

Zonta Club of Midland

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Murder in Margaritaland

Time to register to attend is running out like quicksand...be sure to sign up at the June business meeting, if you haven't already done so!

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The President's Report ~ Sue Moody, President

Dear Fellow Zontians,

Wow! The new Zonta year is officially here. First I would like to thank Bonnie and the outgoing Board Members for a wonderful year and their commitment to our Club's Leadership "Thank You".

I am very excited about the coming year. I will be looking to all of you for guidance and support through out the year. Zonta is a serious commitment to me and I hope to all of you as well. The success of this club, what we do and what we want people to think about the image of Zonta, is all dependent on each and every one of you. It is the commitment you offer to the club and what you do and say in your every day lives.

Your new board will meet over the summer to prepare goals for the year. We will be discussing ideas to grow this club not just in membership, but also in the community and PR, so I ask you all to be supportive with your commitment to Zonta and to your new Leaders.

Your new board invites you to be part of all this--after all this is "your" club.

Sincerely,

Sue Moody
Club President

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, June 2: Business meeting, 11:30 am, Midland Country Club

Tuesday, June 16: End of the year social event, 5:30 pm, The H Hotel

Thursday, June 18: Board meeting, 7:15 am, Midland Area Community Foundation

Tuesday, September 1: Business meeting, 11:30 am, Midland Country Club

Zonta Club of Midland Awards Local Scholarships

The May dinner meeting is eagerly anticipated as our scholarship dinner, and this year's recipients is another outstanding group of women.

The Zonta Club of Midland offers these scholarships to women of all ages pursuing career goals that will positively impact the status of women. The scholarships are for women re-entering the workforce or who are in the workforce going back to school. Preference is given to women who have supported, and/or plan to support through their education, the advancement of women.

The Zonta Club of Midland has awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships since 1998. The annual Zonta Homewalk, held the first weekend in December, is the Club's primary fundraiser for these scholarships and other educational opportunities and service projects.



Scholarship recipients, from left: Carol Boothroyd, Sue Kleinhans, Jessica Rodgers, Tonya Lusk, Heather Olvera, Rebecca Billsby.

Have a great summer!



Happy Birthday, Zontians!

Please wish your fellow Zontians a Happy Birthday!

June Birthdays

Jana Chotivkova, June 15

Esther Seaver, June 16

Julie Close, June 17

Bonnie Westervelt, June 27

Murder in Margaritaland



Join US FOR a
NIGHT OF CHAOS &
CRIME IN THE CARIBBEAN



Somewhere in the tropics between the Port of Indecision and Southwest of Disorder you'll find that murder meets mayhem and the intrigue begins!

While most vacation at Margaritaland, an exclusive Caribbean resort, to get away from their troubles, for one unfortunate soul, it will mean the end of their travels all together.

Has the lottery winner's luck run out? Will it be the bartender who has served his last drink? Is the honeymoon over for the newlyweds before it even began? Or will the stars collide for one Hollywood superstar?

At the resort, the guilty will mingle among the guests and everyone will be left with the task of deciphering between the facts and falsehoods that plague this paradise in order to make a killer pay for their crime.

It'll be a night of murder & mayhem that will have you searching for more than your long lost shaker of salt.

YOU ARE INVITED TO MARGARITALAND ON

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2009

PLEASE BE SURE TO ARRIVE BETWEEN

THE HOURS OF 5:30 AND 6:00 PM

FOR COCKTAILS & IMPORTANT CLUES

MARGARITALAND IS LOCATED AT

THE H HOTEL



ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT

NAN BLASY & FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE & PAID
BY THE MAY 19th DINNER MEETING
MEMBERS \$15 GUESTS \$35



Zonta Club of Midland
2009 Year-End Committee Reports

Archives — Janice Hoppe, Chair

The following are the established goals for this term:

1. Secure filing equipment that would provide adequate and confidential storage for Zonta records, include room for expansion, and also satisfy the aesthetic expectations of the Library Board. This was accomplished the beginning of 2009.
2. Develop an organized filing system that would ensure ease of retrieval. Accomplished.
3. File, file, file. Also accomplished through the dedication of Melissa Barnard, Sarah Gorman and myself.

I'm pleased to announce that Sarah Gorman will chair the 2009/2010 Archives Committee. Melissa Barnard will also continue her work on this committee providing continuity and professional expertise.

Assimilation, Retention & Rejuvenation — Jan McGuire, Chair

The ARR Committee met all of the goals for the 2008/2009 Zonta year. The picnic with the Afghan women July, 2008 was successful but we are sorry to report they will not be coming to Midland this summer. We will continue to look for opportunities that give our club exposure to women on an international level.

The Shelter House Christmas is a wonderful partnership with Zonta and gives members an opportunity to give something back. We expect this to be an ongoing project for ARR and the club.

We also introduced a new project to the Club; Share the Memories Prom Dress program through North Midland Family Center. This was the first year for this project and while only a few Zontians participated we expect it to grow each year. The ARR Committee will evaluate the project and its fit with our Club and report to the board in the fall.

Midland Blooms, scheduled for May 30th will wrap up our projects for the year. We have 20 people scheduled to plan this year.

Based on discussion at the board meetings regarding member resignations the ARR Committee will be personally meeting with new members after they have been in the club for six months to ensure they feel welcome, have gotten assigned to a committee and address any concerns or questions the new members may have. We hope this will help with the retention of new members.

In order for the ARR Committee to do the new member follow up we will need a list of new members with their start date so we can schedule our meetings. The ARR Committee chair will work with the Membership Committee chair to identify a process for this follow up.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan McGuire, ARR Committee Chair

Attendance — Laura Huckins, Chair

The attendance committee tracks attendance of active Zonta members at all regular meetings, coordinating with the treasurer to invoice for missed meals. The process of tracking payments for missed and guest meals was identified as a challenge in past years, but the attendance chair and the treasurer met earlier this program year and designed what turned out to be a successful procedure.

Average attendance for meetings was reported to the finance committee for budget-setting purposes.

No members achieved perfect attendance for the 2008-2009 program year.

Main struggles:

- Enforcing the 11:00 am Friday deadline for regrets, which came about as a result of the Country Club wanting an accurate count by 12:00 pm on Fridays before a meeting.
- Educating members not only of this change in deadline, but of the guideline in general. Many were still unaware that no 'regrets' would result in a missed meal if they did not attend, or felt that their situation was unique and should be excused.

Overall impression is that the procedure has become more streamlined.

Week 0 – send luncheon regrets deadline reminder – Tuesday

Week 0 – lunch count to County Club and treasurer – noon Friday

Week 1 – lunch meeting, confirm any “no-show” members – Tuesday

Week 1 – list of “unexcuseds” / guests to treasurer for invoicing – Friday

Week 2 – send dinner regrets deadline reminder – Tuesday

Week 2 – dinner count (including # of vegetarians / special diet) to Country Club and treasurer – noon Friday

Week 3 – dinner meeting, confirm any “no-show” members – Tuesday

Week 3 – list of “unexcuseds” / guests to treasurer for invoicing – Friday

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Huckins, Chair

Angie Karwan

Leslie Pierfelice

Bylaws — Esther Seaver, Chair

To maintain the by-laws and update the by-laws in accordance with Zonta International and Zonta District 15 by-laws and to possibly accommodate any changes made at the International Conference.

Bylaws were changed to clarify Leave of Absence, the fiscal year for membership dues, and a conflict of interest policy.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Seaver, chair

Finance — Sue Moody, Chair

1. Fundraising

For 2008-2009 the only fundraiser was the Homewalk – see Homewalk report. The Committee felt we needed to take a one year reprieve of an additional fundraiser. Look for some additional idea for the upcoming year.

2. Budgeting

Establish the 2009-2010 budget with a slight increase in dues. The committee this year laid out a Zonta Finance 101 session as well as a Budget Presentation. I think it was very well received from membership. I suggest that this be accomplished during Orientation and maybe once a year at a business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Moody, Chair

Public Relations — Jennifer Sigsworth, Chair

The PR Committee made significant progress on its goals for the 2008-09 year:

1. Update and maintain the Zonta Club of Midland website, including:

Updated content

Additional tools and resources for committees and club members

Achievements: Building on the enthusiasm for the new website design introduced last year, this year's additions included publishing several press releases on our website and making more internal tools and resources available to members, such as club policy documents, budget reports, and forms.

2. Develop and issue the monthly club newsletter.

Achievements: Although our committee has not fully met this goal, we have had some success. A new design for the newsletter was introduced during the 2008-09 year to coordinate with the look of the website, and several new features were created over the course of the year, such as "Talk Zonta!" and agency/organization spotlights to provide members with a greater understanding of the organizations we support locally.

3. Update the club display boards for use at Zonta meetings and community events.

Achievements: As a committee, we decided to postpone further updates to boards, due to their limited use and budget constraints.

4. Continue to coordinate the creation and distribution of the annual Yellow Book.

Achievements: The Yellow Book was updated and distributed during the fall. We also presented and received approval from the club to raise the price of the Yellow Book to match the production costs, therefore preventing a budget loss on this item.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sigsworth, chair

Sherry Kalina

Barb Muessig

Colette St. Louis

Status of Women/Service — Sharon Mortensen, Chair

Noteworthy Women Presentations

This year the service committee decided to again highlight local women who had made a significant contribution to advance the status of women. The following women were highlighted during lunch meetings: Judy Rapanos, Sharon Miller, Tina Van Dam and Elyse Rogers.

Funding Requests

The following projects were supported during the 2008-2009 year:

North Midland Family Center	
Transportation	\$ 500
Share the Memories Project	\$ 250
Railway Family Center	
Transportation	\$ 500
West Midland Family Center	
Transportation	\$ 500
Shelterhouse	
Transportation	\$ 500
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	
Camperships for Girls	\$1000
Additional camperships *	\$ 400
Midland County Youth Leadership	
Scholarship	\$ 50 (approved but not needed so no funds used)
Girls on the Run (Shelterhouse)	

Scholarships for Girls	\$1500
Midland Cancer Services	
Smoking cessation	
(for women cancer patients)	\$ 500
Midland Public Schools	
Summer School Scholarships	\$ 200
Midland Rotary Club	
La Paz, Mexico After School	
Program	\$ 400
Helping Hands Dental Clinic	
Assistance for patients *	\$ 80
Inland Seas	
Young Women in Science	\$ 870
Total:	\$7200

* - still to be approved by board and/or membership

Midland Area Community Foundation Scholarships

The committee distributed scholarship brochures and met with local financial aid officers. The service committee chair served on the scholarship selection committee for the community foundation. Two other community members served on the committee. The service committee introduced the scholarship winners at the May dinner meeting.

“Your Service Dollars At Work” Presentation

The service committee provided a slideshow during the March dinner meeting. This slideshow offered information on how service dollars were used in the past year. Agencies receiving service dollars were asked to provide pictures and a brief description of the use of the funds to use as part of the slide show.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Mortensen, Chair

United Nations/InterCity — Linda Langrill, Chair

Goal: The committee shall receive and disseminate pertinent information about the United Nations and its agencies and the activities of Zonta International.

Result: The committee implemented a schedule of short, 4-minute presentations called “**International Spotlight**” at the monthly dinner meetings. A handout with bullet points for members was made available. Topics included:

September 16, 2008 Spotlight on International Scholarships/Awards – Linda Langrill

October 21, 2008	United Nations Day recognition, UNIFEM and ZISVAW - Sue Montesi
November 18, 2008	Carole Calvert-Baxter presented a talk on International Projects to Prevent Violence Against Women
January 20, 2009	Guatemala and El Salvador, Safe Cities for Women Project – Linda Langrill
February 10, 2009	Intercity Dinner hosted by Zonta Club of Midland
March 17, 2009	No spotlight scheduled
May 19, 2009	International Scholarships and presentation of local scholarships
June 2, 2009	Liberia – Reduction of Obstetric Fistula – Jean Selby – Presentation at business meeting

Goal: The United Nations/InterCity Committee shall maintain the club's relationship with Saginaw and Bay City and expand the club's relationship to other nearby clubs. It shall organize (in the years the local club hosts the event) and/or coordinate (in other years) the annual Inter-city dinner in February.

Result: We invited members of Saginaw, Bay City, Mt. Pleasant, and Cadillac clubs to attend the Intercity Dinner which was held February 10, 2009 at the Doan History Center in Midland. Four members from Bay City Area Club attended and eleven from Saginaw Club attended. Sixty-five members and guests attended the event. Guest speaker and History Center Director, Gary Skory, underscored the important role of women in the early 1900s in Midland.

Goal: The committee shall organize/take part in events to commemorate United Nations Day (October 24) and International Women's Day/Zonta Rose Day (March 18). Note: Zonta International, founded on November 8, 1919, celebrates 90 years in 2009 of advancing the status of women through community and international service.

Result: Our spotlight speaker for October recognized United Nations Day and the implication for the relationship with Zonta in supporting established United Nations programs promoting women. No recognition was given formally to Zonta Rose Day for 2009. The Intercity Dinner used the theme of celebrating Zonta's 90 years of advancing the status of women.

IV. **Goal:** In support of the Status of Women Service Committee, the committee shall meet the needs of the young by supporting the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award, the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships, the Amelia Earhart Fellowships (graduate studies in aerospace-related sciences and engineering), and Z Club programs.

Result: The committee developed a communications plan to publicize the availability of these fellowships, awards and scholarships. The plan included local and internal (but not regional) club promotion and publicity. A subcommittee was formed, chaired by Zonta Club of Midland Board member, Janice Hoppe, with United Nations/Intercity committee members Linda Malekadel and Carole Calvert-Baxter, to evaluate and select a local recipient for the Young Women in Public Affairs Award (\$600) from two applications received. The winner was Brianna Acker of Midland, Michigan. We had one applicant for the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship, which will be acted upon by the committee in May. We did not receive any applications for the Amelia Earhart graduate fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Langrill, Chair

Carole Calvert-Baxter
Linda Malekadel
Sue Montesi
Jean Selby
Michele Atwell (ex officio)

Ways and Means — Esther Seaver, Chair

Deliver the funding required for internal club expenses such as sending members to Spring Workshops, Fall Conferences, and the Zonta International Conventions.

1. Basket Raffle
 - a. District Fall Conference
 - b. Intercity Dinner
 - c. 50/50 Raffle
 - d. During lunch meetings
 - e. During dinner meetings (except April Auction)
 - f. \$1.00/1 ticket or \$5.00/6 tickets
 - g. April Dinner Auction
 - h. Solicit donations starting in January
 - i. Set-up at Sandy Weimer's house the Monday prior to the auction
 - j. Create list of items to be auctioned
 - k. Dollar Announcements

The April Auction was a great success. The committee made a great team and everyone on the committee participated before and/or during the event.

Zontians were encouraged to attend the Fall Conference, Spring Workshop, and Interdistrict Meeting and take advantage of the funds raised. (Zontians are reimbursed for part or all of the registration fees)

Respectfully submitted,
Esther Seaver, chair

**Zonta Club of Midland
Business Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 5, 2009 (Pending approval)**

The meeting was called to order at noon by Zonta President, Bonnie Westervelt. The meeting began with the Zonta Blessing and introductions.

Secretary's Report –The minutes of the meeting of April 7, 2009 were presented. Motion to approve as presented by Jan McGuire; supported by Maria Cohoon; approved.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Moody presented copies of the Treasurer's Report at each table, including the Profit & Loss Statement for April 2009, and reviewed the highlights. Dues are due today. The budget has been emailed to all members and will be voted on electronically in the next few days (the 2009/2010 budget was unanimously approved by the members on May 7, 2009).

Standing Committee Reports

Assimilation/Retention/Rejuvenation Committee – Chair, Jan McGuire Planting for Midland Blooms coming up May 30. Colette St. Louis is block captain. Northwood U will be hosting Afghani women in Texas this year.

Archives Committee, Chair, Janice Hoppe No report.

Attendance – Chair, Laura Huckins No report.

By-Laws Committee – Chair, Esther Seaver No report.

Fellowship Committee – Chair, Nan Blasy The end-of-year party will be “Murder in Margueritaland”. Sign-up sheets are on the tables – one to participate and one for those who will attend. No script; no rehearsal; need more actors and actresses. Additional cost is \$15 for members; \$35 for guests; Tuesday June 16 at the “H”.

Finance/Fundraising Committee – Chair, Sue Moody No report.

Homewalk Committee – Chair, Sharon Mortensen and Janice Hoppe Three homes have been confirmed for Homewalk; new this month is ticket selling tips from the Committee. Today's tip: pre-sale vouchers will be available for summer ticket sales. St John's Lutheran Church is being considered for inclusion in Homewalk.

Intercity/United Nations Committee - Chair, Linda Langrill The deadline for the Jane Klausman Women in Business award is coming up and we now have one candidate. Michele Atwell made a box for collections for the International Coffee Fund. It will be on the sign-in table at dinner meetings.

Organization Membership/Classification - Chair, Cari Francis No report.

Public Relations Committee – Chair, Jennifer Sigsworth No report.

Status of Women in Service/Legislation/Advocacy – Chair, Sharon Mortensen The committee recommends approval of spending \$500 for transportation for West Midland Family Center; Motion from committee to approve; supported by Linda Malekadel; approved. The committee also recommends spending \$500 for Cancer Services for coaching and nicotine patches for 20 women; motion from committee to approve; supported by Sarah Gorman; approved; abstaining Jose Cote.

Ways and Means – Chair, Esther Seaver Thanks for a successful auction. The money goes to sending our members to district, area and International meetings. Carole Calvert-Baxter added details on the program; early bird registration has been extended to May 10th; the meeting is June 6-8 in Cleveland.

Parliamentarian – Sharon Miller No report.

Immediate Past President – Lisa Hulbert No report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

The Membership Committee conducted an induction of new members including:
Jeri Liphard, MidMichigan Home Health, and Debbie Stephens, Dow Chemical Co.

Announcements

The winner of the 50-50 raffle is Molly Thomas.

Information on the planned MidMichigan Medical Center changes was presented by Greg Rogers.

Lisa Vanderhoof - ARTISTRY is among the world's top five largest-selling prestige brands of facial skin care and colour cosmetics - a position we've held proudly for 10 years. Others in the distinguished group include Clinique, Estee Lauder, Lancome, and Shiseido. To help you look your best for the summer and for upcoming graduations and weddings, see Lisa for product information & samples while you save money with special summer offers. Love it, guaranteed!

Dates to Remember

May 19, 2009 Dinner meeting, Scholarship Evening at 5:30 PM at Midland Country Club

May 21, 2009 Zonta Board Meeting at 7:30 at Strosacker, Committee Reports Due, New Board Members attend – transfer of books

May 26, 2009 Newsletter deadline

June 2, 2009 Business luncheon 11:30, Midland Country Club

June 16, 2009 Murder Mystery Dinner meeting at the “H” Hotel, 5:30 PM

June 18, 2009 Board Meeting at 7:15 AM, Midland Community Foundation

June 22, 2009 Newsletter Deadline

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Chilcote, Secretary

Zonta Club of Midland

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The President's Report ~ Bonnie Westervelt, President

Hello Fellow Zontians

How fast this year has gone! We are already planning for the induction of our new board at the May dinner meeting! I would like to take this opportunity to thank this year's board for their hard work and dedication to the advancement of women locally and globally. What an impressive group of professionals! The enthusiasm at the Thursday morning board meetings is always contagious and renewing and I am always motivated and inspired to continue Zonta's mission.

The new board members will join us at the May board meeting to change over the books, etc. That meeting is scheduled for May 21 at 7:30 at the Strosacker Building.

Please plan on attending our end of the year party at the H on June 16 at 5:30. The Fellowship Committee is planning an amazing evening – a murder mystery with a tropical theme. I understand we need some more “actors” – let Nan Blasy know if you are interested in participating.

As my tenure as president ends, please accept my thanks for allowing me to lead such a dynamic group of professional women. It has truly been an honor and a pleasure.

Sincerely,

Bonnie

Bonnie Westervelt

President, Zonta Club of Midland

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Tuesday, May 5: Business meeting, 11:30 am, Midland Country Club

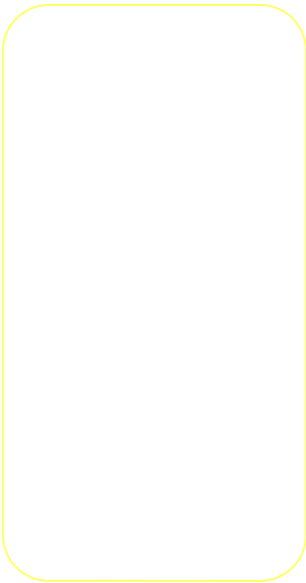
Tuesday, May 19: Social meeting, 5:30 pm, Midland Country Club

Thursday, May 21: Board meeting, 7:30 am, Strosacker Center

Tuesday, May 26: Deadline for Newsletter submissions

Do you have a garden at home?

If so, consider planting a yellow rose in honor of Zonta!



Local Activity Spotlight: Midland Blooms

Zonta Club of Midland volunteers will be joining 69 other teams for the annual marathon planting on May 30th on Eastman Road. This is the 21st year of continuous planting.

The initial planning actually starts every year shortly after the holidays when requests for proposals are sent out to growers to bid. Over the years, the criteria for healthy plant material has evolved through the use of test plots and sound horticultural practices such as rotation of plant varieties annually to amend the soil. The contract for the plant material is finalized by February.

On the day of planting a city crew starts way before the volunteers arrive. They place or-

ange traffic cones to alert motorists to slow down. The same crew then follows a truck donated by a local car dealership which is loaded with flats of petunias.

This year, there will be 875 flats (48/flat) of a 'Rose Mix' ; vibrant reds and pinks. The crew grabs the flats of petunias to put on the curbs along the designated sections as the truck rolls by. By the time 8:30 AM arrives everyone starts planting. If the suggested minimum 8-10 people/team shows up, most groups are done by 10-10:30 AM and ready to head out to a free pancake breakfast generously provided by Colonial Villa.

The volunteers represent a cross section of Midland community service and outreach . There are teams from church groups, civic and special interest clubs, businesses, non-profit agencies, neighborhoods , and even single families. Although the Chamber of Commerce initiated the project, it is in fact a three way partnership between the Chamber, the city, whose crews do the watering and weeding throughout the summer as well, and local foundation financial support.

Planting day is a great opportunity for Zontians to show appreciation for a project that beautifies one of our main streets through Midland. Hope to see you at our section on May 30th!

Happy Birthday, Zontians!

Please wish your fellow Zontians a Happy Birthday!

May Birthdays

Maureen Craig, May 14

Mary Margaret Collins, May 21

Lisa Miner, May 21

Maria Pia Cohoon, May 28

Alice Strange, May 29



Talk Zonta: An International Spotlight

Did you know that although women account for nearly 50 percent of the workforce, only 10 percent hold positions in the worlds' parliaments?

While the progress of women in the last century has dramatically changed the opportunities available to women, participation in positions of public influence continues to lag behind. Zonta International believes young women are the key to women's advancement in the field of public service. The Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Awards encourage young women who have demonstrated leadership skills and interest in civic causes to continue pursuing their dreams.

Since 1990, the Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Program has encouraged more young women to participate in public and political life by recognizing a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women.

Awards are given annually to pre-university and pre-college women students (age 16-20) committed to the volunteer sector and dedicated to the advancement of the status of women.

The Zonta Club of Midland has selected Brianna Acker as its 2009 recipient of the Young Women in Public Affairs Award. Brianna was recognized for her work in La Paz, Mexico, where she is an exchange student through Rotary International. Brianna created an after-school program to teach English to a local family, and has also helped the grandmother of the family to open her own store, enabling her to support her family. Brianna is now eligible to compete in the YPWA program at the district and international levels.



Linda Langrill (left), United Nations/ InterCity Chair with Brianna Acker and her mother, Maureen Acker.

Spanish for “The Peace”, La Paz is the capital city of the Mexican state of Baja California Sur. Over the last several years, the population of La Paz has increased significantly and now stands at approximately 250,000 people. According to Wikipedia, this growth is largely because the city enjoys one of the highest standards of living and quality of life in Mexico, with average wages in the range of \$27 per day, while minimum wages in the country overall stand at closer to \$4.25 USD per day. Many of the poorer southern Mexican States' workers often have to work for half of that. For this reason many migrate to La Paz, and other areas in Baja California Sur, to enjoy a better life without leaving the country and still be able to remit portions of their incomes to their families in their home states.



April 27, 2009

Zonta International
Zonta Club of Midland
Attn: Sharon Mortensen
P.O. Box 196
Midland, MI 48640-0196

RE: Donation Thank You

Dear Sharon:

Thank you for Zonta's generous donation of \$500.00 for our Family Assistance Program to be used in the area of transportation assistance. We provide assistance to families in the area of food, transportation and rent/utilities. We could not offer the much needed relief to these families without the generous donations from organizations such as Zonta. Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristine Ehlers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Kristine Ehlers
Family Services Director
North Midland Family Center

Zonta Club of Midland

Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

The meeting was called to order at noon by Zonta 2nd Vice-President, Esther Seaver. The meeting began with the Zonta Blessing and introductions.

Secretary's Report –The minutes of the meeting of March 3, 2009 were presented. Motion to approve as presented by Kanar; supported by Sigsworth; approved.

Treasurer's Report – Diane presented copies of the Treasurer's Report at each table, including the Profit & Loss Statement for March 2009, and reviewed the highlights.

Standing Committee Reports

Assimilation/Retention/Rejuvenation Committee – Chair, Jan McGuire Photos from the "Share the Memories" event were distributed. Sign-up for Midland Blooms is now available – the event is May 30 this year and we need planters and a block captain. Sign up with Jan - May 13th is block captain's meeting.

Archives Committee, Chair, Janice Hoppe No report.

Attendance – Chair, Laura Huckins No report.

By-Laws Committee – Chair, Esther Seaver No report.

Fellowship Committee – Chair, Nan Blasy The end-of-year party will be "Murder in Margueritaland". Sign-up sheets were on the tables – one to participate and one for those who will attend. Josie Cote is the casting director. No script; no rehearsal. Additional cost is \$15 for members; \$35 for guests; at the "H".

Finance/Fundraising Committee – Chair, Sue Moody Report will be made later by the Treasurer.

Homewalk Committee – Chair, Sharon Mortensen and Janice Hoppe Sharon Mortensen reported that this committee is still seeking homes in the city. They meet on the 4th Tuesday of month at 11:30, at the Grand Traverse Pie Co. in the large meeting room. Please consider attending.

Intercity/United Nations Committee - Chair, Linda Langrill No report.

Organization Membership/Classification - Chair, Cari Francis No report.

Public Relations Committee – Chair, Jennifer Sigsworth The latest version of the newsletter and budget proposal are available on the website.

Status of Women in Service/Legislation/Advocacy – Chair, Sharon Mortensen The committee presented 3 proposals which were approved by the Board:

\$500 for North Midland Family Center for transportation

\$1000 for Big Brothers Big Sisters for camperships

\$1500 for Girls on the Run for scholarships for 10 girls to participate

Motion from the committee to approve; supported by Jan McGuire; approved; abstaining were Sharon Mortensen, Angie Karwan, Ashley Barriger, Jean Selby, and Ann Beck.

Ways and Means – Chair, Esther Seaver Tickets are available for the 50-50. April Auction items can be accepted at the meetings or will be picked up – call Esther or Sandy.

Parliamentarian – Sharon Miller No report.

Immediate Past President – Lisa Hulbert No report.

Unfinished Business

Jean Selby introduced Zonta's Local Noteworthy Woman, Elyse M. Rogers. Elyse graduated from Indiana University and Purdue, before obtaining an RN degree. A talented author, she has written and edited many books, articles and columns and has worked as a columnist in both the US and Japan. Her leadership roles in the community and state number in the dozens. Locally, Elyse has been awarded the Athena Award (1998) and the Midland Area Chamber of Commerce's President's Award. Today, Elyse continues to serve the Midland community through her involvement with the Midland Area Community Foundation. She is also a former Zontian. We applaud her lifelong commitment to the Midland community!

Esther Seaver presented the Nominations Committee's slate of officers for 2009/2010:

Proposed slate of officers 2009/2010:

President – Sue Moody	Finance/Fundraising – Esther Seaver (1 st VP)
1 st Vice President – Esther Seaver	Homework – Sharon Mortensen/Janice Hoppe
2 nd Vice President – Melissa Anderson	Intercity/United Nations – Julie Ratcliffe
Corresponding Secretary – Cynthia Chilcote	Organization/Membership – Cari Francis
Treasurer – Diane Moomey	Public Relations/Communications – Colette St. Louis
ARR – Jan McGuire	Service/Advocacy/Legislation – Kathy Dollard
Archives – Sarah Gorman	Ways & Means – Melissa Anderson (2 nd VP)
Attendance – Leslie Pierfelice	Parliamentarian – appointed by President
Bylaws – Melissa Anderson (2 nd VP)	Immediate Past President – Bonnie Westervelt
Fellowship – Nan Blasy	

Motion to approve the slate of nominations and approve them as officers by Michelle Ivan; supported by Jean Selby; approved.

New Business

The proposed budget will be voted on at the next meeting.

Diane Moomey presented information on the proposed dues increase for next year. This report is available online and was emailed to

all members. Proposed dues is \$320, a \$20 increase; LOA dues would increase to \$115 from \$100; missed meals to \$11 from \$15 and dinner to \$25 from \$20. The charged cost of the Yellowbook will cover actual printing costs at approximately \$10/book. The Board worked hard to cut costs and has proposed using some savings to balance the budget this year.

She then reviewed the highlights of the 2009-2010 budget as presented on the website. This budget is based on a dues increase to \$320/year.

Members discussed the proposal to increase annual dues to \$320. The idea of reducing the number of social meetings was briefly discussed. Considerations included keeping meetings for location and days. A motion was made to accept the dues of \$320 by Wendy Kanar; supported by Becky Weiland; approved. Discussion followed. Wendy Kanar expressed her appreciation of the Finance Committee and the Board's efforts in developing a realistic, balanced budget.

Announcements

Linda Malekadeli – The City is considering discontinuing curbside recycling; she has a petition which members can sign in opposition of this plan.

Sandy Weimer has discovered the great new shredder at Midland Volunteers for Recycling that will shred a Board packet in one shot; donations are accepted for this service.

Sharon Mortensen - April 23rd at MCFA is the Chefs for Shelterhouse fundraiser. See her for more info.

May 2nd a fundraising fashion show for Family & Children's Services will be at the Midland Community Center, 1:00-4:00 pm; accessories will also be sold and clothing can be tried on and taken home that day; \$15 at door/ \$10 in advance; desserts and beverages provided; call 631-5390 for tickets.

Angie – Special fundraising products available from Avon to benefit the Big Brothers Big Sisters. Use the Avon flyers on tables to order products and BBBS earns 40 percent on sales. See Angie for more information.

Sarah Gorman – Earth Day April 22nd; Creative 360 is hosting an eco-chic fashion show for Midland Volunteers for Recycling; local teens are the designers and models; \$10 stipend for entrants; 6:00 pm, April 22nd.

Lisa Vanderhoof – April 18th is the grand opening of her Nutrilite business ; come at 2:00 or 6:30 to see products for home and fashions. Part of the proceeds will go to the Zonta Club of Midland!

Elaind Kehr – The Caring Place is a day care, respite care, and assisted living facility with openings. Call Elaine for information.

Patricia Tiernan announced the birth of her son! A wine tasting is scheduled for April 30th 6:00-8:30 pm at the NADA Center to benefit the Am. Red Cross Disaster Services; tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. Call her for more information.

The winner of the \$36 50-50 raffle is Nan Blasy.

Dates to Remember

April 16, 2009	Zonta Board Meeting – 7:30 AM Strosacker Center
April 20, 2009	Newsletter Deadline

April 21, 2009 Zonta Dinner and Auction - 5:30 PM Midland Country Club (please be early to view items!)
May 5, 2009 Zonta Luncheon - Country Club at 11:30 AM
May 19, 2009 Dinner meeting, Scholarship Evening at 5:30 PM at Midland Country Club
May 21, 2009 Zonta Board Meeting at 7:30 at Strosacker, Committee Reports Due, New Board Members attend – transfer of books

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Chilcote, Secretary