

# ZCoM News

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SUMMER 2013

## New Year, New Members, New Leadership



2013-2014 Board of Directors (L-R): Kathy Swarthout,, Michele Atwell, Colette St. Louis, Nan Blasy, Elizabeth Lumbert, Lisa Miner, Harriet Stopyak, Diane Moomey, Esther Williams, Carole Calvert-Baxter (inductor), Ann Beck, Karla Oldenberg, and Rhonda Anderson. Not pictured: Cathy Budd, Sharon Mortensen, Lisa Hulbert, Megan Granda, and Bridget Sadenwater.

The first business meeting of the 2013-2014 Zonta Year on June 4th saw a new board of directors installed, six new members inducted, and committees' compositions established. Out-going President, Diane Moomey, turned the microphone over to Carole Calvert-Baxter to perform the installation of officers.

Part of the installation ceremony is the lighting of the

candles. Carole explained what each colored candle meant. Committee Chairs, who also comprise the Board of Directors, light the yellow candle, which signifies imagination and intelligence. By lighting this candle, the Committee Chairs pledge to consider all matters brought to the board with thoughtful consideration.

Carole then began installation of the executive officers. Karla Oldenberg, the incoming Treasurer, lit the white candle. The color white symbolizes honesty and trustworthiness. The Treasurer's responsibility is to assure that proper financial procedures are followed and monetary commitments are kept in a timely manner.

The installation of the Secretary followed. Rhonda Anderson was asked to light the red candle representing vigilance and alertness needed to record and safeguard proceedings of all board and club meetings and maintain correspondence required by the club.

The 1st and 2d Vice-Presidents were inducted next: Sharon Mortensen and Ann Beck, respectively. Sharon was not in attendance, but Carole provided proxy acceptance of Sharon's VP role. Ann lit the blue candle, which signifies creativity, faith, and growth. The VPs commit to grow through observation and participation. They agree to step up should the president be unable to perform her responsibilities.

Cathy Budd, also unable to be present, was sworn in as President in absentia. The purple candle was lit on Cathy's behalf and represents leadership and administration. The President of the club is to guide and direct all components of the club, leading the club into the future and ensuring that membership follows.

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# President's Message from Cathy Budd



Greetings Zonta Club of Midland,

I am very excited about leading the club this year and greatly appreciate the trust you've placed in me to continue the great leadership tradition of our past presidents. 2013/2014 will be another exciting year with continued focus on increasing our membership both in re-recruiting new members and retaining our existing members. In addition, we are excited about the impending launch of our Golden Z club in conjunction with Northwood University.

As in the past, we will be scheduling presentations for our dinner meetings throughout the year. Our past presenters have been very informative and inspirational. If you are aware of anyone that you think would be a great speaker for the club, please let myself or any other board member know as we would like to start lining up presenters in August.

Also, I would be remiss if I didn't thank everyone on the June social committee for putting together such a fabulous event. It was a very entertaining and informative evening!

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer. See you in September!

Cathy

## New Year, New Members (continued from Page 1)

In addition to induction of the new board, ZCoM welcomed 6 new members to start of our new Zonta year. Carole reviewed the origin of the name "Zonta" and distributed a handout that explains the Zonta emblem. The new members and their sponsors were introduced and invited to recite the Zonta pledge. Following acceptance of the new members by the membership, they were presented with their Zonta pins and our signature yellow rose.



L to R: Karla Oldenberg, sponsor, Kim Walden; Beth Sorenson Prince and Michele Atwell, sponsor; Megan Farrell, (sponsor is Cathy Budd, not pictured); Ann Kelly and Cinthia Brooks, sponsor; Patty Carlson, Sandy Weimer (standing in for Sharon Mortensen as sponsor), and Kathy Allen, also sponsored by Sharon Mortensen.

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## 'Color'ful June Social Theme

Zontians treated *themselves* on June 25<sup>th</sup> to a fun-filled night of beauty and fashion at the annual June Social. After cocktails and a buffet dinner catered by Ann Ratcliffe, the evening at the Whiting Forest included a presentation by Dr. Mia Dvornic from Northwood University and Gallery on self-confidence for women. She discussed the ways social mores shape our feelings about ourselves and others and the role of the cosmetics and fashion industries on our self-images.

Sheryl Davis of Salon Magnifique presented ways to develop inner confidence and improve one's personal image through color. With the help of Zontians in the crowd, she demonstrated how clothing color can enhance our look. Members then enjoyed color consultations, manicures, and hand massages during the social time. Live music was provided by Earl Tiffin.

Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for arranging and coordinating the evening's festivities and sending Zontians into summer full of self-confidence and glowing with color.





## Zonta Thanks Hidden Heroes



Mike St. Louis and Bob Stafford

There are two men who work behind the scenes to help make ZCoM the successful club that it is. They were invited to attend a recent Zonta meeting so the membership could show their appreciation for all they do.

Bob Stafford shares his photography skills to provide our headshots for the Yellow Book, scholarship winner pictures, and photos of each of the Homewalk homes. He charges us nothing for his services and the results are amazing.

Mike St. Louis created and manages our website, including links and mailboxes. He inserts updates as directed and created a special “moving” history celebrating our 65th birthday last year.

Both men have been providing their services without recognition, but that was changed at the May meeting where they were introduced to the membership and given thank-you gifts.

## 2013-2014 Committee Membership

### 2013/2014 Zonta Committees

ARR	Archives	Attendance	By-Laws	Fellowship	Finance/ Fundraising	Golden Z
<b>Lisa Hulbert</b>	<b>Esther Williams</b>	<b>Harriet Stopyak</b>	<b>Sharon Mortensen</b>	<b>Lisa Miner</b>	<b>Sharon Mortensen</b>	<b>Megan Granda</b>
Megan Farrell	Barb Vanderkelen	Tammy Swinson	Beverly McCray	Julie Ratcliffe	Karla Oldenburg	Deb Miller
Mary Hart	Lori McCracken	Lynda Putt	Nancy Barker	Patty Carlson	Diane Moomey	Kim Walden
Patti Tuma	Rebecca Wieland			Nan Blasy		Cynthia Chilcote
	Melissa Barnard			Chandra Morse		
	Alisha Toyzan			Susan Hammer		
Homewalk	Intercity/UN	Membership	PR/Newsletter	Service, Legislative & Advocacy	Ways & Means	
<b>Beck, Ann</b>	<b>Kathy Swarhout</b>	<b>Bridget Sadenwater</b>	<b>Colette St. Louis</b>	<b>Atwell, Michele</b>	<b>Ann Beck</b>	
<b>Lumbert, Elizabeth</b>	Kathy Dollard	Kathy Allen	Carole Calvert Baxter	Megan Farrell	Linda Malekadel	
Kathy Allen	Tammy Bergeon	Julie Ratcliffe	Jenny Kendrick	Jill Vanderzouwen	Colette St. Louis	
Janine Ouderkirk		Jennifer Parks	Cynthia Chilcote	Beth Sorenson-Prince	Barb Vanderkelen	
Melissa Anderson		Sandy Weimer	Penny Yost	Cynthia Brooks	Debbie Stephens	
Patti Tuma		Susan Putnam	Alisha Toyzan	Ann Kelly	Sandy Weimer	
Linda Malekadel				Lisa Orlando	Rebecca Wieland	
Carole Calvert Baxter					Maureen Acker	
Esther Williams						
Kathy Swarhout						
Karla Oldenburg						
Jennifer Parks						
Kim Walden						
Sandy Weimer						
Sue Moody						
Denise Avery						

Committee chairs are shown in boldface.

## Loon-y ZING

On June 3d, seven Zonta members and their families and friends enjoyed a Loons game from the comfort of the Northwood Suite thanks to Rhonda Anderson. As you can see, a special visitor "crashed" the party and made himself comfortable!.



## Perfect Attendance!



Cynthia Chilcote and Harriet Stopyak were presented with yellow roses at the June business meeting as recognition for their perfect attendance at all meetings in 2012-2013.

As Attendance Chair, Harriet took her position seriously and set an example for everyone. She even tried to keep the name tags in some semblance of alphabetical order...no easy task! Cynthia's considerable Zonta knowledge was readily accessible by her consistent presence at meetings. She's a valuable resource regarding policy and protocol.

**CALLING ALL BOARD MEMBERS!  
2013-2014 STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15  
5:30 PM  
MIDLAND AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- ◆ **FINALIZE THE 2013-2014 CALENDAR**
- ◆ **REVIEW THE GOALS/OBJECTIVES OF EACH COMMITTEE**
- ◆ **BRAINSTORM TOPICS/PRESENTERS FOR DINNER MEETINGS**

## New Members Highlighted...Welcome to Zonta!



Family is Kathy Allen's first priority. She is married to Sid Allen. Between them, they have 3 children: Katie, Sydney, and Logan. Since her marriage to Sid, her interests have become more sports related. She enjoys Loon's games, college football, travel, reading, volunteering, and spoiling her human-like dog, Lola. Her current job is Executive Director of the Bay Area Women's Center. Prior to her current role, Kathy was Director of Human Resources at SC Johnson and Dow affiliates for 25 years. Human Resources consulting is something she plans to pursue following her retirement from Bay Area Women's Center in July of 2013.



Patty Carlson works as a Sales Associate at Younkers. Patty has been married for 31 years to her husband, Steve, who works for Kmart/Sears Holding Company. They have two sons: Paul, 26, who works in the Detroit area, and Erik, 23, who is in Chicago. Their family enjoys traveling, camping, visiting historical places, playing board games, and they all hold black belts in Tae Kwon Do. Patty never thought she could break bricks with her hands! While living in Minnesota, Patty held offices on all levels including serving as a national officer for a national nonprofit organization.



Ann Kelly is CFO/VP of Finance at Lodgco Management. Lodgco owns and operates 15 hotels throughout Michigan. Ann has been involved with Shelterhouse for several years, including serving on the board and various committees. She's also served on a United Way allocation panel as well as volunteering many hours to school activities over the years. Ann's lived in Midland for 15 years with her husband and two sons, who are currently attending college. She enjoys traveling, boating, golfing and spending time with her family.



Megan Farrell is a returning Zonta member. She is a Project Manager at Dow Chemical Company. Megan is an active community volunteer and has been involved with arts groups, UNICEF, and government affairs. She has been married to her husband, Robert, for over 20 years. In addition to her work and community volunteer activities, Megan's hobbies include golf, bicycling, and urban hiking.



Beth Sorenson Prince is CEO at Family and Children's Services. Beth was born and raised in Midland and is grateful for the opportunity to give back to the community. Her passion is helping families and children. She is currently in school pursuing her master's degree in administration for health services. Away from work and school, Beth enjoys spending time with her husband, her daughter, Abigail, her dogs, Otis and Arlo, and her cat, Floyd. She also enjoys traveling, reading, and cooking.



Kim Walden is the mother of two boys, Wyatt, 15, and Garrett, 12. She has been married for 25 years to her Texan husband, Brad. Kim was born in Midland, and except for a 15-year stint on the West Coast (Alaska and California) after attending high school, has lived in Midland her entire life. She is the owner of the best little insurance agency in town, the Kim Walden Agency, which was established in 2004. Kim enjoys camping, hiking, and any time she can spend near Lake Michigan.

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

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Zonta President, Diane Moomey. The meeting began with the Zonta blessing and introductions.

**Officer Installation.** Carole Calvert-Baxter led the 2013-14 installation of Officers. Carole thanked Diane for her service as President.

**New member induction.** Carole Calvert-Baxter led the installation of new members. They received their Zonta pin and yellow rose.

The following six new members were inducted:

Kathy Allen, Director of Bay Area Women's Center

Patty Carlson, Associate at Younkers

Megan Farrell, Project Manager at Dow Chemical Company

Ann Kelly, CFO /VP Lodgeco Management

Beth Sorenson-Prince, CEO at Children and Family Services

Kim Walden, Owner, Kim Walden Insurance

Diane recognized two members with perfect attendance for 2012-13 – Cynthia Chilcote and Harriet Stopyak.

A special thanks to Carole for leading our installation of Officers and New Member Induction.

Ann Beck led the meeting in Cathy and Sharon's absence.

**Secretary's Report. Rhonda Anderson.** Approved May meeting minutes. Moved by Linda Makaldeli and Collette St. Louis supported by .

**Treasurer's Report. Karla Oldenberg.** Reviewed revenue and expenses. Approved treasurer's report. Moved by Kathy Dollard and supported by Linda Malekadeli .

**ARR. Lisa Hulbert.** Patti Tuma said we had a great time in the NU suite last night.

**Archives. Esther Seaver** No report

**Attendance. Harriet Stopyak.** In the next few days she will send an e-mail for regrets only for June social.

**Bylaws. Sharon Mortensen.** No report.

**Fellowship/Awards. Lisa Miner.** June 25<sup>th</sup> is the annual end-of-year social it will be held at Whiting Forest at 5:30.

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

**Homewalk. Ann Beck & Elizabeth Lumbert.** Believe we have secured five homes. They will tour the final two homes later this month.

**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.** 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. DianCynthia Chilcote.** No report.

**Public Relations/Communications. Collette St.Louis.** Thanked Debbie Stephens for a great year.

**Service/Legislation & Advocacy. Michelle Atwell.** No report. Sign-up sheet for 2013-14 committee.

**Ways & Means. Ann Beck** No report.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

50/50 – \$21 was won by Patti Allen.

Dollar Announcements.

Diane Moomey. Jennifer Parks received the spirit of Rotary award in Midland for 2013. Congratulations Jennifer. She is also featured in the Great Lakes Magazine.

Linda Malekadeli. Join us at the free music and art fest in Freeland this Saturday, June 8th. Benefit for Great Lakes Big Brother and Big Sisters.

#### 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 12:46p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

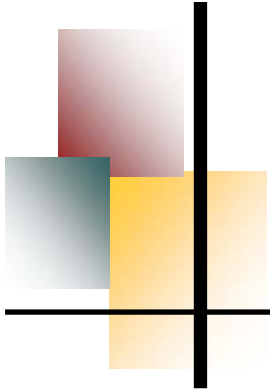
Rhonda Anderson, Corresponding Secretary



# 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

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 <b>Board Meeting</b> Strategic Planning Session 5:30 pm MACF	17	18
19	20	21 Beverly McCray 	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Bridget Sadenwater 	

# SEPTEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Susan Kleinhans 	2	3 Business Meeting, 11:30 am MCC  <b>YELLOW BOOKS</b>	4	5	6	7
8 Chandra Morse Paula Ulmer 	9 Cinthia Brooks Debbie Stephens 	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Dinner Social Meeting, 5:30 pm MCC <b>YELLOW BOOKS</b>	18	19 Board Meeting 7:15 am MACF	20 Kim Walden 	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Melissa Barnard 
29	30 Megan Granda 					