

ZCOM News

District 15, Area 4

February 2012

A Taste of Torino (Carole Calvert-Baxter)



The Intercity Dinner on February 28th was nothing short of **fantastico, magnifico. Grazie infinite** Chandra Morse and the members of this year's Intercity Committee for creating the ambiance one would expect if sitting in an Italian café. The pictorial presentation took us on a tour through the countryside of Italy. Your efforts provided us with a wonderful setting to share time with our sister Zontians from the Zonta Clubs of Saginaw and Mt. Pleasant.

As an icebreaker, when you signed in, you had to pick a name tag. The tag had either a name of a woman who changed the world or a clue describing a woman's contribution. The object was to find the person who matched your name or clue. It wasn't unusual to hear members start a conversation by saying, "I don't have a clue....do you?"

Laura Wolak, our keynote speaker shared her love of travel and her Italy experience. Her description of the aromas of Italian cuisine, tomatoes and basil, drew us further into our Italian experience. Laura asked us to visualize a kitchen pantry full of jars, some higher than others, but all containing opportunities. She reminded us that some jars are low and easy to reach, other jars are higher and more difficult to reach, and some jars are so high they are invisible. She encouraged us to see the invisible jars as opportunities that will make us stretch.

Laura's first invisible jar was the highest hill in town. She was the first girl to ride her bike to the top without stopping. In high school her Japanese studies sparked her interest in Japan. Her family's limited financial resources and lack of encouragement didn't discourage Laura. Instead, her situation propelled her to look for her next invisible jar.



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Calendar reminder: the last two pages of the newsletter are calendars for the next two months. If you're looking for birthdays, events, and notices...that's where they are.

President's Message from Cynthia Chilcote



Are You Facebook-friendly?

Social media is just not going away. In fact, I see in the headlines that while the popularity of static online conversations like blogging and forum-writing are declining, participation in real-time social networks, like Facebook, is still increasing (by 20% last year).

Plus, some social media experts think participation is shifting from a place to create personal content to a place to share professional content in real-time. (Here's your justification for checking FB during business hours.)

So, again I ask – are you Facebook-friendly? If not, it may be time for you to learn the ropes. If you are already a user (or even have an account), it's time to step up and start using that Zonta Club of Midland page.

The board recently committed to actively using the club's FB page, so visitors should start seeing regular activity on the page. But, it's not just about board members and the PR committee putting out directed messages. It's about creating

community – about connecting with Zontians and other “friends” over issues of mutual interest. We need our members to use the page by at least reading and responding to the posted items. All it takes is a quick read; then hit the “like” button or make a brief comment.



Board members are working to become better FB users as we plan to offer helpful tools to club members. In the meantime, take a few minutes this month to get friendly with Facebook and “like” the Zonta Club of Midland page!



We've Got a Birthday Comin' Up !

The Zonta Club of Midland will celebrate its 65th birthday on June 5, 2012 at our luncheon meeting. On June 5, 1947 our Midland Zonta Club was chartered in a ceremony in the old Midland Country Club building. We will be celebrating 65 years to the day! Stay tuned for information about the party.

★ The PR Committee will accept members' articles (with accompanying photos, if applicable) for publica-
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Midland County is not Immune



Audra Johnson

Audra Johnson from Shelterhouse spoke at our Business Meeting on February 7 about domestic violence and sexual assault, especially as these crimes relate to Midland County. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the presentation introduced statistics that show how sexual assaults affect women, children, and family members in Midland County.



According to a 2010 CDC (Centers for Disease Control) survey, 1 in 5 women will be raped in their lifetime. Midland County's population in 2010 was 83,629, with 42,567 being women. That means 8,513 Midland County women could experience rape. Not included in this number are the children and families impacted by assault, which dramatically increases the number of people directly affected by these crimes.

Audra reported that in 2010 there were 88 criminal sexual conduct (CSC) calls, which could be any sort of sexual contact, including rape. Considering that 60% of sexual assaults go unreported, the real number is closer to 220 in one year. Shelterhouse served over 200 sexual assault clients in 2010, including family members.

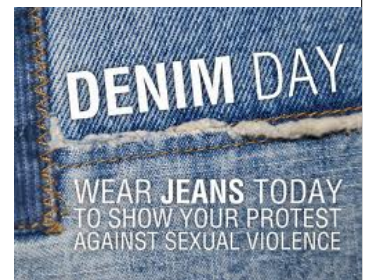
Myths and attitudes about sexual assault are prevalent in society and in even the most astute publications. Audra described articles from the Washington Post and Huffington Post to prove her point. The article from the Washington Post claimed that the CDC survey was overstating the figures. In the Comments Section, someone was insulted by the numbers because they made "too many rapists." The Huffington Post reported on elementary school children playing "rape tag" where the players tag private parts. General attitudes are reflected in pro-rape Facebook pages, in the telling of sexual assault jokes, and in the comments sections of newspapers and magazines.



In closing, Audra reminded everyone of Denim Day, April 13, 2012. Denim Day is a campaign to raise awareness and educate the public about rape and sexual assault. The movement arose from the outrage that followed an Italian Supreme Court decision in 1998 to overturn a rape conviction because the victim wore tight jeans. Schools and businesses can participate by encouraging students and employees to wear denim and teal ribbons and/or display the Denim Day sticker.



The "Stop the Violence" display above was shown at our InterCity Dinner meeting on February 28th. Our Zonta Club will continue to raise awareness and support local havens like Shelterhouse.



Torino (continued from Page 1)

Using the phonebook to locate Japanese companies in Detroit, she began a letter campaign letting each company know of her desire to embark on a personal journey to Japan. Some donations began trickling in and her jar moved from invisible to possible. Her vision became a reality when the VP of Nissan in Detroit wrote a check for \$700.

Laura received her degree while living in Australia. The next leg of her journey was to Italy. Her next jar of opportunity became a reality when her English resume landed her a job in Milan for an internet startup company of gourmet foods and high fashion. Laura married her husband, Andrea. Her husband's job resulted in Laura and her family moving back to United States.



Laura currently resides in Midland and works for Dow Chemical. While she continues to stretch, her positive experience has moved her to place her focus on putting jars within reach for other women. Laura works with Marie Eckstein to help women in Cambodia find their jars. In closing, Laura encouraged us to continue to not only find our jars, but to use our collective talent and energy to place jars in the reach of the women around us.



Linda Goltz won the Starbucks basket raffled by the Zonta Club of Saginaw.

Each club gave a brief summary of their respective operations during the remainder of the program. Nicole Swackhamer, the Vice President from the Zonta Club of Saginaw shared the key focus of the club. Saginaw continues to provide financial support to the Haiti Foundation Against Poverty. This foundation was developed by Mallery Thurlow, a Midland resident in 2007. Additionally the Saginaw club supports the white ribbon campaign and the Underground Railroad, a shelter for battered women. They provided the financial support to decorate and maintain two rooms in the residence.

Mary Jane Flanagan from the Zonta Club of Mt. Pleasant informed us that the club was chartered in 1962 and is 50 years old. In October the club hosted its 24th Annual Applefest, a fundraising event that showcases crafters from the Mt. Pleasant area. The event is family focused and an annual event that is highly anticipated by the members of the community. The proceeds go to support Women's Aid Service, Morey Cancer Center, Hospice, and the Summer Reading Clinic at Central Michigan University. Applefest is held the first Saturday of October each year.

Cynthia Chilcote, President of the Zonta Club of Midland, provided a brief overview of the fundraising activities and service projects that the Zonta Club of Midland is involved in or supports. The club hosted its 31st annual Homewalk in 2011. This year's event was highly successful and resulted in the club's ability to provide nine (9) scholarships to area students. Other projects include the Share the Memories Prom Dress project, Shelterhouse's annual Christmas Party, and the Literacy Council's Greatest Dessert Party.

The event served to not only solidify friendships across the clubs, it reminded us that our collective efforts are essential as we serve to place jars full of opportunities within the reach of the women in our communities and around the world.



Reading is Delicious!

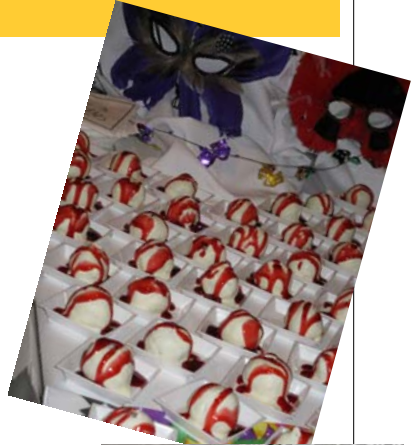


The Midland Country Club hosted the Literacy Council's World's Greatest Dessert Party on Fat Tuesday and the party lived up to the title. This long-standing Midland event is the main fundraiser to support Literacy Council programs.

Area bakeries, high schools, restaurants, and the chefs from the H Hotel and the Country Club set out decadent displays of delicious delights for hundreds of guests.

In addition to all the tempting treats, there was a silent auction, a flute orchestra from Delta College, a cake-judging contest, and the musical artistry (literally!) of Empty Canvas.

Coordinated by Maria Cohoon, Zonta Club members worked as volunteers cutting cake, serving delicacies, and encouraging visitors to sample the goodies at their tables.



Member Highlight: Julie Ratcliffe



Julie was born the 4th child of parents living in married student housing in Wisconsin. She doesn't remember being poor, but knows now that she was. She grew up in Sudbury, MA, where she graduated at the end of her junior year in high school because Dow Chemical transferred her dad to Midland that year.

Wow! What a culture shock. She was 16 and really didn't have any friends or plans. Julie didn't think she was ready for college, so she took her senior year at Midland High in 1975-76. She took three classes and worked a co-op job in the display department at Sears in the Fashion Square Mall. Julie worked different selling jobs at Sears as well as in the gift-wrapping department.

Julie really wanted to go to college to major in ballet/dance and computer science. She was accepted at Indiana University and moved to Bloomington, IN, to begin college life. It didn't last long. She was really homesick and the campus was overwhelming. So, Julie transferred to the College of DuPage in Wheaton, IL, where she earned a full scholarship. Her time at DuPage was cut short when she became pregnant and moved back to Midland.

Julie married and returned to work at Sears in Saginaw. Two children later, Jennifer in 1978 and Christopher in 1979, Julie and her husband divorced. With only \$25/month in child support, Julie was pretty low on funds and hope. However, because she had a supportive family (on both sides) and wonderful children, a full-time job in the cosmetics department at Eastlawn Pharmacy, and lived in low-income housing, she managed.

While working at Eastlawn Pharmacy, Julie met her second husband, Chris. He was a contractor from Mt. Pleasant hired to do some renovations at the pharmacy. He didn't have much either, but they hit it off and were married in 1984. Chris started his own contracting business in Midland and they bought a house. In 1985 they welcomed Julie's third child, Gabriel, into the family.

For several years Julie worked on the job site with Chris learning from the ground up how to build new homes. In 1990 she started working part time at Haddix Lumber where her career was born. With a lot of on-the-job training, mentoring with Jeff Bartlett, and classroom work, she learned what she loves to do. Julie says her husband introduced her to a world she would never have known otherwise.



One of Julie's creations.

Since then, Julie has worked with passion and motivation to become the best kitchen and bath designer she could be. In October 2010, she opened her own shop. From Ratcliffe Builders to Haddix Lumber to By Design to All About Kitchens & Baths to LeBeau Cabinets to now: Designed by Julie LLC Kitchen & Bath Studio....in Julie's words, "I live my dream."



Yellow Book Pictures

Just a little advanced warning about Yellow Book pictures coming up in April/May. We would really like to have pictures next to everyone's information in the YB. It helps identify recently new members to long-standing members and vice-versa. As we celebrate our 65th birthday this year, we'd like to get a shot of the entire 2012 membership for historical purposes. Stay tuned for more information as we firm up actual photo dates.



Trips + Traps + Trims = Fantastic Auction!

(Diane Moomey and Sandy Weimer)

We have only three meetings before the April 17th auction, so put a sticky note on your desk, a memo on your calendar, or a message on your answering machine to remind you to bring your valuable treasures, baskets, and gifts to one of these meetings: March 6, March 20, and April 3. If you can't make it to meetings, you can drop items off at Sandy's house and even leave them on her porch if she's not home, but remember she has moved so ask her for directions to her new home.

Sandy's SUV will be prominently parked at all our meetings. You can't miss it....it's the one with the Zonta decals all over it!

Keep in mind that several smaller items can be combined into a beautiful gift basket, so don't think you have to donate big things. If you have baskets or a pretty bowl you don't use any more, they can be donated to provide a home for "themed" items. Clean out those closets, pull out those unused gifts from years gone by, and empty your cupboards to help make Auction 2012 a resounding success!

We are making good progress but need so much more. So far, we have collected two fur capes with more to come, a \$90 birdfeeder, \$75 wine rack, a Zonta apron, brass leaves, an antique toaster, cigar boxes, genuine imitation Louis Vuitton bag, games and toys, a \$60 1-hour certificate for computer work, handmade jewelry, Italian food, computer carry bags, an original print from Lorna Poulos, and a tax preparation certificate.

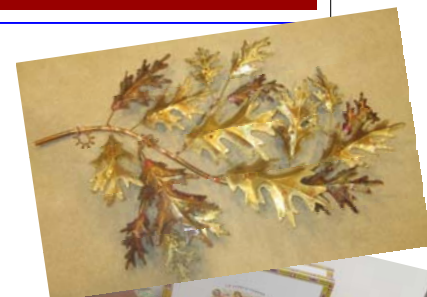
New for this year: attendees will have a chance to win a hidden prize and opportunities to purchase travel packages at great discounts! We can sell multiple travel packages so get your friends together and plan a great vacation. We have procured the following packages so far:

- **What Happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas!** Renaissance Las Vegas is a 3-night luxury stay with VIP seating at your choice of a top show including airfare for two;
- **Holy Jazz this is a good deal!** New Orleans jazz and dining experience for two with a 3-night stay at the Renaissance Pere Marquette 4 diamond luxury hotel, VIP admissions to Preservation Hall Jazz, six-course specialty dinner at Commander's Palace Restaurant and airfare;
- **Who doesn't love to shop?** It's a girlfriends shopping getaway that includes a \$1,000 shopping spree at your choice of Bloomingdales with a personal shopper, a 3-night stay and airfare for two!

These packages will be offered as silent auction items but also will have a Buy-It-Now price that is much less than suggested retail value! That means you can share it with your friends and family for purchase now and up until the auction in April or invite them to see if they can get a better deal at the auction!

We have more packages to choose from such as a Sedona adventure for two, New York Broadway experience, Napa Valley wine country experience, Orlando Theme Park Adventure, Scottsdale with championship golf, London 2012 summer Olympics, and so much more! Let us know what you may be interested in and we'll find a great deal!

Take a look at pages 8, 9, and 10 to get all the details about the three trips we have available so far.



New Orleans Jazz & Dining Experience with Renaissance Pere Marquette 3-Night Stay and Airfare

Suggested Retail Value: \$5,150

Renaissance Pere Marquette Hotel

- Three-night stay **including daily breakfast for (2)** at this **4-diamond luxury** hotel.



Preservation Hall Jazz – (2) VIP

admissions that includes **front-of-line entry**, prior to doors opening at 8:00pm, **run-of-house seating**, as well as exclusive access to the courtyard before or after the first set where you can meet the performers.

Commander's Palace Restaurant – Dinner for (2) featuring the Chef's Playground, a 6-course specialty menu created by Executive Chef Tory McPhail, complemented by an assortment of wines, and includes tax and gratuity.

American Airlines – Round-trip coach class service for (2) from any American Airlines destination in the 48 contiguous United States or Canada to anywhere American Airlines flies in the 48 contiguous United States or Canada, subject to availability.

STARTING BID: \$2400

BUY IT NOW! \$3000

For complete auction item text, see event program.



Renaissance Las Vegas 3-Night Luxury Stay with VIP Seating at Your Choice of a Top Show, and Airfare for (2)

Suggested Retail Value: Priceless

Renaissance Las Vegas Hotel - Three-night stay including daily breakfast for (2) at this 4-diamond hotel located just two blocks from the legendary Las Vegas Strip.



Enjoy **(2) VIP seats** for your choice of one of the following top Las Vegas shows, subject to availability:

Celine Dion (The Colosseum, Caesars Palace); **Elton John** (The Colosseum, Caesars Palace); **Rod Stewart "The Hits"** (The Colosseum, Caesars Palace); **Shania Twain (beginning Dec. 2012, The Colosseum, Caesars Palace); Barry Manilow** (Paris Hotel & Casino); **Donny and Marie** (Flamingo Hotel & Casino); **Blue Man Group** (The Venetian Las Vegas); **Cirque du Soleil "Viva ELVIS"** (ARIA Resort & Casino); **Cirque du Soleil "O"** (Bellagio Hotel); **Cirque du Soleil "KA"** (MGM Grand); **Cirque du Soleil "The Beatles LOVE"** (Mirage); or **Cirque du Soleil Criss Angel's "BELIEVE"** (Luxor)

American Airlines – Round-trip coach class service for (2) from any American Airlines destination in the 48 contiguous United States or Canada to anywhere American Airlines flies in the 48 contiguous United States or Canada, subject to availability.

STARTING BID: \$2400

BUY IT NOW! \$2700

For complete auction item text, see event program.

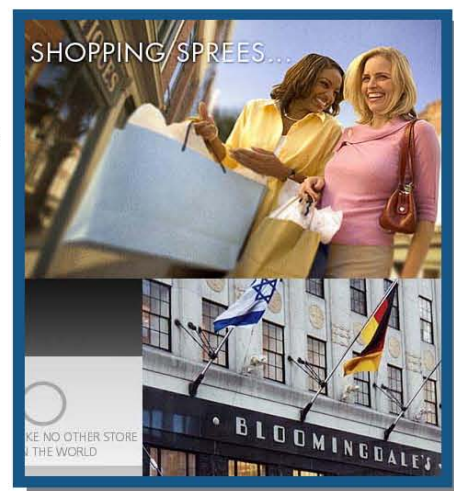


Girlfriends Shopping Getaway... Choose Your Bloomingdale's Shopping Experience with a Personal Shopper, 3-Night Stay and Airfare for (2)

Suggested Retail Value: Priceless

Enjoy a **\$1,000 Shopping Spree with a Personal Shopper** at your choice of these participating **Bloomingdale's** stores **across the country**.

Bloomingdale's At Your Service offers knowledgeable personal shoppers that will make your shopping experience feel like no other in the world.



Store locations include: (CA) Costa Mesa, Los Angeles, Newport Beach, Palo Alto, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Monica, Sherman Oaks; (FL) Aventura, Boca Raton, Miami, Orlando, Palm Beach; (GA) Atlanta; (IL) Chicago/Oak Brooke/Skokie; (MA) Boston; (MD) Chevy Chase, Kensington; (MN) Minneapolis; (NV) Las Vegas; (NJ) Bridgewater, Hackensack, Short Hills, Wayne; (NY) Long Island, Manhattan, White Plains/Westchester; (PA) Philadelphia/King of Prussia/Willow Grove; (VA) McLean/Tyson's Corner.

Hyatt Hotels - Three-night stay at participating Hyatt Hotels.

American Airlines – Round-trip coach class service for (2) from any American Airlines destination in the 48 contiguous United States or Canada to anywhere American Airlines flies in the 48 contiguous United States or Canada, subject to availability.

STARTING BID: \$3000

BUY IT NOW! \$3300

For complete auction item text, see event program.



Scholarship Applicants Sought



The Zonta Club of Midland is seeking applicants for The Young Women in Public Affairs Award. This award is for young women ages 16-19 in secondary or pre-university level studies who demonstrate a commitment to leadership in public policy including experience

in local or student government, are actively committed to volunteerism, and support the Zonta mission of advancing the status of women worldwide. This is a \$1,000 district scholarship with an additional five international awards of \$3,000.

For more information and to obtain an application please visit the Zonta International website at www.Zonta.org. Applications are due to the local Zonta Club of Midland by **March 23, 2012** and should be sent to Zonta Club of Midland, ATTN: YWPA Award, P. O. Box 196, Midland, MI 48640-0196. Any questions locally should be directed to Chandra Morse, chairperson, Intercity/United Nations Committee at (989) 832-9247. Awards will be granted in July 2012.



Jane Klausman

Applications for the 2012 Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships are now available from the Zonta Club of Midland through the Zonta International website www.zonta.org.

The Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships, first awarded in 1998, are open to women enrolled in at least the second year of an undergraduate program through the final year of a Master's program in business, leading to a business management career. The program is designed to encourage women to enter careers and to seek leadership positions in business-related fields in their communities and throughout the world. The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships look to the women of today to be the leaders of tomorrow.

Applications must be returned locally by **May 25, 2012** to: Zonta Club of Midland, ATTN: Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship, P. O. Box 196, Midland, MI 48640-0196. Any questions should be directed to Chandra Morse, chairperson, Intercity/United Nations Committee at (989) 832-9247. Awards will be granted in October 2012.

The Young Women in Public Affairs Award and the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship are two of many programs for women and girls sponsored by Zonta. If you know a woman who possesses the qualities and qualifications listed for either of these awards, please direct her to the International website, or to Chandra.

June Social Update

Kate Maxwell announced at the business meeting that plans are underway for the June social. This year's event has a "Sleep Over" theme which includes pampering, snacking, and no sleeping at all. Stay tuned for additional information as the date nears.

Kiwanis and Zonta Present Dinner Dance

Dancing Under the Stars **Dinner Dance and Lesson**

Presented by
Kiwassee Kiwanis & Zonta Club of Midland
at the **Midland Country Club**
11220 W. St Andrews
Midland, MI

Friday March 30, 2012

6:00pm Cash Bar Opens
6:45pm Buffet Dinner
7:45pm East Coast Swing Lesson taught by
Professional Dance Instructor
Angela Markle

Dancing to Follow - Music provided by Angela Markle

Attire : Dressy Dress, Coat and Tie for the Gentleman

Tickets: \$45.00 per person (limited to 72 tickets)

RSVP By February 20, 2012

(No Refunds after February 20, 2012)

Tickets Call:

Cal Hoerneman	989-835-8103
Jack Lehman	989-839-2176
Bill Spaulding	989-695-9791
Sharon Mortensen	989-839-9048
Nan Blasy	989-631-3154

**Zonta Club of Midland
Zonta Business Meeting Minutes - Proposed
Tuesday, February 7, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm by Zonta Board President, Cynthia Chilcote. The meeting began with the Zonta Blessing and introductions.

The guest speaker, Audra Johnson from Shelterhouse, was introduced by Debbie Stephens. She is a native of Midland with a Master's degree in psychology and bachelor's degree in counseling from Central Michigan University. She described the SANE program (sexual assault nurse examiners). Midland County is a very safe community but sexual assault happens here too. The latest NIPSV CDC survey from 2010 stated that 1 in 5 women have been raped in their lifetime. In Midland County over 8000 will be raped sometime in their life. Sexual assault awareness month is in April.

Secretary's Report - Jill Van Buskirk The minutes of the last meeting are available on the tables. Motion to accept by Sharon Mortensen; supported by Lisa Hulbert; approved.

Treasurer's Report - Cynthia Chilcote presented the Treasurer's report for approval on behalf of Lynda Putt. Motion to accept report by Colette St. Louis; supported by Linda Malakadeli; approved.

Standing Committee Reports

Assimilation/Retention/Rejuvenation (ARR) Committee - Nan Blasy Nan announced the first Zing this year on Thursday, Feb 9th at Lisa's Natural Nails and Lorna's Lasting Lines. There will be an open house at Lisa's Natural Nails with mini-services and demonstration of permanent makeup at Lorna's.

Archives Committee - Becky Wieland Melissa Barnard reported about upcoming 65th anniversary and what items are currently in archives.

Attendance - Tammy Swinson No report.

Bylaws - Cari Francis The committee is proposing a change to bylaws:

Proposed to go under Article IV, Section 4: create a new Section D.

"Guidelines for publicizing other non-profit clubs events within Zonta Club of Midland:

The Zonta Club of Midland may publicize the events of other non-profit organizations that are working to advance the status of people in Midland and the surrounding communities.

The Zonta Club of Midland may promote the non-profits events through our entire membership through meeting announcements, newsletter, and the networking list.

The Zonta Club of Midland may not release our membership list to other organizations whose event we are promoting.

Any non-profit club whose event we are promoting must agree to reciprocate and promote events of the Zonta Club of Midland". This will be voted on at the next business meeting.

Fellowship/Awards - Kate Maxwell This committee is working on the June social at Midland Curling Center and will provide flyers at future meetings. The event is the 3rd Tuesday of June at no cost for members; fee for guests. Shelterhouse thanked us for our donations and service in a letter. At the March dinner, members are asked to wear a hat that is fun and decorated. A flyer for this dinner is forthcoming.

Finance - Cari Francis Copies of the proposed 2012-13 budget were distributed. This was developed by the Finance committee and approved by the board. Call Cari if you have questions about the budget.

Homewalk - Sue Moody and Anne Beck The committee decided not to have a raffle next year - a lot of work by a few people and local businesses were confused about donating. This committee meets the third

Friday of every month at Midland Resort in the Garden Restaurant at 11:30 am.

United Nations/Intercity - Chandra Morse February 28th is the Intercity Dinner. There is no additional charge for members at the county club.

Organization, Membership and Classification - Susan Putnam New member orientation was last week at Nancy Barker's house and all new members were there to learn about Zonta.

Public Relations/Newsletter - Debbie Stephens Look for press releases regarding Young Women in Public Affairs scholarship and Homewalk scholarships. Social media is being developed for the club with a topic of the week on our Facebook page. Join in this effort and help with Facebook discussions.

Status of Women Service/Advocacy - Maureen Acker The committee recently approved \$500 donation to the Diaper Bank. Maria talked about the World's Greatest Dessert Party on Feb. 21 at Midland Country Club. Sign up with Maria Cohoon to serve dessert for the Literacy Council.

Ways & Means - Diane Moomey The committee is very busy planning the auction for April. Bring your donations to meetings and drop them in Sandy's SUV. We also need baskets. Friends are invited to the auction for the cost of dinner.

Parliamentarian- Kate Maxwell No report.

Nominating/Immediate Past President - Esther Seaver Sheets to nominate committee chairs and officers are on the tables. Please consider nominating yourself or another Zontian. Call Esther.

Unfinished Business

Sharon Mortensen said we still have openings for the Kiwanis dinner dance on Friday, March 30. The cost is \$45/person. We have 46 tickets sold out of 72 so far with only 4 Zontians attending. If you want a ticket, give Lynda Putt a check and RSVP to Sharon.

New Business

No new business.

Dollar Announcements

Go Red for Women is this Friday at the country club.

Melissa Barnard handed out flyers inviting people to make a reading promise. Pick someone to read to every day.

Cindy Vickery - Ladies of Tennis is back in Midland.

Megan Piwowar has a petition to put Dave Camp on the ballot. There is a bowling fundraiser for BBBS coming up; join the Zonta Team Friday, March 2 at 5:30 pm.

Nan Blasy announced that Melissa Anderson's son did a solo flight recently, a few days after his 16th birthday.

50/50 raffle of \$31 was won by Colette St. Louis.

Closing

Important Dates

Feb 16 – Board meeting, 7:15 am, BBBS

Feb. 21 – Literacy Council World's Greatest Dessert Party

Feb. 28 – Intercity Dinner, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm, MCC, \$32 for non-members

Mar 6 – Business meeting, 11:30 – 1:00 pm, MCC, Budget approval; slate of officers presented

Mar 15 – Board meeting, 5:30 pm, BBBS

Mar 20 – Dinner meeting, 5:30 – 8:00 pm, MCC

Mar 30 – Spring Dinner Dance, 6:00 – 9:00, MCC Ballroom

Apr 3 – Business meeting, 11:30 – 1:00 pm, MCC, elect officers

Mar 30 – Spring Dinner Dance, 6:00 - ?, MCC Ballroom

Apr 3 – Business meeting, 11:30 – 1:00 pm, MCC, elect officers

Apr 17 – Dinner meeting, 5:30 – 8:00 pm, MCC, Auction

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Van Buskirk, Corresponding Secretary






MARCH 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Nan Blasy 
4	5 Cindy Vickery 	6 11:30 am Business Meeting @ MCC— Budget & Slate of Officers	7	8	9 Jill Van Buskirk 	10
11	12	13 Ann Beck 	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 5:30 pm Dinner Meeting @ MCC	21	22 7:15 am Board Meeting @ BBBS Mary Hart 	23	24
25 Diane Moomey 	26	27 Melissa Grzegorzcyk, Linda Langrill 	28	29	30 6 pm Dancing Under the Stars	31



APRIL 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 11:30 am Business Meeting, @ MCC, Budget Presentation	4	5	6	7
8 Elizabeth Lumbert and Casey Pincumbe 	9	10 Sharon Miller 	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 5:30 pm AUCTION!	18	19 7:15 am Board Meeting @ BB/BS	20	21 Patricia Mishic 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 SPRING WORKSHOP @ MCC
29	30					