

Afterglow Celebrates Successful Homewalk



Cathy Budd and Sue Moody,
Homewalk Co-Chairs

Cathy Budd and Sue Moody, Co-Chairs of the 2011 Homewalk Committee announced at the December 6th Afterglow Party that the 2011 Homewalk was the most successful one since 2006. The average count per home was 869 with the smallest house, the Carpenter kit home, having the most at 980.

Cathy and Sue thanked the 18 volunteers who helped staff the homes as well as the head hostesses who coordinated the volunteers and ensured the safety and security of the homes. Head hostesses this year were Casey Pincumbe, Linda Malakadeli, Jim Baxter, Melissa Barnard, Maureen Acker, Sharon Mortenson, Diane Moomey, Lisa Orlando, Rhonda Anderson, Sharon Miller, Cari Francis, and Lisa Hulbert, who not only served as head hostess, but staffed the entire Beaverton home on Sunday with her friends.

Recognizing the Homewalk Committee members' contributions to the success of the event this year, Cathy and Sue reviewed with the audience how each member played her part. Casey Pincumbe not only worked on the committee, she also decorated the Yasmin home; Lynda Putt managed member ticket sales; Sandy Weimer coordinated homeowner gifts and paid for snow/ice

(continued on Page 3)

Inside this issue:

President's Message	2
Submitting an Article	2
Birthdays	2
April Auction	3
Member Highlight	4
Shelterhouse Christmas	5
Intercity Dinner	6
Thank-you Letter	7

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 10, 11:30 am: Business Meeting, Midland Country Club *****NOTE DATE CHANGE*****

Tuesday, January 17, 5:30 pm: Social Meeting, Midland Country Club - Marie Eckstein presents "Empowering Women of Cambodia"

Thursday, January 19, 7:15 am: Board Meeting, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Tuesday, February 7, 11:30 am: Business Meeting, Midland Country Club...Budget presentation

Thursday, February 16, 7:15-8:30 am: Board Meeting, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Tuesday, February 21: Literacy Council's World's Greatest Dessert Party

Tuesday, February 28, 5:30 -8 pm: Intercity Dinner, Midland Country Club



Homewalk Success Story (continued from Page 1)

removal on Homewalk days; Sharon Mortensen and Patti Aspin were liaisons between homeowners and their decorators; Melissa Barnard did the home write-ups and the hostess handouts; Debbie Stephens and Sue Kleinhans secured \$17,550 in sponsorships; Rhonda Anderson and Maureen Acker did the media blitz including radio jingle, blogging, billboards, and regional newspaper notices; Esther Seaver recruited and coordinated volunteers and head hostesses; Melissa Anderson provided posters, tickets, ads, and last-minute fixes; Linda Malekadelí hosted the MCTV interview and worked the raffle; Cari Francis coordinated the raffle and ensured compliance with regulations; Diane Moomey and Ann Beck dispersed Homewalk tickets and performed a skit at Wake-up Midland called "Have you ever seen a Home Walk?" (Diane "wore" a house); Elizabeth Lumbert came up with the home walking idea for Wake-up Midland; and Carole Calvert-Baxter coordinated the food and entertainment at the Colonial Village rest stop.

Linda Malekadelí interjected that Cathy and Sue deserved a round of applause and thanks for their leadership and direction as co-chairs of the Homewalk Committee. Cathy will be stepping down and Sue is actively recruiting a co-chair for Homewalk 2012.

Cathy reported that the Homewalk Raffle raised \$2293 this year, which was way up from the \$1600 last year. Nan Blasy led all members with \$250 in ticket sales.

As an incentive to increase Homewalk ticket sales, a prize was offered to those members who sold tickets above and beyond the six initial ones. All the names were put into a bucket and Lisa Miner won the \$25 gift certificate to Eastman Party Store. The top ticket sellers were Kathy Dollard and Maria Cohoon with 19 each, Sharon Mortensen with 24, and Cathy Budd with 36!



Raffle prizes on display

After the Homewalk Report, Cari Francis conducted the raffle drawing. A partial list of the winners includes Mrs. Joe Clark who won the Riverwalk Spa/Overnight prize, Lisa Hulbert who walked away with the Trollbeads bracelet, Mary Kay Faber winner of the merino wool blanket and pillow, and Ann Beck who won a night at the H Hotel.

While the entire membership works a shift on Homewalk weekend, the committee works almost all year leading up to those two days. Congratulations to the Homewalk Committee for an extremely successful event and making it possible to provide scholarships and service dollars to support women in our community.

It's Not Too Early to Be Thinking about Auction!



Now that Homewalk 2011 is in the record books, it's time to move on to our next big fundraiser: the April Auction.

President Cynthia Chilcote sent out the following message:

"Please keep in mind our April auction during the holiday season. Save your unwanted Christmas gifts and bring them to the January lunch meeting. Sandy Weimer's silver SUV will be parked up front with Zonta signs on it for you to drop off items."

Member Highlight: Lynda Putt



I was born and raised in Bay City, Michigan and graduated from Western High School in 1985. I continued on to Northwood University where I graduated in 1987 with an Associate of Arts degree. After graduation I was employed full-time with Dow Corning Corporation in the Tax Department.

In 1990, I took a leave of absence from Dow Corning Corporation when I married my first husband and moved to LaGrange, Kentucky. I was employed through a temporary agency until my son Cameron was born in 1991. I was a stay-at-home mom for 18 months and then went back to work part-time performing bookkeeping tasks for Hometown Pizza, Inc. which quickly became a full-time position. I lived and worked in La-

Grange until 1994 when I divorced my husband and moved back to Bay City where my parents welcomed Cameron and I back home while I got myself re-established in the workforce.

Through Manpower, I worked for Dow Corning Corporation as a contractor in the Medical Device Group assisting with documentation related to breast implants during the bankruptcy period. Within a short period, I was able to purchase a home for my son and I in Midland, and in 1995 I was re-hired by Dow Corning Corporation.

One of my goals was to obtain my bachelor's degree in Accounting, so in 1996, I started attending evening classes at Saginaw Valley State University. In 1997, I married my husband Gary, and since we were financially stable, I was able to leave my position at Dow Corning to pursue my bachelor's degree in Accounting which I received in 1999. After graduation I was employed at Michigan Gypsum Company where I was the only accountant for the company. I enjoyed my position but was interested in being closer to home in Midland for attending my son's events, so in 2007 I sought employment with my current employer CPI Engineering Services, Inc.



My favorite activities are spending time with my son and my husband and sharing time with friends. Recreational activities I enjoy are volleyball, downhill skiing, walking, biking, and putting puzzles together. I am involved at Blessed Sacrament as a Eucharistic minister, previously was a hospitality minister, and have volunteered at other church activities.

I joined Zonta because I was concerned that when my son left to attend MSU I would be lonely, and I wanted to fill my time doing worthwhile activities and making a difference. I've always enjoyed helping others, and I believe Zonta's mission of improving the status of women is a way for me to grow personally and professionally while promoting an important cause.

Shelterhouse Christmas Party



Megan Granda, Elizabeth Lumbert, Mrs. Claus, Sandy Weimer, and Becky Wieland

On December 15th at Eagle Ridge Church several Zonta elves joined with Mr. and Mrs. Claus to provide an evening of shopping, gift-wrapping, and holiday music to Shelterhouse clients. Maria Cohoon organized the volunteers and coordinated Zonta's participation in this event.

The new venue provided a much larger area for all the activities associated with this event. The lobby was set up for registration and dining on a chili dinner provided by Wolverine Bank. Separate rooms housed gifts for children to select to give to parents and gifts for parents to give to children. There was a

large area set aside for gingerbread house-building. Of course, the most popular room was where children met and talked with "The Big Guy" and had their picture taken and framed.

Sharon Mortensen, the Director of Shelterhouse, estimated that about 100 clients participated in the event, which is up from last year.



Linda Malekadel and Cynthia Chilcote, gift-wrappers extraordinaire.



A room full of gifts just waiting for children to shop

A note to Zontians for next year: hold on to gift bags and bows so they can be recycled at the 2012 Christmas party. If you want to take advantage of post-Christmas sales on wrapping, ribbons, and bows to donate to Shelterhouse Christmas, you don't have to store them all year. Shelterhouse will be happy to accept them now and keep them handy for next year's event.

Thank you to all the members who gave their time to make Christmas special for these families, and a special thank you to Maria for spearheading our participation. This has become an annual event for our club and when you see the happy face of a child who found just the right gift for Mom, you know we are making a difference.



Midland Club Will Host 2012 Intercity Dinner



Zonta Club of Midland

Member of Zonta International
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

Hold the Date

Zonta Intercity Dinner

Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 5:30 pm
Midland Country Club, Midland, MI

Italian Theme in Honor of the Zonta International Convention Torino
Laura Wolak speaking on her Italy Experience
Great Food, Fellowship and Entertainment

\$32.00 for non-Midland Club members



More Scenes from Italy:



Shelterhouse Thank-You



shelterhouse

**Empower and Educate to Eliminate
Domestic and Sexual Violence**

December 20, 2011

Dear Zontians,

This was my third year coordinating our client holiday party and it has definitely become one of my favorite tasks here at Shelterhouse. I want to thank you for participating in making this year's party a wonderful evening filled with warmth, compassion and holiday cheer. The new location seemed to be liked by the over 100 clients we served.

Each year I look forward to connecting with new as well as seasoned volunteers. The holiday season is so busy and I am grateful that you made time to serve the clients of Shelterhouse. I trust each of you left the event tired but fulfilled. I would especially like to thank Maria for coordinating the volunteers for this event. Her energy and joy was contagious and she was a delight to collaborate with.

As always I would like to express my gratitude for not only your donated time, but your material donations as well. Your efforts made Shelterhouse's Holiday Party a complete success!

With appreciation,

Robin L. Greiner
Client Advocate