

# Zonta Club of Midland December 2009 Newsletter

Zonta Club of Midland ~ District 15, Area 4 ~

## The President's Report ~ Sue Moody, President

Dear Fellow Zontians

I would like to thank the whole membership on a successful Home Walk. Extra thanks to the Homewalk Committee who put in countless hours making it run so smoothly. I'm sure the committee will report final numbers to us in January.

Speaking of January - remember our lunch/business meeting will be held at the new Holiday Inn due to the Midland Country Club being closed. We will be back at the Midland Country Club for our January dinner meeting.



I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Bodhi Day, Happy Eid al-Adha Day and of course we can't forget Happy Festivus and a Happy New Year. As you celebrate the holiday this month, please be safe and make happy memo-

ries with your families.

If you hosted a guest from October, please follow up with your guest about applying. If they have any questions about membership that you may not be able to answer, please ask a Board Member for help. I ask that the all of membership take the time to introduce yourself if you see a new or potentially new member attend a meeting. I know we are all guilty of sitting with the same people time after time, but that isn't true fellowship – so make a point to sit with someone different and get to know all of the Zontians.

Sincerely,

Sue Moody

Club President

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## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 5: Business meeting, 11:30 am, new Holiday Inn, 810 Cinema Drive

Tuesday, January 19: Social meeting, 5:30 pm, Midland Country Club; presentation by Nan Blasy on Health and Fitness

Thursday, January 21: Board meeting, 7:15 am, Midland Area Community Foundation

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

Tuesday, February 16: Intercity Dinner, Bay City

## Christmas Special: Shelterhouse Elves

### Christmas Comes to Shelterhouse

Christmas carols were playing, children were singing, cookies were eaten, and even Santa and Mrs. Claus were in attendance. This could have been the setting for any holiday party, but I think those who were there would agree that it was something more special.



On December 14, several Zontians joined together to help make the Christmas season a little brighter for clients of Midland's Shelterhouse.

Staffing stations such as card making, gift wrapping, and acting as personal shoppers, Zontians helped Shelterhouse clients pick out and wrap gifts for their families, took photos of kids with Santa, and helped with a variety of other tasks to make the night run smoothly.

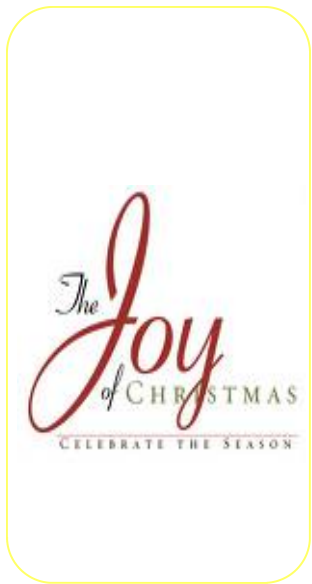


In addition to volunteering their time, many Zontians also donated generously to the event, giving parents and kids alike many wonderful gifts to choose from to fulfill holiday wishes.



Jennifer Sigsworth, a first-time volunteer, was struck by how grateful the clients were in choosing gifts. "Arts and crafts kits and games were very popular in the teen room. I thought the gift packs of popcorn and iTunes cards would have gone quickly, but many clients didn't have access to the Internet or their own computers, things we often take for granted. We also had a shortage of items for teen boys, so for next year I'm going to make sure to pick out some things I think they might like."

For a list of the many agencies and organizations the Zonta Club of Midland supports, please visit our website: [www.zontaclubofmidland.org](http://www.zontaclubofmidland.org).



## Happy January Birthdays!

Shawn Dicken, January 3

Lisa Vanderhoof, January 7

Cathy Budd, January 15

Lynnea McCargar, January 19

Sharon Mortensen, January 19

Nancy Barker, January 22

Kathleen Maxwell, January 28



## Committee of the Month: Public Relations & Communications

As a Zonta member, you see the results of the PR Committee's work all around you, from the newsletter you're reading to the club's membership directory (the Yellow Book) and web site.

Work on the membership directory begins in the summer, with the actual directory ready for membership in the fall. Keeping the Yellow Book up to date is an ongoing project. Periodically throughout the year the online Yellow Book is updated so you have the most current information.

Web site maintenance is also an ongoing commitment. The website has our Zonta mission and highlights our club's projects. It also has pages for our roster of officers and chairs, our newsletter, the Yellow Book, and our minutes and treasurer's reports as well as expanded information about our major fundraiser: Homewalk.

In addition to publications for internal distribution, the committee is also responsible for creating external awareness of the Zonta Club of Midland through press releases in cooperation with local media. Many community members become aware of the Zonta Club of Midland and the ideals it represents through this committee's efforts.

Learn what committees do and how they do it!

## Ask Zonta: Q & A Topic of the Month: Conflict of Interest

*What are members' duties regarding a possible conflict of interest between their personal and professional activities and interaction with Zonta?*

Our club's "**Conflict of Interest Policy**" as stated in the Yellow Book is:

The Zonta Club of Midland, its affiliates and components, and all officers, directors, committee members and the entire membership scrupulously shall avoid any conflict between their own respective individual, professional or business interests and the interests of the organization, in any and all actions taken by them on behalf of the organization in their respective capacities. In the event that any officer, director or committee member of the organization shall have any direct or indirect interest in, or relationship with, any individual or organization which proposes to enter into any transaction with the organization, including but not limited to transactions involving:

- The sale, purchase, lease or rental of any property or other asset
- Employment, or rendition of services, personal or otherwise
- The award of any grant, contract or subcontract
- The investment or deposit of any funds of the organization

Such person shall give notice of such interest or relationship and shall thereafter refrain from discussing or voting on the particular transaction in which she has interest, or otherwise attempting to exert any influence on the organization, or its components to affect a decision to participate in such transaction.

Next  
Membership  
Drive Dinner is  
March 18

## Sick of Winter Already?

The Fellowship Committee is presenting a light at the end of winter's tunnel for us. They're already hard at work on the June 15th "beginning of the Zonta year" party.

The theme for 2010 is "Ladies Night Out in Downtown Midland." The committee is enlisting several downtown eateries and stores for our dining and shopping pleasure. Additional details and particular event topics will be featured in upcoming newsletters.

Be sure to block your calendar for an evening of fine dining, friends, and fun! And it will be warm!



### The Fellowship Committee needs your recipes!



To complete a Zonta cookbook, the committee is asking each member to submit 4 or 5 recipes. The recipes can be anything from soup to nuts, hors d'oeuvres to desserts.

Once the cookbook is completed, it has the potential to raise additional funds for our club. So, don't just sit there....let the Julia Child in you out and share with everyone!

**The April Auction is only 4 months away and collection of auctionable items is already under way.**

**If you receive a Christmas gift that you're not quite sure you'll ever use, or if you have treasures of your own that you want to recycle, the auction is a perfect opportunity to share your gifts with others and raise money for our club at the same time. It's a win-win!**

**It's never too early to start planning for this event, so set aside a spot in your basement, closet, or garage to accumulate all the wonderful items you can donate to the auction.**



### Congratulations to Sandy Weimer...

...winner of the Lt. Governor's Award for her dedication to the revitalization of the Zonta Club of Bay City. At the Fall Conference presentation by Denise Quarles, Sandy was recognized as "...a dyed in the wool Zontian whose sincere goal is to build a stronger Zonta sisterhood."

**Zonta Club of Midland**  
Business Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, December 1, 2009 (*Pending approval*)

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

**Secretary's Report** –The minutes of the meeting of November 3, 2009 were presented. Motion to approve as presented by Jan McGuire; supported by Colette St. Louis; approved. Cynthia reminded network members to contact her with contact information changes.

**Treasurer's Report** – Diane Moomey presented copies of the Treasurer's Report, including the Profit & Loss Statement for November 2009. Drop off payments to Diane's front office and expenses also. Motion to accept the report by Sharon Miller; supported by Jan McGuire; approved.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Assimilation/Retention/Rejuvenation Committee – Chair, Jan McGuire** The Shelterhouse Christmas party is on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm; the list of those responding is on the tables. Show up at 5:30 and park across M-20 at the church. Drop off items for the party at Jan's office before that Monday.

**Archives Committee - Chair, Sarah Gorman** No report.

**Attendance – Chair, Leslie Pierfelice** No report.

**By-Laws Committee – Chair, Melissa Anderson** A change to the bylaws is proposed as follows and will be voted on at the next business meeting (changes appear in red):

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the funds of the club and shall administer them in accordance with the approved club budget. The treasurer shall make monthly reports to the board and the club. Within ~~30~~ 90 days after the close of the fiscal year, all accounts shall be reviewed as provided by these bylaws- and a letter reporting the findings of the review to be provided to the President. Forty-five days after the term of office ends, all records of the treasurer shall be turned over to the successor. The treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee.

**Fellowship Committee – Chair, Nan Blasy** Reminder that we need recipes for our booklet – appetizers to desserts; email to Nan or Shawn Dicken.

**Finance/Fundraising Committee – Chair, Esther Seaver** No report.

**Homewalk Committee – Chair, Sharon Mortensen and Janice Hoppe** We need more hostesses for the Julie Ann home. Tickets and money are due Sunday to head hostesses. Turn in raffle tickets even if not sold. Transportation from the Holiday Inn to Julie Ann home will be provided by several area businesses – should be able to move people quickly. 3 surveys will be given to homeowners, decorators and participants at the rest stop area and Holiday Inn. The afterglow is on Tuesday following the Homewalk at Leslie Pierfelice's home at 5:30 pm.

**Intercity/United Nations Committee - Chair, Sherry Kalina** The Intercity Dinner will be at the Lumber Baron's in Bay City on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. Check the ZI website for announcements of Marcie Gilstad's award.

**Organization Membership/Classification - Chair, Cari Francis** Please follow up with October dinner guests and ask them to join.

**Public Relations Committee – Chair, Colette St. Louis** The Marcie Gilstad announcement is in our newsletter as a highlight. Posters will be on display at the rest stop with information about our award recipients.

**Status of Women in Service/Legislation/Advocacy – Chair, Kathy Dollard** No report.

**Ways and Means – Chair, Melissa Anderson.** Start collecting items for the auction. Raffle tickets are available for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

**Parliamentarian – Ashley Barriger** No report.

**Immediate Past President – Bonnie Westervelt** No report.

### **Unfinished Business**

Saginaw and Bay City both need new members. If you know an eligible person consider contacting Sandy or Sue with their name.

### **New Business**

The next meeting in January will be at the new Holiday Inn. Sandy will have her silver SUV parked there to receive auction items.

### **Announcements**

Linda Malekadeli – Cancer Services' style show is this Thursday at 11:00 - Linda has tickets for sale.

Jan McGuire invites us to the Courthouse lighting at 7:00 downtown. They are giving away a puzzle this year to kids.

Cari Francis is a Creative Memories consultant with ideas for Christmas – call her. Hangups is moving to Bell Plaza on Wackerly and having a huge sale.

Susan Putnam – She is having a May Kay party at BBBS on Tuesday Dec. 8 but will be open at 4:00. Invitations are on the table. 100% of proceeds are going back to middle school programs for young girls.

Lisa Lundahl - Bell's Plaza is open and Casey Pincumbe's store is there – check it out.

Lisa Vanderhoof – Instead of gifts that aren't perfect, give gift certificates from Nutrilite and Artistry; she has several gift programs available.

Mary Hart – The UPS Store is open on Sundays for your convenience. We have an online printing program now available making it easier for customers to print custom work.

Sarah Gorman – Creative 360 is having a secondhand art sale this weekend. The pieces are priced from \$3 to \$360 and have been donated by collectors and artists. Check it out at 1517 Bayliss.

The \$35 50/50 Raffle was won by Paula Ulmer.

### **Dates to Remember**

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December 5-6	Homewalk
December 8	Afterglow, 5:30 PM, Leslie Pierfelice's home
December 16	No dinner meeting in December; see you in January!
January 5, 2010	Business Luncheon – 11:30 PM, New Holiday Inn
January 19	Dinner Meeting with Health & Fitness by Nan Blasy- 5:30 PM, Midland Country Club
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Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Chilcote, Secretary