

ZCoM News



Zonta Club of Midland

DECEMBER 2013

AFTERGLOW-ing

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Whew! Another Homewalk successfully completed! The tired, but happy, Zontians and volunteers who met at Linda Malekadel's home to celebrate Homewalk 2013 learned that while we missed last year's attendance by about 100 visitors, we have enough sponsorship dollars to meet or exceed last year's awards.

A dining table and sideboard were laden with all sorts of delicacies and delectables, which were quickly demolished and heartily enjoyed by everyone. Linda's husband, Ali, provided not only valet service, but also the centerpiece cheesecake on the dessert table.



Ann Beck, co-chair of the Homewalk Committee, reported preliminary attendance numbers for each house and the rest stop. The log home on Sanford Lake with the upside-down Christmas tree had the most visitors. Final numbers will be reported at the January meeting.



Sue Moody was the winner of the fabulous gift basket prize. Her name was drawn from the pool of names of members who sold more than their allotted 6 tickets. For every ticket over six sold, the seller had her name in the pot that many times. Thanking everyone for their support and hard work to make Homewalk happen, Ann passed the torch to co-chair Elizabeth Lumbert, who, with an incoming co-chair will make Homewalk 2014 happen.

Thank you to Linda and Ali Malekadel for sharing the warmth of their hospitality and lovely home to bring Zonta Homewalk 2013 to a close. (See page 2 for more pictures)

Shelterhouse Christmas Serves 50 Families



Guess who were waiting to meet guests at the annual Shelterhouse Christmas party on Monday, December 16th? Hint: They're pictured here.

Yes, Santa and Mrs. Claus joined Zontians and other volunteers to help Shelterhouse families have a happy Christmas. Separate rooms were set up so children could "shop" for their parents without Mom and Dad knowing what they picked out and vice versa. Each room had its own wrapping station, so shoppers left with gifts ready to put under the tree.

Another room was set up for professional photographers to take family photos. A meal was served by volunteers from Wolverine Bank. "Elves" manned Santa's room
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Holiday Edition

Shelterhouse Christmas (continued)

and made sure everyone got a chance to chat up the Big Guy and take home a picture to prove it. Zonta's own Sharon Mortensen played piano and set the stage with time-honored Christmas carols. There was a mini-petting zoo with birds, a bunny, and dog. Craft elves helped children make Rudolph clothespin figures complete with red nose.

According to Janine Ouderkirk, Shelterhouse director and ZCoM member, this year's event served 50 families, which is an increase over last year. Zonta Club of Midland plays a big part in making this event happen; thank you to members who volunteered!



Afterglow Pictures



Future Dinner Meeting Speakers



The January dinner meeting will feature Dr. Todd Thomas, a Northwood professor teaching management in the MBA program at the DeVos Graduate School of Management. Recommended by Nancy Barker, Todd will be speaking to us about differences in generations. Nancy heard him give this presentation before and said that it is well done, humorous and very helpful for everyone who is working with people between the ages of 20 and 60.

“Leading the Generations” looks at the differences and similarities in the four generations represented in our current active workforce and the necessity for bridging the gaps between them.



“Simple Solutions for Staying Sharp,” developed by Brainworks, is the topic for the March 2014 dinner meeting. The Board of Directors selected this topic from several program options proposed by Megan Granda. Jim Wiaduck with the Advisor Solutions Group at Janus will be presenting the program developed by Dr. Heidi Hanna.

The promotional material about this presentation states, “Daily mental multitasking and our constant state of “busyness” can create a chronic level of stress on our brain, causing us to be unfocused, distracted, and less productive. What’s more, research suggests that age-related cognitive decline—characterized by a decrease in the brain’s ability to perform regular functions like judgment, reasoning, memory, learning and language—begins in healthy, educated adults in their 20s and 30s.”

The program will present ways to increase brain fitness, mental acuity, and retention while reducing brain stress. Sign me up!

Upcoming Events



2/18/14: INTERCITY DINNER

ZCom plays host to the Saginaw and Mt Pleasant clubs on February 14th at Midland Country Club. The purpose of this event is to encourage fellowship and communication among the clubs. Still in the planning stages, theme and entertainment are under discussion. Stay tuned for updates!



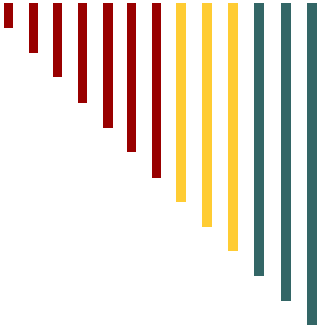
3/4/14: WORLD'S GREATEST DESSERT PARTY

The Legacy Center’s annual fundraising event will be held in the Great Hall on March 14th from 6 to 8:30 pm. ZCom members volunteer to dish up sinful servings of delicious desserts. Sign up sheets will be distributed at upcoming meetings.



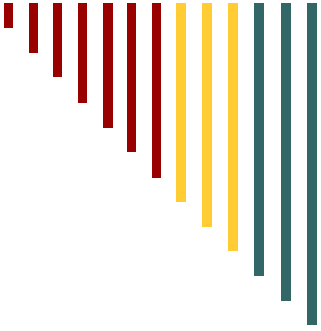
4/22/14: ZCoM AUCTION

Did you save those holiday gift baskets and trays? Do you have not-quite-right items to donate as auction items? From January until mid-April the Ways and Means Committee will gladly take them off your hands. You may bring them to any meeting; Sandy Weimer’s vehicle is the vault for all things auction. Additional details will follow as the time nears.



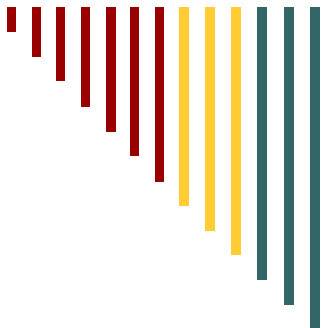
January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7 Business Meeting @ Holiday Inn 11:30 am	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Cathy Budd	16	17	18
19 Sharon Mortensen	20	21 Social Meeting @ Holiday Inn 5:30 pm	22 Nancy Barker	23 Board Meeting @ MACF 7:15 am	24	25 Alisha Toyzan
		Patty Aspin 				
26	27	28	29	30	31	



February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Business Meeting @ MCC 11:30 am	5	6	7	8
		Megan Farrell 				
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16	17	18 Intercity Dinner @ MCC 5:30 pm	19	20 Board Meeting @ MACF 7:15am	21	22
		Jill Vander Zouwen 		Patty Carlson 		
23	24	25	26 Tammy Swinson 	27	28	



March 2014

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9	10	11 Jennifer Chappel	12	13 Ann Beck	14 Jennifer Kendrick	15
						
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23	24	25 Diane Moomey	26	27 Melissa Grzegorzcyk, Linda Langrill	28	29
						
	30	31				