

# ZCoM News



Zonta Club of Midland

MAY 2014

## Homewalk Scholarships Impact Thousands



Six of this year's Homewalk Scholarship winners (L to R): Grace Vaught, Julia Tisdale, Laurie Doerner, Kari Jordan, Chantel Heilman, Emma Johnson. Four winners unable to attend the meeting: Angela Miller, Carol Ann Webb, Annamarie Williams, and Makala Mainhood.

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Homewalk 2013 sponsorships resulted in the awarding of ten scholarships at the May 20th Scholarship Dinner. Those ten scholarships went to women who will use them to grow professionally, achieve their scholastic dreams, and affect thousands through the diversity of the careers they've chosen.

Six of the ten scholarship winners were present at the dinner and their stories reminded everyone of the impact our Zonta Club has on improving the status of women locally. Some of the homeowners and decorators were also present to see the results of their generosity and talents that make Homewalk the success it is.



Two scholarship winners from last year who missed the 2013 ceremony: Alaynah Smith and Holly McCargar.

Ann Beck's presentation reviewed the attendance numbers at each home, budgeted versus actual income (actual was higher!), and thanked everyone involved for making 2013 a very successful scholarship year. (See related story on Page 3.)



**June 17, 2014**  
**JUNE SOCIAL**  
**Whiting Forest**  
**5:30 pm**  
**Ring in the**  
**ZONTA New Year**  
(See Page 4 for details)

## Still Head(shot) Hunting



Please submit your headshots for the new Zonta directory to Jennifer Chappel at [chappel@midlandhabitat.org](mailto:chappel@midlandhabitat.org). If you would like to have your picture taken, please plan to either come a few minutes early or stay a few minutes late at our June 3<sup>rd</sup> business meeting.

The Membership Committee will be taking pictures to include in the new membership list currently in development. If you haven't had the opportunity to update your information that appears in the Yellow Book, (e.g., new addresses, contact numbers, preferred email address), you can contact Jennifer to update.

## President's Message



Fellow Zontians,

It's been a great year! As I bid farewell to my Presidency, I thought it would be fitting to review our goals and accomplishments for the year.

We aimed to strengthen our tie to Zonta International. We accomplished this through increased attendance at the Fall District conference (from a historical average of 7 people to 13 people last year) and expanded understanding about the projects funded by Zonta International in a presentation from Jacquie Gudmundsen.

We recruited dinner speakers including Julie Fasone-Holder, Laura Wolak, Dr. Todd Thomas and Jim Wiaduck, who will not only inspired and informed us, but also provided us with information that can help us personally in our lives/careers.

And we expanded our service in the community by volunteering for the Shelterhouse Christmas party, collecting donations for the Shelterhouse Resale Shop and Handbags for Hope and assembling birthing kits. In addition, we hope to participate in Donna's Habitat for Humanity home build in June.

In addition to these three focus areas, we also achieved the following:

- Increased our advocacy efforts during 16 Days of Activism at Lunafest and our Zonta/AAUW/League of Women Voters Human Trafficking session
- Successfully launched a new Golden Z Club at Northwood
- Coordinated Fall District Conference Friday Fun Night and Raised \$720 for ZI w/ art auction
- Hosted a very entertaining Intercity Dinner and many creative & fun Zings
- Held another successful Homewalk raising over \$20,000 for scholarships and almost \$10,000 for international/local giving
- Presented 10 \$2000 scholarships and donated \$8,766 to local/international organizations
- Raised almost \$6,200 at our annual auction to fund attendance at future conferences
- Recruited 9 new members
- Increased average attendance by 11% at lunches and 9% at dinners from the prior year
- Created a new dues structure to ensure sufficient money in general fund

I am very proud of what we've accomplished and look forward to working with the 2014/2015 board to continue advancing the status of women locally and worldwide through our efforts!

Thanks,

Cathy



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## Funding the Future: Scholarship Winners' Stories

The most anticipated part of the May Scholarship Dinner meeting is the presentation of the scholarship winners and their stories. Michele Atwell, Chair of the Services Committee, read two letters from winners who could not attend the dinner.

Angela Miller wrote that she will be using her scholarship to complete her Master's degree in the nurse practitioner program and plans to practice locally in Midland County. Instilling a love of learning and the value of education in her two daughters is a personal goal she has achieved with the help of Zonta's scholarship.

The second letter was from Annamarie Williams who is a sophomore at Alma College where she will use her Zonta scholarship to continue her education in women's and gender studies. A sexual assault survivor, Annamarie will not be defined by past experiences. She proudly proclaims that she is a feminist activist and will use her skills and education to make a difference in the world.



Grace Vaught has a degree in video production, but found her passion for teaching when she became a substitute teacher. She's attending CMU with the goal of teaching junior high math when she's completed her coursework. She wants to be a teacher who leaves a legacy of inspiration to her students. "Zonta will influence my students through me."



Laurie Doerner is an "untraditional" student pursuing her masters in counseling. She's been a pastor's wife for 25 years and has seen the need for competent, professional counselors first hand. Counseling allows someone to "come along side and offer support." Laurie carries a 4.0 and doesn't hesitate to hold it over her two children who are also in college.



Emma Johnson, who already has degrees in Humanities and Art. Unable to find a full-time job in her fields, she's now a student in Delta College's pharmacy program. Her goal is to become a pharmacist who provides medication management. She wants to work directly with patients to reduce the amount of meds they take. Because the coursework is especially demanding she has to focus on that instead of picking up another job. Emma says, "...the scholarship helps bridge the gap."



Kari Jordan is finishing up at Delta College and will be starting Ferris in the fall to continue her studies in criminal justice. She then plans to attend MSU to acquire a Master's of Social Work degree. Kari wants to work in a juvenile detention center counseling youth. Her long-term goal is to open a shelter for teens to use as a safe getaway with support and counseling. "Not only would I be helping the individual, but I would be making my community a better place."



Julia Tisdale is pursuing a degree in construction management. She was inspired to enter the construction field after participating in the building trades program in her senior year where she helped build a 1650 sq. ft. house from the ground up. Instead of finding the male-dominated field intimidating, Julia feels inspired and empowered to encourage other women to join the industry. She wants to leave buildings as her legacy and have the ability to say, "I built that!"



Chantel Heilman is a multi-year scholarship winner and is working on her post-grad degree in speech pathology. She works with people with traumatic brain injuries and is especially heartened by the achievements of the children she cares for. One of her examples was how visual aids helped a little girl learn to tie her shoes in 2 days when she'd been trying for 2 years. Chantel went to beauty school and was able to give haircuts to 5 "kiddos" without them having to be tied down. She thanked Zonta for enabling her to get the education needed to help others. "I'm a sound investment."

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## Funding the Future: Scholarship Winners' Stories (continued)

Two scholarship winners from 2013 who were unable to attend last year's dinner also told their stories:



Alaynah Smith is a senior at SVSU working on degrees in Social Work and Spanish. Her goal is to work at Children's Protective Services or at Shelterhouse. She had very detailed plans for her future, but an auto accident changed everything. After a long recovery, she's just now getting back on track. Alaynah says, "I may have been challenged, but I'm not defeated."



Holly McCargar is an LPN and a nurse at the jail where she provides medical care to inmates. She said that her job allows her to play nurse *and* detective because "believe it or not, inmates lie." Her goal is to become a nurse practitioner and teach.

## Homeowners and Decorators Make Homewalk Happen



Without the generosity of the homeowners and the talents of the decorators, Homewalk wouldn't happen. The Scholarship Awards dinner in May is Zonta's opportunity to thank them and have them see first hand the impact their actions have on women in our community.

Zonta Club of Midland is grateful to all our homeowners and decorators. Their commitment to the community is evidenced by the continued success of Homewalk. Those who were able to attend our May dinner are pictured here.

(L to R): Bill and Nancy Barker, homeowners; Jacqueline Hunter and Diane Hagen, decorators from Pier One; Mandy Mascioli and daughter Emma, homeowners; Danielle and Mike Weinert, homeowners.



Zonta Club of Midland  
June Social at Whiting Forest  
Tuesday, June 17, 2014

SUMMER COOKING DEMO – 5:30 to 8:30  
DONNA FRAWLEY - FRAWLEY'S FINE HERBARY

She cooks and we eat! Drinks provided!

She includes some vegetarian & some gluten-free items.

SIGN UP NOW & PAY \$15.00 PER PERSON ASAP

DEADLINE IS JUNE 3, 2014 LUNCH MEETING



# Blooms and Brooms



Eastman Road is marigold! Thanks to many civic groups and hundreds of people, Midland Blooms beautified Eastman Road from downtown to the US 10 overpass.

The Zonta Club of Midland planted its usual block by Carpenter Street. Nan Blasy captained the team of



Lisa Hulbert and sons Trevor and Spencer, Michele Atwell with husband Jess, Patti Tuma, Kim Walden and son Garrett, Colette St. Louis, and Pam Nagel and daughter Emily and Emily's friend, Heather Macko.



The weather was fabulous and the results of our labor will last throughout the summer.



## *Sandy Weimer Update*

Sandy is fed up with being "grounded." She's been scanned and had blood work done. She's waiting for a surgery date and will find out next week when her hip will be repaired. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

## A—May—ZING!



On May 22d the Northwood University suite at Dow Diamond hosted Zonta Club of Midland members. The Great Lakes Loons played the South Bend Silver Hawks and the Hawks chewed up the Loons 4-1.

The score didn't really matter; the weather was beautifully sunny and it was Dollar Family Feast Night.

Susan Hammer, Lisa Hulbert, Mary Hart, and Sue Moody are pictured in the suite. Also attending were Carol Arnosky, Michele Atwell, Linda Malekadeli, Becky Wieland, Esther Williams, and Patti Tuma.



## Two ZCoM Members "Run the Rose" in Orlando

Ann Beck and Sharon Mortensen will be attending the Zonta International Convention in Orlando, Florida, at the end of June. However, they won't just be attending meetings and greeting Zonta members from around the world. They are both participating in the 5K run on Saturday, June 28th, that benefits the Zonta International Foundation.

To raise money for the Zonta International Foundation Rose Fund, Ann is seeking sponsors to donate to the fund in her name. Her goal is to raise \$200 and donations can be made only online. You can support Ann's efforts to raise money for the fund by using this link: <https://www.crowdrise.com/zontaclubofmidland-zonta5kwalkrun/fundraiser/zontaclubofmidland>.



### \*\*\* REMINDER \*\*\*



Put your checkbook or cash in your purse for Tuesday's meeting if you plan on having lunch. June is the start of the Zonta business year so the new dues and meals changes recently enacted are in effect. Lunches are \$15 and dinners are \$25.

**Zonta Club of Midland**  
**Business Meeting Minutes - Proposed**  
 Tuesday, May 6,, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Zonta President, Cathy Budd. The meeting began with the Zonta blessing and introductions.

**Secretary's Report. Rhonda Anderson.** Approved April meeting minutes. Moved by Barker, Seconded by Hart .

**Treasurer's Report. Karla Oldenburg.** The treasures report was reviewed and approved. Moved by Aspin and supported by St.Louis .

**Voted on slate of Officers.**

Reviewed slate of Officers presented at April meeting. The membership approved the slate of offices for 2014-15.

**Advocacy. Debbie Stephens.** Club is volunteering with Habitat for Humanity this week. Reminded members to wear their orange wristbands to the event.

**ARR. Lisa Hulbert.** Patti Tuma announced the May Zing will be held at the Loons Suite on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. RSVP to Patti Tuma. They can host up to 30 attendees. Until May 15<sup>th</sup> only Zonta members after that we will consider guests.

**Archives. Esther Seaver** No report.

**Attendance. Harriet Stopyak.** No report.

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

**Finance/Fundraising. Sharon Mortensen.** No report

**Fellowship/Awards.** Lisa Miner. The June social will be at Whiting Forest at a cost of \$15/person. We will cooking with the herb expert Ms. Frawley. Nan Blasy is still looking for volunteers on May 17<sup>th</sup> for Midland Blooms. She needs a minimum of five additional volunteers. . For the first time ever Midland Blooms is short of teams to plant, they are short nine groups. Contact Patti Aspin if you have a group who would like to volunteer.

**Golden Z Club.** Megan Granda. The Golden Z club received three awards at the NU awards night – freshman leadership award, volunteer of year and outstanding new club.

**Homewalk.** Denise Avery & Elizabeth Lumbert. No problem getting homes this year.

**Membership.** Jennifer Chappel. We have six guests joining us for the May meeting. They are just finishing up the website membership directory, if you haven't provided a headshot get with Jennifer.

**Public Relations/Communications. Collette St. Louis** No report.

**Status of Women Service. Michelle Atwell.** No report.

**United Nations/Intercity. Kathy Swarthout** No report.

**Ways & Means. Ann Beck** Raised over \$6000 at this year's auction.

**Parliamentarian. Esther Seaver** No report.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS****DOLLAR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Midland One Roof Rally is Thursday, May 15 at the new Holiday Inn, \$30/person and \$50/couple. Julie Radcliffe has tickets.

Dove Chocolate representative, Pam Nagle, has lots of great gifts for Father's Day.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters has a "winning with doubles" program. Make a pledge to participate in the program. Yo

Jennifer Chappel shared that they are having a wonderful build and they hope to finish the house by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Dow Gardens *Festival of the Senses* is Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00. Tickets are \$40 each.

Today is Give Local Midland and your donations are matched so far we have raised \$45,000 dollars. [Givelocalmidland.org](http://Givelocalmidland.org).

Next month June 4-8 is the Fun Zone Build.

If anyone needs someone to sublease a room for the summer at MSU contact Lynda Putt.

50/50 There was \$ 26 and it was won by Becky Weiland.

**Calendar Highlights.****Important Dates**

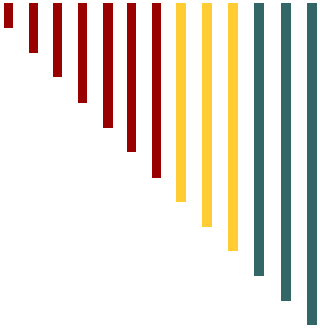
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| May  | 6  | MCC            | Business Meeting                    |
|      | 20 | MCC            | Social Meeting - Scholarship Dinner |
|      | 22 | MACF           | Board Meeting                       |
| June | 3  | MCC            | Business Meeting                    |
|      | 17 | Whiting Forest | June Social                         |

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27.





Respectfully submitted,

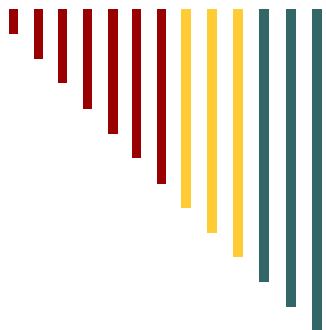
Rhonda Anderson, Corresponding Secretary













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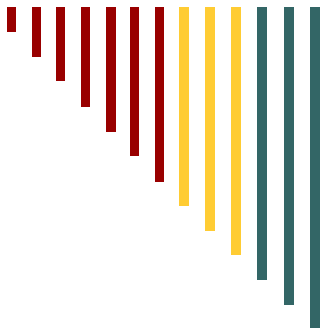
| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed | Thu                               | Fri   | Sat |
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| 1   | 2   | 3 Business Meeting @ MCC<br>11:30 am       | 4   | 5                                 | 6<br><br>Lydia Watson-Pinney  | 7   |
| 8   | 9   | 10   | 11  | 12                                | 13<br>                                       | 14  |
| Maureen Acker,<br>Beth Sorenson-Prince<br> | 16  | 17<br><b>JUNE SOCIAL</b><br>Whiting Forest | 18  | 19 Board Meeting @ MACF<br>7:15am | 20<br><br>Rhonda Anderson   | 21  |
| 15<br><br>Jana Chotivkova<br>              | 23<br>                     | 24   | 25  | 26                                | 27<br><br>Kathy Allen,<br>Debra Miller<br> | 28  |
| 22  | 29  |  |     |                                   |   |     |
|   | 30<br><br>Susan Hammer<br> |  |     |                                   |   |     |










**NO CLUB MEETINGS IN JULY**

# July 2014

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|---|---|---|-----|---|---|
|   |   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   |
| 6   | 7   | 8   | 9<br>Michele Atwell   | 10  | 11<br>Deborah Witt  | 12  |
|   |   |   |  |     |  |   |
| 13<br>Melissa Anderson  | 14<br>Pam Nagel   | 15<br>Susan Putnam  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  |
|  |  |  |   |     |   |   |
| 20  | 21  | 22<br>Carol Arnosky   | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26<br>Sandy Weimer  |
|   |   |  |   |     |   |  |
| 27  | 28<br>Janine Ouderkirk  | 29  | 30  | 31  |   |   |
|   |  |   |   |     |   |   |



# August 2014

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat |
|---|--|-----|---|--|---|-----|
|   |  |     |   |  | 1<br>Lori McCracken   | 2   |
| 3   | 4<br>Cynthia Chilcote  | 5   | 6   | 7  |  | 8   |
| 10  | <br>11<br>Christin Petroski | 12  | 13<br>Kathy Swarthout   | 14 <b>BOARD MEETING</b><br><b>6 PM @ SCRAPBOOKS</b><br><br>Carole Calvert-Baxter                             | 15  | 16  |
| 17  | <br>18                    | 19  | <br>20 | <br>21<br>Beverly McCray | 22  | 23  |
| 24  | 25   | 26  | 27  | <br>28                   | 29  | 30  |
| 31<br>Bridget Sadenwater  |  |     |   |  |   |     |
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