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ZCOM News

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- March 15 – Dinner meeting (Membership Drive) 5:50 pm
- April 5 – Business meeting 12:00
- April 14 – Board meeting 7:15 am (Midland Area Community Foundation)
- April 19 –Dinner meeting (Auction) 5:30 pm
- May 3 – Business meeting 12:00

Are you interested in a leadership role with Zonta Club of Midland?

Let us know!

Please contact the Nominating Committee and let us know of your interest:

- [Ann Beck](#)
- [Sharon Mortensen](#)
- [Cynthia Chilcote](#)

President's Message

Happy Spring??!!

It sure has been an interesting February and first part of March so far! One day we have a full on snow storm with over a foot of snow, and two days later it's warm enough to melt it all away.....but don't despair, as the next week brings another foot of snow and very cold temperatures!

Our February Intercity Dinner was very well attended and we had a few members from the Saginaw Zonta Club join us. Our Fellowship Committee had a wonderful "Who am I?" famous women game for us to play that was awesome! Our March meeting will feature a membership drive and a survivor of human trafficking as our speaker.

Remember to bring your treasures for the Ways & Means committee's April Auction. We need experiences and as always bottles of wine & beer are very welcome! Check your inbox for the invite that you can send to your friends and family to have them attend. It is always a fun evening and the Ways & Means committee has arranged for a cash bar for the evening.

Rhonda is still looking for suggestions for a signature service project for our club. Please consider submitting any ideas you have for us. This is expected to be a long term project, not a "one and done" project, so understand that this will be something we develop and become known for in the Midland Community.

The nominating committee is beginning to develop a slate of officers and committee chairs. Please consider and respond enthusiastically "yes" when asked to serve. The leadership skills and learning are part of the reason I joined Zonta and why I continue to be involved. We have fun and learn at the same time!

Thank you all for your participation and attendance at our meetings. It's been a great year so far!!

Yours in Service,

Ann Beck, President



April Auction – Join Us!

Invite your friends...donate something...have fun with fellow Zontians...

April 19th 5:30 pm
Midland Country Club

See [announcement](#) below or visit our [website](#) for more information.

ZCOM Supports Local Service Projects in 2016



The Service Committee, chaired by Jill VanderZouwen, has been hard at work soliciting and evaluating proposals from local organizations for funding by Zonta in 2016. Grants totaling \$7000 were awarded:

Caregiving Network - \$900 for the purchase of feminine care and personal hygiene products for women (not attainable with Bridge Cards) as part of their food pantry

Legacy Center for Community Success - \$900 to assist female low income, low-literacy learners improve their WorkKeys scores and qualify for job training programs

Young Lives - \$1000 for meals at weekly club meetings, club supplies, camp expenses and gas money in support of one-on-one mentoring to assist girls in gaining confidence, improving parenting skills, gaining education and increasing independence in obtaining jobs and housing

ARC of Midland - \$600 to help three women with intellectual and developmental disabilities start micro-enterprises

West Midland Family Center - \$800 to provide personal growth opportunities for 2-3 female participants in the Dow College Opportunity Program; activities help students gain confidence, explore options, gain skills and become fully engaged in their intended fields of study

Midland County Habitat for Humanity - \$900 for construction supplies that will be used during Women Build Week to change the cycle of poverty by providing safe, affordable housing

Girls on the Run - \$1000 for snacks and new running shoes for girls learning about self-image, physical and emotional health, healthy lifestyles, healthy relationships and community involvement

Midland County Former Offenders Advocacy and Rehab - \$900 to help provide employment/housing services transportation, programs and targeted assistance (driver's license fees, resume preparation, job coaching) for 74 female clients

New Members Join Ranks

At the February business meeting, Lisa Hulbert, Area 4 Director and Membership Committee co-chair Kim Walden welcomed and inducted new members Elissa Olson and Crystal Corbat into ZCOM membership. Julie Dopp joined our ranks in March.



(ABOVE) SPONSOR (SUB) JENNIFER CHAPPEL AND NEW MEMBER ELISSA OLSON; SPONSOR (SUB) CYNTHIA CHILCOTE AND NEW MEMBER CRYSTAL CORBAT.

(RIGHT) SPONSOR PAM NAGEL WELCOMES NEW MEMBER JULIE DOPP.



Read their bios below

Elissa Olson - Elissa was a Zonta Club scholarship recipient a few years ago while attending Delta College. She was working and going back to school as a single mom, so the Zonta scholarship meant so much to her, and attending a meeting with the club planted a seed that made her want to join one day. When she got the invitation card in the mail to join, she said she got tears in her eyes because she instantly remembered how far she had come and remembered those that gave to help her succeed. As a recent graduate of Leadership Midland 2015, she was encouraged to join a club and Zonta is definitely a passion of hers. Women helping women succeed! She is excited to be a part of giving back!

Crystal Corbat - Crystal moved to Michigan from Florida 4.5 years ago and began working for Kelly Wall of Greystone Homes as his office manager for his new office location on Wackerly St. Over the past few years, she has been promoted to project manager on the new home construction side of the business. She is on the membership committee for the Midland Home Builders Association and active in the HBA Home & Garden Show and Parade of Homes in the fall and spring each year. Crystal has been involved with Zonta Homewalk since working for Greystone Homes. She has a son (11) at Meridian Junior High and lives with her husband and son in Sanford. She enjoys time on the lake and watching her son play football, reading, running, and cross country skiing.

Julie Dopp - Julie was born and raised in Midland and lived in this area her entire life with the exception of an 11-year hiatus from 2003-2014. Julie still has a home in Southwest Michigan (until her husband retires) along with a residence in Sanford. She has two businesses here in Midland, Healthy Tax Solutions and NutritionNow. NutritionNow began as a club Julie started with her children opening for meetings of their Herbalife distributors and clients. Julie was involved in Midland County 4-H and her church prior to leaving and looks forward that community involvement again.

Join us for Zonta's Annual April Auction

Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 5:30 pm
 Midland Country Club
 (Doors open at 5:00)

Auction proceeds are used to fund local and international educational opportunities for club leadership and members. Visit our [website](#) for more photos!

Non-members, please RSVP by mailing your check to:

Zonta Club of Midland
 PO Box 196
 Midland, MI 48640

Include your name and contact information along with your check by **Friday April 8, 2016.**



Checkout will occur once all auction items have been sold. Payment by cash or check is preferred for auction items. VISA payments available with 3% surcharge. Questions? Maureen Acker, macker@dow.com.

Last chance to donate to April 19th Auction!

General Guideline for Donations:

- Auction items can include "goods" used as promotion for a business (feel free to include your business card) or personal, individual donations
- If donating a party, clearly indicate the value of the event/party, what is included and the maximum number of participants, i.e. Jewelry party for six; each guest will leave with a glass bead bracelet; Value - \$100.
- Parties are fun events, not sales events. Donors should not expect to sell items at these events, but instead they are hosting an event.
- If you do not have items and would like to donate, that's ok! A donation of wine and/or beer would be a wonderful way to show your support!



Oral-B Electric Toothbrush & Goodies
 Value \$150

Professional Latic home bleach trays for upper and lower arches. Requires patient to schedule an appointment for impressions of their teeth.
 Dr. Crystal
 5930 Eastman Avenue
 Midland, MI 48640
 (989) 837-3773
 Value \$500.00



Women Can Help Narrow the Gender Wage Gap

At February's annual Intercity Dinner, Beth Bryce, director of Career Advancement and adjunct faculty member at Northwood University shared her insights into how women can empower themselves in the workplace.

A certified motivational career coach with a Master's degree in Leadership specializing in career transitions, Beth has coached hundreds of people on boldly pursuing their career goals. She is also founder of Girls2Women Coaching, a career coaching firm for professional women looking to define a rewarding career path for their authentic self, to obtain personal growth, whole-hearted success and financial independence. In her free time, Beth serves on various boards in her community and supports organizations that enhance the quality of life for its youth and women.



Zontians Witness History

Twelve Zontians and guests attending February's ZING at the Dow Corning Tennis Classic had an opportunity to watch the making of a tennis star when CiCi Bellis (right), 16, ranked number 219 in the world, beat defending Dow Corning Champion Tatjana Maria of Germany in first round play.

Board Considers New Signature Service Project

The Zonta Club of Midland board is considering establishment of a signature service/advocacy project for our club and requesting input and suggestions from members.

Our signature fundraiser, Homewalk, has helped our club establish a valuable reputation in the community. A signature service project would allow us to deepen our commitment to changing women's lives here in the Midland community while focusing our service dollars, volunteer hours and advocacy efforts for greatest impact. They anticipate that the project selected will continue for several years (as "signature" implies) but will review progress and impact of the project on a regular basis.

Submit ideas to Rhonda Anderson, First Vice President, RCA@northwood.edu, by March 31, 2016.

1. How does the project address the mission of Zonta, focusing on women through legal, political, economic, educational and/or professional avenues?
2. Is it a service project? Does it offer a service/ benefit to the community that we can advocate for?
3. What is the impact or benefit to women and girls in the local community (how are women impacted/changed; how many will be impacted)?
4. How will club members be involved in service and advocacy?
5. How will it give Zonta visibility in the community?
6. Is the project sustainable?
7. Is there an opportunity for collaboration with other organizations? Which ones?

D15 Service Projects Advance to Next Round

Thank you to all those clubs sending nominations for the District 15 Service Recognition Awards. The service work by clubs in our district is varied and invaluable to our respective communities. The District is so proud of the great work everyone does in the name of service.

A district committee can select up to 3 club projects to send on to Zonta International for consideration for the Zonta International Service Recognition Awards.

There are two categories within these applications:

- Category 1 - Service projects that empower women and girls in general to achieve equal rights and to secure access to all legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional resources
- Category 2 - Service projects focusing on prevention of the root causes of violence against women and girls through education (at least one club project in Category 2 must be selected)

After careful consideration, the evaluating committee has selected the following 3 district finalists to send on to the next level of consideration and to display at international convention in Nice this summer:



SAULT STE. MARIE – CATEGORY 1
OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS



FENTON AREA – CATEGORY 2
VAW HIGHWAY BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN



GAYLORD AREA – CATEGORY 2
OUR TEAM SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



Meet Your District 15 Board

DeAnna Cambridge, Area 2 Director, 2014-2016

DeAnna has served in many roles as a member of the Zonta Club of the Michigan Capitol Area (Lansing) and currently enjoys serving as the Area 2 Director (southwest Michigan).

The mission of Zonta International was the initial draw that prompted DeAnna to seek membership in 2009. Since becoming a member, DeAnna says her love for Zonta has grown because of the relationships, and friendships she has formed. "It has been all over the world; women with the desire and determination to make a collective difference in the lives of others".

As Area Director, DeAnna has enjoyed visiting other clubs throughout the District. "It is amazing the variety of service projects, fundraisers and advocacy programs we have going on throughout the District. Each club brings a unique flavor to District 15 and I am delighted to have the opportunity to participate in the advancements we are making on behalf of women and girls."

Additionally, DeAnna is extremely grateful for the training and support she has received as a member of ZCMCA and on the District Board. DeAnna says her club and the Board have provided leadership opportunities on many levels. "I feel I have grown in many ways, but most importantly, the learning has taken place in an environment of encouragement. The support makes me feel like there is no way I can fail because we are working together. I encourage everyone to not only accept a leadership position but pursue it."

Penny Boldrey, Area 1 Director, 2014-2016

Penny is part of the Zonta Club of Alpena.

Her dedication for Zonta shows in all she does. She is currently on a leave of absence as she has been battling brain cancer since November. Her treatments are near the Detroit area and will be staying with family in Livonia.

Please keep Penny in your prayers for a speedy recovery. She is in good spirits. Thank you Penny for all you do!



Whole Foods Sponsorship Creates Change

[Creating4Change](#) continues to partner with all six of the Whole Foods stores in Michigan, along with the women's organization [Zonta International District 15](#) to raise Creating4Change finishing (post-production) funds.

Through March 31st, when you shop at any Whole Foods store in Michigan, if you bring your own shopping bag you'll be able to donate your \$.10 bag credit to Zonta District 15. Throughout this One Day at a Time fundraiser, Zonta is serving as the fiscal sponsor. All of the funds raised will support post-production on

Creating4Change.

If you missed the announcement of this fundraising effort, [watch the video message to Zontians and subscribers from Sophia Cruz \(above\).](#)

Visit Sophia's website at www.sophiakruzproductions.com/about.html and check out the new Creating4Change trailer.

It's Not Too Late!

International Convention Update



From Our Governor...

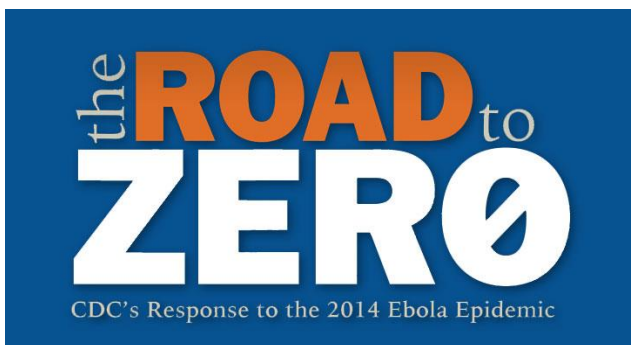
International Convention is a GREAT OPPORTUNITY to expand your appreciation of Zonta International AND meet members from around the world while making decisions about the organization.

Hotels have made a competitive promise for rates. If you don't know your member ID#, contact your treasurer or check your copy of the Zontian magazine.

There will be a District 15 meeting in Nice on Saturday, 7/2, 10:35 - 11:20, Auditorium. There will be workshops and Round Table discussion on topics which we can impact as a District - so let me know if you have suggestions. There will be a Memorial Service honoring members who have passed away during the 2014-2016 biennium, and we will need to provide individuals' names. There is word that there will be limited discussion time regarding By-Laws: 12-minutes per bylaw. SEE YOU IN NICE IN JULY!

Advocating for Global Change

Education and Sensitization – Women and Ebola



UN WOMEN CONFRONT EBOLA VIRUS

Since the Ebola outbreak in West Africa was declared an international public health emergency, many UN organizations have been working hand-in-hand to help those affected on the ground. UN Women has been facilitating mobilization and information efforts targeting women, who have been disproportionately affected by this disease (exposure of women is greater because of their traditional caregiving roles), coordinating UN efforts to address gender within the response, and supporting the collection of sex-disaggregated data.

To help curb the spread of Ebola and mitigate its impacts, UN Women has focused on supporting sensitization and advocacy on Ebola and its gender dimensions primarily in Liberia and Sierra Leone. Programs in Liberia and Sierra Leone include: working with local radio stations and with traditional leaders to raise awareness and aid prevention; producing educational materials to train health workers; supporting orphaned children and stigmatized survivors; ensuring that women's needs are reflected in all aspects of the UN's humanitarian response; providing economic grants for hard-hit cross-border traders; and more.



Liberia

Mobile Banking Help Ebola-impacted Women Traders

Since the Ebola outbreak began, prevention measures while addressing health concerns, have taken a drastic toll on the livelihoods and economic security of women traders in Liberia. In a country where approximately 85 per cent of daily market traders are women, closed markets and travel restrictions are causing a significant drop in sales. As a result, many are defaulting on repayment of the loans they used to invest in various businesses. To address the issue, UN Women and the Central Bank of Liberia have partnered to provide some 2,500 women cross-border traders with cash transfers via mobile technology, in order to help them save and expand their businesses.

Sierra Leone

Restoring Confidence in Health Facilities in Sierra Leone

On the last leg of her three-day visit to Sierra Leone on 24 March, UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka launched the UN Women-supported Mano River Union First Ladies Initiative on Maternal and Reproductive Health Services at the Kenema District Government Hospital. The project aims to put essential services back on track and restore eroded confidence in health services.

Read the full story [online](#).

