

# ZCoM News



Zonta Club of Midland

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## Intercity Brings Warm Fellowship

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Around the table from the left: Laura Ebel, Cheryl Chasnis, Marcia Woodbridge (taking the picture), Lynda Putt, Michele Atwell, Cynthia Chilcots, Nan Blasy, Esther Williams, Sharon Mortensen, Valerie Hoffman, Colette St. Louis and Lisa Hulbert.

The temperature outside was below freezing, but the warm atmosphere inside at the Intercity Dinner held at Harvey's in Saginaw more than made up for it. Saginaw Zonta Club members, Marcia Woodbridge, President, Valerie Hoffman, and Laura Ebel welcomed Midland Zontians with platters of appetizers and a red ticket for a prize drawing.

Marcia began the meeting by asking everyone to introduce herself and explain her Zonta involvement. She then produced a scrapbook from 1938 that held charter letters, newspaper items, handmade cards from around the country, and surprising sheet music for the "Zonta Marching Song." Who knew?



I'm ready for my close-up, Mr. DeMille!

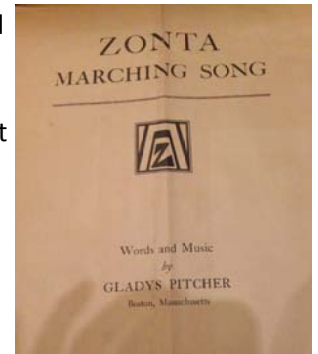


Preparations are underway for a Zonta segment on MCTV.



Following a delicious meal interspersed with personal stories, pictures, and laughter, the Saginaw members drew the winning ticket for a huge gift basket filled with jars, bottles, and boxes of goodies. The lucky Zontian who won the prize is Lynda Putt.

Thank you to the Zonta Club of Saginaw for a most enjoyable evening.



### Upcoming Dinner Presentations

- ◆ 3/17: Women in Leadership: Diane Postler-Slattery, CEO of MidMichigan Health
- ◆ 4/21: AUCTION!
- ◆ 5/19: Scholarship Dinner



## New Members Inducted

The following new members were inducted at the February lunch meeting. The induction ceremony was led by our Area 4 representative, Lisa Hulbert. New members Shelly Bartosek and Carol Stone recited the Zonta pledge and received their pins and yellow roses. Nicole Yaw could not make the luncheon and will be inducted at a later date.

**Shelly Bartosek**, sponsored by Elizabeth Lumbert, is a faculty member at the College of Business at Central Michigan University. When not in the classroom Shelly is engaged in CMU's New Venture Competition, Alpha Kappa Psi, and DECA. As well as teaching classes, Shelly is also taking classes in pursuit of her PhD. While activities at CMU keep her busy, she is also engaged in the Midland community. Shelly is a graduate of the 2014 class of Leadership Midland and is currently participating in the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance Institute for Leaders, class of 2015.



**Carol Stone**, sponsored by Ann Beck, has 30+ years of public sector management experience. She served as Administrative Service Manager for the City of Plymouth & the Huron Clinton Metroparks and was Assistant City Manager for the City of Howell. In August of 2014, Carol accepted the position of Director of HR and Labor Relations for the City of Midland. Carol has a BS in Management from Madonna University and has received HR certifications from both the Society for Human Resource Management and the International Public Management Association.

Carol is the proud mom of two amazing sons. Andrew is 22 and just received his BS in architecture from Lawrence Technological University. Kyle is 19 and attending an automotive program at Washtenaw Community College. In addition to her two sons, the family also includes Pixie, a very ornery 14 year old cat that is part domestic cat and part bobcat, and Chloe, a very loving, energetic and sometimes annoying little dust mop of a dog. Carol is an avid reader and loves to travel. Carol believes very strongly in giving back to her community and looks forward to becoming an active member of the Zonta.

**Nicole Yaw**, sponsored by Denise Avery, is a bank manager for Independent Bank in Midland. Nicole has been in banking for the past 14 years and with Independent Bank for 2 years. Nicole is married with two children and enjoys playing softball, volleyball, and bowling.

Welcome to Zonta!



# ROSE DAY

8 MARCH

All members should have received an email regarding Rose Day, but in case you missed it....

Zonta Rose Day, which coincides with International Women's Day on March 8th, is a day to reflect on the volunteer work down by Zontians empowering women worldwide.

Zonta International invites us to celebrate Rose Day by making a donation to the Zonta International Rose Fund in honor of someone who has made an impact in your life.

For more information and to make a donation, check out <http://www.zonta.org>.





# Only Three More Meetings Before Auction Night!



Here's the latest update on what you'll see on the auction tables in April. The Ways and Means Committee is working hard to bring us a great evening and raise operating funds for our club.

Don't forget to bring your treasures and fill up Sandy's car at the next three meetings!



Gift certificates for clothes from Ruby Ribbon, golfing at Twin Oaks, and wine-tasting at Brys Estates.



Things to drink and things to drink from



Artwork and gift certificates from 360.



Furs from Sandy!



Decorative and functional



## Girl Scouts Donate to Our Auction

It's become a tradition at our annual auction that we have a table stacked with Girl Scout cookies. The boxes are numbered and people pay for as many boxes as they'd like in the hopes that their number will be drawn for a fabulous prize. This activity has added \$500 dollars to our auction night proceeds.

Where do these cookies come from and how do we get them? This year Lynda Putt's niece is our cookie connection. She's a member of Girl Scout Troop 50917 and they donated 50 boxes of cookies to our April auction. There are people who purchase cookies to support the Girl Scouts, but they really don't want the actual cookies, so they donate them back to the troop. The troop then finds a good cause to donate the cookies to.

Four 1<sup>st</sup> graders from the troop with their leader came to the Ways and Means Committee meeting to drop off the cookies. The committee shared information about Zonta and how the money raised from the auction cookie sale will be used. In turn, the first grade scouts, or Daisies, told the committee about Girl Scouts. They asked questions like, "What is a scholarship?" and "What is a community?"

"These young girls are learning at a very early age about service to others through their service projects," said Lynda. During the holiday season, they sang Christmas carols at an assisted living facility. With proceeds from cookie sales, the girls are purchasing diapers and donating them to the Diaper Alliance. They will help organize and repackage diapers for distribution.

The girls in this picture are (left to right) Anna Barbeau, Sydney Damude, Natalia Gumpel, and Bella Doty. The adults are Lynda Putt, Tammy Swinson, Sandy Weimer, Linda Malekadel, Cheryl Chasnis, and troop leader, Sara Damude. The rest of the troop all sold cookies that could be donated. Those unpictured troop members are: Allie Metzler, Avery Harris, Keira Hillman, Lauren leuter, Maddy Everett, Mallory Brandt, Sophia Lee, and Tessa Swier. The troop wants to keep the relationship with Zonta going and will be ready to donate cookies again next year if we need them. Thank you, girls, for helping us to help other children and women in our community. Your support is making a difference!



## Homewalk Closeout

### Details Behind Results

Total for Sponsorship Donations –these dollars are given directly to the Midland Area Community Foundation

2012	2013	2014
\$16,115	\$20,825	\$18,875



The recommendation has been made for up to Twelve Zonta \$2,000 scholarships be given out in 2015.

Elizabeth Lumbert presented the final numbers for Homewalk 2014 at the February luncheon. By her estimation, we had the opportunity to welcome guests 5,791 times as they passed through front doors.

She presented statistics on numbers per home, dollars raised, and comparisons to previous years. This year's event captured Zontians in pictures at every house and highlighted special features found in the homes.

The slide shown here is the reason we work so hard on Homewalk. We will get to see the impact of that effort at the Scholarship Dinner in May. Thank you to the Homewalk Committee for another fantastic year!



# Do You Know a Candidate for YWPA Scholarship?

## THE YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD

# 2015



RECOGNIZING YOUNG WOMEN FOR THEIR  
DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP SKILLS &  
COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Women of age 16-19 on 1 April each year, living in a Zonta district/region, or a citizen of a Zonta country, who demonstrate evidence of the following, are eligible to apply.

Note that applicants from geographic areas within a Zonta district/region where no clubs are located will be considered and also eligible to apply for the district/region Award. Z and Golden Z club members are also eligible to apply.

- Active commitment to volunteerism
- Experience in local or student government, workplace leadership (paid or unpaid)
- Volunteer leadership achievements
- Knowledge of Zonta International & its programs
- Advocating for Zonta International's mission to advance the status of women worldwide

**CLUB:**  
One applicant from each club recommended for district/region Award.

**DISTRICT:**  
One recipient per district/region receives district/region Award of US\$1,000 and application is submitted to be considered for an International Award.

**INTERNATIONAL:**  
Ten district/region Award recipients receive an additional US\$4,000 International Award.

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YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARDS | A ZONTA INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM FUNDED BY: ZONTA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION



- Congratulations to Lisa Hulbert who was recognized for Service Excellence at an award ceremony in Southfield. Lisa's employer, CBRE, presented her with the award for her work with Dow Chemical.

# Join us for a Zonta ZING in March!!



**You are invited to a Dove Chocolate Discoveries Tasting Party!**

Exclusive chocolate treats and everything you need to create elegant desserts, luscious beverages and great gifts.

We will also make a seasonal card to send to a special someone!

**Tuesday, March 10 from 6:30—8:30 pm**

**Scrapbooks Galore & More**

301 E Wackerly

(Bell Plaza at the corner of Jefferson & Wackerly)

All hostess benefits will be combined to make a chocolate basket for the Zonta Auction on April 21. Last year the basket was worth over \$100!



**ZONTA**  
INTERNATIONAL  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

## District 7 Invites You to *Minneapolis!*

### North American Inter-District Meeting

Visit [www.juneconference.webstarts.com](http://www.juneconference.webstarts.com) for details and registration information.

## June 12-14, 2015



## Bloom Doom in 2015

Nan Blasy reports that due to planned Michigan Department of Transportation construction along a majority of the Midland Blooms planting route, there will be no blooms planted this year. The construction is slated to begin in April and run through October.

Diane Middleton from the Midland Chamber said that the program will resume in 2016 and we will be contacted early next year to stake our claim to beautify a section of Eastman.



**Zonta Club of Midland  
Business Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday February 3, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 by Zonta Club President, Sharon Mortensen. The meeting began with the Zonta blessing and introductions.

New members Shelly Bartosek, Carol Stone and Nicole Yaw were inducted. Shelly and Carol were presented with their membership pin and yellow rose. Nicole Yaw was not present.

**Secretary's Report. Beverly McCray.** The December meeting minutes were approved. Moved by Malekadel and supported by Kendrick.

**Treasurer's Report. Karla Oldenburg.** The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. Moved by Budd and supported by Swarthout.

**Advocacy. Nicki Smith.** No Report.

**ARR. Carol Arnosky.** No Report.

**Archives. Rhonda Anderson.** No report.

**Attendance. Deb Miller.** Deb would like for members to bring correct change or a check to pay for meals. RSVPs for InterCity are requested by February 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Bylaws. Ann Beck.** There are upcoming Bylaw changes. The changes were concretely laid out at Conference.

**Finance/Fundraising. Ann Beck.** The budget is awaiting board approval.

**Fellowship/Awards. Nan Blasy.** No Report.

**Golden Z Club. Megan Granda.** Cynthia Chilcote presented that the committee would like to offer career mentoring to the Golden Zs. Golden Zs will be matched with Zonta Club members for mentoring. The time commitment will be one hour, two times per month.

**Homewalk. Elizabeth Lumbert & Denise Avery.** Elizabeth gave the Homewalk wrapup. Total guests going through the homes was 5791.

**Membership. Jennifer Chappel & Christin Petroski.** The membership drive is in March. Jennifer is sending invitations to potential new members. Jennifer is asking that members send her the names of anyone who you would like her to send invitations to.

**Public Relations/Newsletter. Colette St. Louis.**

**Status of Women Service. Jill VanderZowen.** Eight applications have been received so far for grants. The Literacy Center does not have a defined need for Zonta club members this year for their annual fund raiser.

**United Nations/Intercity. Kathy Swarthout.** Inter City is February 17<sup>th</sup> at Swan Valley Banquet Center.

**Ways & Means Lynda Putt.** Ways & Means is selling window clings for \$1 instead of \$5. Lynda reminded us to bring Auction donations to the March lunch business meeting and the March dinner social meeting. Lynda would be happy to pick up auction items also if need be. Linda Malekadel's vehicle will be parked out front for the March lunch meeting for Auction items. The committee is requesting and craft beer as auction items. Lynda shared the following interesting tidbits about wine:

- The custom of bumping glasses with a "cheers" greeting came from old Rome where they used this method to make sure no one is trying to poison the other (bumping glasses makes the drink spill from one cup to the other). This tradition started even earlier in ancient Greece-where the host was to drink the first cup of wine to show his guests he does not intend to poison them
- During prohibition, grape juice mix was sold with the warning "After dissolving the brick in a gallon of water, do not place the liquid in a jug away in the cupboard for twenty days, because then it would turn into wine."
- If you own a collection of bottles – don't keep them standing up – this can cause the cork to dry, shrink and oxygen/air might get in the bottle. Always keep the bottles lying down (unless it's an artificial cork.)

**Parliamentarian. Diane Moomey.** No Report.



**Nominating/Immediate Past President. Cathy Budd.** No Report.

#### Unfinished Business

Sharon Mortensen shared that the club decreased the amount of money given to Zonta International Foundation. She is asking that all members give something to accomplish our goal of 100% participation.

#### New Business

Lisa Hulbert gave district updates.

#### Closing

Dollar Announcements

Melissa Barnard gave a challenge to club members to form a team for the April 11<sup>th</sup> Grace A Dow Library battle of the books.

Elizabeth Lumbert gave information on The Children's' Grief Center's Monday Cookies & Coco event.

Susan Putnam shared information of the Big Brothers Big Sisters annual bowling event which is February 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at Valley Lanes.

Jennifer Chapel won \$42.50 from the 50/50 drawing.

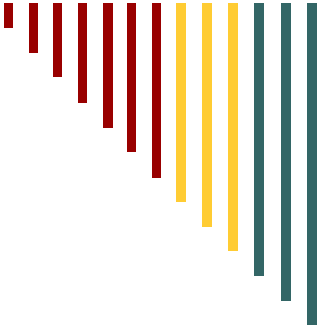
#### Important Dates

February 3	11:30am	Business Meeting	Midland Country Club
February 12	7:15am	Board Meeting	Midland Area Community Foundation
February 17	5:30pm	Intercity Dinner	Swan Valley Banquet Center
March 3	11:30am	Business Meeting	Midland Country Club
March 12	7:15am	Board Meeting	Midland Area Community Foundation
March 17	5:30pm	Social Meeting – Women in Leadership: Diane Postler-Slattery	Midland Country Club
April 7	11:30am	Business Meeting	Midland Country Club
April 9	7:15am	Board Meeting	Midland Area Community Foundation
April 21	5:30pm	Social Meeting – Spring Auction	Midland Country Club
May 5	11:30am	Business Meeting	Midland Country Club
May 19	5:30pm	Social Meeting – Scholarship Night	Midland Country Club
June 2	11:30am	Business Meeting	Midland Country Club
June 11	7:15am	Board Meeting	Midland Area Community Foundation
June ?	TBD	June Social	TBD









The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.

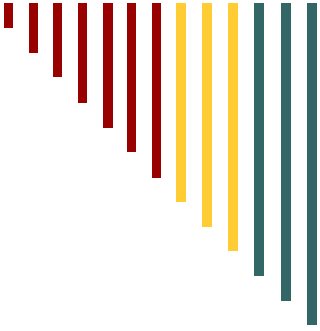
Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly McCray  
Corresponding Secretary








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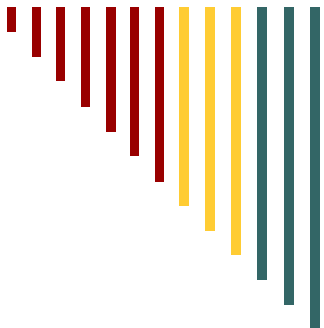
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Business Meeting 11:30 @ MCC	4	5	6	7
		Nan Blasy 				
8	9	10	11	12 Board Meeting @ MACF, 7:15am	13	14
			Jennifer Chapel 		Ann Beck 	Jenny Kendrick 
15	16	17 Dinner Meeting, 5:30 @ MCC Women in Leadership	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Mary Hart Patti Tuma 	Sarah Delahanty 		Diane Moomey 		Linda Langrill 	
29	30	31				







# April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Business Meeting 11:30 @ MCC	8 Elizabeth Lumbert 	9 Board Meeting @ MACF, 7:15am	10 Sharon Miller 	11 Denise Avery 
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 AUCTION 5:30 @ MCC 	22	23 Collette Smith 	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		





# May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Business Meeting 11:30 @ MCC	6 Melinda Gall	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 	14 Board Meeting @ MACF, 7:15am	15	16
17	18	19 Scholarship Night!	20	21 Lisa Miner	22	23
24	25 Shelly Bartosek	26 	27	28 	29	30
31				28 Maria Cohoon	Alice Strange	Nicki Smith
				