

ZCoM News



Zonta Club of Midland

JUNE 2014

Herb-a-licious June Social

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Donna Frawley at work.

Whiting Forest was a perfect setting for the June Social and Donna Frawley of Frawley's Fine Herbarry created a perfectly delicious summertime meal. She provided running commentary as she diced, sliced, and assembled two different salads, appetizer tarts and caprese skewers, butternut squash soufflé, and a lemon raspberry trifle.

Donna began her business after she inherited 23 varieties of herb seeds from a neighbor. In 1980, her membership in the Garden Club led her to develop a presentation on herbs.



She's been a presence at the Farmers' Market since 1983.

With a self-deprecating sense of humor she explained what she was doing every step of the way and offered tips to make kitchen tasks easier. Everyone was impressed with the way she removed avocado pits. (Keeping the skin on, slice the avocado in half. With a quick chopping motion like you're going to slice the pit, embed a knife in it. Twist the knife and the pit pops right out!)

Donna's daughter, Sabrina, helped in the kitchen and manned the mini-store they'd set up. Donna's friend, Irene, calmly worked in the background and kept the Very Berry Tea and Mint Lemon Water dispensers filled.

All the recipes Donna created were included in a handout that also explained how to use herbs and make vinegars. Donna said she always follows a written recipe so the results are consistent.

As she created the two different salads, Donna related that her husband grilled the chicken that went into one of them.

He also makes her breakfast every morning. (That comment garnered some jealous sighs from the audience.)

The piece de resistance was a lemon raspberry trifle Donna constructed in a huge, straight-sided glass bowl. Using home-made angel food cake, she layered it with raspberry jam, fresh raspberries, and "Cool Triple Lemon Dip" mixed with Cool Whip. The result was an elegant, summer-cool dessert that was light and refreshing.



Building a trifle



Irene and Sabrina



Don't wait to be assigned to a committee.

Send your committee preference(s) to Sharon Mortensen before 7/31.

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President's Message



Hello Fellow Zontians,

Happy Zonta New Year! While our "new year" officially began on June 1, it truly does seem like a new year after attending the Zonta International Convention in late June/early July. We have so much to be proud of as Zontians. The impact of our international efforts are clearly evident in each and every country where Zonta has a club. Many of the international projects have caught the attention of world leaders as these efforts effectively help women and girls around the world.

While Ann and I shared a few highlights of the convention in our thank you note to the club, here is a brief recap:

- Women from around the world gathered representing the 1189 Zonta clubs in 67 nations and regions – it was very inspiring to see women carry flags from their countries, many in native costume.
- The displays of service projects from across the globe highlighted ways clubs are helping to advance the status of women and girls through education, economic opportunities, prevention of violence and more.
- We heard from those receiving the Amelia Earhart Fellowship, the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship and the Young Women in Public Affairs Award.
- The successful outcomes of the projects from the last biennium, touching the lives of women in Liberia, Rwanda, Samoa, Honduras and other African and Asian nations, were shared.
- The convention closed with a banquet and the installation of our new International president, Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard from Denmark.

So what's ahead for us as a club in the upcoming new year? We want to look at ways to engage in projects that have service and advocacy at their core. We want to look for ways to promote the empowerment of women and advance the status of women here in the Midland area. Zonta is one of the main players addressing women's issues in the world. How can we further develop ourselves to be one of the primary players doing that in Midland?

Internationally there are five programs that will be supported by Zonta International in the upcoming two years:

1. Eliminating obstetric fistula in Liberia
2. HIV-free generation in Rwanda
3. Gender responsive schools in Vietnam
4. Delaying early marriage in Niger
5. Voices against violence in 12 countries

At our board planning session in August, we will look at projects we want to engage in here. You are invited to submit ideas or attend the planning session on Thursday, August 14 from 6-8pm at Scrapbooks Galore and More.

It is a pleasure to serve as your president and I look forward to the impact our club will have on the lives of women and girls in the upcoming year.

Yours in Zonta service and advocacy,

Sharon Mortensen

★ The PR Committee will accept members' articles (with accompanying photos, if applicable) for publication in this newsletter. Articles will be edited for content and compatibility with Zonta Club goals. Please submit your articles in Word format, pictures in jpg format, or flyers and brochures as PDFs to: Colette St. Louis at Colette51@charter.net.

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“Herby” Send off to Summer (Continued from Page 1)



The herb shop did a brisk business selling cookbooks, herbs, herb mixes, teas, vinegars, and so much more. If you couldn't attend the social, you might want to visit the Farmers' Market and look for Donna's stand.

The Fellowship Committee of Lisa Miner, Chair, Julie Ratcliffe, Nan Blasy, and Chandra Morse decorated with bright, colorful plates and delicate candle lantern centerpieces. The tablecloths and lanterns were donated by member Collette Smith. The wood interior of the building with the big windows lent a summer picnic air to the festivities. The Committee created a wonderful send off to summer and they did it with minimal cost.



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Thank you!



Your 2014-2015 Officers and Chairs



L-R seated: Officers Karla Oldenburg, Treasurer; Beverly McCray, Secretary; Debbie Stephens, 2d Vice-President and Advocacy; Ann Beck, 1st Vice-President and Bylaws and Finance/Fundraising; Sharon Mortensen, President. L-R standing: Chairs Colette St. Louis, PR; Jennifer Chappel, Membership; Megan Granda, Golden Z; Christin Petroski, Membership; Lynda Putt, Ways & Means; Deb Miller, Attendance; Nan Blasy, Fellowship; Jill VanderZouwen, Service; Patti Tuma, Fellowship; Cathy Budd, Past President. Missing from picture: Carol Arnosky, ARR; Archives, Rhonda Anderson; Elizabeth Lumbert and Denise Avery, Homewalk; Esther Williams, Nominating; Kathy Swarhout, United Nations/ Intercity.

Helping Build Donna's Dream

Despite the lack of cooperation from the weather, Zonta did have a presence at the Habitat for Humanity build this month. Cathy Budd and children, Kenzie and Andrew spent the afternoon dry-walling, hauling buckets of debris, sweeping, and learning what goes into building a house.

Working under the direction of Don and Bob, Cathy measured, scored, cut, and fastened dry wall. Meanwhile, Kenzie and Andrew were the clean-up committee.

They cleared debris by the bucketful from rooms so the next phase could start.

The proud homeowner will be Donna Sperr who spoke at our April business meeting about what the project means to her and her daughter. Deb Stephens, Advocacy Chair, led the charge to round up Zontians to participate in the build, which goes to the core of the Zonta code to improve the status of women.



Zonta International Convention Memories



Members from District 15 attending ZI Convention.

ZCoM attendees: Sharon Mortensen, Ann Beck, and Lisa Hulbert. Not pictured: Cynthia Chilcote & Carole Calvert-Baxter.



Lisa with past-governor, Karen Armaly.



Some of the colorful costumes worn by representatives from Zonta clubs around the world.



Our President and 1st Vice-President, Sharon and Ann.



Sharon and Ann participated in the Rose Run and raised money for the Zonta International Foundation.



Board Planning Session

The Board of Directors will be meeting at Scrapbooks Galore and More (thank you, Carol Arnosky) at 6 pm on August 14th to map the strategy for the 2014-2015 year. It's at this meeting that the calendar is updated, suggestions for speakers and programming are sought, and news from Zonta International is shared.

Carol has offered the amenities of her store if any board member wants to bring refreshments or munchies. Her store has been the site of several Zonta food fests and her kitchen is open for our use on August 14th.



Sandy Weimer Update

Sandy is scheduled for reconstructive hip surgery on Tuesday, July 15th at U of M Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was told to expect 3-6 months of recovery time, but won't know exactly what that means until after surgery. Sandy thanks everyone for the cards, visits, flowers, food, and good wishes that she's received. Keep the positive vibes flowing her way!



Becky Wieland was presented with a yellow rose at the June business meeting for perfect attendance throughout the year. She was the only Zontian who achieved this recognition. Congratulations, Becky!



*** REMINDER ***



When we reconvene in the Fall, be sure to put your checkbook or cash in your purse for Tuesday's meeting if you plan on having lunch. The cost for lunch is \$15 and dinners are \$25.

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

Tuesday, June 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Zonta President, Cathy Budd. The meeting began with the Zonta blessing and introductions.

Installation of Officers. Carole Calvert-Baxter

Officers

President	Sharon Mortensen
1 st Vice President	Ann Beck
2 nd Vice President	Debbie Stephens
Secretary	Beverly McCray
Treasurer	Karla Oldenburg
Past President	Cathy Budd
Parliamentarian	Appointed by president – Diane Moomey

Directors/Committee Chairs

ARR	Carol Arnosky
Advocacy	Debbie Stephens
Archives	Rhonda Anderson
Attendance	Deb Miller
Bylaws	1 st VP – Ann Beck
Fellowship	Patty Tuma and Nan Blasy, co-chairs
Finance/Fundraising	1st VP – Ann Beck
Golden Z	Megan Granda
Homewalk	Elizabeth Lumbert Denise Avery
Membership	Jennifer Chappel & Christin Petroski
Nominating	Cathy Budd Sharon Mortensen Esther Williams
PR/Newsletter	Colette St. Louis
Service	Jill VanderZouwen
United Nations/Intercity	Kathy Swarthout
Ways and Means	Lynda Putt

Perfect Attendance. Sharon Mortenson presented a yellow rose to Becky Wieland for perfect attendance.

Secretary's Report. Rhonda Anderson. Approved May meeting minutes. Moved by Cathy Budd , Seconded by Kathy Dollard.

Treasurer's Report. Karla Oldenburg. The treasures report was reviewed and approved. Moved by Collette St louis and supported by Chandra Morse.

Advocacy. Debbie Stephens. The club is volunteering with Habitat for Humanity next week Friday, June 13 from 12:30-5:00. All volunteers are encouraged to wear their orange wristbands for the event.

ARR. Lisa Hulbert.

Archives. Esther Seaver No report.

Attendance. Deb Miller. Deb is working to create email reminders. Let Deb know if there are any suggestions..

Bylaws. Finance/Fundraising. Ann Beck. No report

Fellowship/Awards. Lisa Miner. The June social will be at Whiting Forest on June 17ty at a cost of \$15/person. We will be cooking with the herb expert Ms. Frawley. There are 34 people signed up. Would like to have 40.

Golden Z Club. Megan Granda. .

Homewalk. Denise Avery & Elizabeth Lumbert. 5 homes are secured.

Membership. Jennifer Chappel. Jennnifer is taking member headshots. Contact Jennifer for details.

Public Relations/Communications. Collette St. Louis No report.

Status of Women Service. Jill Vanderwouwen. No report.

United Nations/Intercity. Kathy Swarthout No report.

Ways & Means. Linda Putt .

Parliamentarian. Esther Seaver No report.

Nominating/Immediate Past President. Cathy Budd. No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

DOLLAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christin Petroski shared that East End Development is having it open house June 19. Warner Cross & Judd is having a pre-open house with food and drinks 3:00-4:00.

Cynthia Chilcotte shared that Linda Putt is the new Finance Manager at Bolger & battle.

Sharon Mortenson shared that Fun Zone renovation is tomorrow. Online registration is closed. Interested volunteers who have not signed up can show up a half hour before the start. Shifts are 8-12, 12:30-5 and 5:30-9.

Ann Beck shared that Sharon Mortenson is also running the Rose 5K in Florida.

50/50 Raffle winner: Harriet Stopyak—\$16.

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Calendar Highlights.

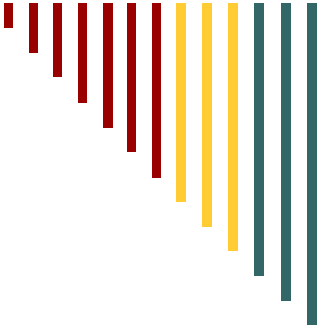
Important Dates

June	17	Whiting Forest	June Social
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The meeting was adjourned at 12:27.









Respectfully submitted,

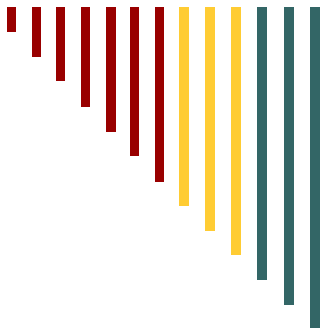
Beverly McCray/ Secretary



NO CLUB MEETINGS IN JULY








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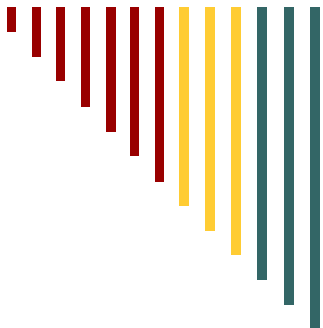
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9 Michele Atwell	10	11 Deborah Witt	12
						
13 Melissa Anderson	14 Pam Nagel	15 Susan Putnam	16	17	18	19
						
20	21	22 Carol Arnosky	23	24	25	26 Sandy Weimer
						
27	28 Janine Ouderkirk	29	30	31		
						






NO CLUB MEETINGS IN AUGUST

August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Lori McCracken	2
3	4 Cynthia Chilcote	5	6	7		8
10	 11 Christin Petroski	12	13 Kathy Swarthout	14 BOARD MEETING 6 PM @ SCRAPBOOKS GALORE Carole Calvert-Baxter	15	16
17		18	 20	 21 Beverly McCray	22	23
24	25	26	27	 28	29	30
31 Bridget Sadenwater						
						



September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Noon Business Meeting @ MCC	3	4	5	6
	Sue Kleinhans 					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Chandra Morse Paula Ulmer 	Cinthia Brooks Debbie Stephens 				
14	15	16 Dinner Meeting @ MCC—5:30	17	18	19	20
						Kim Walden 
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
Melissa Barnard 		Megan Granda 				