

ZCOM News

District 15, Area 4

March 2011

Auction is Right Around the Corner!



Feed this car!

Only 3 weeks until our annual Auction! The Ways and Means Committee needs your help to fill the tables on auction night, April 19th. Sandy reports that there are fewer donations this year and we still need baskets.

The April 5th lunch meeting is the last meeting before the auction. If you have items to donate, please bring them to lunch and fill Sandy's car. If you are unable to make it to lunch, items can be dropped off at Hangups

and Design Within stores at Bell Plaza on Wackerly or left on Sandy's front porch. You can also call Cari Francis (859-0674) or Sandy Weimer (430-5352) to pick up items if that's more convenient for you.

We've publicized the auction this year as an opportunity for a "Girls' Night Out" (see flyer on page 3) so we have to make sure we have enough items to showcase. We're expecting several non-Zonta members and want to provide a fun, exciting, and "gotta have that" evening.

On page 6 is a list and pictures of some of the items collected so far. Watch your email for a complete list after 8 PM on Monday, April 18. Note that we need more wine. There are only 3 bottles on the roster and we know that's not enough for this crowd! Bring a bottle to lunch so we have enough to complete the baskets.

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, April 5, 11:30 am: Business Meeting, Midland Country Club; new member induction

Wednesday, April 6, 6 pm: ZING! at Lisa Hulbert's home—wine-tasting and chocolates (see page 7)

Tuesday, April 19, 5:30 pm: **Zonta Auction!!!**

Thursday, April 21, 7:15 am: Board Meeting, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Tuesday, May 3, 11:30 am: Business Meeting, Midland Country Club; Yellow Book picture-taking

Tuesday, May 10, 5:30 pm: New member orientation at Patty Mishic's home

Tuesday, May 17, 5:30 pm: Social Meeting, Midland Country Club

President's Letter

Dear Fellow Zontians,

Spring is on its way! And so are the Zonta Spring Workshops. Our club covers the cost (\$30) to attend this event. Each area in our district holds the same workshop, so you have 4 opportunities to attend one.

- Area 1: April 30, 2011 hosted by Zonta Club of Gaylord;
- Area 2: May 1, 2011 hosted by Zonta Club of Meridian East;
- Area 3: May 14, 2011 hosted by Zonta Club of Lenawee;
- Area 4: May 15, 2011 hosted by the Zonta Club of Lapeer.

Look for the registration information in the mail soon. (A copy from the website can be found on page 4.) This is a great chance to meet Zontians from other clubs as well as the district leadership.



Most of our committees are winding down for the year end, May 31st and the Service committee is still looking for grant requests! However, the Homewalk Committee is just getting started. Homes and rest stop possibilities are being explored for the 2011 Homewalk. Start thinking about which committee you would like to be a part of for the 2011/2012 year.

The Ways and Means Committee is getting ready for the April Auction, so get your items to Cari Francis or Sandy Weimer as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Esther Seaver

President, Zonta Club of Midland



The April Auction still needs baskets to fill. This is your chance to recycle those gift baskets so you can make room for that gaudy vase from your mother-in-law.



April Birthdays

Jan McGuire, April 6

Sharon Miller, April 10

Sherry Kalina, April 7

Patricia Mishic, April 21

Casey Pincumbe, April 8



Membership Dinner a Great Success!



The Membership Committee and the Fellowship Committee went all out to ensure that the March 15th dinner meeting provided a welcoming atmosphere for 26 potential-member guests. From those guests we've already received two applications for membership. Follow-up contact will be made with all the guests, so there may be more members to come. Thank you to all members who invited someone.

A special thank-you to Sandy Weimer for procuring 30 pansy plants that were given to our guests to thank them for coming. Sandy was able to get these long before the spring planting season. Balloons decorated the table tops and added to the festive atmosphere.

Cynthia Chilcote gave a presentation that mirrors our member orientation program and highlights Zonta International and their current initiatives. It also points out the local impact Zonta Club of Midland has on our community and promotes the benefits of membership.

The guest speaker, Jeff Phillips, an English professor from Northwood University, spoke about "Living Life in Balance." To illustrate his point, he talked eloquently about his wife who has MS.



Professor Jeff Phillips

Girls' Night Out!

The Zonta auction would be a fabulous time for a girls' night out!

Gather your girlfriends and bring them to the April 19th Zonta auction at the Midland Country Club. Have cocktails and appetizers while bidding on some outrageously fun merchandise.

New this year: Paypal for auction purchases!!!

- Remember to RSVP for your guest to Tammy Swinson at attendancechair@zontaclubofmidland.org by 11am April 15
- There will be no free potential member dinners on auction night. All members are expected to pay or collect the \$25 dinner fee for their guest(s).



Submitted by the Ways & Means Committee

District 15 Spring Workshops

As mentioned by Esther in her President's letter, the Spring Workshops are ready for sign-up. The brochure below is from the District 15 website: www.zonta15.org. You will also be getting a "Call to Workshop" via snail mail. Note the registration deadlines so you don't miss participating at the location of your choice. Registration costs are covered by our club. So fill your car with Midland Zontians and go visiting!

Area 1 - Saturday, April 30, 2011 Hosted by the Zonta Club of Gaylord

Site: Otsego Club and Resort
696 M-32 East, Gaylord, MI 49734

Registrar: Trisha Chandler
P.O. Box 853, Gaylord, MI 49734
Email: trisha.chandler10@gmail.com

Area 2 - Sunday, May 1, 2011 Hosted by the Zonta Club of Meridian East

Site: First National Bank of America
241 E Saginaw Hwy, East Lansing, MI 48823
(800) 266-7661 - (517) 351-2660

Registrar: Tracey Wellman
3542 Hiawatha Dr., Okemos, MI 48864
Phone: 517-230-3385 (cell),
Email: knittingmachine25@gmail.com

Area 3 - Saturday, May 14, 2011 Hosted by the Zonta Club of Lenawee

Site: Cabella's
110 Cabella Boulevard East
Dundee, MI 48131

Registrar: Bridget Eisenhauer
Phone: 517-265-7000
1390 W Maumee St, Adrian, MI 49221
Email: brieis@kernneriottagency.com

Area 4 - Sunday, May 15, 2011 Hosted by the Zonta Club of Lapeer

Site: Chatfield School's Willows Earth Education Center
Chatfield School, 231 Lake Drive, Lapeer, MI 48446

Registrar: Phyllis Clark
2447 King Road, Lapeer, MI 48446
Phone: 810-664-1445



Area Spring Workshops

9:00-9:30 *Check-in and Breakfast*

9:30-10:50

*Welcome- President of Host Club
Governor- Denise Quarles
Lieutenant Governor- Karen Armaly
Treasurer- Patty Johnson
Service Committee Presentation
Messages: Area Director -
Introduce Connections Workshops*

11:00-Noon *Program:*

*Cast a Ball of Yarn: Why do you value
membership in Zonta International?*

*Recruit/Retain/Revitalize Exercise
Introduce 1 membership moment
Membership is Vital*

Noon *Lunch*

1:00 -2:00 *Program:*

*Big Stone/Little Stone: The Art of Prioritizing
Recruit/Retain/Revitalize Exercise introduce 1
membership moment*

*Draw your Vision of your club in 1 year;
3 years; 5 years*

2:00-2:30 *Wrap Up*



Registration Form

Cost \$30 (U.S.D.) Payable to the host club for each workshop

Indicate which workshop you plan to attend:

- Area 1: Saturday, April 30 - Registration Deadline April 23, 2011
(Check Payable to Zonta Club of Gaylord Area)
- Area 2: Sunday, May 1 - Registration Deadline April 23, 2011
(Check Payable to Zonta Club of Meridian East)
- Area 3: Saturday, May 14 - Registration Deadline May 7, 2011
(Check Payable to Zonta Club of Lenawee)
- Area 4: Sunday, May 15 - Registration Deadline May 7, 2011
(Check Payable to Zonta Club of Lapeer)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Province/Zip Code: _____

Zonta Club of: _____

Phone (Residence): _____ Other: _____

Email Address: _____

I have dietary restrictions. Restrictions are: _____


check here if this is your first time attending a Spring Workshop

Send your registration to the registrar listed for the workshop you plan to attend:

- Area 1: Trisha Chandler, PO Box 853, Gaylord, MI 49734
- Area 2: Tracey Wellman, 3542 Hiawatha Dr., Okemos, MI 48864
- Area 3: Bridget Eisenhauer, 1390 W Maumee St., Adrian, MI 49221
- Area 4: Phyllis Clark, 2447 King Rd., Lapeer, MI 48446

CUT HERE AND RETURN





PICTURE THIS!

Do you need to refresh your Yellow Book photo? Are you a new member as of June 2010? If so, be prepared at either the lunch meeting on May 3 or dinner meeting on May 17 to have your picture taken.

Bob Stafford has generously offered his time to take our pictures. He will be set up half hour before each meeting to capture the magic. Say, "Cheese!"

Cakes, Cookies, Pies, Ice Cream....and Moose?



The Literacy Council's World's Greatest Dessert Party showcased masterpieces from area restaurants, cake-making specialists, and dessert aficionados. The Zonta Club of Midland provided volunteers to help serve the delectable delicacies. The event raises funds to support Literacy Council programs.



The event was once again back at the Great Hall and the venue was spacious and well-organized. The entry hallway had tables with all the auction items. The table causing the most activity held intricately-decorated cakes including a Cat in the Hat edible sculpture, a red jester mask, and a hamburger platter cake.



Upon entering the main room, a large chocolate fountain surrounded by strawberries, bananas, and marshmallows welcomed those seeking a sugar rush. In the center of the room was a stage where Empty Canvas entertained the crowd with song and art. The painting created during the evening was later auctioned off to benefit the Literacy Council.



One of the busiest tables was one serving chocolate moose. Yes, that's moose with two "o"s. Moose meat in a chocolate sauce was in high demand. Who knew??? Other tables featured bananas foster, mini-parfaits, ice cream confections, chocolate-covered watermelon, and cookies and puddings and pies, oh my!



Auction Items and a Sneak Peek

Here's a list of items collected so far: (Remember to watch your email on Monday, April 18th after 8PM for a full list.)

<p>Heather & Holly – gift basket</p> <p>Gems by Em</p> <p>Organized with Hope</p> <p>Jewelry by Jill Van Buskirk</p> <p>D'Alessandra's gift certificate</p> <p>Northwood Gallery</p> <p>Menu Manager</p> <p>Items from Mother-In-Law - priceless</p> <p>Little Forks Outfitters – Big Sky Country bracelet</p> <p>Wendy Kanar - \$1,800. Trust package</p> <p>Riverwalk (Gladwin) – one night stay + services - \$400. value</p> <p>Apple Val-</p>	<p>ley Dolls – collectible baby doll – value \$500.</p> <p>Linda Langrill- flight over Midland</p> <p>Don & Maria Cohoon – Don's homemade lasagna or manicotti</p> <p>Linda Calzadillas (@Personal Image) – Vitality facial & massage - \$125 Value</p> <p>Becky Wieland – classic cigar boxes</p> <p>Draves Auto Center</p> <p>Loons</p> <p>Zontians from Africa – necklace sold to finance trip to International</p> <p>Television</p> <p>Watches</p>	<p>Funky chicken pictures</p> <p>Cookware</p> <p>Bag from San Antonio International Conference</p> <p>Christmas items</p> <p>Specialty surprise chandelier just for you!</p> <p>Full body massager</p> <p>Wall pictures for every style</p> <p>Birds, Bees and STDs – Dr. Lydia Watson</p> <p>Jewelry by Cynthia Chilcote</p> <p>4 Northwood Athletic sweatshirts</p> <p>Only 3 bottles of wine unless we get lots more at April luncheon</p>
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ZONTA ZING!

WINE TASTING
And
Dove Chocolate Discoveries

Wednesday, April 6th
6:00 p.m.

Lisa Hulbert's Home
2241 N. Rolling Ridge Drive
Midland, MI 48642
989-486-1265

HOSTED BY:
Zonta ARR Committee
RSVP by April 1st
lhulbert@spaceinc.net

InterCity Dinner

Hosted by Zonta Club of Mt. Pleasant

5:30 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 12, 2011
In a room overlooking spring unfolding on the golf course.

at Riverwood Golf Course,
1313 East Broomfield Road, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858-9566

\$20.00 per person includes dinner

5:30 -6:30 Registration and social time with cash bar open, bid on the silent auction

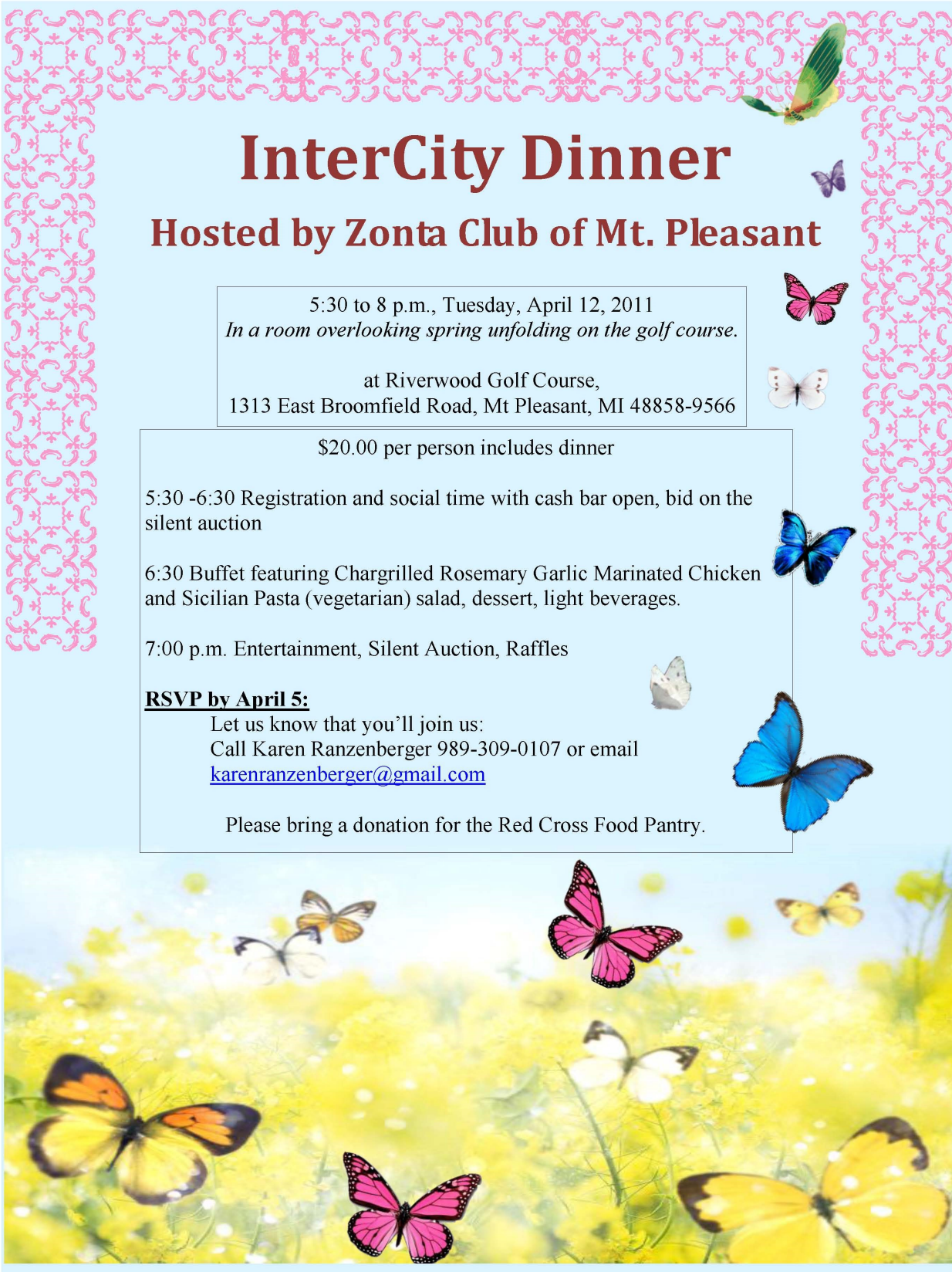
6:30 Buffet featuring Chargrilled Rosemary Garlic Marinated Chicken and Sicilian Pasta (vegetarian) salad, dessert, light beverages.

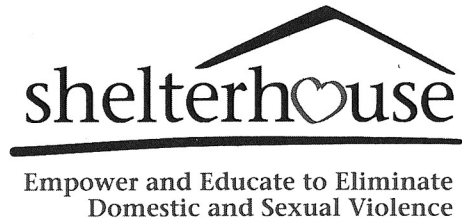
7:00 p.m. Entertainment, Silent Auction, Raffles

RSVP by April 5:

Let us know that you'll join us:
Call Karen Ranzenberger 989-309-0107 or email
karenranzenberger@gmail.com

Please bring a donation for the Red Cross Food Pantry.





March 03, 2011

Zonta Club of Midland
P.O. Box 196
Midland, MI 48641-0196

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Shelterhouse), I thank you for your donation of \$500.00, for transportation needs. Your generous gift will be used and appreciated by our clients. It also helps in our overall efforts to build healthy relationships, advocate for justice, strengthen families and empower survivors.

The services we offer are all free of charge to victims of violence and their families. While this removes all barriers to those seeking help, it does require investment from individuals with a similar desire to build a stronger and safer community. Last year Shelterhouse touched the lives of over 13,500 people in Midland and Gladwin counties. Women, children, teens and men impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault were able to receive the help they needed.

We believe everyone deserves a life without fear.

Sincerely,

Sharon Mortensen
Executive Director

*Thanks -- this is a
great help to our
clients.*

**Zonta Club of Midland
Business Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 1, 2011**

Zonta President, Esther Seaver, called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm. The meeting began with the Zonta Blessing and introductions.

Secretary's Report –The minutes of the February 1, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Motion to approve as presented by Jan McGuire; supported by Nancy Barker; approved.

Treasurer's Report – Diane Moomey presented copies of the Treasurer's Report, including amendments to reflect the approved scholarships. Motion to accept the report by Becky Wieland; supported by Sharon Mortensen; approved.

Standing Committee Reports

Assimilation/Retention/Rejuvenation (ARR) Committee – Nan Blasy: No report

Archives Committee - Chair, Jill Van Buskirk: No report.

Attendance – Chair, Tammy Swinson: No report.

By-Laws Committee – Chair, Cynthia Chilcote: No report.

Fellowship Committee – Chair, Kate Maxwell: June social will be on Tuesday, June 14th. No cost to members; \$25 for guests. Will be held at the Historical Society; entertainment - Empty Canvas. Home-brewed beer will be served.

Finance/Fundraising Committee – Cynthia Chilcote: Budget will come via email; will ask for approval at April meeting.

Homework Committee – Co-Chairs, Sue Moody and Cathy Budd: Will meet in March. Looking for homes; please notify either co-chair if you have a lead.

Intercity/United Nations Committee – Sue Moody for Chair, Chandra Morse: Zonta Rose note cards are available; ask that members send a card to a female mentor who made a difference in your life.

Organization Membership/Classification - Chair, Susan Putnam: Sent out ~50 invitations for the March dinner/recruitment; Jeff Phillips will be the speaker.

Public Relations Committee – Colette St Louis: No report

Status of Women in Service/Legislation/Advocacy – Chair, Maureen Acker: The committee still has funds available. Literacy Council Dessert Party is Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00, at the Great Hall, Valley Plaza; sign up sheet passed around.

Ways and Means – Chair, Cari Francis: The April auction is coming up, and the committee is still collecting items. Will have silent & live auctions.

Parliamentarian – Kate Maxwell: No report.

Nominating Committee - Sue Moody: Slate of Officers presented; will vote at April business meeting.

Past President – Sue Moody: No report.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Presentation of Slate of Officers for 2011/2012 (see attached).

Announcements

Denim Day Friday, April 8 in support of Shelterhouse.

Cancer Services Dinner/dance fundraiser Saturday, March 19.

Sandy Weimer March 8, 1991 was her date of joining Zonta – 20 years!

The 50/50 Raffle: \$24.50 was won by Casey Pincumbe.

Dates to Remember

Mar. 8th – World's Greatest Dessert Party

Mar. 15th – Social Meeting 5:30 pm at Country Club, "Recruitment Night" with Jeff Phillips

Mar. 17th - 7:15 am – Board Meeting – Big Brothers Big Sisters

Mar. 17-19 - Share the Memories, North Midland Family Center

April 5th - Business Meeting 11:30 am at Country Club

April 19th - Social Meeting 5:30 pm at Country Club, Zonta Auction

April 21st - 7:15 am – Board Meeting – Big Brothers Big Sisters

May 3rd - Business Meeting 11:30 am at Country Club

May 17th - Social Meeting 5:30 pm at Country Club

May 19th - 7:15 am – Board Meeting – Big Brothers Big Sisters

June 7th - Business Meeting 11:30 am at Country Club

Meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Malekadel, Secretary