

ZONTA CLUB OF MIDLAND

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ZCOM News

1947 65TH ANNIVERSARY 2012

District 15,
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Happy Birthday to Us!



On June 5, 2012, 65 years to the day after its founding, the Zonta Club of Midland celebrated its birthday by inviting special guests, decorating with elegance and style, and presenting the history of our club for all to review.

Denise Quarles, District 15 Governor, was on hand to congratulate the club on its longevity and community impact over the years. The time machine brought back the club's 1947 president, Delores

Cassidy. Special centerpieces created by Michele Atwell personalized each table, elegant anniversary programs designed by Alisha Toyzan were at each table setting, and a huge, specially-decorated birthday cake commemorated the event. Esther Seaver combed the archives and presented ZCOM memorabilia, historical documents, and photographs artfully arranged on a long display table.

The business meeting was opened by President Cynthia Chilcote who introduced Becky Wieland, Chair of the Archives Committee. Becky welcomed everyone to the 65th Anniversary Celebration and declared the birthday party "officially open."



Governor Quarles

Governor Quarles delivered an anniversary message comparing the status of women in 1947 society with where we are now and how Zonta impacted that status through the years. In the 1940's Zonta International became involved with the United Nations and remains one of the few non-governmental organizations to have a consultative arrangement with the UN. In Midland, the Zonta Club instigated "Work First" to help women enter the workforce and founded Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Midland County. Governor Quarles said that from those beginnings our club has evolved to enhance the status of women through our very successful Homewalk scholarship program. She closed by saying, "You've made a difference! You have my appreciation for your 65 years of work to improve the status of women. Congratulations on your 65th anniversary!" (continued on page 4)

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President's Message from Diane Moomey



I am honored to serve as your president for this upcoming year and am looking forward to leading our club. With your help, we will have a successful year. I look forward to success locally, at the district level and international level. At each level, growth of membership is an issue and will be a focus this year. Our club's goal is to add 12 members this year, so please keep this in mind and bring a potential Zontian as a guest to a meeting.

In addition, Cynthia Chilcote has formed an ad hoc committee charged with creating a Golden Z club in Midland. Golden Z Clubs help college and university students develop leadership skills, promote career exploration and encourage members to participate in community, school and international service projects. In addition, it provides our club with the opportunity to increase awareness of Zonta and provide mentoring opportunities.

At the district level, many new clubs are being considered. The Ann Arbor club is just getting started. If you know anyone who lives or works in the Ann Arbor area and would be interested in joining Zonta, please forward their name to our governor, Denise Quarles, or to me.

Cathy Budd and I are preparing to leave for the Zonta International conference in Italy. We are excited about being a part of Zonta at the international level. At the conference we will discuss ideas to grow membership with other clubs and will be involved in discussions related to allowing Zonta e-clubs (a club that conducts its business and meetings electronically) and the use of edutainment programs (a program that combines education and entertainment to provide for social awareness and change) among many other topics. We will give the club a full report when we return.

Enjoy the summer and hope to see you all in September!

Installation of New Board and Officers

The 2012-2013 officers and board were installed by District 15 Governor, Denise Quarles, during the business meeting on June 5, 2012.



Lynda Putt lighting the candle as Treasurer.

The traditional candle-lighting ceremony was directed by Governor Quarles as she explained the significance of the officers' positions. After the new board and officers

verbally accepted the duties and responsibilities outlined by Governor Quarles, yellow roses were distributed in appreciation for their commitment to the club.

In a side ceremony, Cynthia Chilcote bestowed the ZCOM tiara on new president, Diane Moomey. It's a ZCOM tradition that the president has to wear the tiara at Fall Conference. It is unknown at this time if Diane is taking the tiara to International Conference in Torino.



Back row L-R: Michele Atwell, Esther Seaver, Harriet Stopyak, Cari Francis, Sue Moody, Deb Stephens. Seated L-R: Lynda Putt, Colette St. Louis, Diane Moomey, Cathy Budd. Not pictured: Lisa Miner, Sharon Mortensen, Ann Beck, Lisa Hulbert.



A "Loony" ZING!



Thanks to Rhonda Anderson, the Zonta Club of Midland took over the Northwood Suite to watch the Loon's beat the South Bend Silver Hawks 6-5 in a 10-inning game. Great weather, good friends, and a home-team win...what could be better!



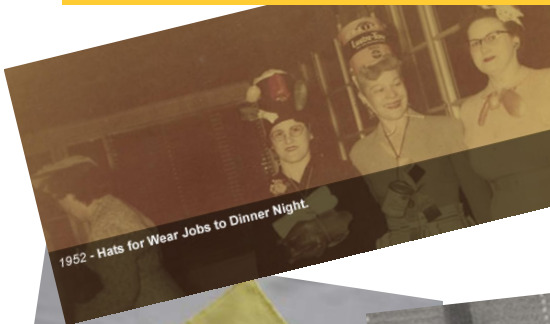
Sandy Weimer and friends chatting it up with Lou.



Lou E. Loon thinks he's a parrot as he tries to roost on the shoulder of Linda Malekadel's mother.



More Pictures from 65th



1952 - Hats for Wear Jobs to Dinner Night.



1997 - Zonta Club of Midland marks 50 year Anniversary. Cutting the cake are Wynette McIntyre, one of the original members from 1947 and 1997 president Sandy Weimer.



Birthday Celebration (continued from page 1)

Becky Wieland thanked each member of the Archives Committee who worked tirelessly for months to pull together all the components for the event:



The Archives Committee: Esther Seaver, Alisha Toyzan, Becky Wieland, and Melissa Barnard.

- Melissa Barnard created a publicity announcement for the newspaper and gave an historical presentation. She described how members in the early years raised money by having picnic socials and bake sales. Dinner meetings were pot roast dinners and members made the desserts. Today we're having pajama parties and giving out scholarships. Melissa said that while many things have changed over the years, two things haven't: a membership that's giving and always ready to help and the location of our meetings.
- Alisha Toyzan designed the beautiful celebration brochure. She collected members' comments regarding "What it means to be a Zontian" and narrowed the list down to the 65 reasons that made up the interior of the brochure. The graphics and elegant font made the brochure a memorable keepsake.

- Esther Seaver compiled articles, scrapbooks, memorabilia, and photos to create the display showcasing the history of our club. Included was the framed charter from 1947 that started it all.



A special thank-you went to Michele Atwell for her talented sewing of our unique Zonta birthday centerpiece placemats.



"Delores Cassidy"

Then, a very dynamic special guest stepped up to the podium. Mrs. Delores Cassidy (played by Randi Kawakita), the club's first president, took the microphone and regaled the audience with the story of her history and the beginning of ZCOM. With her brisk, no-nonsense manner and rapid-fire delivery, she painted a vivid picture of her life.

Trained as a nurse, she came to Midland as the wife of William Cassidy after a "whirlwind romance" and a Hollywood honeymoon. Bill, who was 23-years older than Delores, owned 5 movie theaters; one of them was the Midland Theater on the Circle. Delores exclaimed that "the upholstery hugged you!" She helped Bill decorate the theater with commissioned bas relief artwork from Carducci. She also helped to buy bleachers for Midland High School.

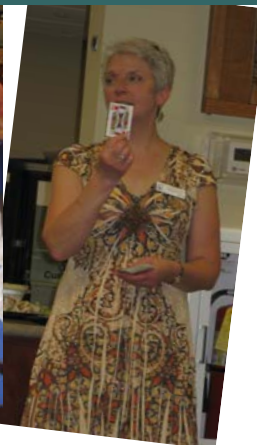
Mrs. Cassidy was a professional business woman used to making her own decisions. As one of the founding members of the Zonta Club of Midland, she and 18 other members began fundraising by getting businesses to donate items for auction. Delores loved to bake and got the Zonta Club to sponsor bake sales to raise money to help feed others.

In her closing, Delores congratulated the club on 65 years of giving and wished us a heartfelt "Happy Birthday!"

Becky encouraged everyone to stand and led the membership in singing "Happy Birthday." The birthday cake was then cut and distributed. The Archives Committee presented each member with a commemorative pen. Becky reminded everyone that the celebration of our 65th year continues throughout our Zonta year.



No Sleeping at Zonta Slumber Party



What do you get when you mix women in their pajamas with five-card bingo, manicures, paraffin waxes, fantastic food and drinks, and prizes galore? You get the Fellowship Committee's June Social Slumber Party!

Held at the Midland Curling Center, the event was well-attended in a relaxed, fun-filled atmosphere. The tables were decorated with centerpieces of bright-colored pom-poms and games you may have played: Scrabble, Are you Smarter Than a 5th Grader?, and Catch Phrase.

Julie Ratcliffe's sister-in-law, Ann, provided the delicious assortment of food: meatballs, Reuben dip, salsa, veggie trays with an assortment of dips, including hummus, and a selection of fancy individual desserts. Liquid refreshments included wine and beer, mimosas, and soda.

Four manicure specialists were "on hand" to pamper each member with a choice of a mini-manicure or a paraffin wax treatment. Zontian Lisa Miner was joined by Jordan Garland, Kellie Cohoon, and Randi Maguire and worked throughout the evening making sure each Zontian received some TLC.

Several raucous rounds of Slumber Party Bingo highlighted the event. Julie and Tammy called the cards and each player tried to match her five cards to those called. The final hand had all the losers stand and then sit down as their cards were called. The last person standing was the "Biggest Loser." I'd like to thank the Fellowship Committee for the lovely prize.

At the close of the evening, each departing guest received a party favor gift bag filled with perfume and make-up samples, handcare products, and the like. Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for sending us off on summer break with this warm, fun evening.



Fellowship Committee: Kate Maxwell, Jill Vander Zouwen, Linda Goltz, Lori McCracken, and Julie Ratcliffe.



Parking for Profit ... Only 2 games left!!!



It's Loons' Baseball Time! And an opportunity for us to raise funds for Zonta. Last year this effort generated over \$1500 for the club.



Maureen Acker, chair of the Service Committee, reports that we have once again been offered the opportunity to park cars at Loons' games to raise money for Zonta. The McKay Press parking lot, which is used by area non-profits for fundraising, will remain available for that purpose until the building is sold.



Last year we had volunteers to coordinate particular days. Coordinators are responsible for finding volunteers, managing the parking for the designated day, and depositing the funds into the Zonta bank account. The day of the event, volunteers will need to be available for around 2 hours: 1-1/2 hours before a game and 1/2 hour after the start of a game.



Maureen distributed an email requesting sign-up for coordinators so we could get the dates we wanted. Last year we coordinated 7 games and will keep that target for this year. The following dates have been selected and coordinators have been assigned:



Thank you to These Volunteer Coordinators!!!



April 13 7:05—Beverly McCray

June 17 2:05—Linda Malekadeli



April 27th 7:05—Linda Malekadeli

August 11 7:05—Linda Malekadeli



May 23 7:05—Esther Seaver

August 26 2:05—Esther Seaver




June 12 7:05—Cindy Vickery





Please consider spending a couple of hours as a team volunteer to support our coordinators. It's for a great cause!





News to Know


 Increasing membership is an on-going goal. Our current membership is 56 active, 4 LOA members.

 Six homes have been secured for Homewalk 2012.

 Only one member had perfect attendance in 2011-2012: Cynthia Chilcote. Congratulations!

 Recommended reading by District 15 newsletter: Diane Keaton's "Then Again".

 Yellow Books will be available at the Zonta meetings in September and October.

 Board of Directors Strategic Planning Meeting is scheduled for 8/21/12 at 5:30. Site TBD.

Zonta Club of Midland
Business Meeting Minutes - Proposed
June 5, 2012 - ZCOM's 65th Anniversary Celebration

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Cynthia Chilcote, President.

Cynthia Chilcote introduced members and guests, particularly Denise Quarles, Zonta International Governor, District 15.

Becky Wieland, Chair of the Archives Committee gave the ZCOM 65th Anniversary welcome. She stated that the Zonta Club of Midland (ZCOM) has been in existence for exactly 65 years today. The charter was received at the Midland Country Club at that time. Becky declared the birthday party open. Becky also congratulated Esther Seaver for her work on the scrapbook displays at the back wall of the room which includes newspaper articles, plaques, photos of members, and other memorabilia. Becky commended Alisha Toyzan for putting together the brochure "What it means to be a Zontian" which includes 65 reasons to be a Zontian.

The anniversary message was given by the District Governor, Denise Quarles.

She told us about how the League of Women Voters in 1947 promoted human rights regardless of sex. In 1947, in some states, men controlled women's income, voting ticket and numerous other activities. The status of women has been realized since 1947. Zonta worked with the United Nations and locally in the quest for equality for women. Since the 1940's, Zonta International has been one of the few NGO organizations associated with the United Nations.

Ms. Quarles commented on the scrapbooks as an excellent record of the beginning of the ZCOM.

She also noted that in 1997, Wynette McIntyre taught women to apply for jobs and raised money for wheel-chairs and scholarships for nursing students.

ZCOM can be proud of their accomplishments and contributions to Zonta International. Grants have been awarded to such groups as the Literacy Council and the North Midland Family Center. For 35 years the annual Homewalk has provided funds for these purposes. She congratulated the Zonta Club of Midland for a job well done on behalf of Zonta International providing 65 years of service for the advancement of women and having a positive impact on the Midland community.

Cynthia Chilcote commended Becky Wieland and Melissa Barnard for their excellent job of promoting the archives, especially prior to the anniversary celebration.

Melissa Barnard gave an historical presentation about the Zonta Club of Midland with its rich history and many memories. She noted that there have been many changes from picnics, socials and pajama party; to the many different causes directed by the needs of our community and members. The Midland Country Club is still our home. The heart of our members hasn't changed - members still give of their time and talents to make our community better. As we look back at that small group of women who started the Zonta Club of Midland in 1947, we realize that they were brought together by the ZCOM and its ideals.

Randi Kawakita portrayed the character of Delores Cassidy, complete with 1940's period clothing. Delores was the first president of the Zonta Club of Midland. The president then had a two year term. There were 18 women in the first ZCOM. ZCOM met at the Country Club which was designed by Alden B. Dow. Delores Cassidy applauded our growth.

Dorothy was trained as a nurse and worked at Harper Hospital of Detroit where she met widower William Anthony Cassidy - 23 years her senior. They were married in 1939 and honeymooned in Hollywood where they met several celebrities. He died after 10 years of marriage. During that time, Delores had several pregnancies and four live births in 1941, 1944, 1946 and 1947 - three girls and one boy. She was pregnant with Billy when the ZCOM was formed. Her husband eventually had 5 theatres - two in Midland which opened in 1942. Bill commissioned [Coronado Giuseppe Carducci](#) to design the theatres. Then she went into bowling alleys. In 1959 she bought bleachers for the high school and provided a scholarship for Midland High School students to go to Alma College.

The club earned money for by having auctions. The Charter members had a bake sale in 1947 to help families provide milk for their families. "Happy Birthday!"

Delores (aka Randi Kawakita) will be at the History Center on Thursday, June 7.

Becky Wieland led the group in singing "Happy Birthday to ZCOM". Archives committee members handed out memento pens for ZCOM 65th anniversary. Becky thanked Randy for playing Delores; Michele Atwell for making the Happy Birthday Zonta cloth placemats; Alisha and Esther for designing the program; Tammy Swinson who worked with Midland Country Club to design and make the ZCOM birthday cake; and Deb Stephens for arranging the photography.

INSTALLATION OF 2012/2013 OFFICERS

District Governor, Denise Quarles, installed the new officers who will be regularly attending board meetings and making decisions on behalf of the club. The board is the heart and soul of the club. Without committees the club cannot move forward. Diane Moomey lit the burgundy candle as the incoming president. Some of the board members lit the white candles from the burgundy candle to symbolize the unity of the club.

Cynthia Chilcote declined a gift as the outgoing president in lieu of giving a donation to Zonta International.

The gavel was passed from Cynthia Chilcote to Diane Moomey who was crowned president of the Zonta Club of Midland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The sign up sheet for the June social for paraffin hand waxes is on the tables. A more detailed email will be sent out regarding this. The meeting will be at 5:30 at the Midland Curling Center on June 10.

Diane Moomey pointed out that committee sign up sheets are on the tables. She reminded us that every member is expected to serve on a committee.

Nan Blasy thanked those of us who went to the Loons game Zing - it was lots of fun and Becky Wieland's husband was given a birthday song by the group, as it was that day. Linda brought her mom and Louie the Loon visited our box. The game was tied in 9th inning and won in the 10th inning.

Sue Moody reminded us to please be supportive and to make calls to recruit Homewalk sponsors to participate in the 2012 Homewalk.

Tammy Swinson said an email will be sent out for regrets for the June 16 social meeting - the new attendance chair will send out the reminder.

A yellow rose was presented to Cynthia Chilcote for perfect attendance.

Lynda Putt, treasurer, announced that the budget was better than expected. Details can be found on her written report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Member resignations were announced by Diane Moomey: Wendy Kanar, Jerry Liphard, Lisa Lundahl and Megan Piwowar resigned.

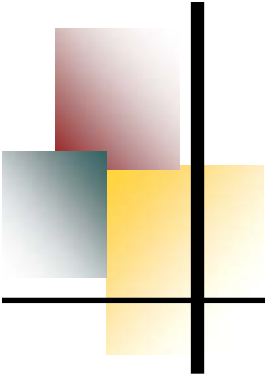
A year end wrap up slideshow was presented by Cynthia Chilcote. It included the highlights sent to her by the committee chairs. Cynthia thanked the officers and committee chairs. Some of the highlights were: the June social at the Voices Exhibit at historical museum; Melissa Barnard purchased a painting by the McGrath brothers and donated it to the historical society; the club members collected food pantry items – more than 400 items were donated; The Homewalk was the most successful – we were able to give nine \$2000 scholarships; some of the homeowners from the Homewalk attended the scholarship dinner; Colette was the unofficial photographer of our events; we hosted the Intercity Dinner with an Italian theme. We also had fun events like the hat contest and the spring auction. The funds from these events will support members in the training and development attendance at workshops and conferences. There were lots of other activities too numerous to mention. Cynthia closed with a thank you to members for their dedication to the ideals of the club and for giving their time and talents to Zonta.

Diane Moomey closed the meeting with the reading of the Zonta Code.

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm.







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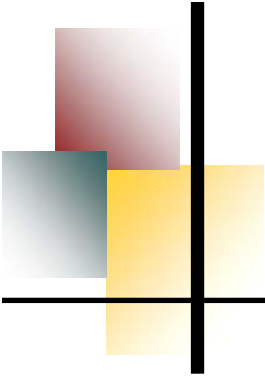
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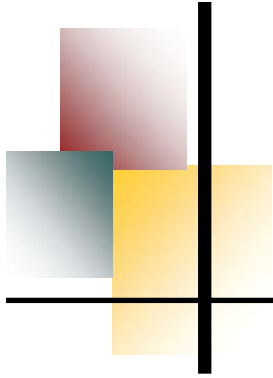
Birthdays Only — No Meetings This Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 	5	6	7
8	9 Michele Atwell 	10	11 Deborah Witt 	12	13 Melissa Anderson 	14
15 Susan Putnam 	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Sandy Weimer 	27	28
29	30	31				



AUGUST 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Lori McCracken 	2	3	4 Cynthia Chilcote 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Carole Calvert-Baxter 	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 5:30 pm: Strategic Planning Mtg Beverly McCray 	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Bridget Sadenwater 	



SEPTEMBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Susan Kleinhans 
2	3	4 11:30 am Business Meet- ing, @ MCC,	5	6	7	8 Chandra Morse Jean Selby Paula Ulmer 
9 Cynthia Brooks Deb Stephens 	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 5:30 Dinner Meeting	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Melissa Barnard 	29
30 Megan Granda 						