



ZONTA
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(compliments of NU)

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Sept. 6 – Business meeting 12:00

Sept. 20 – Dinner meeting 5:30 pm

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Reflection

As I reflect on this past Zonta year, I must thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as our Club President. You all have been willing to help and further our mission and for that I am grateful.

Our Ways & Means Committee, chaired by Maureen Acker, put together a record auction, raising funds for our membership to attend conferences, workshops and International Conventions! Thank you to the committee and everyone who participated: donating, pulling items together into baskets, being a "Vanna", or purchasing items. The variety was amazing and so were all of you, as we hosted a record number of guests!

Our Service Committee again chose a great group of winners for our scholarships and their stories are amazing. Truly motivates me to continue being active and to make working the Homewalk so very rewarding.

I'm excited that our membership has grown this year and that our new members are jumping right into committee work!

It's great to have a strong group of incoming board members, and I'm confident that this next year will be very successful. We will have a signature advocacy project started as the Advocacy committee develops our long term plan and Homewalk is basically all set up with the exception of volunteer Hostesses!!

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

Yours in Service

Ann Beck, President



June Social

Come Celebrate Zonta's New Year!

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

5:30 – 8:30 pm

Creative 360

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



ZCOM ANNOUNCES SIGNATURE ADVOCACY PROJECT

The Zonta Club of Midland board has been working to establish a signature advocacy project for the club. They felt that just as our signature fundraiser, Homewalk, has helped our club establish a valuable reputation in the community, a signature advocacy project would allow ZCOM 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.

The Advocacy Committee requested ideas from club members, anticipating that whatever project was selected would be continued for several years (as "signature" implies). Progress and impact of the project will be reviewed on a regular basis. Seven ideas were received, including eating disorders among girls, building self-esteem in middle school girls, One Billion Rising, NO MORE campaign, high school Z club, self defense for women, and human trafficking.

After evaluating each idea against the criteria provided by ZI, our mission, and board guidelines, the committee agreed to recommend our efforts focus on *Human Trafficking Education/Awareness*. The group agreed to build efforts slowly beginning with a few short-term goals. The committee is considering several projects, including:

- Showing the Creating4Change documentary in Midland this fall
- Participating in the 16 Days of Activism
- Considering development of a marketing campaign
- Partnering with Midland High School to promote "One Billion Rising"
- Sending some Zontians to the state-sponsored train the trainer sessions to educate people on how to present on this topic.
- Ask the County Board and City Council to proclaim one week as Awareness of Human Trafficking Week

The Advocacy Committee is accepting new members. Please contact [Lisa Hulbert](#) for more.

June ZING (Zonta Informal Network Gathering)

Our Annual night with the Great Lakes Loons!

Tuesday, June 28, 7:05 pm

VS Lansing Lugnuts

We will be in the Northwood Suite, and snacks will be provided. Your cost is just \$10!

Guests are welcome!

Please RSVP to Ashleigh Summers summersa@northwood.edu or 586.260.3723

NEW MEMBERS JOIN RANKS

At the April business meeting, Carole Calvert-Baxter, former District 15 governor, and Membership Committee chair Jennifer Chappel welcomed and inducted six new members into ZCOM membership. Members (with flowers) are pictured (l-r), Andrea Foster, Kayleigh Stachowiak, Darlene Anderson, Bridget Sullivan, Taitia Shelow, and Maggie Ried.



Andrea Foster (Sponsor, Cynthia Chilcote)

Andrea is the Conservation Outreach Coordinator at Little Forks Conservancy, and also coordinates volunteers. Andrea has a great husband and an amazingly spirited five year old daughter. Andrea enjoys spending time outdoors, and volunteering. She also enjoys going to concerts and trying many different art forms. Most recently she has taken up taxidermy. Andrea also teaches classes on fiber arts, such as spinning your own yarn from wool and how to felt.

Maggie Ried (Sponsor, Elissa Olson)

Maggie is the mother of two daughters, Sophia 10 and Gabby 7. Maggie is engaged to Mark Willett and will be married on June 11th. With the marriage, Maggie will have two step children, Gracie 11 and Grant 8. They also have a King Cavalier Spaniel, Jordan. They all live together and the house is always busy, crazy, and fun. Maggie currently works in HR at MidMichigan Health. Life is good and Maggie participates in her children's activities as much as possible, even coaching.

Kayleigh Stachowiak (Sponsor, Karla Oldenburg)

Kayleigh is a wife and mother of two children, Owen, 2, and Paige, 1. Kayleigh has been a licensed CPA since 2013 with a focus on taxes; one of her main focuses has been state and local taxation. Kayleigh's family is new to Midland. They bought a house and moved here last summer, having previously lived and worked in Southeast Michigan and Toronto, Ontario. Kayleigh is an alumna of Northwood University where she met her husband and their goal was always to come back here to raise their family. Kayleigh's interests include spending time with family, cooking, reading, learning about nutrition and health, crafting and DIY projects, and getting involved in the community.

Darlene Anderson (Sponsor, Kris Riley)

Darlene is a mother of five adult children and grandmother of three. Darlene's passion is making a difference- Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence-Human Trafficking-Animals-Local Businesses & our community. Darlene is very involved in the Midland Chambes as an ambassador and with her church, New Life Vineyard. Before Darlene joined Wines for Humanity, she managed local restaurants and worked with Midland Public Schools in Resource Room with learning disabled & behavioral problems. In her free time, Darlene enjoys reading, the beach, dancing and drinking wine.

Taitia Shelow (Sponsor, Diane Moomey)

Taitia and her husband, Scott, moved here about 18 months ago from PA when he took a job with Dow Corning. Both are PA natives, but they have lived in the Hudson Valley of NY and in North Carolina as well. They have two sons, Dom, 19, who attends college in PA, and Gavin, 21, who works in Midland. Taitia earned her degree in journalism and communications from Point Park University in Pittsburgh. She has worked as a newspaper reporter in both PA and NY, in public relations, and as a freelance writer/proofreader. She enjoys tennis, movies, traveling, cuddling with her two chihuahuas and volunteering in the community. She is a Rotarian and has been a volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters, Head Start, Habitat and various PTAs and booster clubs when her kids were younger.

Bridget Sullivan (Sponsor, Ann Beck)

Bridget currently serves as associate vice-president of Fitness and Membership for Greater Midland, as well as executive director of Greater Midland North-End Fitness Center and assistant tournament director for the Dow Corning Tennis Classic. Bridget has two daughters, Emma 14, and Ellie, 13, and enjoys spending time with them and participating in their activities. In her spare time, she enjoys volunteering and reading.

APRIL AUCTION SUPPORTS EDUCATION

The highly successful April Auction proved true to its reputation again on April 19 by raising nearly \$11,000 to fund local and international training opportunities for club leaders and members. The club reimburses members for some costs associated with attending District conferences and workshops as well as international convention.

The hard-working Ways and Means Committee members gathered donations and displayed items for members and guests to bid on during the evening. Thanks to all of the members who brought guests, too!



2016-2017 OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED IN JUNE

- President: Rhonda Anderson
- First Vice-President: Karla Oldenburg
- Second Vice-President: Ashleigh Summers
- Secretary: Kris Riley
- Treasurer: Cheryl Chasnis
- Past President: Ann Beck
- Advocacy: Lisa Hulbert
- Assimilation, Retention and Rejuvenation: Ashleigh Summers
- Archives: Carol Stone
- Attendance: Lisa Miner
- Bylaws: Karla Oldenburg
- District 15 Fall Conference 2017: Lisa Miner & Kim Walden
- Finance/Fundraising: Karla Oldenburg
- Fellowship/Awards: Bonnie Westervelt
- Golden Z Club: Sharon Mortensen
- Homewalk: Esther Williams/Carole Calvert-Baxter
- Membership: Kim Walden
- Public Relations/Newsletter: Jenny Kendrick
- Status of Women Service: Melissa Barnard
- United Nations/Intercity: Jennifer Chappel
- Ways & Means: Maureen Acker
- Nominating: Elizabeth Lumbert, Rhonda Anderson, Ann Beck (chair)



ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER CELEBRATES HOMEWALK SUCCESS

Members, homeowners (below) and sponsors gathered together on May 17 to hear the stories of Zonta Club of Midland's 2016 scholarship winners. Five of the winners addressed the crowd and thanked Zonta for help in making their dreams of an education become reality.

The annual scholarships are administered by the Midland Area Community Foundation for ZCOM and funded by proceeds from the annual Homewalk fundraiser. In 2016, seven \$2,000 scholarships were awarded to women in the community who had changing life circumstances and decided to further their educations.



Join Us! June Social

COCKTAILS & CANVAS
 CREATIVE 360 – 5:30 TO 8:30
 TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016

\$35 painting class...6 to 8pm
 \$15 appetizers...5:30 to 8:30

PLEASE PAY \$50 BY MAY 24TH TO HOLD YOUR RESERVATION (GUEST RESERVATIONS WELCOME BEGINNING MAY 24) ALL CHECKS DUE BY TUESDAY, JUNE 7 LUNCH MEETING.

ZI FOUNDATION NEWS FROM JACQUIE GUDMUNDSEN

(From The Bridge, April 2016)

Congratulations!

All 40 clubs of District 15 have made club contributions to the Zonta International Foundation. As a district, we are at 100% and will be acknowledged at the international convention in Nice.

Thank you for your generosity—and all your hard work in fundraising. Club giving is how we acknowledge our membership in the international organization. Truly, we share our hard-earned service funds both locally and internationally because we want to help women both globally and locally.

A warm thank you to Valerie Cotanch of the Zonta Club of Traverse City. Because of her ongoing generous support of our international education and service programs, she has reached the Topaz level, the second highest status of Foundation giving. Val and her husband Marty have shown their belief in Zonta's work worldwide and we acknowledge their commitment.

We also want to recognize the generosity of Cynthia Chilcote of the Zonta Club of Midland contributions. Although inadvertently left out of the Annual Report, Cynthia's generosity has earned her Platinum status as a Foundation contributor.

Individual Donations

In addition to our district achieving 100%, many clubs are also working to achieve 100% of their members giving donations to the Foundation. We recognize that club contributions reflect the financial support of its members. Over and above that, individual giving is the way we can personally share ownership in our global mission of empowering women worldwide. It is also a wonderful way to recognize and honor members, events, and personal aspects of Zonta membership that our especially meaningful to us. A donation to ZISVAW may reflect our passion to eliminate violence against women. A donation to the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship may be the way we share our business success with other women. There are so many reasons to give!

ZONTA CLUB OF FENTON SERVICE PROJECT



Zonta Club of Fenton's billboard promotion ran for four weeks in Fenton Township on US-23 facing the south bound traffic and ran January, February, and March 2015.

A new domain name was purchased and could only be found on the billboards. The domain name points to a landing page on their website. The landing page allows one to sign up for a newsletter or sign up to receive educational information on Domestic, Teen Dating Violence, or Human Trafficking. Visitors can also download PDFs on each subject.

A promotional brochure was created for sponsoring the billboard to help offset costs with logos added to the billboard. The billboard was seen on an average of 143,879 impressions (adult views) each week, with about 12,949,110 impressions in the 90 days of campaigns. The club used this project to build their brand and educate the community.

SOPHIA CRUZ NAMES DOCUMENTARY



It's been a busy few months for the Creating4Change & Driftseed non-profit team! First up: the name. Creating4Change has always been a working title for the documentary, and today we are excited to announce the documentary's official name will be "Little Stones", inspired by the following quote:

"Each of us puts in one little stone, and then you get a great mosaic at the end"
- Alice Paul, Women's Rights Activist

We hope you love the new name "Little Stones" as much as we do, but don't worry, 'Creating4Change' isn't going anywhere. We'll continue to call the film's outreach and education campaign the Creating4Change Initiative of our non-profit organization [Driftseed](#).

On March 30th, director Sophia Kruz finished editing a 2-hour rough cut of the "Little Stones" documentary, and spent the next two weeks screening the film at focus groups throughout the mid-west. The Driftseed team met in Ann Arbor first, screening the film for professors and experts in education at the University of Michigan who will help build the Creating4Change Initiative's outreach & education materials. They then hit the road and headed to Chicago for a focus group screening with the acclaimed documentary film company [Kartemquin](#), where they received excellent feedback about the work-in-progress cut of the film. A week later, Sophia Kruz went to Ferris State University in Big Rapids, MI to screen a rough cut of the film at the [Ferris Media Festival](#) for 120 students, getting even more valuable feedback to take into the final phase of post-production this summer. Kruz was also invited to speak with about 400 high school and university students at Ferris on the use of film in creating social change.

Last but not least, the [Zonta Club of Ann Arbor/Washtenaw](#) honored Kruz with their 2015 AmaZing Woman Award for her work on the Creating4Change Initiative. The awards brunch raised \$350 through a raffle, which will be donated to support "Little Stones" film completion.

National and International News

Advocating for Global Change



WAGGS TRAINING SUCCESS

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGS), in partnership with UN Women and with the support of Zonta International, is working to prevent and reduce gender discrimination and violence against women and girls through non-formal education and youth leadership engagement.

At the third regional Voices Against Violence training in New York, USA, in October 2015, 45 participants were trained from 12 countries. Each of the trainers, in turn, is expected to run national workshops that will instruct at least 30 additional leaders to deliver the Voices against Violence curriculum to young people in their home countries. [More...](#)



ZI ANNOUNCES 2016 AMELIA EARHART FELLOWS

Three Fellows from U of M

Zonta International is pleased to announce that the 35 selected candidates for the 2016 Amelia Earhart (AE) Fellowships have accepted the award. Three of the award winners are students at University of Michigan.

[Click here](#) to view a list of the 2016 Zonta International AE Fellows.

The AE Fellowship is highly sought by women from all around the world. This year, the AE Fellowship Committee received 121 applications. The Committee wishes it could have awarded more than 35 Fellowships to the other very deserving applicants.

DELAYING EARLY MARRIAGE IN NIGER

Niger has the highest child marriage rate in the world with 75 percent of girls married by age 18 and 36 percent married by age 15. A majority of married girls have been pregnant or had children by the age of 19. A high proportion of school-aged girls are not in school and the vast majority is illiterate.

Early marriage is a form of sexual and gender-based violence with detrimental physical, social and economic effects.

Zonta International has committed US\$1,000,000 to UNFPA to reduce early marriage and early pregnancy in a critical mass of communities in Niger.

Here are some of the specific ways this project has been carried out to respond to the needs of adolescent girls in Niger:

- 127 safe places selected
- 122 mentors and 21 community facilitators recruited
- 15 literacy trainers and 5 regional supervisors trained
- Mentors' guide and community facilitator guide finalized
- Reporting tools and recruitment techniques finalized
- 12 trainers and 127 facilitators received literacy training

