

ZCoM News



Zonta Club of Midland

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The Zonta Club of Midland, the American Association of University Women, and the League of Women Voters combined forces to bring Senator Judy Emmons to the Griswold Center at Northwood University to address the growth and hidden prevalence in human trafficking crime. Senator Emmons and Community Relations Officer Dan Keeler from the Midland Police Department were featured speakers at the No-

vember 19th event and gave stirring and disturbing presentations.

Diane Moomey, serving as MC, introduced Officer Keeler who began his segment of the program by showing a YouTube video set to rap music promoting modern-day slavery. The disturbing images and lyrics were hard to watch and listen to, but were necessary to emphasize the need for action now. Office Keeler said there are two types of trafficking: sex slavery and debt bondage.

Officer Keeler then presented a series of statistics:

- Human trafficking is the 2d largest criminal enterprise and the 2d fastest-growing one. (The drug trade is #1.)
- It represents \$31.6 billion annually.
- 80% of the victims are women and girls and 50% of them are underage.
- The average age is between 12-14 years.
- 42% of the recruiters are women!

He then related cases of local human trafficking. One involved two brothers forced to work hard labor on a farm by cruel foster parents under the guise of home schooling. Three others were cases of young girls sold into slavery by fathers and boyfriends. They were repeatedly raped over several years. (continued on Page 3)

33rd Annual Zonta HOMEWALK WWW ZONTACLIBOEMINI AND ORG

AFTERGLOW PARTY!

Tuesday, December 10, 6 pm Hosted by Linda Malekadeli at her home All Zontians and Homewalk volunteers are invited!

Please bring your favorite appetizer to share and BYOB if you so desire.

2013 Homewalk TV Schedule & Online Link

ON-LINE LINK: http://www.midland-mi.org/mctv/channel99.htm

BONUS Included! ALL 10 Homewalk television shows from it's inception in 2004, thru this year are now streaming at MCTV on-line for world-wide viewing!

In the Search Box of the grey MCTV section, type in "Zonta" Click on the GO button, and links for all 10 shows now are there!

TV SCHEDULE:

The schedule may be accessed on-line at: http://www.midland-mi.org/mctv/

Under the first section, "Latest Updates," click on the last item, "Programming on MCTV," and select the date of the schedule you would like to see. "Zonta Homewalk 2013" is last listing on the first grid (~pg4). (Submitted by Linda Malekadeli)

Zonta Zing! With an Italian Accent



Two evenings in November brought Zontians a little taste of Italy thanks to the Zings held at Mercato di O & V in downtown Midland. Fresh herbs, spices, private-label olive oils and vinegars combined in a cooking demonstration that featured appetizers, mini-Panini, and an unusual dessert.

Peggy Finger, owner and chef, welcomed Zontians with a table set for 8 that included chips with hot sauce, black and green ol-

ives in garlic oil with savory seasonings, bread crisps surrounding a wheel of brie cut in half and filled with dates cooked in fig balsamic and garlic olive oil. She explained what each dish was and described how we could create them ourselves.

Peggy explained that the vinegars come from small farms in Odina, Italy. She recounted the mob connection in the olive oil industry and warned us about olive oils that have been "cut" with inferior oil to increase the quantity. She distributed tasting cups and poured 3 different olive oils for us to sample.

While we were enjoying the appetizers, Peggy made mini-Paninis with Bacon Joy, smoked provolone, and apple and served it with a lettuce leaf filled with shrimp marinated in chipotle oil, corn, sour cream, lime juice, cilantro, and Pepe a Pepe for spice.

The surprise of the night was dessert: chocolate ice cream drizzled with balsamic vinegar syrup. The balsamic had been reduced so much that it resembled Hershey syrup. Combined with the sweet ice cream, it was delicious!

After the meal, guests perused the shop's offerings and made purchases that were sold at a 15% discount as part of the evening's treat.



Pictured above are members who attended the Thursday Zing: Carol Arnosky, Lisa Hulbert, Melinda Gall, Lisa Orlando, Lynda Putt, guests Claudia Wallin and Linda Anthony. Pictures taken by Colette St. Louis. Wednesday's Zing was attended by Sandy Weimer, Cinthia Brooks, Chandra Morse, Susan Hammer, Nancy Barker, and Sue Kleinhans.

The PR Committee will accept members' articles (with accompanying photos, if applicable) for publication 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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Human Trafficking (continued from Page 1)

He ended his segment with a quote by William Wilburforce: "You may choose to look the other way, but you can never say again that you did not know."

Senator Emmons focused on prevention, recognition, legislation, and retribution. She wants to make Michigan a leader among states in eradicating human trafficking. Because of Michigan's topography and access to borders, it is more susceptible than other states and has four main points of entry: Port Huron, Detroit, Grand Rapids, and Mackinac Island. Based on these locations, it's evident that human trafficking isn't just a big –city problem; it occurs in rural and suburban areas as well.

"The Slave Across the Street" by survivor Theresa Flores was recommended reading by Senator Emmons. It highlights the intimidation factors and psychological trauma victims face long after they're rescued. The process takes 18 months to 2 years of therapy and treatment to help victims heal emotionally.

Ms. Flores has a mission and a method to get the word out. She works with soap companies and hotels to provide bathroom soaps wrapped with a red band that gives the National Human Trafficking Hotline number (888.3737.888) and key identifying questions. The soaps are distributed free of charge to motel owners/managers surrounding major event venues like the Super Bowl, auto shows, and other sporting events.

Senator Emmons discussed the need for the development of protocols for training professionals to recognize and deal with human trafficking cases. Emergency room staff, first responders, and all personnel in the school system should be educated and provided with the tools to help victims become survivors. She reported that teachers are very often the first to notice that something's "not quite right" and take action to end children's suffering. 60% of victims are in foster care situations. The Department of Human Services needs to give staff the tools to train foster parents to help with child victims of human trafficking.

One thing the public can do to help is to support legislation. There are currently 19 bills in the Michigan Senate related to human trafficking. The bills come at the crime from various angles: treatment for victims, termination of parental rights, adult entertainment ordinances, training of professionals, and creation of a Human Trafficking Board to name a few. Since money is the driver for this crime, asset forfeiture for convicted traffickers is a recommended consequence. Commitment from legislators is very high according to Senator Emmons. Senator Emmons asked that citizens can help by writing and questioning their legislators and testifying in support of the bills.

Two other steps we can take to make a difference are to keep the hotline number at hand in case you suspect human trafficking, and get involved - don't turn your head.

January 11th is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. "We want to be their voice," said Senator Emmons.



Zontians sporting orange to support the Zonta Says No campaign. Do you have your bracelet?

Senator Emmons and Officer Keeler answered questions from the audience and provided additional information about the hotline, training standards, and decriminalization of prostitution charges for victims.

The evening closed with an informal gathering in the lobby featuring refreshments and hors d'oeuvres.

Lunafest Celebrates Women



Entertaining films, fabulous desserts, and fellowship – a perfect Friday night for the twenty or so Zontians who attended the Lunafest ZING on November 22nd.

The event, a fundraiser for Midland Cancer Services and Shelterhouse, brought the Lunafest Film Festival to the Midland Center for the Arts and helped raise more than \$100,000 for the local non-profits. The festival is sponsored by Luna, the company that makes Luna bars and Clif bars and features short films by, for, and about women. One hundred percent of the festival proceeds go to charity.

Hosted by Dow Chemical's Andrew Liveris and his filmmaker daughter, Alexandra, the evening began with a father-daughter interview in which Alexandra explained the ups and downs of making a documentary. Her film, Maria of Many, offered a slice of life portrayal of Maria, a Mexican immigrant, domestic worker, committed mom, and activist. Eight other short films were screened during the evening, many of them multiple award winners from around the world. Elegant desserts and trays of Luna bars were served in the brick lobby after the screenings.

Read more about Lunafest at www.lunafest.org.

Future Dinner Meeting Speakers



The January dinner meeting will feature Dr. Todd Thomas, a Northwood professor teaching management in the MBA program at the DeVos Graduate School of Management. Recommended by Nancy Barker, Todd will be speaking to us about differences in generations. Nancy heard him give this presentation before and said that it is well done, humorous and very helpful for everyone who is working with people between the ages of 20 and 60.

"Leading the Generations" looks at the differences and similarities in the four generations represented in our current active workforce and the necessity for bridging the gaps between them.



"Simple Solutions for Staying Sharp," developed by Brainworks, is the topic for the March 2014 dinner meeting. The Board of Directors selected this topic from several program options proposed by Megan Granda. Jim Wiaduck with the Advisor Solutions Group at Janus will be presenting the program developed by Dr. Heidi Hanna.

The promotional material about this presentation states, "Daily mental multitasking and our constant state of "busyness" can create a chronic level of stress on our brain, causing us to be unfocused, distracted, and less productive. What's more, research suggests that age-related cognitive decline—characterized by a decrease in the brain's ability to perform regular functions like judg-

ment, reasoning, memory, learning and language—begins in healthy, educated adults in their 20s and 30s."

The program will present ways to increase brain fitness, mental acuity, and retention while reducing brain stress. Sign me up!

Shelterhouse Christmas

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Have you signed up to participate in one of the most rewarding, tiring, hectic, joyous Christmas events? No, I don't mean Homewalk! It's Shelterhouse Christmas where Zonta plays such a pivotal role in helping families affected by domestic violence enjoy the holidays.

Zonta volunteers help take pictures with Santa, shop for gifts, wrap them up, make crafts, read stories, and serve refreshments. We also supply some of the gifts, wrapping paper and bags, frames, photo paper and printers, and lots of holiday spirit. Donated gifts can be taken directly to the church from 9 am to 4pm or brought directly to Shelterhouse the week of December 9th.

This year the event is on Monday, December 16th at the Eagle Ridge Church of God on Waldo from 5:30 to 8 pm. According to Lisa Orlando 2 volunteers each are needed for crafts and shopping with parents. Gift bags, bows, ribbons, and craft supplies are also needed. Call Lisa at 941-5090 or drop off supplies to the bank.



Yellow Book to Year Book

The PR Committee and the Membership Committee are revamping how membership information is presented. In keeping with the recent transition to a more paperless club (save the trees!) and to keep the membership information more accurate and current, we'll be eliminating the traditional Yellow Book format. It will be replaced by online tools you can print or download as needed.

The Yellow Book contains our bylaws, club policies, committee lists, and, of course, our membership information and pictures. Starting in the first quarter of 2014, the website will hold all the data in printable form. Later in the year there will be a yearbook with pictures and names so we don't lose that aspect of the Yellow Book. It will be in Publisher or other Office program that's easy to update and manipulate. New pictures will have to be taken as the ones that are currently in Yellow Book are not available to use without a whole lot of time by Melissa's designers at QRP.



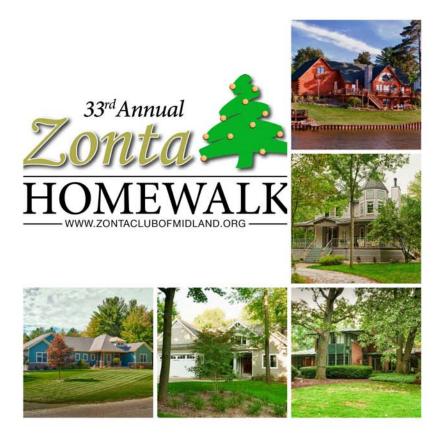
Stay tuned for further information as the transition progresses.



You know what this is! Yup! The auction is only 4 months away. This is a friendly reminder to hoard your baskets and large trays, save those not-just-right gifts, and prepare to share them at the auction in April.

Sell More...What For?....Big Score!

2013 Homewalk Ticket Contest



Homewalk ticket sales are what help us fund our Local Grants and International Giving. To give you incentive, the Homewalk Committee is working on a special prize for those who sell above and beyond the six required tickets.

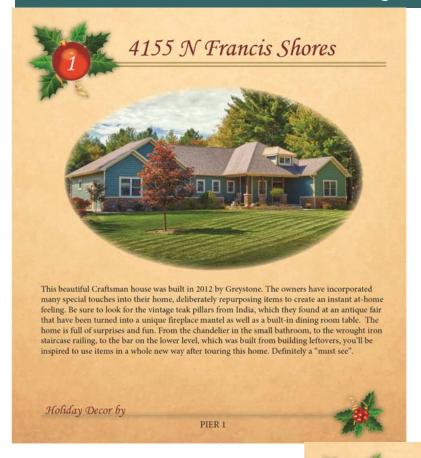
How can I get entered to WIN this Prize?

For every ticket that you sell beyond the SIX that you are required to sell, your name will be entered into a drawing. We will draw the winner at the After Glow. So......the more tickets you sell the better your chances to win!

What's the prize?

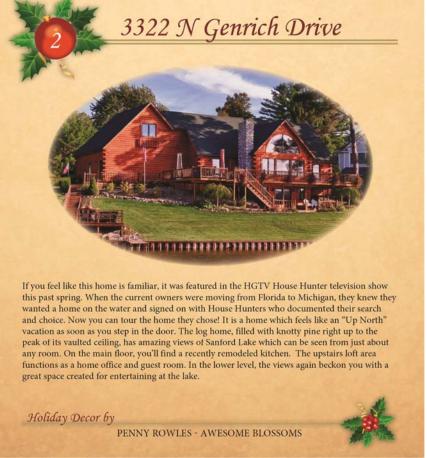
Fabulous items that everyone will enjoy! The committee is working on gathering it and will have it ready by our next meeting!

Homewalk Sites—Have You Signed Up?



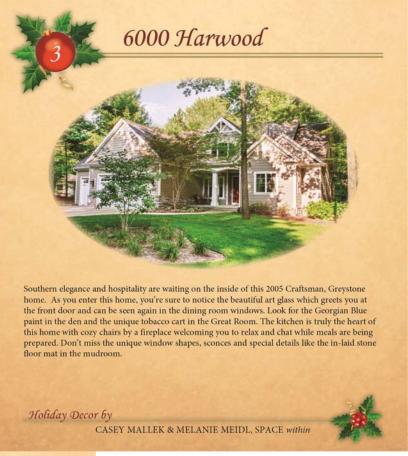
Do you have your tickets?

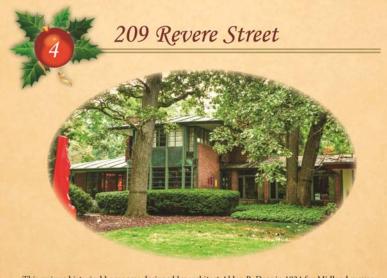
Make sure you wear comfortable shoes!



Homewalk Sites—Have You Signed Up?

Sell more tickets....Win a fabulous prize!





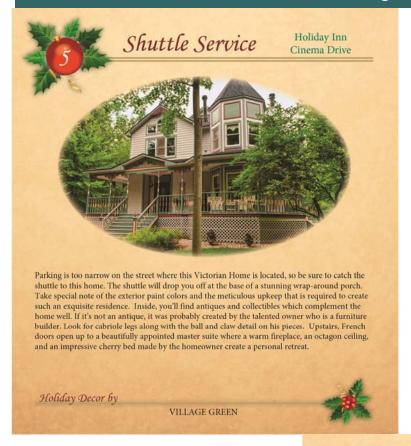
This unique historical home was designed by architect Alden B. Dow in 1934 for Midland mayor Earl Stein and family and was his first residential project in the city. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1989, the "mid-century modern" home is full of wonderful color and vibrancy, inviting entertaining. The main floor captures Mr. Dow's attention to detail and creative use of cypress wood, glass and copper. From the colorful furnishings to the fantastic glass collection catching the light in the windows, this home-filled with fanciful holiday decor—is sure to inspire you. The lower level opens to a terraced yard providing even more summer living space. With six bedrooms, the owners lovingly raised their large family here along with many exchange students. Known as "The Taliesin Project", Dow completed plans for 209 Revere while being one of the first Fellows invited to study with Frank Lloyd Wright. Later, Wright visited Midland and photographed the home, sharing Dow's pleasure in the result.

Holiday Decor by The homeowners, the northwood gallery & cynthia Keefe Volunteer with a merrier! the more the

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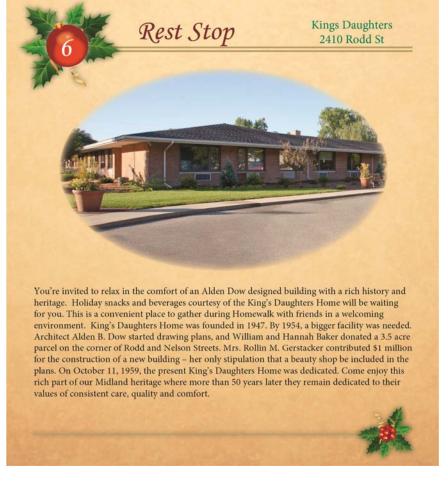
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come see the newly renovated king's Daughters Home.



Zonta Club of Midland Business Meeting Minutes - Proposed

Tuesday, November 5,2013

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Zonta President, Cathy Budd. The meeting began with the Zonta blessing and introductions.

Secretary's Report. **Rhonda Anderson.** Approved October meeting minutes. Moved by Mortenson, Seconded by Malekadeli.

Reminder to membership if they are not receiving regular e-mails from <u>Zontanews@zontaclubofmidland.org</u> email rca@northwood.edu.

Treasurer's Report. Karla Oldenburg. The treasures report was reviewed. The second half of the dues are due today or you will charged a \$10 fee.

Approved treasure's report. Moved by St. Louis and supported by Putt.

Update on District Conference. Lisa Hulbert was elected Director of Area 4. Our fellowship committee led the Friday fun night and raised \$720 for the Zonta Foundation. Received an award for the most first timers in attendance at District Conference.

Karla, Sharon and Cathy attended an Officer Training session earlier this year.

Zonta International founded in 1919. Cathy reviewed the slides to reinforce the missions and purpose of Zonta.

The club structure that is required by Zonta International includes an Advocacy committee. We have "lumped" this into the Service Committee but after the meeting realized we should have a committee to focus on advocacy. Debbie Stephens volunteered to lead this committee for 2013-14.

Advocacy. Debbie Stephens. Debbie has spent time looking at what advocacy means. Advocacy is the *act of pleading for, supporting or recommending.* All of the work we do with Shelterhouse would be part of our advocacy initiatives.

Zonta International this year focuses on Zonta Says NO, a campaign to end violence against women. They have 16 days of activism from November 25 through December 10th. Include link to this information. Zonta's goal is on November 25th all 30,000 members of Zonta will wear orange and stage public events to participate in that support this campaign.

Debbie reviewed upcoming activities:

Incorporate Zonta Says No w/Human Trafficking session on November 19th.

Lunafest – Connecting Women through Film.

ARR. Lisa Hulbert. There are two Zings in November. There are a few spots left for the Mercato di O&V event November 13th and 14th. Lunafest information was sent this morning.

Archives. Esther Seaver No report.

Attendance. Harriet Stopyak. Last meeting for 2013 at the MAC. Our January luncheon is at the Holiday Inn.

Bylaws. Sharon Mortensen. No report. Finance will meeting next week and begin developing the 2014-15 budget. We are facing an increase in meal expense so we will be reviewing this.

Fellowship/Awards. Lisa Miner. No report

Finance/Fundraising. Sharon Mortensen. No report

Homewalk. Ann Beck & Elizabeth Lumbert. Posters have arrived please take them to work. They are double sided to post in the windows. Carol Arnosky has your ticket packets. We are running our ticket sales contest. Get with Esther to sign up as a hostess and work at the event.

We record the Zonta Homewalk info on MCTV.

Intercity/United Nations. Kathy Swarthout. Committee is planning Intercity dinner for February. Working on birthing kits with Golden Z club.

Organization, Membership & Classification. Bridget Sadenwater. Since our October meeting we have received two applications. Updating the membership list and will ask for members to update. She will pass around and ask members to update.

Parliamentarian. Esther Seaver

Golden Z Club. Megan Granda. The Golden Z club has eight members. We will hold a charter event in January. They will join us at the Human Trafficking event and hosting a Just Say NO event at NU and will be handing out ribbons tonight. Please like the Golden Z facebook page.

Nominating/Immediate Past President. Dianne Moomey. November 19th is at NU where we are hosting the Human Trafficking event at GLH. This event is open to the public, refreshments will be served after with a cash bar.

Public Relations/Communications. Colette St. Louis In conjunction with membership committee we are attempting to consolidate our membership list. In the future our Yellow Book will be uploaded to the website and provided in a format that it easy to print. We will also have a yearbook with photos and names.

The bylaws, committees and procedures will be on the website. We will restructure the website to make it more user friendly. We are reviewing everything that is on there.

Submitting application to Zonta International about how our Homewalk impacts our community. We will do a collage of photos that represent what we do for the community. It is due November 30.

We have business cards for Zonta that are available when you leave today.

Service/Legislation & Advocacy. Michelle Atwell. No report

Ways & Means. Ann Beck Collecting items for April Auction. Starting in January we will collect items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Calendar Highlights

DOLLAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

50-50 Raffle and Dollar Announcements

Zonta Code

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Important Dates

November	5	MCC	Business Meeting	
	19	Northwood University Lecture Hall	Social Meeting Speaker: Senator Emmons, Human Trafficking	Griswold
	21	MACF	Board Meeting	
December 7-8			Homewalk	
	10	Linda's home	Afterglow	
	16	Eagle Ridge Church	Shelterhouse Xmas Party	
January 7	Holiday I	nn	Business Meeting	
	21	MCC	Social Meeting Speaker: Dr. Todd Thomas, Generational Differences	
	23	MACF	Board Meeting	

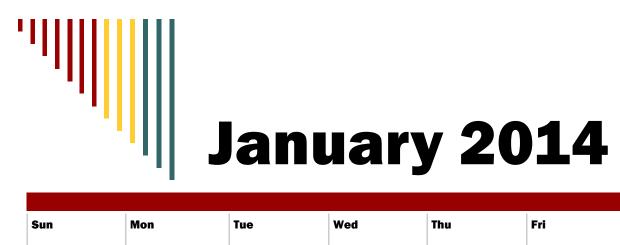
The meeting was adjourned at p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Anderson, Corresponding Secretary



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8 HOME- WALK	9	10 AFTERGLOW @ Linda Mala- kedeli's 6 pm	11	12	13	14
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29 Lisa Orlando	30 Sue Moody, Lynda Putt	31				



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