

# ZONTA CLUB OF MIDLAND

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## ZCoM News

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### Tribal Women Are Respected Leaders

The Zonta Club of Midland welcomed Marcella Hadden as our guest speaker at the November dinner meeting. Marcella is a Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member and is the Tribe's Public Relations Manager. Beginning her presentation in her native Ojibway language and introducing herself as Summer Moon, Marcella proceeded to educate Zonta members on the roles of women in tribal life and leadership.

The Saginaw Tribe was federally recognized in 1855 and the tribal logo was created by a sub-chief and based on the head-dress of his grandfather. Six of the twelve Tribal Council members are women as are two of the four executive committee members. The first female chief was Gail George who served two full years in 1994 and 1995. In 2004 and 2005 Audrey Falcon was the second female chief.



Marcella reviewed the history of the Tribe, especially the Boarding School Era from 1890 to 1930. In an effort to "kill the Indian, save the man" (espoused by Capt. Richard Pratt), boarding schools were established to "civilize the savages". Young Native children were forcibly removed from their homes in accordance with the law and installed in the schools. About 300 children were in residence at the Mt. Pleasant school at any given time. They were not allowed to speak their own language, practice their ceremonies, or retain their culture.

Today, the Saginaw Tribe offers Anishinaabe language immersion to pre-kindergarten children to re-establish the Native tongue. The teachers are mostly from Canada and parent participation is necessary, which increases the number of people re-learning the language.

Marcella then reviewed the Tribe's holdings, facilities, and employment statistics. In addition to the Soaring Eagle Casino, the Tribe medical clinics, fitness centers, assisted living, a water plant and sewer, police and fire departments, a court system, an economic development agency, a tribal college, and a new water park. The tribal college has had 74 women and only 16 men attend, but they are developing programs to attract more male students.

Women's roles in the Tribe are very important, especially in the Full Moon ceremony and Water ceremony. Native women are not looked down upon and make up 50% of the workforce for the Tribe.

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## MidMichigan Health System Goes Blue



At the November business meeting Chris Chesny, Vice President for Long-Term Care and Home Care at MidMichigan Health (MMH), discussed the imminent partnership between the University of Michigan and MMH. Quality of care, growth, collaboration and physician integration, staffing success, and operational excellence are the expected results from the partnership. U of M will own less than 9% to start, but could increase that ownership as time goes on. However, Chris emphasized that MMH will always maintain local control.

Chris described the recent hospital expansion, making MMH the only facility in the Great Lakes Bay region with all private rooms. The addition of a hyperbaric chamber to aid in wound-healing has already provided amazing results. She reviewed the facilities and services currently under the MMH umbrella, which include clinics, health parks, long-term care, home care, medical offices, and joint ventures with Mt. Pleasant, Bay Med, and Covenant.

Why partner with U of M? Chris explained that there are several reasons impacting both entities that make the partnership valuable to each. In light of the changes required to comply with the Affordable Care Act as well as policy changes coming faster and being more significant than anticipated, new and creative ways to provide quality care, especially to outlying areas and small communities are addressed by the affiliation. Health care is moving toward preventive care versus post-incident care. Costs have to be reduced by \$80-\$100 million in 3 years. Economies of scale and allocation of resources allow both organizations to capitalize on the savings while improving the quality of care offered. The partnership provides a long-term ability to be sustainable.

In addition, Chris added that U of M has a complementary culture; it's patients' preferred destination; it owns a premier quality brand; and U of M realizes it's not Switzerland. This partnership with MMH is the first time in its history that U of M Health has reached out to partner with any other facility.

What are the benefits for the businesses and their patients? Chris provided the following advantages resulting from the affiliation: higher quality care closer to home; healthier communities; confidence in the promise of the brand; market share; deeper "bench strength"; clinical development opportunities; "turn by turn navigation", which means a special track for referred patients; catalyst for innovation and best practices; and knowledge management.

MidMichigan  
Health



The original effective date was to be 12/31/2012, but that has been pushed out to allow time for approval of the letter of intent. Chris noted that the block M logo will be affixed next to the MMH logo, but there will be no name change.

### Purse-uing Purse-onality Breaks the Ice

The Fellowship Committee held a "bring your purse to dinner" event where favorite, decorative, fun purses were on display. Prizes were awarded to:

- Harriet Stopyak for Most Festive (a Santa suit purse)
- Cathy Budd for the Mini-est purse
- Susan Putnam for the Maxi-est purse
- Deb Stephens for the overall Table Favorite

Then there was a scavenger hunt to see who had the most unusual items in her purse. Corkscrews, band-aids, and foreign currency were just a few of the items riding around in purses. However, everyone was hard-pressed to beat garlic powder and a light bulb!



Nan Blasy judging the Maxi-purse contenders.

## Member Highlight: Patty Aspin



Patty was born and raised in Saginaw Township and is a graduate of Eisenhower High School (now Heritage). She holds a bachelors degree in Marketing from Michigan State University.

Patty joined the team of the Midland Area Chamber of Commerce in September of 2003 and has held her current position as the VP of Operations since that time. Her focuses are on successful member event orchestration, membership development and retention, investment value, technology, office management, building maintenance and new program development. She led the board and staff through the accreditation process to achieve a 3-Star Accreditation rating from the US Chamber.

Prior to joining the Chamber team Patty served as the Director of Sales & Marketing for the Ashman Court Marriott (now the H Hotel) in Midland. She also led the Midland County Convention & Visitors Bureau as their Executive Director for three years.

She serves on the board of directors for the Midland County Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Great Lakes Bay Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau, is the Past President of the Midland Downtown Business Association, and sits on the Health & Human Services Council as well as the Citizens Advisory Panel for the Dow Corning Corporation. In addition to her membership in the Zonta Club of Midland, she is active in the Michigan State University Alumni Club – Greater Midland County.



Patty, the famous Olympic skater

In her spare time, Patty enjoys playing golf, but she's far from being ready to join the LPGA. She also enjoys planning parties and events for friends and family. Since Patty and her husband, Joe, live on a farm in Thomas Township, they have plenty of room to host parties. They hosted their daughter's wedding for 400 and a family reunion for 150 in their yard.

Most of all Patty enjoys hanging out with her grandchildren; Aspin, 15, and a fast pitch softball pitcher; Owen, 8, an avid hunter; and Jacob, 10 months, who is walking already. →



Zonta has given Patty a greater appreciation for women's issues here and around the world and is grateful to feel like she's a small part of improving the status of women. She also enjoys connecting with many of the women in Midland that she admires.

### *Sometimes Santa Makes Mistakes...*

*...and when that happens, we have Christmas in April! Yes...only 4-5 months until our April Auction where regifting is totally accepted! So, save all your elfin errors, reindeer repos, and holiday hiccups and bring them to the January business meeting, which begins the Auction season. Turn your Christmas misses into Auction hits!*

## Tribal Roles for Women (continued from page 1)



Marcella explained that women don't sit at the drum at a pow-wow; that's reserved for men. However, women do participate in the tribal dances. She added that the dances done by women start with the Fancy Shawl dance done by young girls, progress to the Jingle Dress dance which is a healing dance done by young women, and then on to the Traditional dance done by elders. Young girls are encouraged to participate in pow-wows to improve self-esteem and honor their culture.

At this time Marjorie, Marcella's niece, entered the room dressed in a jingle dress, accessorized by beautifully beaded moccasins and jewelry. As Marjorie circulated the room, Marcella explained that there are 365 cones on each jingle dress, one for each day of the year. The cones are rolled from the lids of Skoal tins. Since tobacco is sacred to Native Americans, using the lids follows tradition.

Marcella closed her presentation by reporting that the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe is the most successful tribe in Michigan. They are the largest employer in Isabella County and the Tribe has given over \$2 million to Mt. Pleasant and Isabella County. 2% of their overall proceeds each year go to surrounding areas. Women play a vital role in the success of the Tribe and their contributions are respected and appreciated.

Marjorie in traditional Jingle Dress attire.

## Membership Drive Presentation



The November dinner meeting was a Membership Drive event and Sharon Mortensen presented a brief look at what Zonta does and what Zonta is to the many invited guests in attendance. She explained that Zonta is a Lakota Sioux word that means honest and trustworthy.

Sharon then gave a brief history of Zonta International and the Zonta Club of Midland's impact on our community, highlighting our scholarship and services programs. She added that ZCoM is one of the largest distributors of scholarships funneled through the Midland Area Community Foundation. Our Homewalk has raised \$235,000 in scholarships over the years as well as funded \$185,000 in service projects that directly impact our community.

Sharon closed the presentation by inviting our guests to consider membership in Zonta to help ZCoM continue its mission to meet local and international initiatives to advance the status of women.



Megan Granda, Elizabeth Lumbert, Mrs. Claus, Sandy Weimer, and Becky Wieland at the 2011 event.

### *Be an Elf at Shelterhouse!*

**Zonta Club of Midland will once again help Shelterhouse clients have a warm and special Christmas. Join in the fun and help make Happy Holidays for deserving families on December 17 from 6-8 pm at Eagle Ridge Church on Waldo Road.**

**Maria Cohoon is the Zonta coordinator for this event and still needs a few volunteers. Please contact her if you can help:**

- **Shopping with children: 2 people**
- **Craft with children: 3 people**
- **Shopping with parents: 3 people**
- **Wrapping for parents: 1 person**

## Zonta Elevator Speech



What do you say when someone asks you what Zonta is? Do you have a ready response that succinctly captures the purpose and meaning of Zonta. Not to worry if you don't! Cynthia Chilcote drafted the following 3-level + Homewalk sound bites so every ZCoM member can be confident in describing Zonta. After review by the PR Committee with very minor tweaks, these remarks will be the cornerstone of our response to questions about or interest in Zonta. They will be put on the website in the "About Us" section. The PR Committee is working on other media to make it more convenient for members to relay these statements.

**Level I - General 30-second version** (This version can be used as a very brief response to *What is Zonta?* or as a quick opener when time is short – a true elevator speech):

*Zonta is a service organization, and we work to advance the status of women in this community and worldwide. We volunteer our time, our talent and our financial support to projects that help women succeed in life.*

**Level II** – (This is another 30 seconds of detail, offering the next layer of detail about our activities. It answers the listener's question: *What kind of projects?*):

*Here in the Midland community, we provide college scholarships for women in transition, and we support organizations that serve women like the area family centers, Shelterhouse, and Girls on the Run. As a member of Zonta International and in addition to supporting global women's issues, we also support projects that help women in developing countries and countries in transition like Rwanda, Liberia, and Honduras.*

**Level III** – (With this addition we are up to about 2 minutes and have three levels of detail about our activities; this addresses how we have impacted the community)

*Our goal is to improve women's lives. Over the years, our Midland members have contributed more than \$185,000 in support of programs that enhance the status of women and their families. And, our club has awarded more than \$235,000 in scholarships for women. As a member of Zonta International with 30,000 members in 63 countries, we have helped more than 2 million women with financial support and countless hours of volunteer time.*

**Homewalk 30-second version** (Answers the question *What is Homewalk?*)

*Zonta is a service organization, and we work to advance the status of women in this community and worldwide. The Zonta Homewalk is our signature fundraiser. During this weekend-long event we raise money to improve women's lives through educational scholarships and through programs designed to improve the legal, political, economic, and professional status of women, both here in Midland and worldwide.*



### Caregiving Network Presentation at January Dinner Meeting

Tom VanderZouwen, Director of the Caregiving Network, will be the guest speaker at the Zonta dinner meeting on January 22d.

The Caregiving Network is one of the agencies that has received service dollars from our club and Tom will share how our donation is used. The agency helps families with food, clothing, household items, and other basic life needs. Its food pantry assists about 25 families each week. Caregiving Network, Inc. provides for the spiritual, emotional, and financial needs of individuals and families in emergency financial situations.

# Homewalk 2012 Preview

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## Historic 803 West Ellsworth



Our historical home this year, was built in 1894 and is the first home of the Pardee family. It was originally located on Main Street and has since been moved to its current location. Right from the front door, you'll see the abundant use of oak woodwork and glass throughout the home including the swinging door into the kitchen. Don't forget to look above the door as you enter the dining room. The 12' ceilings on the first floor give all of the rooms the feeling of spaciousness. As you walk up the oak staircase, you'll feel like you've been transported in time as the owners have tried to maintain the historic value of the home. Take special note of several unique decorative pieces direct from China and the many needlepoint items stitched by the owner. A true Midland landmark, you'd never guess that during one phase of this homes' life, it was divided into apartments!

Holiday Decor by Village Green



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## 32nd Annual Zonta Homewalk

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Admit One



December 1-2, 2012 • 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. • Tickets \$15.00  
\$20.00 the day of the Walk

## Prairie

5615 Powder Horn Trail



As you enter through the custom-made front door and you observe the light fixture in the foyer, you'll know you've entered a uniquely designed and decorated home. With a European flavor throughout, you'll quickly see why this Greystone home, built in 2011, is a "must stop" on this year's tour. Take note of the use of specialty woods for the floors and kitchen cabinets. As you cross the second floor bridge hallway, be sure to view the stainless cable stair rail and openness of the first floor from above. But, don't stop there. The lower level is ideal for entertaining with a galley kitchenette and walk-out to the patio. Too cold for outdoor entertaining? Stay inside and watch a movie in the Theatre room, complete with recessed projector, built-in screen and comfortable recliner seating. This home has all the comforts, and then some!

Holiday Decor by ??



3976 East Tupelo



Imagine a warm fire in the massive stone fireplace with a wood mantel that rises all the way to the vaulted ceiling in the living room. As you pass from room to room, be sure to look up and see the use of paneled, transom windows throughout the home. Built in 2010 by Greystone Homes, you'll find the use of color on the walls that makes each room not only unique, but warm and inviting. The gorgeous oak floors and cherry cabinetry blend beautifully with the granite countertops in the eat-in kitchen. If that's not enough, the built-in desk and island make this kitchen more than functional. With over 2500 sq. ft., this three bedroom home, offers a roomy but cozy respite, especially when visiting the bonus room found by an open staircase.

Holiday Decor by TriCity Furniture - Kathy Kilbourn,



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### Cape Cod/Country

2040 North 5 Mile



Everything from the flooring to the upholstery to the wainscoting says, "comfortable, country living" in this great addition to this year's Homewalk. You'll see special touches in the entry, which is open to the second floor, all of the built-in cabinets, bookshelves and desk in the den and the two toned oak flooring in the dining room. This kit home, constructed by the owners in 1988, certainly shows personality and family tradition right down to the handmade quilts in the upstairs bedrooms. Add the heavily treed lot and you find yourself leaving the daily hassle behind and replaced by serenity and comfort.

Holiday Decor by Homeowner



4420 North Tatum Court



Nestled on a beautiful 2 1/2 acre lot and built in 1995, this 4000 + sq. ft. home opens to vaulted ceilings and maple floors and an abundance of windows providing natural light throughout the home. Visitors will find several unique pieces of a southwestern motif in the living room, foyer and the Arizona bedroom upstairs. This home also features many built-ins, including an entertainment center and desks, but most impressive is the "gift wrapping station" in the lower level. The first floor master bedroom includes a double step tray ceiling, a raised sitting room, his and her walk-in-closets and en suite master bath that has just recently been totally remodeled.

Holiday Decor by Pier 1



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### Traditional/Contemporary

3117 Toboggan Run



There's no wonder that several areas of this home have been featured in magazines! As you are welcomed through the glass front door you immediately see the attention to detail in the design and construction of this home, built in 2008 by Wright Builders. With more than 3,250 sq. ft. of indoor living space, the floor plan showcases the custom kitchen that is open to the living room both overlooking the multi level deck that descends to the paver patio walk-out. As you travel through this home pay attention to the unique details that include the French doors to the music room, the light fixture in the dining room the Heat & Glo fireplace, the island range hood exhaust, the non-traditional wash basins and the built-in bar in the lower level. Don't miss this one!

Holiday Decor by Design Within - Casey Mallek





**Zonta Club of Midland  
Business Meeting Minutes - Proposed  
November 6, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Zonta Board First Vice President, Cathy Budd. The meeting began with the Zonta Blessing and introductions.

Cal Hoeneman was visiting from the Kiwassee Kiwanis club to introduce his candy & nut sale fundraiser.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report** - The minutes of the last meeting are available in the newsletter. Motion to approve by Maria Cohoon; supported by Kate Maxwell; approved.

**Treasurer's Report** - Lynda Putt. Budget summaries are on the table. Report is available. Half-year dues are due today. Motion to approve by Linda Malekadel, supported by Barb VanderKelen ; approved.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Assimilation/Retention/Rejuvenation (ARR)** – Lisa Hulbert passed around an interest survey for ideas for events; members are asked to complete and return.

**Archives** – Esther Seaver. No report.

**Attendance** – Harriet Stopiak. No report.

**Bylaws** – Cathy Budd. No report.

**Fellowship/Awards** – Lisa Miner. At the November meeting we will have a purse extravaganza for an icebreaker. More information to come.

**Finance** – Cathy Budd. No Report.

**Homewalk** – Sue Moody and Ann Beck. Tickets can be provided if you missed them. Sell more than 6 name and be entered in a drawing. They need all of the brochures back because of a printing error. Sell tickets. Great job on sponsorship sales. Sign up for a house to host – we need volunteers.

**United Nations/Intercity** – Cari Francis. No report.

**Organization, Membership and Classification** – Sharon Mortensen welcomed four new members approved last month: Carol Arnosky, Patti Tuma, Janine Ouderkirk, and Kathy Swarhout. The membership drive is on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. Please list others who may be interested on sheet and the committee will follow up with the invitation. Send RSVPs for your guests back to Sharon and please follow up for the RSVPs.

**Public Relations/Newsletter** - Debbie Stephens. The committee is working with a local freelance writer on a feature story highlighting past scholarship winners, fundraising, etc. This will be in press in the next week to 10 days.

**Status of Women Service/Advocacy** - Maria Cohoon reported on the upcoming Shelterhouse Christmas party on December 17th at Eagle Ridge church on Waldo. She has and will email a sheet with gift ideas. Sign up for attendance at the event. Please consider donating 4x6 frames for photos from Santa.

**Ways & Means** - Colette. Window clings are \$5 each; sold at fall conference along with rose cards. Contact Colette for clings.

**Parliamentarian**- Esther Seaver. No report.

**Golden Z Club** – Cynthia Chilcote. No report.

**Nominating/Immediate Past President** – Cynthia Chilcote. No report.

**Speaker:** Chris Chesney, MidMichigan Health Vice President for Home Care and Long Term Care and coordinator of government relations. Presented an overview of MidMichigan Health and its recent partnership with Univ. of Michigan. Vision is to be an integrated system providing seamless care with goals to: be a natural leader in quality, grow services and enhance collaboration and physician integration, bring culture of quality and teamwork to employees, operational excellence.

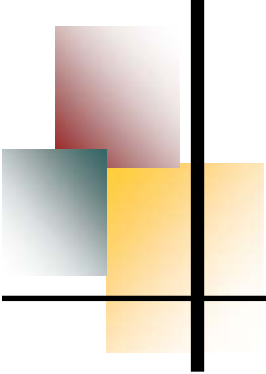
**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**DOLLAR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

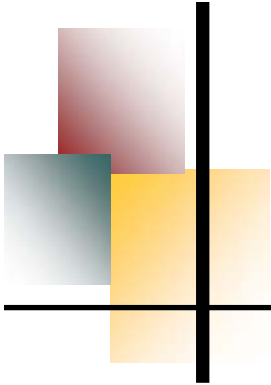
50/50 Raffle was won by Lisa Hulbert.

The meeting closed at 12:43 pm.




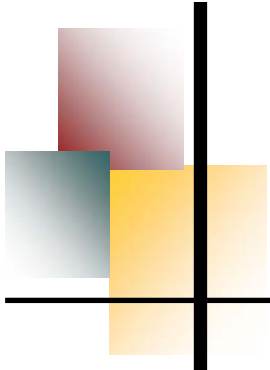
# DECEMBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Cari Francis on December 1 	1  <b>HOMEWALK</b>
2  <b>HOMEWALK</b>	3	4 <b>AFTERGLOW @ MCC</b> Barbara Vanderkelen 	5 Linda Goltz 	6 Rebecca Wieland 	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Colette St. Louis 	18	19	20 Bd Mtg @ MACF Linda Malek-adel 	21	22
23	24	25 	26	27	28	29 Lisa Orlando 
30 Sue Moody Lynda Putt 	31					



# JANUARY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!!</b>	2	3	4	5
6	7	<b>8</b> 11:30 am Business Mtg  New member induction	9	10	11	12
13	14 New member orientation @ Nancy Barker's 5:30 pm	15 Cathy Budd  	16	17 7:15 am Board Meeting @ MACF	18	19 Sharon Mortensen  
20	21 Patty Aspin  	22 5:30 pm Social Meeting Nancy Barker  	23	24	25 Alisha Toyzan  	26
27	28 Kate Maxwell  	29	30	31		



# FEBRUARY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 11:30 am Business Mtg  Budget Presentation	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 <b>WORLD'S GREATEST DESSERT PARTY</b>	13	14	15	16
17	18 Jill VanderZouwen 	19 <b>INTERCITY DINNER 5:30PM</b>	20	21 Board Meeting MACF 7:15am	22	23
24	25	26 Tammy Swin- son 	27	28		