

# ZCOM News

District 15, Area 4

April 2010

## SOLD!



The 2010 Zonta Auction is in the books and the books are heavier by \$6340, making this year's auction the most successful ever.

Auction items lined three walls of the Holiday Inn conference room, with a sofa, furs, and an exercise bike rounding out the list. Armed with patriotic paddles, a

few glasses of wine, and a sense of adventure, the membership enjoyed a fun-filled evening of bidding and counter-bidding. (See more pictures on page 7)

Trudy Grimason from Furlo Auction and Appraisers called the auction and encouraged bidders. For the past three years, Trudy has donated a fur coat to our auction; this year she donated two. According to Sandy Weimer, Trudy appreciates the mission of Zonta to help women and makes her donations to support that ideal.



The money raised by this event supports the education of our leadership by funding Spring Workshops; sending two delegates to Fall Conference as well as providing \$100 refund to others who attend ; and, sending two delegates (existing and incoming presidents) to International Conference.

Kudos to the hard-working Ways and Means Committee, chaired this year by Melissa Anderson and mentored every year by Sandy Weimer. The committee starts collecting and reminding at the beginning of the year. Sandy's car is the main drop-off area for 4 months, and her house becomes Auction Central. The evening before the auction, the committee groups, baskets, and bows all the items for the most appealing and pleasing presentation. A job well done!

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## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, May 4, 11:30 am; Business Meeting, Holiday Inn; Committee Year-End Reports; YB pictures taken; Share the Memories presentation

Thursday, May 13, 7:15 am: Board Meeting, Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Incoming and Incumbent Board Members to be present **\*\*\* NOTE THE DATE CHANGE \*\*\***

Tuesday, May 18, 5:30 pm: Social Meeting, Midland Country Club; Scholarship presentations; YB pictures

Saturday, May 22, 8:00 am: Midland Blooms! East side of Eastman Rd between Carpenter and Elizabeth

Tuesday, June 1, 11:30 am: Business Meeting, Midland Country Club; Year-end Reports; Officer Installations

## President's Report

Dear Fellow Zontians,

It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of the 2009-2010 year and our new slate of officers will take the helm under the leadership of Esther Seaver in June. This is my last President's letter and it is bitter sweet as writing is not something I enjoy – I am more of a numbers person. I hope you enjoyed them nonetheless.

It has been a very busy year. All the committees have been working hard this year to make the Zonta Club of Midland just a little bit better in every aspect. As we bring in new leadership, I look forward to what is in store for next year. That is what is so great about our club: we have amazing women who are always sharing their knowledge and expertise to make improvements that we all benefit from.

It is still very important as you are out at social events to think who in the group would make a good Zontian. There is, and always will be, life changes for our members which cause them to step down or resign. It is always with much regret, but at the same time very understandable. This year is no exception. We have had a few resignations and that is why it's so important to keep our club membership up. One of our club's strengths is the size of our membership, so please always be thinking about recruiting.

Part of being an active Zontian is to participate and serve on at least one committee, so be sure to sign up for committees for the next year and support our new leadership.

I truly have enjoyed serving as your club President this year and am humbled to join the group of other amazing past presidents.

Sincerely,

Sue Moody

Club President



### **Order Your Yellow Books Now!**

The PR Committee will be putting the finishing touches on next year's yellow book by the end of May. If you haven't signed up for a new copy and you'd like one (or two), please stop at the registration table at both the May 4th and May 18th meetings. There will be a sheet where you can indicate how many you'd like.

### **Need a New Picture for Yellow Book?**

You'll have an opportunity to get a photo taken before both the May 4th and May 18th meetings. Please get there early enough so Molly has enough time for the sitting.

(See additional information on page 7)

## Member Spotlight: Nancy Barker



Nancy was born in Owosso, Michigan, and later moved to Fowlerville where she went to school. She says it is good to be from a small town where there cannot be specialists. Everyone has to learn to do everything and to multi-task. She is a shining example of this theory. She was a cheerleader, played sax in the marching band, and graduated as class valedictorian.

She attended the University of Michigan, where she earned her degrees in Special Education, and belonged to several academic honoraries including Phi Beta Kappa, and the social fraternity Tri Delt. Again, Nancy was class valedictorian. Post grad she was a member of the staff and critic teacher

at the University Medical Center's Hospital School and later co-authored a series of books for hospitalized children.

When she moved to Midland, she became involved as a community volunteer, specializing in the arts and women's career issues. In 1971 she was enlisted by the founders of Northwood Institute and founded the Careers for Women program. Northwood was a business and management college and was nearly exclusively male. It now has about a 50/50 ratio. The series of workshops, seminars, academic programs and mentoring programs she developed continue to influence the philosophy of what is now Northwood University. In 1979 Nancy became the first woman officer of Northwood and her responsibilities expanded to the direction of nine departments and constituent programs in 11 cities and five states. She has received numerous awards from prestigious groups for her academic activities and concern for professional development for women.

She has continued to follow her interest in the arts and has been instrumental in developing many arts areas in Midland and today serves as an officer of the ArtsServe Michigan board. There is hardly a program or activity in the arts field that she has not been associated with.

She and her husband, retired Dow attorney R. William Barker, are parents of a blended family of nine children and additional "progeny" made up of numerous Northwood international students who have made their home with the Barkers over the years.

She has been a Zontian since 1978 and values her membership because of the diversity and experience of the other members. Their interests keep her up-to-date and connected with the community. Another big advantage is that she doesn't have to "explain herself" to other working mothers! (BTW: she loved the recent auction where she stocked up on birthday gifts for that big family!)

Thank you, Nancy, for your years of service to Zonta and the Midland community.



## May Birthdays

Jerri Liphard, May 12

Lisa Miner, May 21

Maureen Craig, May 14

Maria Cohoon, May 28

Mary Margaret Collins, May 21

Alice Strange, May 29

## Committee of the Month: Status of Women / Service

The Status of Women/Service committee is responsible for our community service activities as well as promoting the club within the community. The committee determines the needs of women in our community and then selects projects and dedicates funds to meet these needs. In 2010 we've supported:

West Midland Family Center— \$500 transportation money  
 Midland Public Schools— \$300 Scholarships to send girls to summer camp programs  
 Literacy Council— \$400 Family Literacy Program and programming for residents at Shelterhouse  
 United Way—\$300 ABC totes for preschool girls  
 Girls on the Run—\$1000 scholarships for girls to participate  
 Big Brothers/Big Sisters—\$1000 Camp Scholarships for girls  
 Shelterhouse—\$500 transportation money  
 Share the Memories— \$250 purchasing dresses shoes and other items for girls to attend prom

In addition, the committee has presented two Women of Distinction awards this year: one to Jan McGuire and one to Jenee Velasquez.

One of the key programs is local Zonta scholarships, which will be presented at our May 18th dinner meeting this year. Additionally, the committee prioritizes contributions to international service and educates members about the status of women. The committee continues to seek partnerships with other service organizations in Midland.

## Call to Convention: International 2010 in San Antonio

The 60th Zonta International Convention will be held in San Antonio, Texas, from Friday, June 25th through Wednesday, June 30th. The venue is the Marriott San Antonio Rivercenter Hotel which is right on the famous San Antonio River Walk, adjacent to a shopping mall, and a few steps from the Alamo.

The opening ceremony includes the impressive presentation of flags of each Zonta country as well as "special entertainment that is guaranteed to put you in a Texas frame of mind" according to the ZI Convention website. Opening day concludes with a Texas barbecue at Knibbe Ranch. The evening includes rodeo bull riding, barrel racing and country line dancing to a live band...all intended to give you a taste of real ranch life.



Workshops, seminars, presentation of candidates, elections, and district meetings will fill the work days until the closing banquet. Delegates to the convention will attend a briefing to learn about their responsibilities and familiarize themselves with the electronic voting system. Lunch breaks will offer not only great food, but fashion shows as well.

During the meetings you will learn how Zonta has made a difference by being an international organization that deals with women's issues in a substantive way. In the business sessions you will observe a democratic process where every club is represented and different viewpoints are respected. The speakers, special events and general sessions will inspire and energize you.

Evening entertainment includes a dinner cruise on the San Antonio River, a visit to the San Antonio Museum of Art (originally the home of the Lone Star Brewery), and dinner at the historic Buckhorn Saloon and Museum. For more information and full details of all the events, please go to: <http://www.zonta2010.org/>.

## Midland Blooms—May 22, 2010



This year, put yourself in the picture! Help Zonta make Midland beautiful.

Since 1989 Midland Blooms has made 2.5 miles of Eastman Road colorful and welcoming by planting petunias with the help of over 500 volunteers. Zonta Club of Midland has been a consistent partner and we need volunteers to continue the tradition.

While the official planting time starts at 8 am, the day begins long before then for other volunteers. At 6:30 or so, volunteers begin setting up the lanes and delivering flats. At 7:30 the block captains appear to distribute the plants along their assigned section so that when the planting volunteers show up, everything is ready to go.

Planting the petunias usually takes about an hour or so depending on the number of volunteers. The more volunteers, the sooner we're done. If you're not into planting flowers, we can also use help sweeping the sidewalks and collecting the trays and flats into garbage bags. Volunteers need to bring spades or trowels and gardening gloves. If you want to bring trash bags and a broom, that's okay, too.

You can sign up at either the May 4th lunch or May 18th dinner meeting, or you may email Jan McGuire or Colette St. Louis. Even if you don't sign up, but you wake up on Saturday, May 22, with a burning desire to play in the dirt...c'mon down!

## Survey Monkey....What?



A general emailing went out this month to gauge how members use our website. The tool used is Survey Monkey and it's a really easy, effective way to direct planning efforts. Our website needs updating and the survey is asking for your input on what you want to see.

Unfortunately, the first emailing link didn't work for everyone. A second emailing that was field tested was just sent out. If you haven't responded yet, please do so. If you responded to the first one, there's no need to do so again. Every comment counts and will help the PR Committee focus on the areas our membership finds most valuable.

## Zonta Final Four Winners



The winners of the NCAA Final Four selections based on the bracket sheet distributed by the Fellowship Committee were announced at the April social meeting before the auction began.

Both Jan McGuire and Kendra Sysak correctly predicted three of the final four teams and received lovely gift baskets. Kendra also won a prize for wearing her team's colors. The members whose teams made it to the final four also received prizes. Two present at the April 20th meeting were Paula Ulmer (Michigan State) and Colette St. Louis (West Virginia). We're still looking for those Zonta members who had Butler and Duke. Whoever had Duke was the big winner!

## “Ladies Night Out” - June 15



It’s like Halloween with only the “treat” part and no “tricks.” You get a bag to put your goodies in. You meet up with a bunch of friends. You visit several locations during the evening. You sample a few treats along the way. And... no one goes through your bag afterward picking out all the good stuff!

The Fellowship Committee has designed an evening of fun in downtown Midland to celebrate the Zonta New Year. June is the beginning of our year and sees the induction of new officers, new committee assignments, and a new budget. And this year, Oscar’s, The H, and several downtown Midland stores are going to help us welcome in our new year.



Starting at 5:15, we meet up at Oscar’s, where we’ll have cocktails and hors d’oeuvres. Then, it’s shop, shop, shop until 7:30 when we move on to The H for dinner and dessert. There will be door prizes and coupons along the way.



The committee was so efficient in organizing this that there is no extra cost for participating...it’s covered under the usual dinner charge as part of your dues. **However, if you can’t make it, you must send regrets by the June luncheon, 6/1, or you will be charged.** Guests are welcome, of course. The \$25 charge still applies for them and must be paid by the June luncheon.

So gather your friends and put on some comfortable shoes. June 15th promises to be a unique New Year party!

### Participating Stores

Peel ‘n Pare

L’il Pear Tree

Gems by Em

Little Forks

Imagine That!

Willow

Northwood Gallery

Heather ‘n Holly

Made in Michigan

## Raffle News—The Bird is the Word!



There are 3 weeks left to sell raffle tickets for the Northwood Suite at Loons Stadium. All ticket monies, stubs, and unsold tickets must be returned by the May 19th dinner. The drawing will be held on May 25th at 3 pm.

The winner gets to party with 19 friends at the June 27th game. There’s a \$200 food allowance, too.

If you need more tickets, please contact Esther Seaver.

## Yellow Book Orders and Pictures

Is your membership book filled with scratch outs, phone number and email changes, new members written in the margins? Do you want to refresh your photo that appears in it? Just stop at the registration table at the May 4th and May 18th meetings and you can get all this taken care of. There will be a sign up list for new books. Just put the number you want saved for you in the space next to your name. New members get their first book free. The cost for the rest of us is \$8 each.

Molly Clarey will be set up to take pictures before both of the meetings, so if you'd like a new photo, please come early and say, "Cheese." As with the Yellow Books, new members get their photo taken for free (the cost is paid by the club), but existing members have to pay \$10. If you have a suitable headshot that you'd like to use in place of a new photo, that will work too. Just email it to Melissa Anderson at QRP in jpg format.

The Yellow Books will be printed over the summer and ready for distribution upon payment at the September meetings.

## Attention Outgoing and Incoming Board Members!

Year-end reports are due from outgoing committee chairs. Report presentations will start at the May business meeting and conclude at the June business meeting. In addition, chairs are to submit their reports via email to Sue Moody, Cynthia Chilcote, and Colette St. Louis.

Incoming board members are to review the reports made by this year's board to prepare goals for 2011 to report at the September business meeting. This keeps our club moving forward in a cohesive direction.

Thank you to all board members for your diligence and time you give to Zonta. Your leadership is appreciated!



Melissa models one of the furs



Sue is a happy bidder!

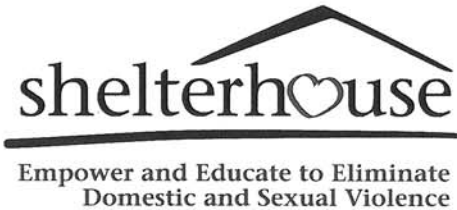


Molly as Vanna

### AUCTION FUN!

April 2010

## Thank You Letter from Shelterhouse



April 19, 2010

Zonta Club of Midland  
P.O. Box 196  
Midland, MI 48640-0196

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Shelterhouse), thank you for your generous donation of \$1,000.00 to the Girls on the Run program. This gift will enable the Girls on the Run Council of Midland County to reach more girls in our community with this program which empowers young girls to become strong, self-confident women.

Girls on the Run educates and prepares girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. We appreciate you joining us in this important mission. Training for a 5K run is combined with a self-esteem enhancing, uplifting curriculum for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls. While the program benefits all girls, we have specifically promoted the program at Title I schools throughout the county, enabling girls with fewer financial resources to participate in this positive program.

Girls on the Run is research-based and during the first school year the outcomes showed:

- Higher self-esteem,
- Healthier body image, and
- Increase in frequency of physical activity among program participants.

We are so pleased to have you partner with us in improving the lives of girls in our community.

Thank you for supporting the important work that we do.

Sincerely,

Sara JacobsCarter  
Girls on the Run Council Director

# Zonta Club of Midland

## Business Meeting Minutes

### Tuesday, April 6, 2010 (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 March 2, 2010 were presented. Motion to approve as presented by Jan McGuire; supported by Gwen Northrup; approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Diane Moomey presented copies of the Treasurer's Report, including the Profit & Loss Statement for March 2010. Motion to accept the report by Sandy Weimer; supported by Linda Malekadel; approved.

#### Standing Committee Reports

**Assimilation/Retention/Rejuvenation Committee – Chair, Jan McGuire** Midland Blooms is on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 am. Signup sheets are on the tables. Colette is coordinating our volunteers.

**Archives Committee - Chair, Sarah Gorman** The committee is looking for full year sets of minutes for the years 2006-2007, 2007-2008. There will be incentives for those who attend the next committee meeting.

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

**By-Laws Committee – Chair, Melissa Anderson** No report.

**Fellowship Committee – Chair, Nan Blasy** Ladies' Night Out is coming on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:15-9:30 PM in downtown Midland; no additional cost to members; guests \$25. Sharon Miller, Jan McGuire and Gwen Lang are sponsoring the shopping bags for participants. Dinner will be at the H; dessert at Molly's. RSVP regrets only by the June luncheon.

At the April dinner, Fellowship will give prizes for the basketball winners. Everybody should email Nan with the winners they predicted; she does not want the bracket sheets.

This committee is still looking for recipes for the Zonta cookbook. Send them to Nan Blasy or Shawn Dicken.

**Finance/Fundraising Committee – Chair, Esther Seaver** Extra Loons tickets are available; the deadline is May dinner for turning in money and remaining tickets.

**Homewalk Committee – Chair, Sharon Mortensen and Janice Hoppe** April 27<sup>th</sup> will be the first meeting of this committee at the Grand Traverse Pie Co.; one home has already been secured for the Homewalk.

**Intercity/United Nations Committee - Chair, Sherry Kalina** No report.

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

**Public Relations Committee – Chair, Colette St. Louis** The committee needs your updated information for the Yellowbook – watch for upcoming emails.

**Status of Women in Service/Legislation/Advocacy – Chair, Kathy Dollard** Motion by the Service Committee to contribute \$1000 to Girls on the Run for scholarships for girls to participate; supported by Melissa Anderson; approved. Ann Beck and Sharon Mortensen abstained. The committee also approved requests for \$400 from the Literacy Council (pending more information) and \$300 for ABC totes for preschoolers from the United Way.

**Ways and Means – Chair, Melissa Anderson** Wonderful items will be available at the April dinner auction. Melissa listed a few of them but we still need more. Members can drop them off at Sandy's. This committee meets on the 19<sup>th</sup> at Sandy's to organize auction items. Guests are welcome for \$25.

**Parliamentarian – Ashley Barriger** No report.

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

## Unfinished Business

**Proposed 2009/2010 Budget** – At our meeting in February, we had a motion to amend this year’s budget after the Board checks on the details of our ZI giving and the impact of our pledge to ZI. ZI does not use our pledges to set the budget. Our giving for the last biennium was \$12,810. Motion by the Finance Committee to modify the 2009/2010 budget to pledge \$5000 to Zonta International; supported by Kathy Dollard; approved.

**Proposed 2010/2011 Budget** – The budget was presented by Esther Seaver (available on the website). Madhu Rishi commented on our discontinuing support of the Youth Leadership program. Motion by the Finance Committee to adopt the proposed budget; supported by Gwen Northrup; approved.

## Announcements

Patricia Tiernan - April 29<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 8:00 pm the Red Cross is hosting a wine tasting at the H Hotel; tickets are \$40 single/ \$75 couple. See Patricia for more information.

Sharon Mortensen – Denim Day is this Friday in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Day. Wear denim at work - stickers are available from Shelterhouse. Contact Sharon for more.

Sharon Mortensen – Chefs for Shelterhouse fundraiser at the MCFTA, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:30 pm. Call Sharon for more.

Sue Moody – The Rotary bread sale is underway and orders are due tonight. Order today form Sue.

## New Business

**Committee Assignments** – Signup sheets are on the tables. Please sign up for committees.

The induction of new officers will be conducted at the June business meeting instead of May this year.

The \$23 50/50 Raffle was won by Linda Malekadeli.

Reminder - Dues deadline was extended to the April dinner.

## Dates to Remember

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| April 15 | Board Meeting – 7:15 AM, Midland Area Community Foundation   |
| April 20 | Dinner Meeting – 5:30 PM, <b>Holiday Inn (by the mall)</b> , Auction, dues deadline                    |
| May 4    | Business Luncheon – 11:30 AM, <b>Holiday Inn</b>   |
| May 18   | Dinner Meeting – 5:30 PM, Midland Country Club, Scholarship Winners presented                          |
| May 20   | Board Meeting – 7:15 AM, Midland Area Community Foundation, incoming and outgoing Bd members to attend |
| June 1   | Business Luncheon - 11:30 AM, Midland Country Club, New Board Induction                                |
| June 15  | Beginning of the Year Party in Downtown Midland, 5:30 PM – more details to come.                       |

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Chilcote, Secretary