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FEBRUARY 2013

Intercity Dinner Educates on Economic Status of Women in Great Lakes Bay Region



Lisa Grills (L) and Ann Coburn-Collins present findings from their 10-month research study.

Over 30 Midland Zontians braved the snowy elements on Tuesday, February 19, to attend the Intercity Dinner at the Horizons Center in Saginaw. Hosted by the Zonta Club of Saginaw, members from Saginaw, Mt. Pleasant and Midland clubs enjoyed a networking opportunity and the chance to win a “Healthy Heart” gift basket and purchase Zonta clings, bags, and yellow rose cards.

After a welcome by Marcia Woodbridge, the Saginaw club’s president, and introduction of various committee members and guests from the other clubs, the evening’s program was presented. Ann Coburn-Collins, Coordinator and Instructor of the Gender Studies Minor at SVSU, and Lisa Grills, Executive Director, YWCA Great Lakes Bay Region, highlighted significant findings from their study, “The Economic Status of Women in the Great Lakes Bay Region.” The study targeted 5 major focal points: employment and earnings, education, health and wellness, political participation, and crime and violence.

Ann explained the “segregation by occupation” discrepancy related to career choices by women. Working women’s employment is concentrated in education, healthcare, and social assistance industries, which typically pay less than male-dominated careers. Females are not well-represented in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) occupations. Women across all segments earn significantly less money than their male counterparts doing the same work. The gaps in median income continue to have a major impact on all aspects of the economic well-being of women and their families, especially those families headed by women.

In education, 20% more women than men are seeking and completing college educations. However, due to the disparity in median income between men and women, at every level of educational attainment males earn about 20% more than females in our region.

The study reports that three of the four counties in the region offer free primary care access through the Free Clinics of Michigan program and all four counties offer discounted medical services through county health plans. Smoking, obesity, and alcohol abuse contribute to a lower life expectancy for women in this region. Of those women who were of reproductive age, 9% were at 100% of the federal poverty level and 22% were at 250% of the federal poverty level. Teenage pregnancy is at a higher level in our region when compared to other states and national levels.

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Holocaust Remembered by March Dinner Speaker



The Holocaust Memorial Center is a place of solemn remembrance, where an eternal flame burns in honor of those who per-

Anneke Burke-Kovistra will be our special guest speaker at the March dinner meeting. The biography that follows comes from the Holocaust Museum archives.

*Righteous Gentile
Utrecht, Netherlands*

Burke was born and raised in Utrecht, Netherlands, in a deeply religious Christian family identified as Frisian. Burke was one of three daughters of a working-class baker. Her father was a member of the resistance movement. He hid in his backyard toolshed eight Jews (consisting of three families) for three years. All of the Jews and members of her family survived the war.

Burke states that the Jews whom her family hid felt more Dutch than Jewish. Her father, a Zionist, taught them the psalms of David and educated them about Zionism.

The Jews were kept in the toolshed at all times, and the children were strictly forbidden to go near it. Often times the children would hear noises and be told by their parents that they had not heard anything. Burke saw the Jews through the window and was told by her father that they were visitors. After the war had ended, the children were still too young to discuss the Holocaust with their parents.

Burke says that she has no direct memories of the Holocaust except for one in which the Germans came to search her house. She states that everyone in her family (and even the third generation) was greatly affected psychologically by their experiences.

Her parents were awarded a Righteousness Award from the state of Israel in 1973. She believes her parents hid the Jews not for financial gain, but rather out of moral obligation. Her mother, twenty-five years old in 1939, told her, "You do what has to be done." Burke says that when one searches for the good in others, one finds the good in oneself.

Now living in Mayville, MI, Anneke will give us a first-person glimpse into this dark period in human history and what her family did to bring a little light into it.

Linda Langrill, Certified Flight Instructor of the Year



ZCOM member, Linda Langrill, has been named Certified Flight Instructor of the Year for the eight-state Great Lakes region.

A private pilot since 1979, Linda started out flying freight planes for FedEx. Today, in addition to teaching people how to fly, she conducts the reviews that pilots must undergo every two years. She is also secretary of the Midland Experimental Aircraft Association, volunteers as a pilot with the Young Eagles, and helps with the annual Midland Aviation Camp.

Of Linda's trainees, 65 have become pilots with another 12 to 15 earning additional ratings.

For the past several years Linda has generously donated a "Flight over Midland County" to the Zonta Auction and this year is no exception. It's a thoroughly enjoyable and exhilarating experience with a pilot who shares her joy of flight with her passengers.

Congratulations, Linda!

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From Grassroots Volunteer to Community Leader Colette St. Louis Leads by Example

by Cynthia Chilcote



When we met 10 years ago, Colette was my boss – officially. Humble and down-to-earth, though, she probably wouldn't have characterized our relationship like that.

As vice president of the board, Colette's interest in serving was clear. She was known as a "grassroots volunteer". Not in it for the power nor to build her resume, Colette's service didn't come about because her boss thought it might be good experience. She was dedicated to making the community a better place to live and work.

Last month she was recognized for her commitment to community leadership over the years as Leadership Midland's *Leader of the Year*. The award is presented annually to a Leadership Midland alum who serves as a community role model and provides significant, effective leadership for the purpose of community improvement.

Colette's current leadership opportunities include the second vice president, Ways and Means chair, and newsletter editor of the Zonta Club of Midland, member of the Chippewa

Nature Center Board of Directors, United Way Community Impact panel member, SPACE, Inc.'s lead for the United Way campaign, and SPACE's volunteer coordinator for participation in the MS Walk, Sharing Tree, and CNC's Ditch 'N Dine.

Over the years of participation on boards and teams and in events, Colette has led dozens of volunteer projects and has served as a community role model for hundreds of people, positively impacting the community in many ways. She's proudest, however, of the modeling she's doing for her grandkids.

"I'm especially proud that I've been able to pass the torch of volunteerism to my granddaughter and grandson," says Colette. "By getting them involved now, hopefully that love of volunteering will stay with them throughout their lives."

Congratulations, Colette!

Diane:

Yesterday, we purchased our first "load" of FHPs (feminine hygiene products) from the Zonta grant. Just wanted to report in about it. One of our staff was going to Sam's Club anyway and she picked up some \$100 in product. Our staff and volunteers are delighted to be able to provide these to our clients. Our clients are very grateful. I don't know if there's another organization that distributes the FHPs. I hope so. But I doubt it!

So, please pass along to your membership our gratitude for the grant for FHP purchases. We love what you all do for our community for those who struggle in poverty.

Peace,

Tom Vander Zouwen
Executive Director
Caregiving Network, Inc.
607 Gordon St.
Midland, MI 48640-4934
989-837-9757 (Office Phone) 989-631-6041 (Fax)

Thank you, thank you!

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Intercity Dinner (continued from page 1)

In order to improve women's status, we have to become more involved in the political process according to the study. Approximately 75% of GLBR women are registered to vote, but only 50% of them actually vote. However, as of the 2012 elections, more women are taking on leadership roles in politics, breaking records for the number of women elected to political positions. All GLBR counties have at least one women serving on city council or county commission.

In the area of crime and violence, GLBR women were most frequently arrested for crimes against society described as alcohol or drug-related charges, family neglect, trespassing, and vagrancy. Estimates for domestic violence among African-Americans are notably higher in Bay and Saginaw counties compared to the state level. In all communities of interest, domestic violence among African Americans occurs at a magnitude of 300% when compared to violence among whites or other minorities.

Lisa and Ann recognized members of the committee who worked hard to research, compile, and clearly explain the findings of the study. Included on that list was Zonta Club of Midland's own Carole Calvert-Baxter.

They emphasized that the study is only the starting point. The next step is to work with area agencies on one of the 5 initiatives in each of the next 5 years. At the end of the 5 years another study will be done to evaluate change. Funding from AAUW, SVSU, women's groups, and personal sponsors enabled the research and assimilation of this study. To access the full report, visit the YWCA's website: <http://ywcaglbr.org/documents/advocacy.html>.

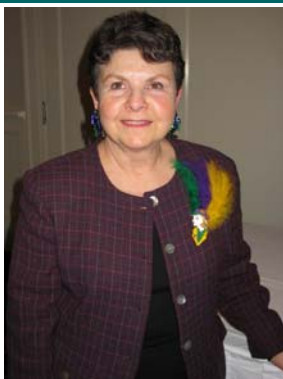
After a wonderful dinner with a decadent dessert, the drawing for the basket was held and Diane Moomey won! Each guest received a gift of a colorful, jewel-toned bookmark clip. Members of the Saginaw club thanked the other clubs for venturing out in the stormy weather and making the evening a success.



Membership Opportunity

Anna Sylvester, Area 1 Director, District 15 sent out the following call to membership. "Please pass the word that Gaylord is looking for members. Sometimes people we know "move up north," and we don't think to tell them that there are clubs seeking members in all areas. Tell friends and family and ask them to tell friends and family. Keep the word spreading."

Another Decadent Dessert Display!



The 2013 World's Greatest Dessert Party on Fat Tuesday didn't disappoint. The annual Legacy Center fundraiser was held at the Midland Country Club and Zonta volunteers were front and center as they womanned the dessert tables in the hallway entrance to the main room. Maria Cohoon again served as Zonta's volunteer coordinator and had everyone aproned and gloved and prepared to dish desserts.

While Zonta worked the hallway, Empty Canvas worked the main room. The McMath boys brought their unique art and music to the event and engaged guests and volunteers to complete a painting of the Mackinac Bridge that was auctioned off at the end of the night.

Maria expressed her gratitude to the many Zontians who participated:

"To all the Zontians who volunteered at the Great Dessert Party, you are the BEST!!! Always ready to heed my call for help, and to donate your time and efforts for a good cause.

We had a great group and had lots of gooey fun, with delicious desserts to sample.

Thank you all, we'll do it again next year."

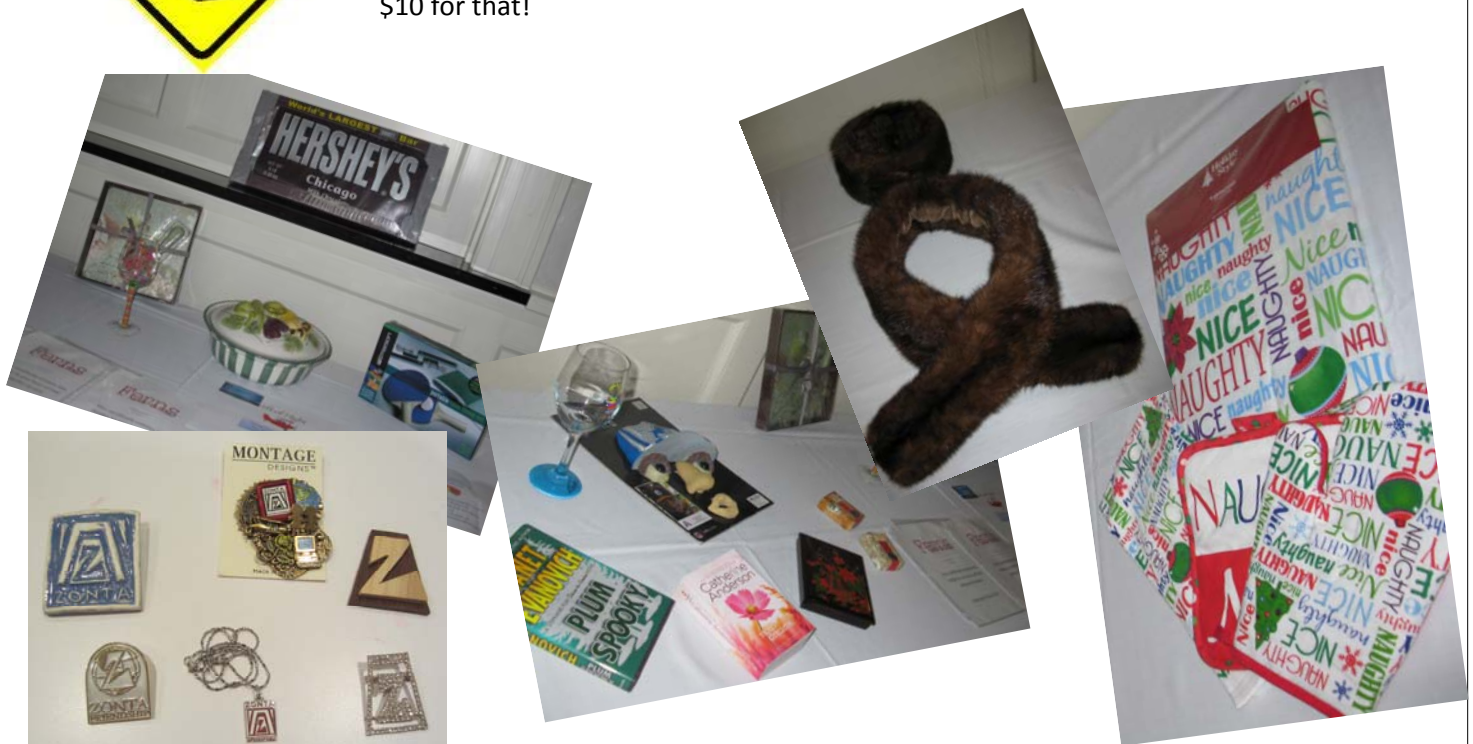


Sneak Peek at Auction Items



Who doesn't need a 5-pound Hershey's Bar? And you know you can't live without that cute pillbox fur hat! These are just two of the many fine items already collected for this year's auction. Add to that fitness and spa gift certificates, jewelry, a flight over Midland, get-away overnights, and many other special items and the 2013 April Auction promises to be fun, fun, fun!

We'll be having the Girl Scout cookie box prize event again, so remember to bring an extra \$10 for that!



Kiwanis / Zonta



The Kiwanis/Zonta Club Dinner Dance will take place on Friday, April 5 at 6:00 pm at the Midland Country Club. The evening includes a buffet dinner and a ballroom lesson taught by professional dance instructor, Angela Markle. After the lesson, dancing will follow.

The cost is \$50 per person and is limited to 80 tickets. Guests are welcome to attend, so you can come and bring your friends. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sharon Mortensen (839-9084) or Lisa Hulbert (638-2475).

You will need to submit a check to Zonta Club of Midland after registering with Sharon or Lisa. Profits from the evening are split between Kiwanis and Zonta, proportionate to the number attending from each group. Last year's event was a fun evening, so please consider attending this year.

Ama-ZING Events Draw Zontians Together



Zonta ZING February 6th

The first ZING in February found a group of Zontians attending the 25th Dow Corning Tennis Classic. Prior to attending the match, the group met at Big E's for drinks



and dinner.

Pictured here are: Front L-R, Megan Granda, Carol Arnosky, Susan Hammer; Rear L-R, Barb Vanderkelen, Kate Maxwell, Lisa Orlando, Lori McCracken, and Linda Malekadeli. Taking the picture was ZING-master, Lisa Hulbert.



The second ZING, again organized by Lisa Hulbert, brought Zontians together at Menu Manager. After a light meal of soup and sandwiches, the "chefs" dug right in and made chicken pot pies for two.

Zonta Zing

Wednesday, February 20

All the ingredients were pre-measured and pre-chopped so assembling the pot pies took only a small amount of time, but the resulting creations looked like they took hours!



Harriett Stopyak and Kate Maxwell making magic.



Sandy Weimer, Michele Atwell, and Kate Maxwell: Iron Chefs?



Penny Yost and Chandra Morse learning the ropes from Lori McCracken..



Lisa Hulbert, Sandy Weimer, and Megan Granda mixin' it up.

Clarity in Club Finances

In one of the most succinctly explained financial presentations the club has ever had, Cathy Budd outlined the reasons behind the budget numbers for 2013-2014. The Finance Committee spent hours and hours synthesizing expenditures and working to cut costs to balance the budget.

One of the most electric slides in her presentation was the clear description of the four funds the club has and how the funds are acquired and spent. Cathy's explanation of where the money comes from, which account it goes to, and what's funded by the income helped members see exactly how the club's finances function.

Finance Overview – Four Funds

Fund	Spending	Revenue
General	Intr'l & District Dues, Meals, Committee Spending	Annual Dues, Loons Parking, 50/50 & \$1, Decal Sales
Scholarship	MACF Scholarships	Homewalk Sponsorships
Service Fund	Local Service Donations, Donations to ZIF	Homewalk Ticket Sales
Convention	Intr'l & District Conferences	April Auction

General Fund

Spending has exceeded revenue for many years

	# mbrs	District Dues	Intr'l Dues	Lunch Fees	Dinner Fees	Other	Total Cost/Member	Member Dues	Shortage/member	Budget shortage
Full Cost	72	\$20	\$84	\$124	\$221	\$42	\$490	\$320	(\$170)	-\$12,275
Adj cost	72	\$20	\$84	\$76	\$147	\$42	\$369	\$320	(\$49)	-\$3,506

\$6,500 Fund loss projected in 2012/2013

\$1,500 Fund balance projected at YE

In past, Convention funds used to cover imbalance

The next slide detailed the activity in the General Fund, which has carried a deficit for several years because our dues did not cover our meeting costs. Shortfalls were covered by transferring funds from the Convention Fund, but without addressing the issue. The Finance Committee decided that would change with the new budget.

In order to balance the General Fund and make it self-sufficient without raising dues was a challenge, but the Finance Committee came up with a couple of solutions that did just that!

The Proposal slide shows that by eliminating expenditures for just two events and switching to the chef's selection menu, the General Fund is balanced, and even shows a slight surplus. The "Adj Cost" line takes into account the fact that not all members attend all meals.

Thank you to the Finance Committee for tackling this thorny issue head-on and arriving at the least painful conclusion. The budget was presented at the February business meeting and is on the agenda for approval at the March business meeting.

Proposal

- Eliminate Afterglow and June social
- Move to Chef's selection dinner menu
 - Reduce per meal cost from \$22.05 to \$16.38/meal

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Full Cost	72	\$20	\$84	\$124	\$140	\$42	\$410	\$320	(\$90)	-\$6,455
Adj cost	72	\$20	\$84	\$76	\$93	\$42	\$315	\$320	\$5	\$375

Rose Day Donation Form



Zonta Rose Day 8 March



A yellow rose is the symbol of fellowship and the symbol of Zonta International.

Please accept my gift to the Rose Fund.

[Donate online](#) or download a [donation form](#).

I want to send a Zonta Rose bouquet to:

Name

Email address

Country

Your message:

Please return this form to Bonnie Wolinski, Zonta International Foundation Development Manager, at bwolinski@zonta.org or 1.630.928.1559.

Thank you for your gift to the Zonta International Foundation.

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Donation Form

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

To ensure credit for your contribution, **please complete and return this document, along with your payment**, according to the instructions for the payment option you select.

1. Donor

This contribution is made by (please check one):

- Club
- Area
- District
- Individual
- Corporation/Foundation

Zonta Club of _____ District _____ Area _____ Club _____

Donor Name _____ Email _____

Street Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

I/we do not wish to receive an acknowledgement/receipt for this gift.

Please note: If there is more than one donor, please attach a list of donors and the amount contributed by each, or submit a separate form for each donor.

2. Designation

International Service Fund	US\$
Zonta International Strategies to End Violence against Women (ZISVAW) Fund	US\$
Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund	US\$
Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Fund	US\$
Young Women in Public Affairs Award Fund	US\$
Rose Fund	US\$
Endowment Fund	US\$
Amelia Earhart Fellowship Endowment Fund	US\$
Total Foundation Contribution US\$	

3. Special Instructions

- My Corporate Matching Gift Form is enclosed.
- Please send me information about making a recurring gift (monthly contribution automatically deducted from my checking/savings account or credit card).
- I have made provisions for Zonta International Foundation in my will. Please send me forms for the Mary E. Jenkins 1919 Society.
- Please send me information on how to include Zonta International Foundation in my estate planning.
- Please send me information on how to make a gift of stock.
- I would like my gift to be anonymous.

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Zonta International Foundation Donation Form (page 2)

4. Payment

Note: Contributions to Zonta International Foundation must be remitted separately from your membership dues payments to Zonta International.

The Foundation offers several options for payment of your contribution. Please read the following and select your option. Please make note of the instructions for each form of payment.

Check

Enclosed is my check/money order payable to *Zonta International Foundation* for US\$ _____

Send check/money order to: **Zonta International Foundation, ATTN: Contributions
4837 Paysphere Circle
Chicago, IL 60674 USA**

Credit Card

Please charge my Visa® MasterCard® in the amount of US\$ _____

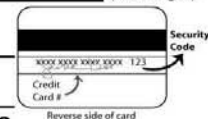
We are pleased to offer you the option of making your gift with your Visa® or MasterCard® credit card. Due to the administrative costs associated with such transactions, we ask that you consider a minimum credit card gift of US\$20. Thank you.

Card Number _____ Exp. Date ____/____ Security Code _____ (three digits)

Name of Cardholder (as it appears on the card) _____

Cardholder Signature _____

Send this form to: **Zonta International Foundation, ATTN: Contributions
1211 West 22nd Street, Suite 900
Oak Brook, IL 60523 USA**



Wire Transfer

Wire transfer for US\$ _____ Date of transfer _____

All SWIFT/International Wire Transfers must be sent to: Bank of America, Chicago, IL **SWIFT Address BOFAUS3N**, for credit to the Zonta International Foundation, **Account # 5800267964, ABA # 0260-0959-3.**
On the day of your wire transfer, send a copy of the wire transfer confirmation by:

Email: contributions@zonta.org or
Fax: 630-928-1559 or
Mail: Zonta International Foundation, ATTN: Contributions
1211 West 22nd Street, Suite 900
Oak Brook, IL 60523 USA

5. Tribute Gift

This gift is in honor of _____
(Name of honoree)

Occasion (i.e. birthday, anniversary, promotion) _____

Street Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

This gift is in memory of _____
(Name of deceased)

Name of person to receive notice of your memorial gift _____

Street Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

**Zonta Club of Midland
Business Meeting Minutes - Proposed**

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. By Zonta President, Diane Moomey. The meeting began with the Zonta blessing and introductions.

Secretary's Report. Rhonda Anderson. Approved January meeting minutes. Moved by Linda Malekadel, supported by Debbie Stephens .

Treasurer's Report. Lynda Putt. Approved treasure's report. Moved by Sue Moody, supported by Sharon Mortensen.

ARR. Lisa Hulbert. Great turn out at Nan's Jazzercise session; February 6 Zing Dinner at Big E's and shuttle to Tennis Night; February 20th evening out at the Menu Manager RSVP to jmccracken@mycc.org

Archives. Esther Seaver No report

Attendance. Harriet Stopyak. No report

Bylaws. Cathy Budd. No report.

Fellowship/Awards. Lisa Miner. No report.

Finance/Fundraising. Cathy Budd. Cathy reviewed proposed budget 2013-14 and discussed in detail changes. See attached document for details. We will vote on this budget during the next business meeting.

Decision to award eight, \$2000 scholarships in 2013. This will allow us to maximize scholarship awards and maintain minimum foundation fund balance of \$5000.

Homewalk. Ann Beck & Elizabeth Lumbert. The wrap-up meeting is Thursday at 11:30 at Midland Resort.

Intercity/United Nations. Cari Francis. Reminder the dinner is February 19 at 5:30 pm at the Horizon's Center in Saginaw. Members are responsible for \$12 of the \$34 cost. Deadline to RSVP is Friday, February 8. We can car pool as a group. We will send an e-mail with location.

We are now accepting applications for the Young Women in Public Affairs scholarships

.Organization, Membership & Classification. Sharon Mortensen. Inducted 10 members last month and all were able to attend the orientation.

We have two potential members going through application process. We will induct new members on April 2nd and the next new member orientation is May 14th at Sandy Wiemer's.

Parliamentarian. Esther Seaver No report.

Ad Hoc – Golden Z Club. Cynthia Chilcote. No report.

. Nominating/Immediate Past President. Cynthia Chilcote. We are accepting nominations for the board, you can nominate yourself or another member.

Public Relations/Communications. Debbie Stephens. No report

Service/Legislation & Advocacy. Michelle Atwell. Donations YTD are below and there is approximately \$1,500 left to award.

\$250 Mental Health for Central MI for transportation

\$250 to Open Door transportation for transportation

\$500 Shelterhouse for sexual assault kits,
\$300 for Shelterhouse for Girls on the Run,
\$300 American Heart Association for health related issues
Great turnout for volunteering at World Greatest Dessert Party

Ways & Means. Colette St. Louis Auction is on April 16th and we are still soliciting items. Still need baskets, containers and trays to wrap things in. Reminder bring your checkbook for auction we do not accept credit cards. April 15th we will be looking for volunteers to help sort and package auction items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

50/50 – a record number of \$54 was won by Rhonda Anderson.

DOLLAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Midland Area Community Foundation is accepting scholarship until March 1st.
- Congratulations to Melissa Barnard as a YWCA Women of Achievement
- Congratulations to Colette St. Louis for Leader of the Year from Leadership Midland
- Eating for Health Programs sponsored through Grace A Dow Library

AAUW and Women's Innovation Network are sponsoring luncheon on Thursday, February 21st where Georgia Abbott will speak.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56.


Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Anderson, Corresponding Secretary

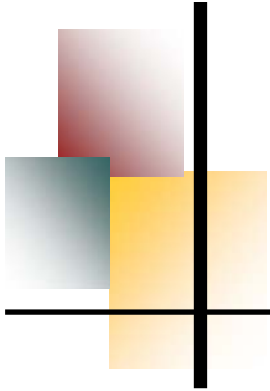
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3 Nan Blasy 	4	5 11:30 am Business Mtg Cindy Vickery 	6	7	8	9 Jill VanBuskirk 
10	11 Jennifer Parks 	12	13 Ann Beck 	14 Jenny Kendrick 	15	16
17	18	19 5:30 pm Social Meeting	20	21 7:15am Board Meeting MACF	22 Mary Hart Patti Tuma 	23
24 31	25 Diane Moomey 	26	27 Melissa Grzegorz- czyk, Linda Lan- grill 	28	29	30

APRIL 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 11:30 am Business Mtg— Elect Officers, Induct 2 new members	3	4 Denise Avery 	5 6pm @ MCC Kiwanis/Zonta Dinner Dance 	6
7	8 Elizabeth Lum- bert, Casey Mallek 	9	10 Sharon Miller 	11	12	13
14	15	16 5:30 pm Auction!	17	18 7:15 am Board Meeting @ MACF	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Penny Yost 	30				

MAY 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7 11:30 am Business Mtg	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Membership Orientation Sandy Wei- mer's @ 5:30	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 5:30 pm Scholarship Dinner Lisa Miner 	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Maria Cohoon 	29 Alice Strange 	30	31 END OF ZONTA YEAR	