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Sept. 20 – Dinner meeting 5:30 pm; Vicki Wakeman, A Blueprint for Safety

Oct. 4 – Business meeting 11:30

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Oct. 22 – Distric 15 Governor's Summit – Roscommon

Nov. 1 – Business meeting 11:30

Nov. 10 – Board meeting 7:15 am

Nov. 15 – Dinner meeting 5:30 pm

Nov. 25-Dec. 10 – 16 Days of Activism

Welcome back!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the academic world, where I spend most of my time, we always start the new school year revisiting our mission and vision. As we begin the new Zonta year it seems fitting that we should remind ourselves of Zonta International's mission and vision. As you know, the programs we support and the goals of our committees are all done to ensure we fulfill this vision and mission.

MISSION: Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

VISION: Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential.

In such a world women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men.

In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

As we prepare for the 2016-17 year, let's ask ourselves:

- How does the work of the Zonta Club of Midland fulfill the mission and vision of Zonta International?
- What are we doing in our club and community to assist women in achieving their full potential?
- Are the voices of the women in our club and community heard at the level we want them to be heard?
- What are we doing locally or regionally to support that no women lives in fear of violence?

As you reflect on the work of our club and committees we have much to be proud of and yet there is still hard work to do. For years we have helped the Shelterhouse Holiday Party be a success. The funds raised through Homewalk are used for scholarships, local women's programs and provide assistance to local women who are struggling.

Over the next weeks we will finalize our goals for the 2016-17 year. We will continue to focus on EMPOWERING WOMEN – TOGETHER. How we do that is what the club will decide over the coming weeks and months as each committee establishes their goals.

Can't wait to see you at our next meeting.

Rhonda

Rhonda Anderson, President



TRIP OF A LIFETIME

ZCOM Leaders Attend International Convention in France

As we reflect on the conference and what we learned, one of our biggest takeaways was how Zonta International (ZI) approaches their goals each biennium. Outgoing President, Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard, repeatedly shared with us how we should view our work as if we are planting a seedling. She explained our job is to plant the seed, and water it until it begins to grow, while we look for others to sustain the growth of the plant that will someday be a giant tree.

She explained that with ZI's limited resources, we must have "a laser focus on a few small projects" where we can have impact. ZI is successful because we are very strategic about who we partner with. We look for organizations that have the resources to make a long-term investment in our projects. Once ZI knows our partner is ready to move the project forward, we move on to another project. She explained that ZI may not be able to provide the long-term support and infrastructure needed, but we can to build awareness and a foundation.

As we finalize our 2016-17 goals, this is an opportunity to ask ourselves where our "laser focus" as a club will be in 2016-2018.

Although there were not many bylaw changes, a few to note are:

- A new standing committee was formed at the national level, the Leadership Development Committee. Our mission is to empower women, so it was fitting that we would have a committee focused helping our members become stronger leaders.
- To serve on the national Nominating Committee, a nominee must have served for at least two(2) years in an elected club office and have served in an elected or appointed capacity at the District level. This change broadens the pool of candidates who can be considered for the Nominating Committee. Prior to this change, to be considered you would have served on the Zonta International (ZI) board.



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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (LWV) HOSTS COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Midland Zonta members, on September 14, 2016, Midland LWV working with The Center for Michigan will hold a Community Conversation from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Community Room at the Grace A. Dow Library in Midland. It will be an interactive session where attendees respond to a number of questions regarding improving trust in MI State Government. Topics include state government services, management of the public purse, and many more areas.

The Center for Michigan takes our priorities we share in the discussion and amplify these to state leaders. There will be more than 150 structured conversations taking place this year.

Please put this on your calendar and RSVP your participation to judit.donahue@sbcglobal.net. Space is limited to between 25-50 and in addition to our membership we are inviting AAUW members, politicians, school board members and many more. RSVP as soon as possible to get a place.

NEW MEMBERS JOIN RANKS

At the June business meeting, Carole Calvert-Baxter, former District 15 governor, and Membership Committee chair Kim Walden welcomed and inducted six new members into ZCOM membership. Members (with flowers) are pictured (l-r), Terri Purchase, Corinne Povoast, Kristie Sherrell-Clement, Anna France-Dice, and Nicole Potter. Not pictured: Cindy Vickery.



Kristie Sherrell-Clement (Sponsor Cynthia Chilcote)

Kristie is married to Ray Clement. They have four children – Justin Huntress, Tyler Huntress (twins, age 22), Danielle Huntress (20), and Carly Clement (20). They are their greatest joy! Kristie has worked for Dow Corning for 29 years, with experience across all aspects of the Planning/Scheduling function. She currently manages the Scheduling team (20 people) for Dow Corning's largest manufacturing site. Kristie loves to read all kinds of books, and also enjoys "crafty" hobbies such as sewing & crocheting. Kristie and her husband both recently took some stained glass classes, although she does not claim to be very good at it yet!

Corinne Provoast (Sponsor Jennifer Chappel)

Corinne is a graduate of SVSU in Mathematics and Economics. She has worked in the tri-city insurance industry since 2001, specializing in individual health insurance, matching people to their best-fit plans.

Corinne supports and participates in the local Midland Area Chamber of Commerce. As the mother of two young children, she is a member of Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) and can be found on playgrounds, soccer fields, or baseball diamonds most days.

Cindy Vickery (Sponsor Lisa Hulbert)

After 11 wonderful years at the Greater Midland Tennis Center, Cindy has stepped out to freelance, providing software support for tennis clubs and TennisSource.net software as well as graphic design services locally. This new adventure allows her to work a flexible schedule and to travel throughout the U.S.

Cindy's hobbies include working out, reading, gardening and taking long walks with her dog. She and her husband Dave have a son Matthew who just graduated from Dow High and daughter Allie who is a senior at Michigan State.

Anna France-Dice (Sponsor, Ann Beck)

Anna is a Midland native, born and raised, and graduated from Midland Schools. She is the Branch Manager of the Isabella Bank on South Saginaw Road. She has been with the bank for 2.5 years. Anna spent several years in her home with her children before entering back into the workforce in 2013. She resides in Midland with her family. She feels passionately about volunteering through the Midland Salvation Army at events assisting needy families around the Holiday season, and also with mentoring middle school and high school students getting ready to start entering the workforce. In her free time Anna enjoys Tiger's baseball, Michigan football, hiking, cooking, reading, entertaining, and spending time with friends and family.

Nicole Potter (Sponsor Carole Calvert-Baxter)

Nicole has a bachelors degree in Health Administration from CMU, MBA from Northwood and has been working in the marketing industry for 8 years, currently for MidMichigan Health.

Nicole has been married to her husband Mike for 6 years, and they have one daughter, Charlana, 20 months old, and 2 dogs, Kona and Lucy.

Nicole's hobbies include teaching spin at MidMichigan medical center and Seungni, traveling, and getting in touch with nature. Maggie is active in her spare time playing coed softball in the spring and just this year started taking Tae Kwon Do where she is currently working on her yellow belt.

Terri Purchase (Sponsor Nan Blasy)

Terri has been married for 22 years, and has a 15 year old son, Luke. Terri's husband, Claude, works at Dow Corning and her son is a freshman at Midland High School. Terri has been a Cabi stylist since 2012, and it's a job she really loves!

Terri is also a Master Gardener volunteer, and is involved with the Adams Elementary School garden. Besides her family, business and gardening, other interests are reading, baking, and trying new foods and wines.



2016-2017 OFFICERS INSTALLED IN JUNE

President:	Rhonda Anderson
First Vice-President:	Karla Oldenburg
2nd Vice-President:	Ashleigh Summers
Secretary:	Kris Riley
Treasurer:	Cheryl Chasnis
Past President:	Ann Beck
Advocacy:	Lisa Hulbert
Assimilation, Retention and Rejuvenation:	Ashleigh Summers
Archives:	vacant
Attendance:	Lisa Miner
Bylaws:	Karla Oldenburg

District 15 Fall Conference 2017:	Lisa Miner & Kim Walden
Finance/Fundraising:	Karla Oldenburg
Fellowship/Awards:	Bonnie Westervelt
Golden Z Club:	Sharon Mortensen
Homewalk:	Esther Williams/Carole Calvert-Baxter
Membership:	Kim Walden
Public Relations/Newsletter:	vacant
Status of Women Service:	Melissa Barnard
United Nations/Intercity:	Jennifer Chappel
Ways & Means:	Maureen Acker
Nominating:	Elizabeth Lumbert, Rhonda Anderson, Ann Beck (chair)

ZING (Zonta Informal Network Gathering) TIME

Join us for a fun, social time to network with other Zontians! Brought to you by the ARR (Assimilation, Retention and Rejuvenation) Committee.

Calling all Zonta crafters...

Create a beautiful, burlap-wrap autumn wreath! All materials and instruction provided by fellow Zontian, Kayleigh Stachowiak

Date/Time: Thurs. Sept 22, 6:00

Place: 2219 N Old Pine Trail in Midland

Cost: \$20 at event

PLEASE RSVP BY SEPT 9th to Kayleigh at: (989) 323-9288 kaysta@yeoandyeo.com



-- Supplies must be ordered ahead.



COCKTAILS AND CANVAS JUNE SOCIAL MAKES ARTISTS OUT OF ZONTIANS

Midland Zontians met at Creative 360 on June 21 for a fun and relaxing evening of sipping, munching and painting, an annual social event put on by the Fellowship Committee.

Zontians enjoyed a delicious assortment of hors d'oeuvres prepared by the

committee and The Menu Manager, and after some time spent socializing, got down to the task at hand – painting a series of flowers on a blank canvas. No previous experience or artistic talent was required as the instructor took us step-by-step through the process and stopped by each table to offer tips.

Some of the ladies finished their paintings much quicker than others, but everyone seemed fairly satisfied with their end result. Kudos to the committee for a great idea and a job well done!



MONTHLY MEETINGS RESUME FOR ZCOM

Welcome back, Zontians! Please remember to send your regrets for any meeting you are unable to attend. The deadline is 11:00 am on the Friday before the meeting.

Send your regrets to:

attendancechair@zontaclubofmidland.org

MY SUMMER VACATION TRIP TO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

By Rhonda Anderson and Karla Oldenburg



Governor's Summit Coming This Fall

Join us for an inspiring and empowering Governor's Summit on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Ralph A. MacMullan DNR Conference Center in Roscommon.

In addition to lodging at the facility, there are various hotels and campgrounds in the area. Stay tuned for more information.



A message from Sophia Cruz (Creating for Change)...

Little Stones Test Screening

I'm here in sunny Southern California with *Little Stones* cinematographer Meena Singh, where we're finishing up post-production on the documentary. It's been a busy and productive few months as we work with a team of artists who are doing the film's mosaic animation, original score, color correction, sound design, and much more, getting it ready to submit to film festivals next year. And today, I'm thrilled to invite you all - our funders, supporters, cheerleaders and friends - to a very special test screening of *Little Stones* this fall! We've partnered with the U-M Center for the Education of Women and the U-M School of Education. The test-screening and Q&A will be **free and non-ticketed, however you MUST register** on the CEW event page below:



Wednesday, October 5, 2016
Michigan Theater, Main Auditorium
603 East Liberty Street, Ann Arbor
6:30-9:00 pm Doors at 6:00 pm

[Click here to register!](#)



DISTRICT 15 WAS WELL-REPRESENTED AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN NICE, FRANCE, IN JULY.

Zonta Club of Midland President Rhonda Anderson is pictured back row, far right, and First Vice President Karla Oldenburg is pictured middle row, far left.

MEET THE PRESIDENT – SONJA HÖNIG SCHOUGH

Sonja Hönig Schough is President of Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation. She is a former business consultant for IFS Scandinavia, where her responsibilities included counseling, training and implementation of information technology support for customers, primarily in Scandinavian countries. Prior to IFS Scandinavia, Sonja worked for 25 years as a human resources director for Beiersdorf AB, a Swedish subsidiary of an international consumer goods company.

Sonja joined the Zonta Club of Kungsbacka, Sweden, in 1993. Prior to becoming President, she served as the 2014-2016 President-Elect and the 2012-2014 International Vice President. She was an International Director from 2009-2012, Governor from 2006-2008, Lieutenant Governor from 2004-2006, and Area Director from 2002-2004. She has also attended 12 District Conferences and seven International Conventions.

In addition to her career and Zonta leadership, Sonja served as chairman of the Industrial Health Service Company in Kungsbacka. She holds a master's degree in business administration and a bachelor's degree in psychology, both from the University of Gothenburg. Sonja speaks English, French and German, and also fully understands Danish and Norwegian. Her personal interests include sports, literature and traveling. She also enjoys the company of her two grandchildren, who live in France.





ZONTA INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES AWARD WINNERS

Established in 1990, Zonta's Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award recognizes young women ages 16-19 for demonstrating leadership skills and commitment to public service and civic causes, and encourages them to continue their participation in public and political life.

This year, District 15 had a winner – Emily Beyer from Leelanau County.

Congratulations to Emily!

ZONTA RENOUNCES HUMAN TRAFFICKING ON WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

Human trafficking is a global issue known all over the world today, and it is something that we cannot accept as Zontians. It is a crime that exploits women, children and men for numerous purposes.

Read the [full blog entry](#) from Zonta International's President.



2017 AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE NOV. 15



"It is somehow reassuring to think that there are also men and women who take the risks themselves, who pit themselves not against their fellow beings but against the immensity and the violence of the natural world, who are brave without cruelty to others and impassioned with an idea that dignifies all who contemplate it."

– Walter Lippman, journalist and essayist, July 8, 1937 (six days after Amelia Earhart disappeared over the Pacific Ocean)

Check out [What Makes a Hero and the True Measure of the Human Spirit: Walter Lippmann's Stunning Tribute to Amelia Earhart](#).