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ZCOM News

Sept/Oct 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Calendar

October

- 3 – Business Meeting, NOON
- 12 – Board Meeting, 7:15 AM
- 17 – Social Meeting, 5:30 PM
- 18 – Coffee Zing, 7:30 AM
- 20-22 – District Fall Conference

November

- 7 – Business Meeting, NOON
- 9 – Board Meeting, 7:15 AM
- 15 – Coffee Zing, 7:30 AM
- 18 – Santa Parade, 10:00 AM
- 21 – Social Meeting, 5:30 PM
- 25 – Start 16 Days of Activism

December

- 2 & 3 – Homewalk
- 5 – Business Meeting 12 pm
- 10 – End 16 Days of Activism
- 14 – Board Meeting, 7:15 AM
- 20 – Coffee Zing, 7:30 AM

January

- 11 – Board Meeting, 7:15 AM
- 16 – Social Meeting, 5:30 PM
- 17 – Coffee Zing, 7:30 AM

CHECK OUT THE [ONLINE CALENDAR](#),
DOWNLOAD THE [GOOGLE CALENDAR](#),
AND CHECK US OUT [ON FACEBOOK](#)

Hello Midland Zontians,

September finds us full speed into our Zonta year. We have had many Zontians working hard throughout the summer to make sure we hit the ground running! We had a membership drive at Creative 360 in September, incorporating wine tasting and learning about Zonta. In less than a month, we will host the District 15 Fall Conference, bringing Zontians from around the state and Canada to downtown Midland. November brings us full speed into our Advocacy efforts with the Santa Parade and the 16 Days of Activism. As always, the first weekend of December brings us to our largest fundraiser Homewalk. Keep those running shoes on!

Our September business meeting focused on the above topics with an emphasis on the District 15 fall conference. The board has approved covering the entire cost of registration for our Zonta and Golden Z members. This conference incorporates Zonta learning with a little bit of fun. Of course, every day has business items that need to be discussed but everyday also some exciting activity:

Friday

- o Keynote Speaker Caitlyn Perry-Dian, Michigan Women's History Hall of Fame talking about The History of Women's Empowerment
- o Little Stones, Documentary Movie with Sophia Cruz talking via Skype

Saturday

- o Dueling Pianos

Sunday

- o Motivational Speaker Elizabeth McCormick talking about The Future of Empowerment-Empower Yourself to Empower Others

Please sign-up to attend this exciting conference! You'll learn about Zonta, create new friendships, and have some fun too. If you are to unable to attend, please remember we still need your help – there will be sign-ups for help as needed for the conference.

At the September business meeting, we also started incorporating a new goal for this year – networking. During introductions at both the business and social meetings there was an ice breaker question that helped us get to know each other better. The September social meeting also introduced a networking break.

Below is the list of speakers for the Social Meetings through January

- o Sept. 19, 2017 – Chelsea Rowley from Momentum Midland
- o Oct. 17, 2017 – Nurses from Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners
- o Nov. 21, 2017 – Bonnie McArthur from Zonta International Foundation
- o Jan. 16, 2018 – Andrea Foster & Sandy Eagle to give their Human Trafficking Presentations

I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events.
Thank you for your commitment to Zonta!

Karla

Karla L. Oldenburg, President



District 15 Conference Highlights

Explore, Engage, Empower!

For a complete agenda, [click here.](#)



Sophia Kruz

Friday Night Fun night showing of Little Stones Documentary with Skype from Sophia Kruz

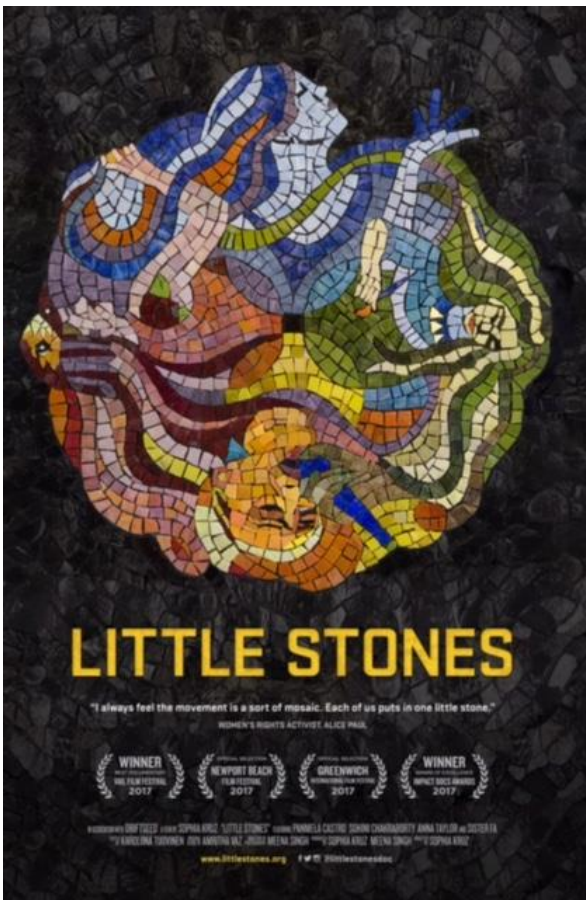
Sophia Kruz is an EMMY Award-winning documentary filmmaker and TEDx speaker. Her work has been broadcast nationally and screened at film festivals and museums around the world. Her most recent film, Little Stones, won Best Documentary at the Vail Film Festival, Best Foreign Documentary at the Female Eye Film Festival, and an Award of Excellence from Impact Docs.

Previously, Kruz produced Ride the Tiger, a nationally-broadcast PBS documentary about neuroscience and bipolar disorder. She also produced, directed, and edited the EMMY Award-winning film A Space For Music, A Seat For Everyone.

In 2015, Kruz co-founded Driftseed, a nonprofit which seeks to empower women and girls in the U.S. and around the world through the art of documentary storytelling. Kruz was the recipient of

the 2015-2016 University of Michigan Center for the Education of Women Visiting Social Activist fellowship, and her documentary work has been supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, Womanity Foundation, and many others.

Little Stones Documentary
I always feel the movement is a sort of mosaic.
Each of us puts in one little stone.
—Alice Paul, women’s rights activist



Little Stones is an award-winning documentary that unites the personal narratives of four women around the world using art to create positive change in their communities. From a graffiti artist speaking out against domestic violence in the favelas of Brazil to a dancer rehabilitating sex-trafficking survivors in India, each of these women is contributing a stone to the mosaic of the women’s movement through their art.



Elizabeth McCormick

Sunday Keynote, Elizabeth McCormick

A decorated US Army Black Hawk pilot, Elizabeth flew command and control, air assault, top-secret intelligence missions and also transported high-level government VIPs. Now, Elizabeth keeps attendees on the edges of their seats, turning her experiences into lessons that any audience can implement into immediate action.

Elizabeth’s many military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal. In 2011 Elizabeth received the US Congressional Veteran Commendation for her service to her country and community as a disabled veteran.



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INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 15
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District 15 Fall Conference
October 20-22, 2017
H Hotel, Midland, MI

Hosted by the
Zonta Club of Midland

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An authority on Leadership and Veterans Issues with the media, Elizabeth McCormick is frequently seen on ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, CW, in the Wall Street Journal and more. Her personal development book, The P.I.L.O.T.

Method; the FiveElemental Truths to Leading Yourself in Life, is a "must read" along with her 12+ business books in the Soar 2 Success series.

Elizabeth speaks at 100+ engagements per year and is an in-demand Leadership and Sales Motivational Business Success Speaker, bringing a celebrity experience to events.

Elizabeth inspires audiences, sharing

her pioneering and insightful aviation lessons learned in a dramatically memorable and action-oriented keynote presentation. As a premier leadership trainer and top performing founding member of the John Maxwell Team of speakers, she is a dynamic and energizing expert sought for events around the world.

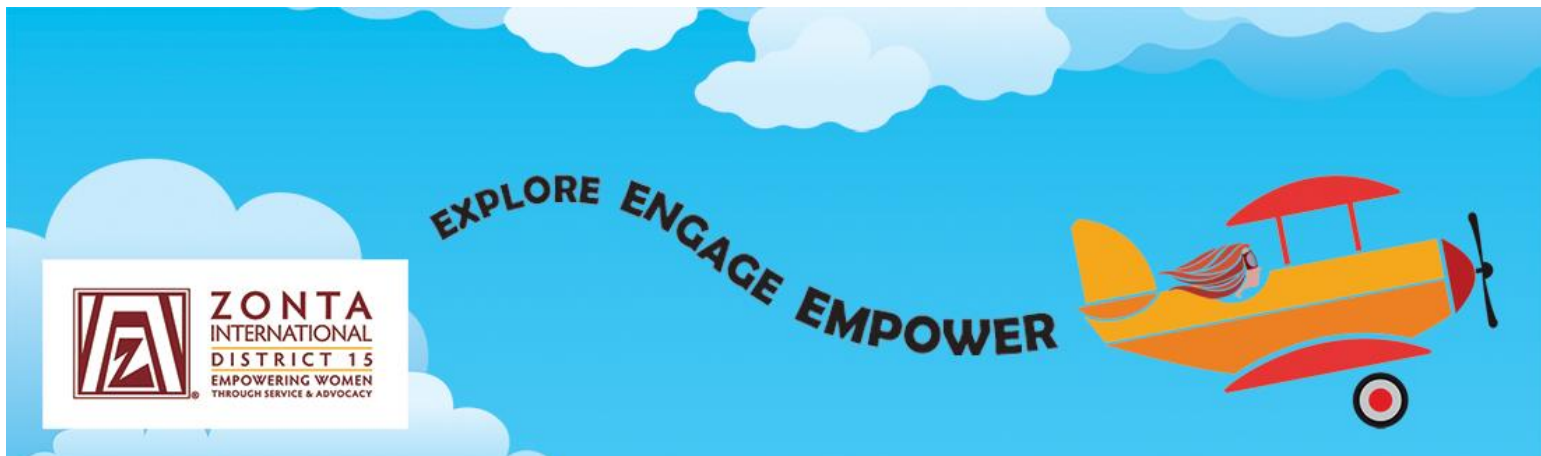


Dueling Pianos, Saturday Entertainment

Zontians will rock the night away with friends old and new at the Dueling Pianos show. Request your favorite song, sing along and laugh till your sides hurt! These comedic musicians will bring down the house. Cash bar available.

Your membership in Zonta Club of Midland covers your Registration

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District Service Project

2016-2018 biennium effort, assisting victims of sexual violence

We are excited to announce the Zonta District Service Project for the 2016-2018 biennium. In keeping with the theme to empower women and girls and supporting the cause from the North-American Intra-District meetings with our Senators and Representatives in Washington D.C., I am happy to announce the service project to assist victims of sexual assault.



Imagine reporting your assault to authorities and after transport to a hospital, you are thoroughly examined. They take all of your clothing for evidence and you are provided scrubs, a hospital gown or something equally unsuitable to wear home. Now imagine if you were provided something more stylish so you didn't feel as much of a victim.

Your perception is everyone is looking at you, pointing and guessing you were a victim of a heinous crime. Imagine wearing what others wear, leggings and a t-shirt and being supplied some health items to help you feel more like a "real" person.



Each Zonta District 15 club has been asked to participate in [a collection drive](#) for the crisis centers in Saginaw and Midland. The list of requested donations is fairly extensive, so we will need all of our members to help! It would be great if some businesses could provide donations to cover some of these items. The Status of Women in Service Committee will be meeting soon to brainstorm ways to cover, but we welcome all of your thoughts as well.



Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)

Shelterhouse offers a [community-based SANE program](#) that includes specially trained nurses and Shelterhouse advocates. This team serves victims in a confidential and compassionate manner, while improving evidence collection for more comprehensive investigations. The SANE program is free of charge and provides services to victims of all ages. The community-based SANE program is run through the Council on

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Shelterhouse) and operates in a donated space at the Center for Women's Health. Specially trained SANE nurses provide medical care and forensic evidence collection and Shelterhouse advocates provide emotional support.

Business Scholarship Award

ZCOM scholarship awarded to Rau

The Zonta Club of Midland awarded a \$500 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship to Dallas Rau. Rau's scholarship application has been forwarded to the Zonta district level to compete for the international scholarship award.

Rau is a junior at Northwood University, working towards her degree in Business Management. She is Vice President and Partner of SecureCom located in Midland. Rau serves as the secretary of the Midland Noon Rotary club and has volunteered for various organizations including Habitat for Humanity, Walk for Warmth and Midland Public Schools.

The Zonta International Foundation established the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship to assist women pursuing degrees in business leading to a business management career. The named scholarship was established with a bequest from Jan M. Klausman who was a Zonta Club member in Syracuse, New York and served as Zonta International Parliamentarian from 1990-1995.



Membership List

Up to date and streamlined information

The Zonta Club of Midland is moving to a unified membership list that will be used by membership, attendance and the board for communications to members. This will allow us to have one consolidated directory, and best of all, members can manage and update their own details.

To begin, we need the most current membership information so every member will be sent a link to an online form where they will enter their name, contact details and committees. Please complete this form as soon as possible. It will only take a few minutes of your time. We would like the list completed by mid-October. If you need to update your info later, there will be a link in the bottom of every email that will allow you to update your info.

This updated directory will be used to generate a new Yellow Book later this Fall as well.



Celebrating Zonta Club of Midland's 70 Birthday!



Welcoming
the new
2017-18
Board
and
Committee
Chairs



District News



You're invited! Please join us for an afternoon of crafty fun while you meet some local Zontians and get to know Zonta better. Our friend, Kristy Hickson, will be leading the group to ensure your cards come out amazing!

Price is \$25 and that includes all supplies. You'll take home 12 beautiful, hand-made cards. Refreshments will be served.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/127743827871784/>

What: Zonta is an international nonprofit organization focused on empowering women through service and advocacy. Learn more about Zonta Club and ways to give back while making unique handmade cards! Refreshments will be served!

Where: Plymouth Library 223 S Main St, Plymouth, MI 48170

When: October 7th at 1pm to 4pm

Cost: \$25 per person - this includes the cost of materials for 12 cards. Please make checks payable to Zonta Club of NW Wayne County. Email us today to reserve your spot at rebek10118@aol.com

International News



United Nations Day, 10/24

This is the second year since the development of the Sustainable Development Goals by the United Nations. The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Wu said he was "struck" by how far countries have come towards reaching the development goals, and how far they still have to go.

For example, over 767 million people worldwide live on less than \$1.90 per day in 2013, despite nearly one billion people escaping poverty since 1999. The maternal mortality ratio must more than double the current progress by 2030; women's political participation must climb some 75 percent to reach equality with men, and more efforts must be put into preventing and treating non-communicable diseases so people do not die prematurely.

The key to realizing sustainable development "by all people and for all people" is revitalizing and enhancing global partnerships, the senior UN official said, calling for all relevant people to come together and work together, and to mobilize the necessary resources to put their ideas into practice.

