

ZCoM News



Zonta Club of Midland

MAY 2015

Record 12 Scholarships Awarded !

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ZCoM's 2015 Scholarship Recipients (L to R): Julia Terhune, Georgia Wheeldon, Robin Shisler, Heather Owens, Elizabeth Scott, Isabella Krolikowski, Miranda Grimley, Stacey Thrush, and Molly Rossman. Not pictured: Rebecca Indianer, Kathryn Robbins, and Amanda Bishop.

The culmination of ZCoM's year is our annual scholarships award banquet where, this year, we awarded a record twelve \$2000 scholarships thanks to a very successful Homewalk. This event wraps the mission of Zonta and our entire year's activities with a big sparkly bow and presents us with an evening of purpose, touching stories, and warm fuzzies. It brings together:

- The homeowners who so graciously allow us to invade their homes for two days and bring hundreds of visitors with us;
- The decorators who donate their time and talents to make each home a holiday showplace;
- The scholarship winners who share the stories of their journey and plans for expanding their futures.

Denise Avery presented a brief review of Homewalk 2014 and pointed out that we counted 5,791 times that we welcomed guests across the thresholds of our homeowners' front doors. She also explained the attendance numbers and how the dollars raised are distributed. Homewalk ticket sales provide funding for our community service grants, and Homewalk sponsorships go directly into our scholarship fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation.

Then, each scholarship recipient in attendance was introduced and gave a brief glimpse into their lives and futures. (See their individual messages on Page 4.) In addition to the scholarship recipients, three families of Homewalk homeowners attended the dinner and learned first hand how their generosity impacted these women.



June Social

Thursday, June 18th

Starts at Oscar's

at 5:30

(see page 3)

Only \$10

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **June 4: ZING! Along with the Loons...Northwood Suite...7:05 pm**
- **June 18: June Social**

President's Message



Hello Fellow Zontians,

As we wrap up another Zonta year (June 1 is the official start of the new Zonta year), I wanted to recap some of the accomplishments over the past year as well as thank all of you for your work to advance the status of women and girls.

Our goals for the 2014-2015 year were to:

- Provide meaningful dinner programs that connect with Zonta's goals and mission
- Connect membership with Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation projects
- Grow our club's membership (with those interested in Zonta's mission and focus)
- Connect service and advocacy, when possible, to organizations receiving funds.

We have had excellent dinner programs this year with speakers focusing on the three areas we identified: (1) Zonta says "no," (2) women in leadership and (3) economic empowerment of women. We've worked to highlight international and local service projects at our lunch meetings.

Areas for continued work include growing our club's membership and working to connect service and advocacy projects with those receiving funds. At March's business meeting, we voted to give \$5432.50 to 8 organizations for a variety of projects which all focus on empowering women and girls. We hope to connect with these organizations in the upcoming year as we look for opportunities to engage in advocacy and service.

Other highlights of the year included a very successful Homewalk allowing us to award scholarships of \$2,000 to 12 women. We enjoyed hearing from 9 of these women at our May dinner meeting. What an amazing group of women! In addition, Homewalk proceeds allowed us to support international and local service projects.

Our spring auction broke previous records and will allow us to support members in attending District Conference, Spring Workshops and the international convention. We've had active committees supporting fellowship activities, Zings, Golden Z, public relations, membership and more! I want to extend a hearty thanks to each and every one of you for your participation in one of our committees. Your work contributes to our club being vibrant and having a significant impact in our committee (not to mention around the world through international service projects).

Thank you for the honor of serving as president during the past year and thank you for your commitment to the mission of Zonta.

Yours in Zonta Service,

Sharon Mortensen

June Business Meeting

- **Installation of officers and directors for 2015/2016 Zonta Year**
- **Witness the passing of the gavel and tiara**



“Sip ‘n’ Shop” June Social



SIP n SHOP WITH THE UPTOWN GIRLS Thursday, June 18th, 2015

5:30-6:30 OSCAR'S CORNER STONE ROOM—Appetizers & Cash Bar

6:00-7:30 UPTOWN MIDLAND—Shopping & Exploring

7:00-8:30 STATE STREET GRILL—Order From The Menu & Cash Bar



MEMBERS, SIGN-UP NOW!

Members Must RSVP by May 19th Dinner Meeting

SIGN UP YOUR GUESTS AFTER MAY 19TH!

\$10 Per Person

Please Provide Payment to Nan Blasy by the June 2nd Business Meeting



Meet our Scholarship Recipients



Molly Rossman is a Midland Dow High graduate currently studying art, web design, and interior design as a junior at CMU. She works at GameStop and designs video games for disabled students. Molly is the president and founder of CMU's Video Game Design Club and teaches students how to create video games to help disabled people with daily living skills like crossing the street. She reported that only 2% of game developers are women and she wants to change that. Her goal is to eventually work for ZeniMax Inc., which creates and publishes original interactive entertainment content for consoles, PCs, and handheld devices.

Julia Terhune is a coordinator for the Rural Healthcare program another scholarship winner, Georgia Wheeldon, will be a part of this summer. The purpose of the program is to bridge the gap between rural poverty and quality healthcare. Julia helps to train doctors servicing rural communities. She will be using her Zonta scholarship to fund a full semester of graduate studies and plans to continue on to get her PhD in Sociology.



Georgia Wheeldon is a third-year medical student at MSU. She will begin her first clinical rotation in Traverse City in July. Her main focus is infectious disease and rural health. Georgia will be part of a rural community health program and will be working mainly in Ludington and Traverse City. She wants to travel abroad and work in rural areas overseas. Then, she will return to the States to begin her practice in a rural area closer to home.

Robin Shisler ("Shis rhymes with wish") is in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program at U of M - Flint. Her passion is working with patients in ICU, which she's done at St. Mary's. Upon graduation, she will practice as a Nurse Practitioner and wants to work in cardiology ICU. Robin said she chose nursing because she's been a patient and she's seen family members as patients; as a nurse practitioner, she will have the most impact on patients in her care.



Heather Owens is a graduate of Midland High and CMU where she double-majored in psychology and sociology. She's working on her master's degree in social work at MSU. Her high academic achievement as a 4.0 student combined with her volunteer activities led to her induction into MSU's chapter of the National Social Work Honor Society, Phi Alpha. Her passion for helping others started in high schools where she was a member of the Key Club. Now she is a member of College 101, which helps high school students see what opportunities are available through college.

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Elizabeth Scott introduced herself as the "only grandmother recipient" and is a mother of four. She has degrees in Business Administration and Journalism and currently develops and teaches classes for Calvary Baptist Church and volunteers in the Midland Public Schools system. She's worked in ministry for 21 years, 11 of them at the Billy Graham Center. Elizabeth is certified in trauma and grief recovery and found a program to help women "step out of their trauma" and begin emotional healing. She will be using her scholarship as she begins graduate school toward a Human Services degree at Liberty University.



Isabella Krolikowski, Miss Michigan Sugar Queen 2014, is a graduate of Bullock Creek High School. She works as an administrative assistant in electronic materials at Dow Chemical while pursuing her degree in Integrated Public Relations at CMU. Isabella took a mission trip to Guatemala and helped build a retaining wall to keep a woman's home safe. She wants to work in public affairs and global relations and is interested in the United Nations Women.



Miranda Grimley, mother of three, is a graduate of Davenport with a business degree. She's worked at Dow Corning in a variety of jobs including human resources and government contracts. She had been in the business world for 14 years before realizing that nursing was her calling. She wanted to do more than what business offered, but thought she was "too old to start over." However, she made the difficult decision to quit a job she loved to pursue her nursing career. She is now in the nursing program at Davenport and will graduate in 2018. The Zonta scholarship will help reduce the financial burden as she changes careers.



Stacy Thrush has two children at home and a bachelor's degree in social work. She is in graduate school at MSU in a 10-month accelerated program toward her master's in social work. She admits she's "a woman in transition." She was in accounting, but was laid off in 2012. Stacy wants to work in Child Protective Services (CPS) to empower families to handle their problems safely and without trauma to their children. She wants to remove the fear that CPS is going to "steal" the children.

Homeowners Make Homewalk Happen

The annual Scholarship Dinner would not happen without local homeowners who donate their homes to be decorated and showcased for two days. They're basically displaced during the event and trust that their homes will be returned to them unscathed.

Their trust and generosity allowed our club to give out 12 \$2000 scholarships this year. Thank you to our homeowners; you've impacted the lives of women who will "pay it forward" as they achieve their dreams. Pictured here are the homeowners who joined us to hear how the scholarships they helped fund will be used by our recipients.



L to R: Scott and Marji Noesen (Eastman Ave 1930s charmer), Len and Carol Bogan (Dome Home)



The Malone Family: Skyler, Gwen, Rex, and Dakota. They own the Cook's custom home on Pinehaven Circle.

New Website with "Happenings" Page



Effective June 1, the Zonta Club of Midland website will be transformed and transferred to our new Weebly format, designed by Jenny Kendrick with content supplied mainly by Cynthia Chilcote, with suggestions from Ashleigh Summers, and Colette St. Louis.

Weebly is a much more user-friendly website development tool and will be able to be updated throughout the month as needed. Changes and updates can be implemented easily and will keep everyone in the club informed in a more timely manner than this newsletter ever could.

You'll notice in the screenshot above that there's a page called "Happenings." That page replaces this newsletter and will showcase our activities and events. Committee chairs are encouraged and expected to provide content so our website maintains current and future information that best promotes our club.

Other features of note:

- Links to International and District sites
- A calendar listing down the left-hand side of the home page
- Our club links on the right-hand side of the home page
- A "Be Involved" tab that has not only a new-member sign-up sheet, but also one for volunteering and making donations
- Scholarship and Member data

The website was presented at the May board meeting and was met with approval and a couple of great suggestions that Jenny will be incorporating into it. Once the website is rolled out and members have the opportunity to explore it, there are sure to be additional recommendations and constructive input. The PR Committee will consider member suggestions and implement them upon approval.

These snapshots of newsletters over the past 7 years show the steady improvement in look and content. Now we're taking the next step with our new website. It creates the perfect platform for the fluid flow of information. It combines the benefits of current technology with our club's need to meet today's communication style.



Welcome to the 21st Century!

Mercato di O & V ZING!



Peggy Finger, owner/operator of Mercato di O & V opened up her kitchen to provide Zonta members with a taste fest using many flavors of Balsamic vinegar and oils.

Who knew fruit glazed with vinegar could be so deee-lish?!



ZING! WITH THE LOONS

Thursday, June 4

Game starts at 7:05 pm against Peoria

We will be in the Northwood Suite, and snacks will be provided.

Your cost is just \$10!

Please RSVP to Carol Arnosky misbgalore@sbcglobal.net (989) 835-5577



Robin Shisler
3111 Michelle Lane
Midland, MI 48642

May 19, 2015

Zonta International
Zonta Club of Midland
P.O. Box 196
Midland, MI 48640

Dear Donors,

I would like to express my deep gratitude for the generous scholarship. I am a Doctor of Nursing Practice student at the University of Michigan – Flint. Upon graduation, I will have a degree as an Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. I would love to work in either cardiology or the intensive care unit managing patient care. I have experienced healthcare through numerous perspectives, namely as a patient, as a family member, and as a registered nurse. This has given me a unique perspective and a deep passion for my profession; it also drives my desire for excellence.

I currently work on an occasional basis as a registered nurse in the medical intensive care unit at St. Mary's of Michigan. However, this only provides a small amount to put towards my expenses. The Zonta Club of Midland Scholarship will be immensely helpful as I continue my education in pursuit of my doctorate. I am extremely grateful.

Sincerely,



Robin Shisler

Scholarship Thank You



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District 7 Invites You to *Minneapolis!*

North American Inter-District Meeting

Visit www.juneconference.webstarts.com for
details and registration information.

June 12-14, 2015



**Zonta Club of Midland
Business Meeting Minutes -Proposed
Tuesday May 5, 2014**

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

Secretary's Report. Beverly McCray. The March meeting minutes were approved. Moved by Jenny Kendrick and supported by Maria Cohoon.

Treasurer's Report. Karla Oldenburg. The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. Moved by Jennifer Chappel and supported by Nancy Barker.

Advocacy. Nicki Smith. The YWCA is looking for mentors for their Get Ahead Program.

ARR. Carol Arnosky. No Report.

Archives. Rhonda Anderson. No report.

Attendance. Deb Miller. Meal prices are changing next month to the following: Lunch \$16 and Dinner \$25.

Bylaws. Ann Beck. Ann addressed questions on the emailed Bylaws and Standing Rules. If members have any suggestions for the Bylaws and Standing Rules, please get them to Ann by this Friday. She will send out the updates next Tuesday. The Secretary will send out the final version of the Bylaws and Standing Rules to membership with an invitation to vote on them.

Finance/Fundraising. Ann Beck. No report.

Fellowship/Awards. Nan Blasy. The June Social is June 18. It starts at Oscars and ends at State Street Grill. Parking spots are reserved near State Street Grill. Sign-up sheets are on the tables. You must sign-up if you are planning to attend.

Golden Z Club. Megan Granda. No report.

Homewalk. Denise Avery & Esther Williams. Five houses are secured. Having a sixth house is being considered. The sponsorship drive is planned for a month early this year than prior years.

Membership. Jennifer Chappel & Christin Petroski. The new member orientation will be held May 11, 4:30 – 5:30 at Nancy Barker's home. The new member induction ceremony will be held at the June business meeting, June 2.

Public Relations/Newsletter. Colette St. Louis. The new website will be online by June 1. Ashley Summers will start a LinkedIn page. The newsletter is going away. On the new website, events will be posted in the "Happening" section.

Status of Women Service. Jill VanderZowen. Scholarship awardees will receive letters at the end of this week. There are 43 applicants to choose from for the 12 scholarships.

United Nations/Intercity. Kathy Swarthout. No report.

Ways & Means Lynda Putt. The auction brought in \$7759.50.

Parliamentarian. Diane Moomey. No Report.

Nominating/Immediate Past President. Cathy Budd. Slate of proposed officers for 2015-2016.

Unfinished Business

Sharon Mortensen gave an update on the Zonta International Foundation giving. We need \$169.68 to reach our goal of \$7700. 21 members have given. 554 more need to give to reach 100% giving.

LOA dues will remain the same for 2015-2016

New Business

Sharon Mortensen discussed the differences in the Endowed and Non-Endowed scholarships.

The Lapeer club is disbanding.

May 7 is the Human Sex trafficking event in Troy.

Closing

Dollar Announcements

Sharon Mortensen talked about "Give Local Midland".

Maria Cohoon talked about travel discounts offered at Circle Travel.

Jenny Kendrick is on the board of Personal Assistance Options. She asked members to consider "Give Local Midland".

Pam Nagel asked members to think of Dove Chocolate Discoveries for girls' night out.

Lydia Watson won \$24 in the 50/50 drawing.

Important Dates

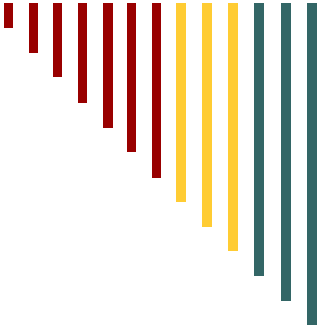
May 5	11:30a	Business Meeting	Midland Country Club
May 14	7:15am	Board Meeting	Midland Area Community Foundation
May 19	5:30pm	Social Meeting – Scholarship Night	Midland Country Club
June 2	11:30a	Business Meeting	Midland Country Club
June 11	7:15am	Board Meeting	Midland Area Community Foundation
June 18	TBD	June Social	Downtown

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58.


Respectfully Submitted

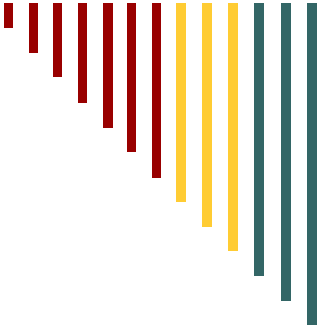
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Corresponding Secretary









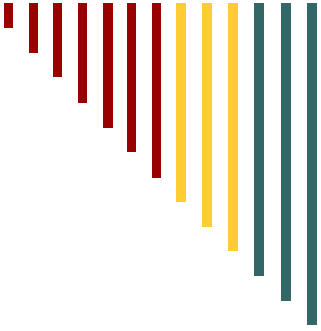
June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Business Meeting 11:30 @ MCC	3	4 ZING! @ Northwood Suite 7:05 pm Loons v Peoria	5	6 Lydia Watson-Pinney 
7	8 Maureen Acker 	9	10	11 Board Meeting @ MACF, 7:15am	12 Jeanette Levy 	13
14	15	16 Esther Williams 	17	18 <i>Uptown Girls!</i> <i>June Social</i> 	19	20 Rhonda Anderson 
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Debra Miller, Bonnie Westervelt 
28	29	30				









July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				Michele Atwell 		
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	Melissa Anderson	Pam Nagel	Susan Putnam			
						
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			Carol Arnosky 			
26	27	28	29	30		
Sandy Weimer 						



August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					Lori McCracken 	
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	Cynthia Chilcote 					
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			Kathy Swarhout 	Carole Calvert-Baxter 		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				Beverly McCray 		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			Carol Stone 			
31						
Bridget Sadenwater 