

ZCoM News



Zonta Club of Midland

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“Why I Stayed, Why I Left”

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L-R: Robin Greiner, Laurie Kramer, Janine Ouderkirk, Pam Schmidt, and Mitzi Brown.

Two courageous women, Laurie Kramer and Pam Schmidt, shared their journeys from victims of abusive relationships to masters of their own destiny. In recognition of October’s designation as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, ZCoM’s October dinner meeting provided a forum for the “Why I Stayed, Why I Left” presentation, a Shelterhouse program.

Janine Ouderkirk, Executive Director of Shelterhouse and Zonta member, introduced Robin Greiner, the Crisis Line Coordinator at Shelterhouse. Robin described how initial contact with Shelterhouse occurs and the steps taken to protect, reassure, and comfort new residents.

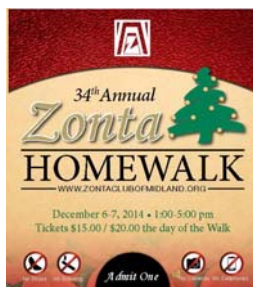
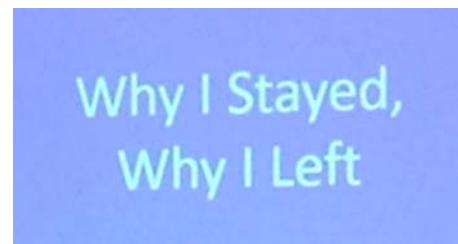
Laurie Kramer, known as Laurie from Wellington, was a 23-day resident at Shelterhouse and is now a volunteer there. She was married to “the world’s biggest schmoozer” who, for 17-1/2 years, terrified her into becoming an obese, unhappy, and scared-to-death-to-leave woman. She had no friends because he wouldn’t allow it. Laurie said she had to “split my life in half” to present a different person to the people she worked with. She hid bruises and made excuses. No one she worked with suspected that she was a victim of domestic violence. The turning point came when her then 15-year-old daughter said, “If you think I’m staying here, you’re crazy.” Laurie packed up her 4 children and left for Shelterhouse leaving everything behind except the clothes they had with them.

“Shelterhouse is the very best thing Midland has,” Laurie proclaimed. She said the counselor there saved her life and began the healing by continually reminding her, “It’s not your fault. It’s not your fault.”

Laurie recommended visiting the nomore.org website which, in light of recent NFL incidents, has achieved high visibility. “We need to figure out how to get “No More” involved with local shelters.”

Pam Schmidt began her presentation by reciting a quote from Kellie Elmore: “Sometimes the only way to ever find yourself is to get completely lost.” She said you need to follow your internal compass, which she didn’t do. She said the answer to “Why I Stayed, Why I Left” is the same word: fear.

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Did you get your packet of tickets? You don't want to be left out! Contact Carol Arnosky to pick up your tickets and sell, sell, sell!

President's Message



Dear Fellow Zontians,

Greetings as we head into the month of November and the Homewalk season! Advancing the status of women and girls is the focus of Zonta. What provides the resources for us to do this locally? Homewalk! Homewalk is our annual "all hands on deck" fundraiser that enables us to provide scholarship dollars and support various projects in the community through our service dollars.

Please join me in extending a hearty thanks to all of our Homewalk committee members for their diligent work on this fundraiser. And thanks to all of you for your support in selling tickets and serving as hostesses during Homewalk.

In addition to financial resources, the time and talent of our members also enables us to help advance the status of women locally. We look forward to meaningful projects in the upcoming months to help us with this goal.

One way we can all get involved in the near future is through the days of activism campaign. The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is an international campaign that starts on 25 November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and ends on 10 December, Human Rights Day. The campaign works to raise awareness about gender-based violence as a human rights issue at the local, national, regional and international level.

The Zonta says "no" campaign ties in with these 16 days of activism. When we met earlier this year, the board looked at three focus areas:

- (1) Zonta says "no,"
- (2) women in leadership and
- (3) economic empowerment of women.



Our dinner programs are designed to support the three areas. September provided background on the economic empowerment of women and October gave additional insight into violence against women looking at some of the challenging questions and issues. November will give us the opportunity to hear from women in elected positions as we explore women in leadership.

Many of us just returned from the District Conference where we enjoyed hearing about other Zonta projects, learning about issues impacting women and girls and networking with our fellow Zontians from around the district. Special thanks to Lynda Putt and the Ways and Means committee for putting together and manning our table in the Zonta store at the conference.

I look forward to our work together in the upcoming months.

Yours in Zonta service,

Sharon Mortensen

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Welcome New Members!



New members and their sponsors (L-R): Sarah Delahanty with sponsor Diane Moomey, sponsor Ann Beck with new member Trish Steele, sponsor Christin Petroski with new member Beth O'Laughlin, and sponsor Jennifer Chappel with new member Nicki Smith.

The Zonta Club of Midland inducted 4 new members at the business meeting on October 7th. Carole Calvert-Baxter and Cynthia Chilcote performed the induction ceremony. After reciting the Zonta pledge and accepting their pins and roses, the new members were welcomed by the club.

Brief bios on the new members:

Beth O'Laughlin

Beth was born, raised in Midland. Beth and her husband Dan moved out of state for about seven years after getting married, but moved back three years ago to be closer to families. Beth currently works in the Midland office of Warner Norcross & Judd, specializing in wills, trusts and general estate planning. Beth's husband Dan teaches life sciences at SVSU and Delta College. They have two cats, In her down time Beth likes to run, ski, camp, and binge watch TV shows on Netflix.

Nicki Smith

Nicki is the Executive Director at Safe and Sound Child Advocacy Center. Nicki holds B.A. in Political Science with a minor in Problem Solving and Conflict Resolution from Alma College, and a post-baccalaureate graduate certificate in Management and Leadership of NonProfit Agencies. She is close to completing her M.A. in Human Service Counseling-Executive Leadership. Nicki has been married for 18 years to her best friend who she met in 3rd grade on the school bus. They have 2 daughters, Madison and Cassidy, who are 15 and 11, and one son, Hunter, who is 14. Nicki's children are very active in athletics and groups so most of her free time is spent driving, coaching, or watching them. Nicki's family are members of The Salvation Army and she and her husband coordinate the Midland Santa Parade. Nicki is also involved with other community groups including Leadership Midland and the human trafficking work group.

Ashleigh Summers

Ashleigh and her husband Jordan have recently returned to the Midland Community where we both attended and graduated from Northwood University in the spring of 2008. Ashleigh is the HR Manager at Xperience Communications a full service marketing and communications agency in Dearborn, MI. Her husband Jordan is a Trust Officer at Chemical Bank. Ashleigh spends half of my week in the Metro-Detroit area in the Xperience Office. Ashleigh and Jordan are expecting their first baby around Thanksgiving of this year.

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District Conference in Gaylord



District 15 Board. ZCoM is well-represented with 2 members on the board: Lisa Hulbert, Area 4 Director, and Cynthia Chilcote, Parliamentarian.

Governor Cheryl Hall introducing guest speaker and filmmaker, Sophia Kruz.



Lisa hard at work.



Fur sure! ZCoM members displaying their furs. Notice that the deer in the background can't look.

Member
News

⇒ There's a new little lady in the Petroski household! Christin gave birth to Ellie Charlotte on Friday, 10/24. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce. Everyone is doing well!

⇒ Condolences to Linda Malekadeli whose mother passed away on October 11th. Linda's mother, Joyce Laverne Rutherford Jones of Columbia, SC, joined her at several Zonta events over the years. She was 91.

New Member Introductions (continued)

Trish Steele

Trish is currently the manager of the Midland County Fairgrounds. In addition, she and her husband Rodney operate Boulder Clay Farm raising sheep and goats. They sell USDA-processed meats at the Midland Farmer's market. Trish and Rodney have two children, Chandler who is a sophomore at Oklahoma State University studying Animal Science and Agricultural Communications and Chase who is a junior at H.H. Dow High school.

Sarah Delahanty

Sarah is a Certified Financial Planner™ (CFP®) practitioner and holds a Masters in Business Administration from the DeVos Graduate School of Management at Northwood University. Sarah and her husband, Chris, have enjoyed being part of the Great Lakes Bay community for the last 15 years. Sarah serves as a member of the United Way Community Investment Committee. She enjoys a variety of outdoor activities including running and cycling while spending as much time as possible with family and friends.

New Member Orientation—November 10

The Membership Committee invites all members, but especially board members, to the new member orientation to be held on Monday, November 10th, from 5—7 pm. Networking starts at 5 with the program beginning at 5:30.

Nancy Barker has graciously offered to host the event at her house at 209 Revere Street in Midland.

Please RSVP to Jennifer Chappel at chappel@midlandhabitat.org to welcome these new members to our club.



Sarah Delahanty

Trish Steele

Beth O'Laughlin

Nicki Smith



*** REMINDER ***

Be sure to put your checkbook or cash in your purse for Tuesdays' meetings if you'd like a meal. The cost for lunch is \$15 and dinners are \$25.

District 15 Governor's Reception



A reception honoring new District 15 Governor Cheryl Hall (Zonta Club of East Lansing) was held on October 5th at the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in Lansing. Midland Zontians Sandy Weimer, Lisa Hulbert (Area 4 Director), Cynthia Chilcote, and Carole Calvert-Baxter (Past Governor) attended the event and toured the facility.

Pictured: Past Governor Karen Armaly, Governor Cheryl Hall, Past Governor Denise Quarles, and Past Governor Carole Calvert-Baxter.



Board Position Open for Advocacy Chair

From an email sent by Sharon Mortensen:

As many of you know, Debbie Stephens has resigned from Zonta because she is moving to Calgary as President of Dow Canada. Congratulations Debbie – we are so proud of you!

Debbie had an important role on the Zonta board as Advocacy Chair. We need to quickly fill this position and would like to ask each of you to consider volunteering to lead our advocacy efforts.

The Advocacy Committee was created last year in order to place focus on community outreach activities that promote education, advocacy and legislative awareness that improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women and promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with Zonta International's efforts.

We made huge strides toward those goals last year. Please help us keep this momentum going and volunteer to join the board as our Advocacy Chair.



Deb Stephens leaves us to lead Dow Canada. Best wishes, Deb!



The 2014 16 Days of Activism are November 25th through December 10th. The following excerpt is taken from the 16 Days website:

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is an international campaign originating from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute sponsored by the Center for Women's Global Leadership in 1991.

The 16 Days Campaign has been used as an organizing strategy by individuals and groups around the world to call for the elimination of all forms of violence against women by:

- Raising awareness about gender-based violence as a human rights issue at the local, national, regional and international levels
- Strengthening local work around violence against women
- Establishing a clear link between local and international work to end violence against women
- Providing a forum in which organizers can develop and share new and effective strategies
- Demonstrating the solidarity of women around the world organizing against violence against women
- Creating tools to pressure governments to implement promises made to eliminate violence against women.

“Why I Stayed, Why I Left” (continued)

When she wasn't being abused, her husband put her on a pedestal. She never knew which of his personalities would greet her. Pam believed her poor marriage was her fault and she didn't realize she was in “a heap of trouble.” The abuse accelerated. One day she was 5 minutes late getting home; she opened the door and “met the wolf.” The next time he traveled out of state to work, she called the YWCA and was referred to a shelter in her area where she was told she was an abused woman. Pam said that her value system was compromised because she was constantly lying to cover up her situation; she was afraid of bill collectors and poor credit. When she read “Necessary Losses” by Judith Viorst, Pam knew she had to let go to grow. She came to the realization that, “I'm worth it.” In closing her presentation, Pam said that her experiences in her life's journey now allow her to guide others “to their true North.”

Robin Greiner from Shelterhouse explained that most women coming to Shelterhouse are not well-educated like Pam and Laurie. She described a woman called Stacy who came in via a crisis line call. Stacy, married for 17 years with 4 children, had a husband who was in jail for domestic violence. She called Shelterhouse to ask for rent money and became “very prickly” because she didn't want interference from Shelterhouse; she just wanted rent money. After several conversations and a gradual breaking down of the walls Stacy had built, she agreed to let Robin accompany her to court to stand by her at her husband's sentencing. Robin said that this “huge dude filled the doorway” when they brought him into court. Stacy was shaking uncontrollably the whole time. After the sentencing, they shared the police report together. Stacy read what her children said and saw the abuse through their eyes, which caused her to slowly let Shelterhouse counselors in over a period of time. Since he controlled all the money, Shelterhouse helped Stacy with her car and dental appointments. 30% of the women coming in to Shelterhouse have dental issues because women neglect themselves. Stacy went into one of the supporting housing units where she met once a week with a counselor. Therapists went to the schools to meet with the children. Robin explained that Stacy's prickly and tough exterior was built up to help her survive in a violent home.



A question and answer session followed the presentations with most answers provided by Janine:

- ◆ Where should we bring clothes - to Shelterhouse or the Resale Shop?

Bring them to the Resale Shop in the Kmart Plaza. What we can't sell, we partner with Habitat for Humanity. Shelterhouse now provides classes through the Resale Shop that help with interview skills, resume-building, and appropriate attire.

- ◆ Shelterhouse is right on M20....everyone knows where it is. How secure is it?

We have several security measures: cameras, lock-downs, restricted access. 911 response time is 4 minutes if it's needed.

- ◆ What are the qualification for residency at Shelterhouse?

They have to be homeless due to domestic violence, which can be physical, emotional, or economic. We help with safety planning and PPO (personal protection order). About 30% have court cases open.

- ◆ Are women reluctant to do anything because of retaliation against the children? How do the schools and community protect them outside Shelterhouse?

Laurie answered this one. She said she had a real problem with law enforcement because her husband had contacts there. In addition, her husband took a hammer to his own face and showed up at Midland High School where he convinced her daughter that she did that to him. Her daughter went back with her father. The abuser's ability to emotionally manipulate children is a paralyzing fear for women. Robin added that fathers still have visitation rights. While there may not be physical abuse, emotional abuse on children is increasing. Overall, school systems are much more aware of the effects of domestic violence and are prepared to deal with security for the children involved.



Channel Your Inner Elf for Shelterhouse Christmas



Calling all Elves! Shelterhouse Christmas has been scheduled for Monday, December 15th, from 6-8 pm. It will be held at Eagle Ridge Church of God, 2808 Waldo Road. Volunteers should arrive at 5:30 so you can get to your area and prepare for the crowds.

Maria Cohoon is once again coordinating the Zonta volunteers and will have sign up sheets on the tables at the next few meetings. Following is a list showing the activities for which volunteers are needed. Also included is a gift list for those who want to donate gifts.

Areas Needing Volunteers	
Santa & Mrs. Claus Room	Santa's Workshop (shopping w/ parents)
Santa's Workshop (shopping w/ children)	Wrapping area for parents
Wrapping area for children	Christmas songs to sing along
Craft with children	

Gifts for kids to give to moms	Gifts for moms to give to teens (extreme need for teen boy gifts)	Gifts for children (\$10-\$20 value)
Christmas décor, dishes, linens, ornaments	Jewelry kits	Tonka trucks
Purses / wallets	Picture frames	Nerf sets
Fleece blankets	Journals	Dolls
Bird feeders / seed	Scarves	Art kits
Nice coffee, chocolates, etc.	Trend jewelry	Craft kits
Kitchen gadgets	Nail kits (Jamberry "like")	Finger paints
Candles	Body spray, deodorant and body wash gift sets—teen boys /girls	Figurines (action, pet shop, Play School, etc.)
Gloves	College/pro team swag	PlayDoh sets
Slippers / robe	Gift cards (movies,mall, restaurants, bowling)	Themed board games like Monopoly Star Wars, Sponge Bob, etc.
Journals	Hair accessories, including hair gel for boys	Basketballs, soccer and footballs (all sizes)
Jewelry / watches	Fleece blankets	Razor-type scooters
Nice pens	Scrap books	Exersaucer
Lotions / perfumes	Pajamas	Play sets for toddlers
Home décor: pillows, figurines, art-work, clocks, etc.	Art supplies	Building toys (Legos, Lincoln Logs, etc.)
	DVDs / CDs	Race car sets
	Football/basketball	

Donations of gift bags & wrapping paper, ribbon and bows for all of the above can be delivered to Shelterhouse anytime, or to the church M-Th 9-4 pm.

Zonta's Mission Advanced Through Symposium

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Monday, November 17, 2014
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Roth Cleaners
The Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe

The Bogan Home

3201 W. Sugnet



Built in 1964 and celebrating its 50th anniversary, the 4000 sq. ft., historic Sugnet Dome is a must see on this year's tour. Entering the home, you'll find large arched windows which fill the home with natural light all the way to the third floor. Unique is an understatement as you move through the office, hot beverage station, living and dining rooms with original tile floors (the carpet is new), built-in cabinets and furniture, concrete-covered spun Styrofoam™ dome ceiling, and a multi-colored, Plexiglas® "wall" to define different areas of the space. Taking the spiral staircase to the second and third floors brings additional surprises. Check out the rotating window shades in each of the four bedrooms along with an abundance of built-ins and closet space. You'll find what could be the world's smallest master bath, as well. The third floor lounge, music and exercise area is capped off by the oculus (you'll have to look up). The only home of its kind, the Sugnet Dome is on the National Registry of Historic Places. *Limited capacity - expect delays.

Holiday Décor by: SMITH'S FLOWERS AND GIFTS

The Noesen Home

2006 Eastman Avenue

Parking at Midland Center for the Arts



You'll love the perfect blend of the 1930's charm and the contemporary updates found in this recently renovated home. As you might expect, the charm has been maintained with original oak flooring, arched doorways and comfortable living space. The sun room is bright and airy with pine floors and windows galore. You'll find additional, outdoor, living space with the new porch and patio. As you reach the landing to the second floor, you'll find three distinctly different bedrooms with one accessing the porch roof. Don't be jealous of the "his" and "hers" bathrooms! While it's labeled the man cave, the basement is warm and comfortable for all to enjoy. The details of stamped ceiling medallions, unique light fixtures, a gas fireplace in the open concept kitchen and the first-floor powder room will confirm that old and new can be in perfect balance.

Holiday Décor by: The Homeowner

The Kempf Home

1039 E. Monroe Road



The welcoming front porch leads to the vaulted ceiling foyer that is surrounded on all sides by a well-decorated plant shelf. Notice the soft lighting of the chandelier that gives you the feeling of candlelight. Oak floors flow into the open living room and kitchen that boasts a multi-level island that is perfect for entertaining. Take note of the leathered granite countertops in the kitchen that opens to dining and screened outdoor space. As you move throughout the home, you'll be sure to notice the "Kelly Wall Signature" transoms leading to the guest bedroom and bath and the master bedroom. You'll fall in love with the triple window in the master bedroom that also leads to the screened outdoor space. The laundry/mud room is what most of us just dream about, with no detail overlooked.

Holiday Décor by: A{M} EVENT PLANNING

The Stephan Home

2434 E. Cardinal Drive



The extensive collection of antique furniture blends beautifully with the modern architecture of this 5,500 sq. ft. masterpiece, custom built by Rob Case. Upon entry, you'll be struck by the two-story Christmas tree and the fabulous window wall in the living room that boasts an oversized fireplace and opens right into the kitchen with its teardrop-shaped island, making this space ideal for entertaining. The beautiful custom paneling in the library makes for a warm retreat. The master bedroom, with its tray ceiling, leads to a spa-like master bath with Grecian pillars surrounding the jetted tub. You'll find a home office and three bedrooms on the second floor, each with their own bath and great views of the first floor living space. The basement is a fantastic family room with garden level windows filling it with natural light. Whatever you do, don't miss the home theater.

Holiday Décor by: THE HOMEOWNERS

The Malone Home

5 Pinehaven Circle



Newly constructed, by Cook's Custom Homes, this six bedroom home says living in comfort. As you enter, the plank tile floor instantly welcomes you and you can't help but notice the brilliant chandelier. The open concept great room, dining and kitchen offers plenty of space for a busy family. As you visit the first-floor powder room, don't miss the unique sink and faucet. Moving to the second floor, you'll find five bedrooms that include the master suite with a shower that we only dream about. The basement level is additional living space with a partial kitchen, great room, bedroom and full bath. Take special note of the unusual ceiling tiles that remind one of stamped tin, with a modern twist.

Holiday Décor by: LIL' PEAR TREE - THE HOMEOWNERS

The Cambridge Farmhouse

2918 E. Iron Woods Pass



A country farm feel, complete with standing seam steel overhangs and hand-crafted cupola, graces this stately custom home, designed and newly built by Cobblestone Homes. Step into the two-story foyer where hanging stable doors allow a little privacy in the flex room. Opposite is the expertly framed formal dining area with 8-inch ceiling soffit setting off the glittering chandelier. Walk past the custom built-in buffet then warm yourself by the fire in the great room as you gaze upon the open kitchen, all creatively decorated for Christmas by Super Cute of Freeland. Don't forget to come back around and follow the open staircase up to the not-so-traditional farmhouse sleeping area where visions of sugar plums dance with a modernly mastered gorgeous bedroom suite and three additional bedrooms.

Holiday Décor by: SUPER CUTE – FREELAND

Zonta Club of Midland

Business Meeting Minutes - Proposed

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

The Meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by Zonta President Sharon Mortensen. The meeting began with The Zonta blessing and introductions.

Introductions of Members and Guests. Carole Calvert-Baxter conducted the new member induction ceremony, presenting each new member with a yellow rose and her Zonta pin.

New members and sponsors are: Beth O'Laughlin (Christin Petroski), Nicki Smith (Jennifer Chappel), Ashleigh Summers-not present, (Sharon Mortensen), Trish Steele (Ann Beck), Sarah Delahanty (Diane Moomey)

Corresponding Secretary Report. Beverly McCray – September Minutes *were approved with the updated amount of \$33.50 for the September 50/50 drawing.* Moved by Patti Aspin and supported by Linda Malekadeli

Treasurer Report – Karla Oldenberg - Approved Report. Moved by Colette St Louis and supported by Maria Cohoon

Committee Announcements

Advocacy- Sharon Mortensen announced that Debbie Stephens is resigning. She has taken the position of President of Dow Canada. Advocacy needs a new chair.

ARR – Carol Arnosky is asking for help with fun things for ARR to offer. Each table has surveys on it for members to complete.

Archives – Rhonda Anderson.

Attendance – Deb Miller asked for help at the attendance table from members who are able to arrive early to the meetings.

Bylaws – Ann Beck. No Report

Finance/Fundraising - Ann Beck. No Report

Fellowship/Awards – Nan Blasy and Patty Tuma asked that members bring Shelterhouse donations to the October dinner meeting. Shelterhouse is in need of socks, underwear and pajamas in all sizes.

Golden Z – Megan Granda. No Report

Homewalk – Elizabeth Lumbert and Denise Avery gave a presentation on the featured houses for this year's homewalk. Ticket sales go toward service projects and international dues. Each member is asked to sell 6 tickets. After selling 6 tickets, members are entered into a drawing for a goody basket. Esther has the sign up sheets for hostesses.

Membership-Jennifer Chapel is close to having the member headshots completed. The membership drive will be held at the October 21 dinner meeting.

Public relations/Newletter – Colette St Louis is creating a poster for Fall Conference. The news letter will feature a member update section. Members are asked to email Colette with any news to share. Colette has Zonta business cards that members can have on hand to promote Zonta.

Status of Women Service – Jill Vander Zouwen. The committee has not met yet. Jill would like to have more committee members.

United Nations/Intercity-Kathy Swarhout. No Report

Ways & Means – Lynda Putt. The Ways & Means committee is offering 7 50/50 tickets for \$5. The Zonta store at the Fall Conference opens at 2:00. Lynda can't arrive until 3:30.

Parliamentarian – Diane Moomey. No Report

Nominating/Immediate Past President-Cathy Budd. No Report

Unfinished Business**New Business**

Local Service Dollar Impact. Community Mental Health has received local service dollars. Deb Miller gave a brief presentation on the impact of those dollars.

Area 4 Director, Lisa Hulbert spoke about the upcoming Fall Conference.

Lisa Miner has offered a free manicure for any member who attends Fall Conference

Closing

50-50 Raffle. Lynda Putt presented Colette St Louis \$50 from the 50-50 drawing

Dollar Announcements

Pam Nagel talked about Dove Chocolates. She gave a description of the items that she placed on each table.

Susan Putnam - Big Brothers and Big Sisters has taken over the Lunch Box Learners Program. They are in need of volunteers. The commitment is 1 time per week during the student lunch hour. Please see Susan if you are interested.

Linda Malekadeli – Friend of MCTV is putting on a magic show Oct 12 @ 3:00 at the Grace A Dow Memorial Library. Tickets are \$5 for ages 5 and up. Flyers are on each table.

Diane Moomey – AAUW book sale is Oct 24-26. The funds go directly to scholarships for women.

Esther Williams – The Midland Recyclers fund raising dinner will be held in a couple of weeks.

Lynda Putt – If anyone is looking for housing in Grand Rapids, let Lynda know. Her son needs a roommate.

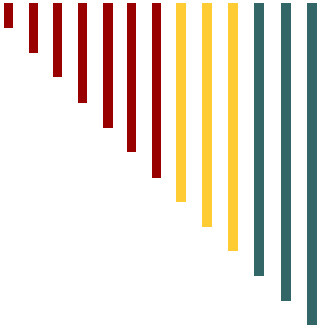
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Important Dates

November 4	11:30am	Business Meeting	Midland Country Club
November 13	7:15am	Board Meeting	Midland Area Community Foundation
November 18	5:30pm	Social Meeting – Panel: Maureen Donker, Diane Brown, Judge Dorene Allen, Women in Government	Midland Country Club
December 2	11:30am	Business Meeting	Midland Country Club
December 6-7		Homewalk	
December 9		Afterglow	TBD
December 15	5:30	Shelterhouse Christmas Party	Eagle Ridge Church of God
January 8	7:15am	Board Meeting	Midland Area Community Foundation
January 20	5:30pm	Social Meeting – Speaker/Topic – TBA	Midland Country Club

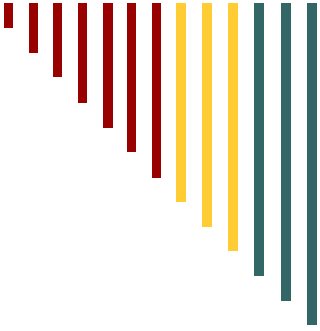
Respectfully submitted,

Beverly McCray/ Secretary












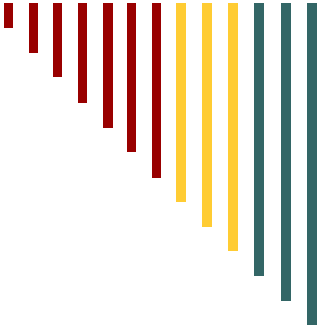
November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Business Meeting 11:30 @ MCC	5	6 Katherine Dollard	7 Julie Ratcliffe	8
						
9	10	11	12	13 Board Meeting @ MACF, 7:15am Harriet Stopyak	14	15
						
16	17	18 Dinner Meeting, 5:30 @ MCC "Women in Government" panel	19	20	21	22
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December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Business Meeting 11:30 @ MCC	3	4 Barb VanderKelen 	5	6  Becky Wieland 
7 	8	9 	10	11	12	13
14	15 Shelterhouse Christmas! 5:30 pm 	16	17 Colette St. Louis 	18	19	20 Cheryl Chasnis & Linda Malekadel 
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Sue Moody & Lynda Putt 				



January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 No Business Meeting this month	7	8 Board Meeting @ MACF, 7:15am	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Dinner Meeting, 5:30 @ MCC	21	Cathy Budd & Karly Oldenberg 	23	24
25	Sharon Mortensen 		Patty Aspin 	Nancy Barker 	30	31
Alicia Toyzan 	26	27	28	29		