the event. Her buffet will be ready at 5:30 and will be accompanied by wine, Summer Shanty Beer, and non-alcoholic beverages. At 6:00 the presentations begin with Mia Dvornic, PhD and Professor of Cultural Anthropology at Northwood. She will speak to us on how to exude confidence through posture, body language, and presentation. Following Mia, Sheryl Dorais of Salon Magnifique will show us how to not only pick clothing colors that flatter our skin tone, but also how to select the proper makeup shades to compliment our features.



After these presentations, four makeup artists will be available to work one-on-one with each guest to help define your personal color palette. During this segment of the evening, background music will be provided by Earl the Squirrel with Tony Short.

As if all that isn't enough, each table will have fresh, potted flowers that will be given away as door prizes. So, come early, bring an appetite, and leave with new knowledge about what makes you look and feel good. (And maybe a flower pot.)

### Ticket-a-Ticket, Bring Back Your Basket

Were you the winning bidder for one of the fabulous gift baskets at our recent auction? Have you removed all the treasures and now wonder what to do with the empty basket?

The Ways and Means Committee will happily take that problem off your hands! Please bring your baskets to the next meetings so the committee can reuse them in next year's auction.

OR —

Keep the basket until next year and create your own special gift basket to donate to the auction.





## Orientation Party Introduces New Members to Zonta

Sandy Weimer hosted an orientation party at her home to introduce new members to the many opportunities for active participation in our Zonta Club. After a little light dinner and a lot of socializing, the formal presentation began.

Susan Putnam distributed a "Welcome to Zonta" handout that explained the hierarchy of Zonta from the international to local level. She reviewed the programs and initiatives that Zonta International supports and funds. With 1200 clubs in 63 countries (more in Europe than in any other part of the world), Zonta partners with the United Nations to impact women worldwide. Diane Moomey recommended that new members use their member number to login to the International website and watch the videos depicting Zonta activities. (The club treasurer has all the member numbers and it also appears on the address label of the Zonta International magazine.)

She then reviewed our local club's meeting schedule and attendance policy. The next section of the handout listed all the committees in our club. Susan asked a member from the committee under discussion to describe what their committee does and the activities they support.

The ARR (Assimilation, Retention, and Rejuvenation) Committee was described by Kate Maxwell who explained that this committee hosts ZINGs (Zonta Informal Network Gatherings) throughout the year. Events include Loons' games in the Northwood suite, wine-tastings, jewelry-making, and movie nights. Kate also highlighted the Fellowship Committee, which creates ice-breakers at dinner meetings and hosts the June Social. She added that the ARR, Fellowship, and Membership Committees work in tandem to make new members feel welcome, keep all members engaged, and recruit new members.

The Bylaws Committee is responsible for ensuring that our local bylaws mirror international bylaws. The biennial ZI meeting may make changes to the bylaws, which are then brought back to the local clubs so their bylaws can be updated.

Esther Williams shared the Archives Committee's need for articles and clippings about our members and ZCoM's participation in community events. The Archives Committee is responsible for maintaining the history of the club.

Golden Z Committee is the latest addition to our committee list. Rhonda Anderson explained that Golden Z is actually the university-level club sponsored by the local Zonta Club to introduce young women to Zonta and develop their interest in membership. Northwood University is the site of our Golden Z and will come to full participation this coming fall when the students return to class. Northwood is a good fit for a Golden Z club as 300 of the 1600 students are from other countries. (continued on next page)



## Orientation Party (continued)

Elizabeth Lumbert led the Homewalk Committee discussion. She told new members that each Zonta member must sell at least 6 Homewalk tickets and they must participate as a hostess at least one day of Homewalk weekend. When you arrive at the home you're working, you receive a tour and are usually given specific information about the house to share with visitors. This year, Linda Malekadeli will host an "Afterglow" party the Tuesday after Homewalk.

Lisa Orlando from the Intercity/United Nations Committee explained that this committee promotes the Intercity Dinner. The cities involved in the last dinner were Saginaw, Midland, and Mt. Pleasant. The committee is also spearheading the effort to create "birthing kits" for distribution to women in countries with high infant/mother mortality rates due to unclean surroundings.

Colette St. Louis reviewed the main focal points for the PR Committee: the newsletter, the website, Facebook activity, press releases, and the Yellow Book. This committee is responsible for getting the word out about ZCoM and keeping members informed about club activities. The Yellow Book is our membership listing and contains all the pertinent information a member may need about club policy, bylaws, committees, and leadership. Colette explained that the Homewalk Committee has its own PR subcommittee that handles Homewalk publicity.

The Service Committee, chaired this year by Michele Atwell, reviews, recommends, and distributes Zonta funds to support local needs using a grant form process. Michele explained that the focus this year was on health and hygiene for women in need and they worked with Shelterhouse to address these needs. This committee also reviews the scholarship applications received by the Midland Area Community Foundation and determines the winners of our Homewalk scholarships.

The Ways and Means Committee has the April Auction as its main event. Colette reported that we raised \$6500 at this year's auction. The funds raised support internal operations and leadership development. In addition, this committee runs the 50/50 drawings at most lunch and business meetings and collects the money from dollar announcements. The committee also sells yellow rose note cards and Zonta clings at district meetings, Spring workshops, and Fall conference.

Susan brought the presentation to a close by explaining the networking policy and the "Opt Out" option. We want to encourage members to connect with each other outside Zonta, so if you want to be contacted by members to participate in non-Zonta events, you opt out of the Zonta International policy of not using the membership list for personal gain.

New members who will be inducted at the June 4th business meeting: Beth Sorenson Prince, Kim Walden, Ann Kelly, and Patty Carlson.



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## Was There ZING-fandel ?

Lisa Hulbert hosted a wine-tasting ZING poolside at her home. Thanks to discounted pricing from Eastman Party Store, Van Tuma was able to present 6 wines for guests' tasting pleasure. He provided an education that included the different types of grapes used in wine-making, how climate and soil conditions affect it, geographic location impact, and the processing, bottling, and shipping of wine.

The weather was fantastic and everyone enjoyed a lovely evening outside.



Poolside: Rhonda Anderson, guest Pam Allen, Kathy Swarhout, Barb VanderKelen, Kate Maxwell, Cinthia Brooks, and Chandra Morse.



On deck: Guests Karl and Diane Nold, Craig and Claudia Wallin, Mike Hulbert, Carol and Jim Baxter, Lisa Hulbert (taking the picture). Under the canopy: Patti and Van Tuma, and Carol and Steve Arnosky.

## June ZING – LOONS Game



Date: June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Where: Dow Diamond, Northwood University Suite

Arrival Time 6:15 p.m. Game time 7:05 p.m.

COST: \$5.00 per person

Capacity: 30

RSVP to Patti Tuma at 878-0989 or [tumapvjd@gmail.com](mailto:tumapvjd@gmail.com)

**Tickets will be available at the front Ticket Window at the main entrance by the Loons Loft store, under the name ZONTA. We will be upstairs in Suite 4- Northwood. Food and beverages can be purchased at the bar on the second floor or you can go to the main concourse. We will have snacks in the Suite.**



# Midland Blooms All Over Eastman Road



Michele Atwell led an intrepid band of petunia planters as they beautified the Zonta block of Eastman Road on Saturday, May 18th. Despite a comparatively small crew, the entire block was planted within an hour and a half. Michele drafted her husband, Jess; Nancy Barker showed up even though she wasn't feeling 100%; Colette St. Louis brought her granddaughter, Caleigh; Susan Hammer dug right in with gusto; Sandy Weimer split the trays and allocated the flowers; and Nan Blasy brought donuts. Three Morning Rotary members who live in the area joined us: Chris and Jessica Yurgaites, and Amanda Dornbos.

After planting and clean-up, Michele distributed coupons for a free pancake breakfast at Colonial Village. Petunias and pancakes....what could be better?!



## Join the Clipper Club

*The Archives Committee asks every member to be alert for articles and pictures about the Zonta Club of Midland in newspapers, magazines, and on the internet. Clip them out and turn over to the committee to update and maintain our Zonta history library.*

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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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## Spring Workshop News (contributed by Rhonda Anderson)



Zonta members from the Saginaw and Midland Clubs at the Spring Workshop in Grand Blanc.

“Mission Possible” was the theme of this year’s Spring Workshop. On May 5th Rhonda Anderson, Carole Calvert-Baxter, Cynthia Chilcote, and Sandy Wiemer attended the District 15 Spring Workshop. The workshop focused on how to grow and strengthen Zonta clubs across the state. Topics included how to recruit new members, strengthen fundraising efforts, develop mission based projects, and motivate your club membership. The meeting started with a wonderful overview given by Jacquie Gudmundsen on what Zonta International has accomplished over the last few years.

In addition there were a number of updates on state and national initiatives:

- Fall Conference in Bay City. The fall conference will be held at Bay Valley on October 18, 19, and 20. The Midland and Saginaw clubs will host the Friday Fun Night.
- Zonta's 94th Birthday/Anniversary. The first Zonta Club was chartered on November 8, 1919. A recommendation was made to do something on that date to recognize the 94th anniversary/birthday of Zonta.
- Zontasaysno.com. <http://www.zonta.org/MediaNews/ZontaSaysNO.aspx> The Zonta International Public Relations & Communications Committee is pleased to announce the launch of "Zonta Says NO" - a Zonta International campaign to raise awareness of and increase actions to end violence against women and girls around the world. The campaign, which began in November 2012 and will continue through December 2013. The site listed above will feature the service and advocacy actions of Zonta clubs and districts to prevent and end violence against women and girls in their local communities. They are asking that on November 25th we all wear orange ribbons in in support of the elimination of violence against women.



## Jennifer Parks Honored as Spirit of Rotary



The Midland Noon Rotary presented the Spirit of Rotary award to Jennifer Parks at their May meeting. In the Rotary newsletter reporting the event, Noon Rotary President Jim Nigro stated, “The Spirit of Rotary Award recognizes **actions**, actions that exemplify Rotary’s 4-Way Test. This award is given each year by the Midland Noon Rotary Club to a non-Rotarian under the age of 35. Recipients must exhibit outstanding leadership qualities in their emerging careers, and they must live their lives consistent with Rotary’s guiding motto, ‘SERVICE ABOVE SELF.’”

The Spirit of Rotary Award was started by Angela Hine seven years ago to recognize young leaders who embody the essence of service in their lives and occupations.

Congratulations to the Midland Noon Rotary Club's 2013 Spirit of Rotary Award Recipient, Jennifer Parks!

**\*\*\*ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS \*\*\***

2013-2014 Board Meetings will be held at Midland Area Community Foundation. There will be a **strategy meeting in August** to plan for the coming year. Date and time to be determined. The next regular meeting of the board will be September 19th.





# ZONTA SUMMER FILMFEST

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A U.N. employee is racing against time and fate, as he travels  
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**Saturday, June 22, 2013**

**2:45 p.m. Lunch—4:15 pm Movie**

*Door Prizes*

Uptown Palladium Theatre  
250 North Old Woodward Ave.  
Birmingham, MI 48009

*Door Prizes*



**Tickets: \$35**

**Zonta Club of Troy—South Oakland**

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For Tickets or Information Contact: Alice @ 586 216-0087 or Grace @ 248 924-0376



**Zonta Club of Midland**  
**Business Meeting Minutes - Proposed**

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. by Zonta President, Diane Moomey. The meeting began with the Zonta blessing and introductions.

**Secretary's Report. Rhonda Anderson.** Approved April meeting minutes. Moved by Cynthia Chilcote and supported by Cinthia Brooks .

**Treasurer's Report. Lynda Putt.** Reviewed revenue and expenses. We must pay international dues by May 13, if they are not in on time we will pay a late fee. The treasures report was approved. Approved treasure's report. Moved by Chandra Morse and supported by Sue Moody.

**ARR. Lisa Hulbert.** Zing on Thursday, May 9; June 3<sup>rd</sup> we have a suite at the Loon's, RSVP by May 24<sup>th</sup> after that date we will open to others.

**Archives. Esther Seaver** No report

**Attendance. Harriet Stopyak.** No report

**Bylaws. Cathy Budd.** No report.

**Fellowship/Awards. Lisa Miner.** June 25<sup>th</sup> is the annual end-of-year social.

**Finance/Fundraising. Cathy Budd.** No report

**Homewalk. Ann Beck & Elizabeth Lumbert.** Conducting visit to third home, working to finalize additional homes.

**Intercity/United Nations. Cari Francis.** Still working on finalizing birthing kit project. Because of challenges getting project items this project will be delayed until 2013-14.

**.Organization, Membership & Classification. Sharon Mortensen.** Megan Farrell and Cathy Allen have joined and three additional new members have committed to joining the club for next year.

New member orientation on Tuesday, May 14 and on June 4<sup>th</sup> we will induct our five new members.

**Parliamentarian. Esther Seaver** No report

**Ad Hoc – Golden Z Club. Cynthia Chilcote.** Plan to launch Golden Z club with Northwood University in fall 2013.

**Nominating/Immediate Past President. Cynthia Chilcote.** No report.

**Public Relations/Communications. Debbie Stephens.** Yellow Book being updated. Photos will be taken at May dinner meeting.

**Service/Legislation & Advocacy. Michelle Atwell.** No report.

**Ways & Means. Colette St. Louis** \$6,500 grossed, once expenses are finalized will net approximately \$6,200.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

50/50 – \$45 dollars and the winner was Lisa Hulbert.

Reviewed important upcoming dates.

Cut and paste key dates.

Midland Blooms is May 18<sup>th</sup>. Michelle will contact Diane Middleton at the Chamber to confirm our involvement and will coordinate

**DOLLAR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Midland Foundation will award a record number of scholarships. Many thanks to Zonta members who helped.

The Dow Gardens is fully in bloom with over 18,000 blooms and they are open until 8:00.

Festival of the senses at Dow Gardens on May 31<sup>st</sup> 7:00 to 10:00. Tickets are \$30 each.

Brianna Acker, winner of Zonta Public Affairs Scholarship recently graduated from MSU.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:41p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Anderson, Corresponding Secretary



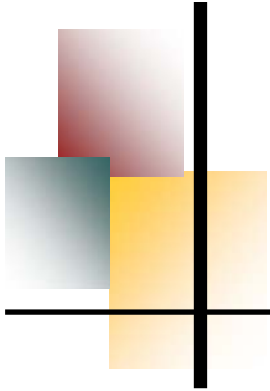
# JUNE 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 11:30 am Business Mtg Board and New Member In- ductions	5	6 Lydia Watson- Pinney 	7	8 Maureen Acker, Beth Sorenson- Prince 
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Jana Chotivkova 
16 Esther Seaver 	17	18	19	20 Rhonda Ander- son 	21	22
23 Susan Hammer 	24	25  5:30 pm June Social @ Whiting Forest	26	27 Kathy Allen, Debra Miller 	28	29

# JULY 2013

Happy Summer!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 	5	6
7	8	9 Michele Atwell 	10	11 Deborah Witt 	12	13 Melissa Anderson 
14	15 Susan Putnam 	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Carol Arnosky 	23	24	25	26 Sandy Weimer 	27
28 Janine Ouderkirk 	29	30				



# AUGUST 2013

Board of Directors Strategy Session to be held in August. Date TBD.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Lori McCracken 	2	3	4 Cynthia Chilcote 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Kathy Swarthout 	14 Carole Calvert-Baxter 	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Beverly McCray 	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Bridget Sadenwater 	