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70 Anniversary Celebration
at Midland Center for the Arts

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at Lumbar Baron's

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5 – Business Meeting, NOON
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3 – Business Meeting, NOON
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Greetings Zontians,

As we close our fiscal year and prepare to install the 2017-18 officers and board members, it is a time to celebrate our accomplishments and review how the Zonta Club of Midland fulfills the mission of Zonta International. That is exactly what we did at our May dinner meeting! If you weren't able to join us, let me share a few of the highlights:

Carole Calvert-Baxter led the evening's presentation by recognizing individually the sponsors, decorators, in-kind donors and homeowners who made our signature fundraiser a success. We couldn't do the Homewalk without the support of so many community members. Together we raised over \$30,000 that was used to *empower women* locally and globally.

Melissa Barnard and the service committee introduced the 2017 scholarship recipients. These amazing women were so grateful for funds they received. Their stories assured us the work we do is important and impactful. We are helping these women *achieve their full potential*.

Craig McDonald shared why the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio's partnership with the Zonta Club of Midland benefits our community. This year approximately 1500 guests visited the homes compared with 900 in 2015. The Homewalk brought visitors from across the state to Midland. We will continue to partner with them in 2017.

Andrea McDonald showcased our *advocacy* efforts, including the "Zonta says NO" campaign. It was wonderful to see the great foundation the club built over the last eight months.

Melissa Barnard highlighted some of the local organizations we support through our *service* projects.

The presenters did outstanding job of telling the Zonta Club of Midland's story and our guests were proud to have been a part of it. Visit our website to learn more about this wonderful evening. www.zontaclubofmidland.org

Throughout the evening I was reminded of a Margaret Mead quote - *Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has*. She sums up nicely what we have done this year – a group of committed women are changing their community.

Thanks for everything you to fulfil the mission of Zonta. It is clear our work does make a difference in this community and beyond.

Rhonda

Rhonda Anderson, President



70th Anniversary of Zonta Club of Midland

Celebration on June 6 Meeting

The Zonta Club of Midland will be celebrating its 70 Anniversary during the luncheon meeting on June 6. A short presentation highlighting the history of our club and fundraising activities will be given to the membership. Below is an article that will be submitted to the Midland Daily News for publication. Please help us celebrate our anniversary and be sure to take a special dessert and an anniversary memento.



On June 5, 1947, the Zonta Club of Midland was chartered by Zonta International. Nineteen charter members were inducted at its first meeting at the Midland Country Club. Mrs. Dolores Cassidy, co-owner of the Frolic Theatre, was elected its first president. Today, the Midland Club ranks among the largest Zonta Clubs in the world.



The Zonta Club of Midland supports fundraising efforts for both international and local initiatives. Its first local scholarship fund was started in 1951. Early fundraising activities included getting businesses to donate items for auction. Delores loved to bake and got the Zonta Club to sponsor bake sales to raise money to help feed others. Other fundraising activities featured the "Aura of Spring" fashion shows and roast beef dinners, complete with homemade desserts, in the 1960's, and the children's film series featured in the 1970's.



In May 1959, Big Sisters of Midland County was established and supported by the Zonta Club of Midland. Its original mission was "To provide individual support to the emotional, moral and spiritual needs of the child; to guide the child toward socially acceptable behavior, and to help her attain faith in herself and experience trust in adults." Big Sisters and Big Brothers merged in 1986 and is now organized under Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Great Lakes Bay Region.

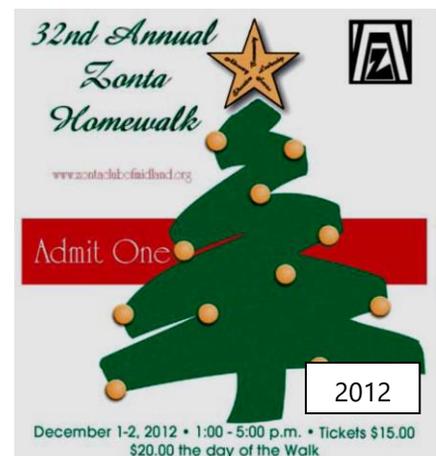


In the 1950's, Zonta Club of Midland established annual Educational Scholarships in Nursing that continued into the 1980's, when they expanded into our Scholarships that we award today.

The popular "Zonta Homewalk" fundraiser began in 1980, and has been held each year for the past 36 years. It continues to be one of the most anticipated events of the year in Midland, as highlighted in the April 9, 2017 edition of the Midland Daily News. Since the Homewalk began, over \$275,000 has been raised to fund educational scholarships for women. This year five post-secondary scholarships of \$2,000 have been awarded to qualified applicants.

In addition to the Homewalk, Zonta members volunteer their time to a number of local initiatives, and as a club, have donated more than \$205,000 to support programs and projects that enhance the status of women and their families in the surrounding communities. This year, Zonta donated \$10,000 to local service projects.

It is a very Happy 70th Anniversary as the Zonta Club of Midland celebrates its past accomplishments and looks forward to continuing serving and advancing women both locally and globally.



Scholarship Awards

Five \$2,000 scholarships presented May 16

The May dinner meeting is always a special event where we get to see the good that comes from the hard work that goes into the annual Homewalk. This year enough funds were raised to award five \$2,000 scholarships to women in the community pursuing college degrees. The scholarship winners all attended and spoke about their story and the impact of the scholarship on their educational plans.

Audra Johnson grew up in Midland and has a passion for making this community a better place for women. She graduated with her B.S. in psychology from Grand Valley State University. She then attended Central Michigan University to obtain her M.A. in professional counseling. Upon graduating, Audra began working as the Sexual Assault Services Coordinator at Shelterhouse in 2011. She transitioned into the role of Counseling Services Coordinator in 2015. Her favorite part of this role is being able to meet the client where they are at and supporting them in their journey.



(L-R) Audra Johnson, Jessica Fraley, Louise Chen, Claire Hadley, Mary Jo LaRue

Jessica Fraley is attending Delta Community College working towards a degree in arts and a minor in advanced youth services. She currently volunteers at the Messiah Church, and the recycling center. Jessica is also a certified recovery coach.

Louise Chen is a Chinese watercolor artist from Taiwan. She graduated from the National Normal Taiwan University and taught art in High School in Taipei. Louise moved to the US in 1994, and has been teaching Chinese watercolor painting as well as other forms of art in Midland since year 2000. She is now pursuing a Master's degree in Arts to reach her goal of teaching art at the university level.

Claire Hadley is a Midland native, but grew up both here and all around the world, thanks to her father's job at Dow. Claire earned her Bachelors degree from Taylor University in Upland, Indiana, in Communications, Theatre Arts and Dramaturgy. Claire has been strongly involved in this community since moving back to Midland, at her church, at the Center for the Arts, and in many other capacities. Claire has a great love of people. She has always been a strong advocate for women, minorities, the underprivileged and outcasts, and looks forwards to be able to continue that work on a larger scale in the future!

Mary Jo LaRue completed a course of study at Delta College several years ago, worked at the Dow Chemical and retired to spend more time with her growing family. After staying home and raising her four children, she decided to return to college in pursuit of a different career path. She is a sincere believer in giving of her time and talents. As a member of Blessed Sacrament Church, she is involved in many volunteer opportunities from serving as sacristan to cooking for large receptions.

Congratulations and good luck to all of the scholarship winners.



Committee Selection for 2017-18

Take survey in May 23 Email

Sign up for 2017-18 Zonta Committees. You may select more than one committee to participate in.

Link to survey monkey is in a May 23 email from Karla.



Our 2017-18 Membership:

71 members at the start of last year
4 new members this year

Committee Chairs

Advocacy	Lisa Hulbert
Assimilation, R & R	Bridget Sullivan
Archives	Barb VanderKelen
Attendance	Linda Anthony/Julie Dopp
Fall Conference 2017	Lisa Miner
Finance/Fundraising	Ashleigh Summers
Fellowship/Awards	Bonnie Westervelt
Golden Z Club	Melinda Gall
Homewalk	Carole Calvert-Baxter/ Crystal Corbat
Membership	Kim Walden
PR/Newsletter	Cindy Vickery
Status of Women Service	Kristan Soto
United Nations/ Intercity	Trish Steele
Ways & Means	Kristi Bower

Zonta North American Inter-District Meeting 2017



This year's program will be "Be Part of Zonta's Action" and will feature Zonta International President Sonja Honig Schough; an appearance by Emmy Award winning documentary filmmaker, Sopia Kruz who produced "Ride the Tiger"; a trip to Capitol Hill to advocate on behalf of Zonta's issues; and workshops on Advocacy, Leadership, Membership and Service...all critical elements of Zonta.

Carole Calvert-Baxter and Andrea Foster will be visiting Washington D.C. to represent the ZCOM at the Zonta North American Inter-District Meeting. Andrea will be sharing presentation space in a workshop about Partnering to Make an

Impact. This presentation will focus primarily on the ways that the ZCOM has partnered with Alden B Dow Home and Studios to increase not only our numbers at the Homewalk, but the effectiveness of outreach within the community we serve.

"I am incredibly honored to be representing a club that cares deeply about the women we serve, and each other. We all work incredibly hard to make a name for Zonta, and I cannot wait it to learn more about Zonta International." Andrea stated.

Carole and Andrea look forward to sharing their experiences at the NAIDM with fellow ZCOM members.



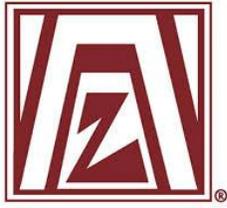
June 20 Social

Reserve your seat for \$25

The June Social is coming up soon and your Fellowship hard at work to make it extra special for you! A Live Band! Gifts at every place setting! Prizes, Raffle drawing! Beer Tasting! A Great Meal and homemade

dessert!! Cash Bar! Plan on attending on June 20, at 6 PM at Lumber Barons in Bay City. \$25 per person! Bonnie Westervelt will be at the May Dinner registration table taking registrations and payments for this event.





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INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 15
EMPOWERING WOMEN
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District 15 Fall Conference
October 20-22, 2017
H Hotel, Midland, MI

Hosted by the
Zonta Club of Midland

Midland Michigan THE CITY OF Modern Explorers

District 15 Conference

Explore, Engage, Empower!



Zontians mark your calendar now for October 20-22 for the District 15 Conference right here in Midland. Speakers, panels and activities throughout the weekend will help you explore what Zonta has to offer, engage in advocacy programs and help empower you to help women locally and around the world. The conference includes meals and evening entertainment, so make this a weekend for you to grow and engage with Zontians from 36 clubs in Michigan and Ohio. Registration opens in late July – check your email and the district web site www.zonta15.org for details.

Advertise your business in the conference program – just \$100 for a full page full color space, smaller is available too. Contact Cindy Vickery at csvickery63@gmail.com for details – space is limited!

Volunteers Needed! The committee is busy planning the conference weekend and many hands will be needed during the event to help everything run smoothly. In September, a list of opportunities to help will be available.

Recap of Past Events

Midland Blooms, Equal Pay Day, Annual Auction



On May 20, 8 Zontians planted at our Midland Blooms location by Bookness across from Center for Arts.

Several local Zontians attended for Equal Pay Legislative Day, April 25 in Lansing.



The Ways & Means committee would like to thank members for their support at the April 18 Auction. Without the donations, volunteers, and people attending, the auction it wouldn't have been a success. We look forward to embracing the coming year!



District News



SAVE THE DATE

State Court Administrative Office Child Welfare Services presents:

Human Trafficking and Michigan's Dependency Law

This will be a web-based meet-up through Adobe Connect

July 20, 2017
12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

This interactive web-based meet-up will provide an overview of Michigan's human trafficking and juvenile dependency laws, including the shift to a victim-centered approach and Safe Harbor provisions. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions of the presenters and each other through this web-based training platform.

Presenters:

Bridgette Carr, Director, University of Michigan Law School, Human Trafficking Clinic
Deborah Carley, Division Chief, Children & Youth Services Division, Michigan Department of Attorney General

Constituency Group: This interactive web-based meet-up is intended for **prosecutors** involved in child welfare or juvenile justice proceedings and **Child Protective Services workers**.

TO REGISTER

This training is free, but registration is required. Please click here:
<https://humantraffickingandmichigansdependencylaw072017.eventbrite.com>

QUESTIONS? Please contact Darla Brandon, Administrative Assistant, at (517)373-8036 or BrandonD@courts.mi.gov.

* This event is generously sponsored by the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse & Neglect and the Michigan Court Improvement Program

SAVE THE DATE!

Zonta Club of Pontiac North Oakland presents their
2017 Theater Party

Leading Ladies

Saturday, November 4, 2017
Pre-Glow at 1 PM, Performance at 2 PM

Set in York, PA in 1958, this farce centers on two down-on-their-luck Shakespearean actors, Leo Clark and Jack Gable. Through a newspaper article, the pair discovers that Florence, an older ailing woman, is looking for Max and Steve, her sister's children who moved away to England as children so she can include them in her multi-million dollar inheritance. And so the fun begins!

Tickets \$35
Birmingham Village Players
34660 Woodward Ave., Birmingham, MI 48009

All proceeds support the charitable works of the Zonta Club of Pontiac-North Oakland Foundation, a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization.

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www.zonta15.org

International News

Let Us Learn Madagascar: An Integrated Program for Adolescent Girls

Zonta International has committed US\$1 million to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF from 2016 to 2018 to support the Let Us Learn initiative to address

barriers to girls' education in Madagascar.

GOALS

- Create opportunities for vulnerable and excluded girls to realize their rights to an education in a secure and protective environment.
- The program is focused on three pillars:
 - Reaching out-of-school children
 - Expanding girls' education
 - Improving quality outcomes for learners

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Improve learning outcomes and student retention by providing training to 1,042 postprimary teachers.
- Provide catch-up classes to 600 female students in two regions.
- Provide cash transfers to 1,000 households for a two-year period.
- Ensure that students have access to safe drinking water and sanitation by rehabilitating and constructing four classrooms with appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and latrine facilities.
- Reduce violence in schools and communities by providing interventions that address harmful gender norms and attitudes at the individual, community, family and school levels.
- Facilitate access to quality medical and psychosocial support through a coordinated response with Child Protection Networks.
- Safeguard adolescent girls from child marriage and minimize all forms of violence against girls within the school environment and community through communication and advocacy efforts that mobilize all community members—including men and boys—to take action. <https://foundation.zonta.org/Our-Programs/International-Service-Program/Let-Us-Learn-Madagascar>

