

# Zonta Club of Midland October 2009 Newsletter

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**Zonta Club of Midland ~ District 15, Area 4 ~**

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

Dear Fellow Zontians,

I was happy to see so many from our club at the District 15 2009 Fall Conference. We had a great time and took away some re-freshing ideas. There was a lot of focus on retaining members and, hopefully with your help and input, we can accomplish this. See a few of the attendees comments in this newsletter.

Sorry, but I am going to nag you again about selling and promoting the Homewalk. If you still do not have your tickets, please contact Sharon Mortensen, Janice Hoppe or Carol Calvert-Baxter. The success of the Homewalk is based on ticket sales. You have received these tickets early so you have plenty of time to sell the tickets you were given and ask for more to sell.

We had 13 potential new members join us for dinner in October – a very nice turn out. Thank you to all who brought a guest. If you were a host, please follow up with your guest about applying. If they have questions about membership that you may not be able to answer, please ask a Board Member for help. I ask that all of our members take the time to introduce yourself when you see a new or potentially new member at 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, November 3: Business meeting, 11:30 am, Midland Country Club; second half of dues due unless paid in full in May

Tuesday, November 3: New member orientation, 6 pm, Sandy Weimer's house, 4417 Gladding Court

Tuesday, November 17: Social meeting, 5:30 pm, Midland Country Club. Guest Speaker: Fred Honorkamp

Thursday, November 19: Board meeting, 7:15 am, Midland Area Community Foundation

For a list of the many agencies and organizations the Zonta Club of Midland supports, please visit our website:  
www.zontaclubofmidland.org.

**November Dinner**  
**Menu**

- **Tomato Carpaccio with Arugula Salad and Balsamic Vinaigrette**
- **Chicken Picatta with Angel Hair Nest**
- **Fresh Vegetable**
- **Bread Service**
- **Tiramisu**



## Member Spotlight: Welcome Three New Members!

The Membership Committee would like to introduce you to our three newest members who were inducted at the October dinner meeting:

**Lisa Lundahl** is the mother of 4 children: 2 in college, 1 in high school, and 1 in 6th grade.

Lisa is the owner of Mission Pharmacy in Mt. Pleasant and Cadillac, Family Pharmacy in Cadillac, and Kronner Pharmacy in Prudenville. She has 3 boxers and chairs the Midland Michigan Kennel Club's Spring Agility Trial every April.

She is currently constructing Bell Plaza on Wackerly and is leasing space. Lisa loves to travel, swim, and enjoy the outdoors.

**Casey Pincumbe** started *design within* in September of 2005 as a home-based interior design company. She just recently restructured the business by taking on a business partner and will be opening *design within* Interior Design & Home Store this fall in the new Bell Plaza on Wackerly Rd.

Any spare time is spent up north at her family's cottage on the lake where she soaks up some sunshine and takes up various water sports.

Casey found her Mr. Right and they've been together for 3 years and counting. Both are very busy building their careers and their future together. She looks forward to being part of an organization that empowers women. "I think our strength is very often underestimated."

**Sandy Smith**, a busy mother of three children, ages 11, 12, and 15, is a native of Midland.

Sandy and her children are very involved with tennis and are strong supporters of the Midland Community Tennis Center! She loves to cook and watches the Food Network (when she has time!).

Sandy is a dentist and has been in practice 25 years. She started as a hygienist first. She attended Ferris State for the first 4 years and then the U of M dental school.

## Happy November Birthdays!

Roberta Corbat, November 6

Janice Hoppe, November 14

Katherine Dollard, November 6

Jennifer Sigsworth, November 19

Julie Ratcliffe, November 7

Shannon Astrike, November 10



## Fall Conference 2009

The Lexington Lansing Hotel was the scene of this year's Zonta International District 15 Fall Conference. The Zonta Club of Midland was well represented. Sue Moody reported that the District Board put on a great conference. "Every year they try to give best practices to pass on to the clubs for success. This year was no exception."

Business sessions provided opportunities for learning more about Zonta programs, ideals, and impacts as well as how to make your Zonta Club more vibrant. Shopping the Zonta Store supported Zonta initiatives around the globe. Networking social hours reunited existing members and introduced first-time attendees.

Zonta Club of Midland sponsored two District award recipients: Brianna Acker (Young Women in Public Affairs winner) and Marcy Gilstad (Jane Klausman winner). Both young women represent the best of their generation and were recognized for their commitment, dedication, and service to women's issues. Marcy was also an award recipient at the international level; a very prestigious honor indeed. She received a \$5000 scholarship.



The presentation by Bill Rancic, a marketing entrepreneur, seemed to be the favorite among the attendees from Midland. According to Wendy Kanar, his "make your own opportunity" approach emphasized that Zonta Clubs (and individuals, too) can't sit and wait for growth. If you want it, you have to "make it happen." Esther Seaver was also impressed with his presentation. "The information he gave was inspiring and educational," said Esther.

Cari Francis, our own membership chair, was especially pleased by the new Membership Manual distributed by Lt. Gov. Denise Quarles. "I'm hopeful that this manual will be helpful not only in recruiting new members, but in helping newly-joined members understand what we Zontians are all about," said Cari.

Lisa Vanderhoof, a first-time attendee, enjoyed the experience and is already looking forward to next year's event in Harris, MI, in the Upper Peninsula on October 16-17, 2010.

Two award winners sponsored by the Zonta Club of Midland recognized at the 2009 Fall Conference

Welcome new members!

### New Member Orientation Mark your Calendars!

WHEN: Tuesday, November 3, 6 pm

WHERE: Sandy Weimer's house, 4417 Gladding Court

RSVP TO: Cari Francis at [hangupsinc@aol.com](mailto:hangupsinc@aol.com) if you plan to attend

# Zonta Club of Midland

## Business Meeting Minutes

### Tuesday, October 6, 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 September 1, 2009 were presented. Motion to approve as presented by Colette St. Louis; supported by Bonnie Westervelt; approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Diane Moomey presented copies of the Treasurer's Report, including the Profit & Loss Statement for September 2009, and reviewed the highlights including Homewalk ticket sales to-date. The scholarship fund balance is for the previous month. Dues (\$160) are due at the Nov. business meeting for those who pay twice per year. Requests for reimbursements for the District conference next week should be emailed to Diane. Motion to accept the report by Gwen Lang; supported by Jennifer Sigsworth; approved.

#### Standing Committee Reports

**Assimilation/Retention/Rejuvenation Committee – Chair, Jan McGuire** The Shelterhouse Christmas party is on December 14th; more information will be coming and a sign-up will be available at the next meeting.

**Archives Committee - Chair, Sarah Gorman** The committee meets on the second Wed. of the month; we have filed all materials from last year but just received a new set of boxes. We appreciate the space donated for our use by the library.

Attendance – Chair, Leslie Pierfelice No report.

**By-Laws Committee – Chair, Melissa Anderson** Bylaws update – P. 41 of the Yellowbook indicates the Homewalk membership requirements for members – every member must work at least one day at the Homewalk and purchase 6 tickets.

Fellowship Committee – Chair, Nan Blasy Our first meeting is next Tuesday at 5:30 at Oscar's. One of our ongoing projects is recipe collection for publication; send your recipes to Nan at your convenience.

Finance/Fundraising Committee – Chair, Esther Seaver No report

Homewalk Committee – Chair, Sharon Mortensen and Janice Hoppe Posters and signup sheets are available today at this meeting. If you can donate a raffle prize, contact Jennifer Wilson-Dauer or Gwen Lang.

Intercity/United Nations Committee - Chair, Sherry Kalina No report. Sue announced that one of our club scholarship nominees was nominated for the Jane Klausman award at the District level as well.

Organization Membership/Classification - Chair, Cari Francis Oct. 20 is the membership drive (the club will pay for a candidate's dinner). Fill out a yellow card to nominate someone for membership.

**Public Relations Committee – Chair, Colette St. Louis** Only 2 books are available for purchase; see Colette if you would like to purchase a book. A separate posting for business meeting minutes will be made available on the website for easier access.

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

**Ways and Means – Chair, Melissa Anderson.** 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**

None.

### **New Business**

Presentation by the Membership Committee given at last year's fall conference on how to recruit members for Zonta local clubs.

Tips on how to approach prospective members include: have an elevator speech prepared in advance; bring Zonta into your every-day conversations; wear your pin; be a public relations person for your club; have brochures and flyers for special events; promote a signature event recognized by the community; make annual announcements to the community; create a mentoring program; encourage club involvement.

### **Announcements**

Cathy Budd – On behalf of Sharon Mortensen, October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; wear a purple ribbon to support.

Alice Strange has moved to Old Oak Trails resort with lots of activities and friendly people.

Lisa Vanderhoof has a new cell number, 989-600-9767; she is an Amway Global rep. and celebrating 50 years for Artistry and Nutrilite; you can be added to the newsletter; contact Lisa.

Madhu Rishi – Youth Leadership dinner is November 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30 pm at the American Legion.

The \$21 50/50 Raffle was won by Lisa Orlando.

### **Dates to Remember**

October 6, 2009	Business Luncheon, Country Club, 11:30 AM – Skit by Membership
October 16	18 <sup>th</sup> District Conference in Lansing
October 15	Board Meeting, 7:15 AM, Cline Close Dyer
October 20	Dinner, Country Club, 5:30 PM – Membership Drive & Service Dollars @ work

November 3 Business Luncheon, Country Club, 11:30 AM  
November 17 Dinner, Country Club, 5:30 PM - Fred Honorkamp, Northwood Univ. "You've Only Just Begun"  
November 19 Board Meeting, 7:15 AM, Midland Area Community Foundation  
December 1 Business Luncheon, Country Club, 11:30 AM  
December 5-6 Homewalk  
December 8 Afterglow, 6:30 PM, Leslie Pierfelice's home  
December 16 No dinner meeting in December; see you in January!

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia Chilcote, Secretary