

ZCoM News



Zonta Club of Midland

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Intercity Dinner Takes us to Disney

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Intercity Committee and Friends: Sue Moody, Melissa Grzegorzcyk, Kathy Swarthout, and Kathy Dollard

M-I-C...K-E-Y.....M-O-U-S-E could be heard (and seen) throughout the Saints and Sinners Lounge at Midland Center for the Arts at this year's Intercity Dinner hosted by the Zonta Club of Midland. The Intercity Committee created the setting and atmosphere that took us back to fond memories of childhood. The theme for the dinner was selected to promote the Zonta International Convention in Orlando this summer.

Members from the Zonta Club of Saginaw joined the Midland club as we ate at tables decorated with Mickey Mouse centerpieces. The cen-

terpieces rested on linen squares with the outline of Mickey's head appliqued on the 4 corners. These were made specially for this event by Michele Atwell. A dessert table with fruit and cheesecake with toppings also held Mickey Mouse cake pops individually wrapped for each attendee to take home.



Saginaw Club Members: Marcia Woodbridge, Barb Chernow, Louise Cherry, and Donna Ross.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Jim Hohmeyer and Good Company. Singing jazz songs and old-time standards sprinkled with a couple of sing-along Disney tunes, the acapella group humorously harmonized to the delight of the audience. Picking Sharon Mortensen out of the crowd, they serenaded her with "Coney Island Baby", a song that had a line about her having big feet.

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What Are You Hoarding?



Do you have way too many wines in your cellar? What about duplicate kitchen appliances or gadgets you don't use? Are those stacks of baskets getting in your way? The Zonta Auction is the answer to all these questions!

There are only 3 more meetings before the April Auction. Please bring your donations to any of these meetings. Sandy's SUV is just waiting to be over-loaded. If you have items that require pick-up, let any Ways & Means Committee member know and we'll be glad to de-hoard you.



DUES VOTE

Look for the Monkey to cast your vote for your preferred dues option,

DEADLINE: 3/12

See Page 7 for details.

Mickey Mouse Visits Intercity Dinner (continued from Page 1)

Following the entertainment and meal (catered by Horizons Center), raffle tickets were drawn for 3 gift baskets. Linda Malekadelı won the large wine-filled gift basket; Kathy Swarthout took home the basket filled with foods from around the world (in keeping with the Disney/International theme); and Barb Chernow from the Saginaw club won their basket.



Thank you to the Intercity Committee for working so hard to make this year's Intercity Dinner so much fun and to the members of the Saginaw Club who traveled here to join in the festivities.



Senate Passes Human Trafficking Legislation

On February 17th the Michigan Senate passed 4 bills aimed at helping human trafficking victims. The vote on each bill was 37-0.

As discussed by Senator Emmons last fall in her presentation sponsored in part by the Zonta Club of Midland, Michigan is one of the main hubs for human trafficking. Providing aid for victims, strengthening the impact of the law, and promoting education to first responders are all priorities for legislative action. The Senate’s unanimous vote to approve these bills is a major step in the process.

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. The hotline number is 800.3737.888.



Wine, wine, wine. The Ways and Means Committee is looking for lots of bottles of wine to include in the baskets created for the auction. Sandy’s car is waiting to accept your libations!

March Dinner Meeting Speaker—Helping Us Stay Sharp



“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 judgment, 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!



Zonta Rose Day - 8 March



Zonta Rose Day, which coincides with International Women's Day on 8 March, is a day to reflect on the worldwide voluntary work done by Zontians to improve the status of women.

We invite you to celebrate Zonta Rose Day by sending a yellow rose tribute to someone who has made an impact in your life. When you donate to the Rose Fund, we will email a virtual rose bouquet to the recipient or recipients of your choice. Your donation to the Rose Fund enables Zonta to continue supporting international service projects and educational awards, which advance the status of women worldwide.

To send a Rose:

1. Click the [donate link](#) on the [Zonta homepage](#).
2. Designate a gift amount and click "add donation"
3. Enter additional information, billing information, payment information, your tribute recipient's first and last name, and add your personal message in the description box
4. Check "Mail a letter on my behalf to"
5. Enter your tribute recipient's address and contact information
6. Click "Donate Now" at the bottom of the page once all information is entered

If you prefer to mail your contribution, download the [mail-in contribution form](#) on the [Foundation Tools webpage](#).

For assistance, please contact Development Manager Bonnie Wolinski at bwolinski@zonta.org or call +1-630-928-1400 ext. 222.

Send a rose to someone who made a difference in your life!

Zonta Members Support Legacy Center Mardi Gras Event

Maria Cohoon reports that Zonta members have stepped up to volunteer for the Legacy Center's "World's Greatest Mardi Gras Party" on March 4th. In past years, our club provided many volunteers to serve desserts. With the change from desserts to a more well-rounded meal, our volunteers will be helping at a special photo booth. The booth is staged with a large frame and costumes that people can wear to have their picture taken.



The schedule and volunteers are:

6:00—6:30	6:30—7:00	7:00—7:30	7:30—8:00	8:00—8:30
Megan Granda	Nan Blasy	Lisa Hulbert	Michele Atwell	Debra Miller
Katherine Dollard	Lynda Putt	Maria Cohoon	Jill VanderZouwen	Becky Wieland
		Mary Hart	Cheryl Chasnis	

Birthing Kits Project Continues

The Intercity/United Nations Committee, chaired by Kathy Swarthout, is busy working on assembling birthing kits to send to women in need around the world. The following information comes from the website of the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills (Australia):

WHY MAKE BIRTHING KITS?

The United Nations (WHO) estimated in 1996 that 585,000 women died annually in childbirth. Developing countries accounted for 99% of these deaths. For every woman who dies in childbirth, another 30 women incur injuries and infections - many of which are often painful, disabling, embarrassing and lifelong.

Ways recommended to help reduce these statistics are:

1. preventing unwanted pregnancies
2. improving antenatal care
3. improving capacity for dealing with obstetric complications
4. providing clean birthing conditions



ZONTA BIRTHING KITS provide for a clean birth that may decrease the risk of death from infection and bleeding.

60 million women give birth each year with the assistance of a traditional birth attendant or no assistance at all. These women need a birthing kit. Over 4000 traditional birth attendants and village health workers have been trained in hygiene, nutrition and midwifery through programs funded in Vietnam and Kenya.

HOW DO BIRTHING KITS WORK?

A birthing kit works by providing the 7 “cleans” for a clean birth:

1. Clean birth site—preventing delivery onto the floor
2. Clean hands—to prevent transmission of germs from attendant to mother and baby
3. Clean ties—to prevent bleeding from the umbilical cord for mother and baby
4. Clean razor—to reduce infection caused by other implements
5. Clean gauze—to wipe away birth canal secretions from the eyes, decreasing future eye infections
6. Clean umbilical cord—washing and drying the stump prevents infection
7. Clean perineum

WHAT IS A BIRTHING KIT?

The contents of a birthing kit are all contained in a small press-seal plastic bag:

- 1 m x 1m plastic sheet for the mother to lie on
- A piece of soap
- 2 gloves
- 3 gauze squares
- 3 cord ties or 2 clamps
- Sterile scalpel blade



The Intercity/United Nations Committee will be holding an assembly session starting at 5:30 pm on March 27 in Conference Room B at Grace Dow Library. Kathy Swarthout and Committee welcome any Zonta member to help assemble the kits which will contribute to a healthy birth half a world away.

Vote on Dues via Survey Monkey!

Several meetings, special finance sessions, and email messages have been sent to members to explain the two options we have to vote on regarding the necessary changes to the dues structure in order to maintain our account balances.



Survey Monkey will be used to reach as many members as we can to ensure full member opportunity to vote. Look for the email in March and **vote by March 12th!**

The following excerpt is from the most recent email from the Finance Committee Chair, Sharon Mortensen:

Expenses have exceeded our dues since 2010. This trend combined with our low projected year-end fund balance is why we need to change our dues for the 2014/2015 calendar year.

The two options we will be voting on in March are:

Option #1) Dues with meals at meetings charged separately (with the option to pay for both at one time)

Option #2) Dues including meals at meetings (same approach as current with updated costs)

The cost to you for the two payment options would be as follows:

- Option #1) \$160 for Annual Club Dues with meals at meetings charged separately

If you chose to pay upfront for both dues and meals, you would be charged \$450. This is \$20 less than the full cost because you would be charged almost the exact cost for lunch (\$14.50) and dinner (\$23.16). As a member in 2014/2015, the total yearly cost for all dues and meals (at \$15 per lunch and \$25 per dinner) will be \$470. **This does not include Intercity Dinner.** I misspoke at the February business meeting – I was thinking we left Intercity in the expenses but we had taken it out. Members would pay for Intercity separately. Since Intercity goes back and forth between Saginaw and Midland, this will actually work better. Please realize that most members do not attend all meetings/meals so the actual cost per member will be based on the number of meals they actually eat.

- Option #2) \$400 for Annual Club Dues including meals at meetings

This option is \$70 less than the full cost option and \$50 less than option #1 because it assumes that the meal costs of the club are averaged amongst all members regardless of any individual's attendance.

April Auction Teasers ...



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Annual Auction
April 22d



YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

RECOGNIZING YOUNG WOMEN FOR THEIR
DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP SKILLS &
COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE

2014



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Women of any nationality, who are ages 16-19 on 1 April each year, studying and living, or working in a Zonta district/region and demonstrate evidence of the following, are eligible to apply.

Note that applicants from geographic areas where no clubs are located will be considered and also eligible to apply for the District/Region Award.

- Active commitment to volunteerism
- Experience in local or student government
- Volunteer leadership achievements
- Knowledge of Zonta International & its programs
- Advocating for Zonta International's mission to advance the status of women worldwide.

CLUB:

One applicant from each club recommended for District/Region Award.

DISTRICT:

One recipient per district/region receives District/Region Award of US\$1,000 and application is submitted to be considered for an International Award.

INTERNATIONAL:

Ten District/Region Award recipients receive an additional US\$4,000 International Award.

Deadline:

Applications must be received by the applicant's local Zonta club's published deadline. To locate a Zonta club near you and download an application, please visit www.zonta.org

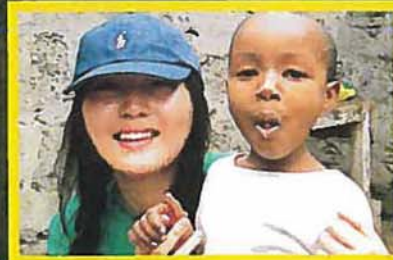
CLUB DEADLINE:

MARCH 23, 2014

APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:

Zonta Club of Midland
ATTN: YWPA Award
P.O. Box 196
Midland MI 48640-0196

WWW.ZONTA.ORG



Shelterhouse Thank You



January 14, 2013

Zonta Club of Midland
P.O. Box 196
Midland, MI 48641-0196

Dear Zontians,

I can hardly believe this is the fifth year I have had the privilege of collaborating with Zonta on our client holiday party! On behalf of the Shelterhouse staff and the clients we serve, I would like to thank you for your time and energy in making this year's party a wonderful evening filled with warmth, and compassion.

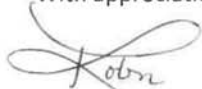
Although it felt like we didn't have as big of a crowd as usual, when we counted the amount of families we served, the number was slightly higher than in the past. I believe what we experienced was the results of having a very well-planned and well-staffed event, with many grateful families who were enjoying an atmosphere of peace.

Each year I look forward to seeing so many familiar faces among the volunteers, as well as new members of Zonta. Because the holiday season is so busy, I am grateful that you made time to serve the families of Shelterhouse. I hope each of you left the event full of holiday cheer and with a renewed purpose.

I would especially like to thank Lisa Orlando for coordinating the volunteers and donors for this event. She did an outstanding job recruiting not only volunteers but wrapping paper, food and cookie dough.

Your efforts made the Shelterhouse Holiday Party a complete success!

With appreciation,



Robin L. Greiner
Shelter and Crisis Services Coordinator

**Zonta Club of Midland
Business Meeting Minutes - Proposed
Tuesday, February 4, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Zonta Vice President, Sharon Mortensen. The meeting began with the Zonta blessing and introductions.

Sharon began by reading letter from Cathy Budd, President, who was not able to join us at the meeting **regarding the Zonta dues proposal.**

Secretary's Report. Rhonda Anderson. Approved January meeting minutes. Moved by Aspin, Seconded by Kendrick.

Treasurer's Report. Karla Oldenburg. The treasures report was reviewed.

Approved Treasure's Report. Moved by Arnosky and supported by Putt .

Advocacy. Debbie Stephens. No report.

ARR. Lisa Hulbert. February 12th event at Tennis Classic and the next event will be at Dow Gardens.

Archives. Esther Seaver Becky gave report. Archives has been clipping articles on Zonta and Zonta members. Becky highlighted members in the news over the last few months. Becky reminded members to clip articles and share with archives.

Attendance. Harriet Stopyak. No report.

Bylaws. Sharon Mortensen. No report. Committee is reviewing bylaws to ensure they align with international guidelines.

Fellowship/Awards. Lisa Miner. No report

Finance/Fundraising. Sharon Mortensen. No report

Golden Z Club. Megan Granda. Cynthia reported the Golden Z club is moving forward with achieving their goals. They are a sponsor for the Eating Disorder Week. She will send information on their events if we want to attend and/or participate.

Homewalk. Denise Avery & Elizabeth Lumbert. Looking for committee members. This is the time of year that Homewalk begins looking for homes and they are looking for suggestions.

Membership. Jennifer Chappel. Tentatively scheduling new member orientation at end of February and induction at March meeting. Updated photos for membership lists will be taken in March and April.

Public Relations/Communications. Collette St. Louis Collette has heard from Karen Armaly regarding the submission we made regarding for national service award. Two clubs were forwarded to national – Farmington and Alpena clubs were selected. We are looking at a new web software that can be managed by the club.

Service/Legislation & Advocacy. Michelle Atwell. The committee has submitted recommendations to the board but there are still funds available.

Maria Cohoon is looking for volunteers for the World's Greatest Mardi Gras Party (formally World's Greatest Dessert Party). This program supports Literacy Council and Legacy Group. She will update group on what volunteers will be responsible for.

United Nations/Intercity. Kathy Swarthout Sue reminded group dinner is February 18th. Guests are welcome at a cost of \$25. You will need to RSVP just like you do for all meals.

YWPA scholarship applications are due in March.

Ways & Means. Ann Beck Committee is collecting items for the April 22nd auction. Proceeds go to support convention fund. The committee is collecting money to purchase a basket for the Intercity Dinner.

Parliamentarian. Esther Seaver No report.

Nominating/Immediate Past President. Dianne Moomey. No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sharon Mortensen reviewed two membership due proposals based on feedback from membership.

Option#1 \$160 Annual Club Dues with meals charges separately or \$450 will cover membership and all meals. Meals would be \$15 for lunch and \$25 for dinner.

Note the minimum meal attendance at MCC is 30.

Options #2 \$400 for Annual Club Dues includes all meals.

Note: \$160 covers International and District dues and committee spending.

Finance Committee is hosting two informational meetings.

- Thursday, February 13th at 7:30
- Wednesday, February 19th at noon

Both sessions will be at Midland Area Community Foundation, 76 Ashman Circle, 839-9661

Questions From Business Meeting:

What is the projected fund balance with these changes? Fund balance is projected to be \$3500. The Board recommends we have a balance to cover unexpected expenses.

Will there still be a missed meal expense? Yes because it is based on the fact that you RSVP and we purchased a meal for you. If members prepay for all their meals under option #1, we discussed that they would not owe for a missed meal. However, we strongly encourage members to be accurate in their responses as there is no need to pay for unused meals.

What is included in all of the costs? Option #1 includes International and District Dues and committee expenses. Intercity Dinner is considered a club/committee expense so is included in Option #1. In addition, Option #1 includes guest meals as a club expense. Members would be responsible to pay for their lunches and dinners separately. There are 9 lunch meetings and 7 dinner meetings (which does not include Intercity) during the Zonta year.

Why is there a surplus in the convention fund? The convention funds is an education fund for the membership and used to fund attendance at spring workshops, district conference and the bi-annual international conference. For several years the costs to attend international and district conferences was lower than expected. The board has been encouraging greater attendance at these events and this year had record attendance at the District Conference.

Member/Board Comments:

- Supporting option #1 will provide us with a way to reach out to more young professionals who today don't consider our club because of the dues cost. Other professions like teachers, principals, and physicians find it difficult, if not impossible, to attend our meetings during the day. Having a choice of how many meals *meetings* to pay for *and attend* may increase and broaden our membership.
- Dianne Moomey shared that as the former Treasurer and club President she knows the board has put this off this decision for many years because they didn't want to "deal with it". They understand that in the past even when we increased dues by only \$10 we lost members. She explained the one of the reasons we are faced with this challenge is because attendance at meals has increased. Today approximately 70% of our members are in attendance for meals compared with a few years ago when attendance at meals was 45%.

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Sharon reminded membership that the board has repeatedly looked at other venues for the meetings as a way to reduce costs. Overall the costs are consistently the same.

Note: We will vote via e-mail electronically in March on either option #1 and option #2.

Question about why there was a surplus in the convention fund? It is an education fund for the membership. For several years the costs to attend international and district conferences were lower than expected. This is not always the case. In addition 50/50 and \$1 announcements now go to general fund to try to offset shortages.

NEW BUSINESS

DOLLAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kim Walden is selling tickets to the Bubbles and Bling on February 5th.

Pam Nagel thanked club for participation in last Zing.

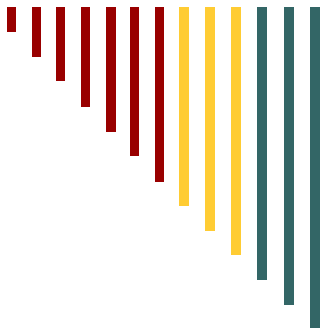
Crispy Crab has opened a food truck with Florida Cuisine. Follow on Facebook at Crispy Crab

50/50 There was \$31 and it was won by Lisa Orlando.








Calendar Highlights.

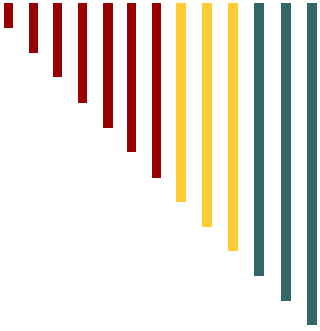
Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Anderson, Corresponding Secretary






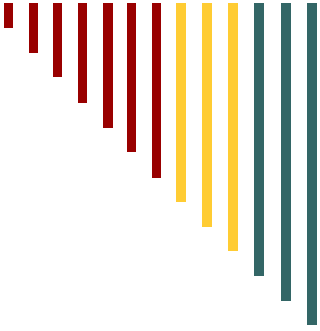
March 2014

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2	3 Nan Blasy	4 Business Meeting @ MCC 11:30 am Greatest Mardi Gras Party 6:00-8:30 pm	5	6	7	8
						
9	10	11 Jennifer Chappel	12	13 Ann Beck	14 Jennifer Kendrick	15
						
16	17	18 Social Meeting @ MCC 5:30 pm	19	20 Board Meeting @ MACF 7:15am	21	22 Mary Hart Patti Tuma
						
23	24	25 Diane Moomey	26	27 Melissa Grzegorzcyk; Linda Langrill	28	29
						
30	31					







April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Denise Avery	5
						
6	7	8 Business Meeting @ MCC 11:30 am Elizabeth Lambert; Casey Mal- lek 	9	10 Sharon Miller	11	12
						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 ZONTA AUCTION	23	24 Board Meeting @ MACF 7:15am	25	26
27	28	29	30			



May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 Business Meeting @ MCC 11:30 am Melinda Gall 	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Scholarship Dinner @ MCC 5:30 <i>Providing local girls with college scholarships</i>	21 Lisa Miner 	22 Board Meeting @ MACF 7:15am	23	24
25	26	27	28 Maria Cohoon 	29 Alice Strange 	30	31