



**ZONTA**  
CLUB OF  
MIDLAND  
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY



# ZCOM News

November/December 2017

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Midland Zontians,

I want to start this message by saying THANK YOU to you all for making the Fall District 15 Conference a huge success! A lot of people were saying it was the best conference in years and I completely agree!

We have another big event that requires everyone's time – Homewalk! Every member is expected to be a hostess in one of the homes on either Saturday or Sunday for the duration of the event for that day. This year we are asking for you to help a little more. We need more hostesses: friends, family and coworkers! Pitch the hostess volunteer position as community service, team building, or whatever. Anyone 16 years or older is welcome. Remember that each volunteer gets a free ticket for the other day to enjoy the homes.

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

### Karla

Karla L. Oldenburg,  
President



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## Calendar

### November

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

### December

- 2 & 3 – Homewalk
- 5 – Business Meeting, NOON
- 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](#)



At our Social Meetings, drinks are available for purchase. Feel free to find a Country Club Member and ask to charge a drink with their number.

Sandy Weimer, [sandyweim@aol.com](mailto:sandyweim@aol.com), is often available to share her Country Club membership number.

Please be sure to reimburse them as well.  
Free is not a type of Zonta Wine.

**Saturday, Nov. 18, 9 AM, Santa Parade**  
starts at MHS parking lot



**Sunday, Nov. 19, 10 AM, Soap Making**  
Contact Trish, [trishsteele22@gmail.com](mailto:trishsteele22@gmail.com)



# ZONTA SAYS NO

[zontaclubofmidland.org](http://zontaclubofmidland.org)



Look for our Zonta billboard on M-20, Nov. 4 – Dec. 2

Many Zontians are braving the cold to hand out flyers and candy at the Santa Parade. Join us on **Saturday, Nov. 18** at 9 AM. THE Santa Parade starts at the MHS parking lot.

Contact Lisa Hulbert.

**ZONTA SAYS NO**  
TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

[zontaclubofmidland.org](http://zontaclubofmidland.org)

## 16 days of Activism –Zonta Says NO. November 25<sup>th</sup> through December 10<sup>th</sup>

I PLEDGE TO SAY  
**NO**  
TO VIOLENCE  
AGAINST WOMEN

JOIN ME AT [ZONTASAYSNO.COM](http://ZONTASAYSNO.COM)

The goal of this project is to work towards gender equality on a global level. Zonta Club of Midland will put up a "Zonta Says No!" billboard on M-20. We will be participating in the Midland Santa Parade with participants encouraged to wear their orange shirts. We will also advertise via posters during Holly Jolly Days and will have marketing at the Homewalk rest stop. All Zonta clubs and districts are encouraged to take advocacy actions throughout the year:

- To promote the human rights of women
- To end violence against women and girls
- To promote Sustainable Development Goal No. 5 "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls"

Zonta has participated in this cause for more than 100 years.

<https://zontasaysno.com/zontasvision/campaign/>

### Making Goats' Milk Soap!

November social makes Zontians clean up

A full batch of soap costs \$40.00 and produces about 32 bars of soap. You can split a batch with someone if you would like to do that. Bring a 48 oz can of Crisco per batch.

It will take about two hours for the batch process to finish and be set in a mold. All other oils, colors, scents, molds, etc will be provided by the soap master. If you want to add an essential oil to your batch, there is a \$5.00 fee. Oils are based on availability the day of soap making.

Each batch of soap will be kept to cure for approximately 10-12 days, then will be ready for distribution or pickup

*Meet in fellowship with other Zontians all year long*



**Sunday, Nov. 19, 10 AM, Soap Making**

Start time is flexible. Begin a batch before Noon.

Contact Trish Steele, [trishsteele22@gmail.com](mailto:trishsteele22@gmail.com)



## Induction of Three New Members

Midland Club, among the largest Zonta Clubs in the world

Welcome to Cally Taylor of Greater Midland Community Center, Mara Simanskey Stewart with Member's First Credit Union, and Andrea Dominowski with Dow Chemical Co. The club unanimously accepted the new members.

The ceremony ended with the Zonta code and the distribution of yellow roses and Zonta pins.



**Andrea Dominowski,**  
sponsor Trena Winans

Andrea grew up in a small town in the Upper Peninsula called Engadine and she attended Michigan State University. She is married with three children (Kayla 14; Kyle 11; Karson 9). Andrea has worked for Dow Chemical for 21 years and is an accountant by trade. Andrea has done two relocation assignments for Dow including 4 years in Sao Paulo, Brazil from 2011-2015. She is passionate about employee engagement and diversity efforts within Dow's Finance function and she is actively involved in mentorship and sponsorship, development programs and gender diversity awareness and training.

In Andrea's spare time, she enjoys being active, gardening, volunteering and spending time with family & friends. Andrea and her family also like to travel and experience new places, new people and new cultures.

**Mara Simanskey Stewart,**  
sponsor Kristi Bower

Mara Simanskey Stewart is the Community Relations Specialist at Members First Credit Union. In the few months since she started there, she has found she enjoys her new job and likes learning the ins and outs of a financial institution. She was married in June and her husband's name is Eric. Eric is a manager at the Duhman's Sporting Goods in Owasso, MI. She has a fur baby, a chocolate lab, name Tigger. In her spare time she performs with the Midland Concert Band and Chemical City Band playing flute and piccolo. She serves on the board of directors for both organizations as well. She also enjoys volunteering for the Midland Symphony Orchestra. Her second hobby is running and she has completed two full marathons.

**Cally Taylor,**  
sponsor Cynthia Chilcote

Cally Taylor received her Bachelor's in Exercise Science and Business from Saginaw Valley State University in 2011. A Midland native, Cally has worked for Greater Midland Community Center for the past three years. As the Member Relations Director, she is in charge of recruitment and retention of members, corporate partners, and leads customer service for the organization. Outside of work, she spends her time volunteering as a Head Coach for Girls on the Run and coaching youth female basketball. You can find Cally enjoying her weekends hiking and kayaking with her husband, Rob, and their two dogs.

## Shelterhouse Christmas Party

Choose and wrap presents

We need about 15 people to assist with this annual event.



We will help children pick out gifts for their family members, and wrap these gifts as well.

Contact Maria Cohoon for date and time.



**ZONTA**  
INTERNATIONAL  
**DISTRICT 15**  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

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

Hosted by the  
**Zonta Club of Midland**

*Midland Michigan THE CITY OF Modern Explorers*

Suffragettes, advocacy, membership drive, ZIF, Golden Zs, SANE, CAE, LMS, district finances, Madagascar – we learned about all these at Fall Conference, and – oh yes, how to fly a helicopter!

It was quite a busy weekend. If you weren't there, let's bring you up to speed with a quick recap (no helicopter lessons though).

The 2017 Fall Conference, put on by the District Board and the Zonta Club of Midland, opened with welcoming remarks from District Governor Anna Sylvester, Midland Mayor Maureen Donker, ZI President Sonja Honig Schough, and Zonta Club of Midland President Karla Oldenberg. Sonja addressed the group via video; all video and Power Point presentations as well as the conference program are available at <http://www.zontaclubofmidland.org/zid15-fall-conference-materials.html>.

Friday evening's keynote speaker, Dr. Caitlyn Perry Dial, Executive Director of the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame, reviewed the suffragette movement in Michigan and how it took years of work by many courageous women and men to empower women with the right to vote. The evening was capped off with a viewing of the Little Stones documentary – an award-winning film that unites the personal narratives of four women around the world using art to create positive change in their communities. Director Sophia Kruz opened the show with a video message and thank you for the support she has received from the district.

The Status of Women Luncheon kicked off recognizing youth – the Young Women in Public Affairs scholarship winner Norah Johnson and the seven Golden Z members from Olivet and Northwood colleges in attendance. These outstanding young ladies are the leaders of the future.





Janine Ouderkirk, Shelterhouse/The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault of Midland Gladwin Counties graciously accepted the donations from the District for use by the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Program (Shelterhouse) and Saginaw Area Crisis Center. We then learned about what the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) program is and how the nurses and advocates aid victims of sexual assault and their families.

Club and individual donations support the Zonta International Foundation and Zonta's global advocacy projects. Through 9/30, District clubs and members donated \$55,154 and pledged an additional \$42,821. Donations during the conference brought in \$5,739 for a total of \$103,714 for the foundation. Bonnie McArthur brought us up to date on the two ZIF projects for this biennium: The Elimination of Obstetric Fistula and Reduction of Maternal and Newborn Mortality in Liberia and Let Us Learn Madagascar: An Integrated Program for Adolescent Girls.

Zonta International is launching an exciting new Learning Management System (LMS) to help develop leadership skills at the member, club, district and international level. Jacquie Gudmondson provided an overview of this web based program and announced that the first modules will be available later this year.

Saturday evening, everyone brought out their finest with fancy shoes, that special outfit, and lots of bling to mix and mingle at the Governors Reception and Banquet. During the evening, members and clubs were recognized for exceptional years of membership (30+!), membership recruiting and high percentage attendance at the conference (congratulations Roscommon!). The celebration continued with lots of singing and dancing to tunes old and new including a battle between the UM and MSU fight songs – as well as an expert rendition of the MSU cheer!

Sunday's keynote speaker, Elizabeth McCormick, riveted everyone with her story of how she defied the odds and became a Black Hawk helicopter pilot. Her experiences taught her to believe in and motivate herself to work hard, accomplish her goals and become a Rock Star! Elizabeth shared her P.I.L.O.T. program (Potential, Implementation, Leadership, Optimize, Tenacity) and used hands on activities to show how we can influence our own outcome by adjusting our attitude and effectively managing our to-do lists.

The conference wrapped up with a review of the upcoming events that every member should have on their calendar:

- Spring Workshops: Area 1&2 April 28, 2018; Area 3&4 May 5, 2018
- Zonta International Convention: June 29-July 3, Yokohama, Japan
- Governor's Summit: October 20, 2018, Owosso, MI
- District 15 2019 Fall Conference: October 18-20, 2019, Detroit, MI





**Tickets**

Available at the following locations or from any Zonta Member for \$20:

**MIDLAND LOCATIONS**


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| <b>Cergnul Dental</b><br>5916 Eastman Ave.              | <b>Lifestyle Garment Care</b><br>708 S. Saginaw Road                |
| <b>Circle Travel</b><br>4975 Eastman Ave.               | <b>Lifestyle Garment Care</b><br>2706 N. Saginaw Road               |
| <b>Coffee Chaos</b><br>6201 Jefferson Avenue            | <b>Northwood Gallery</b><br>102 E. Main Street                      |
| <b>Designed By Julie, L.L.C.</b><br>621 S. Saginaw Road | <b>Park Place Homes</b><br>1087 E. Wackerly St.                     |
| <b>Eastman Party Store</b><br>5265 Eastman Avenue       | <b>Quick Reliable Printing</b><br>94 Ashman Circle                  |
| <b>Gloves Pharmacy</b><br>4000 Jefferson Avenue         | <b>Smith's of Midland Flowers &amp; Gifts</b><br>2909 Ashman Street |
| <b>Greystone Homes, LLC</b><br>6408 W. Wackerly Street  | <b>Village Green</b><br>715 S. Saginaw Road                         |

**OUTSIDE MIDLAND**

- Super Cute**  
5870 Midland Road, Freeland
- (Tickets will be available at these locations and at homes for \$25 the days of the event)

The Zonta Club of Midland in collaboration with the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio has selected five Midland area homes to showcase in their holiday splendor. Professional decorators and the homeowners have decked out each home with fun and unique holiday decorations. A variety of architectural styles are featured in this year's walk - including mid-century modern, prairie and craftsman.

**Tickets are \$20 each in advance, \$25 at the door.** Tickets are available from any Zonta Member, and other locations. Proceeds from the Homewalk fund scholarships for women and grants for area non-profits. The club has awarded over \$250,000 in scholarships and \$195,000 in service grants.



**4 Crescent Court • Architect - T. Keith Blair**


This 1957 single-story home designed by T. Keith Blair is a beautiful example of Midland's mid-century modern homes. The current homeowners have lovingly restored this lovely home with a mix of authentic period finishes and modern materials with upgraded smart lighting.

**Holiday Decor by the homeowners and Northwood Gallery, Mia Dvornic assisted by Jim Barker**

**2390 E. Little Turtle Way • Builder - Greystone Homes**

This contemporary Craftsman, built in 2015, is the latest in open-concept designs. The “yesteryear” exterior begins with a custom wood front door and ends with a large covered rear porch and patio with gas fire pit. With distressed oak finishes throughout, the almost 3,800 sq. ft. home wraps around a two-story great room showing off custom built-ins and an open view to the beautiful wooded backyard. Decorated with mixed materials for a vintage traditional look, this home offers the perfect backdrop for holiday decorating.

**Styling of the homeowner’s collection and fresh florals by Happy. Pretty. Lifestyle Design**



**Homewalk Volunteers Needed**

– ask your friends, contact Jennifer Chappel at [chappel@midlandhabitat.org](mailto:chappel@midlandhabitat.org)

**Homewalk Sponsorship reaches goal,**

**Exceeds \$20k**



## 4801 Torrey Pine Drive Builder - Greystone Homes

This contemporary, red Prairie-style ranch built in 2014 draws you in with its colorful setting on a small man-made lake. But its outdoor beauty can't compete with the unique and striking decorative finishes throughout the home's interior. You'll love the homeowners' stunning photography collection, blending perfectly with the home's high-design look.

**Holiday Decor by the homeowners and Super Cute Freeland**

## 1505 W. St. Andrews Architect - Alden B. Dow

This beautiful Alden B. Dow-designed mid-century modern home on the National Register of Historic Places was built in 1934, marking Dow's move toward the International Style, with its strong geometric and sculptural planes. This is Dow's first building to employ the "Unit Block" system of construction.

**Holiday Decor by Reder Landscaping,  
Designed by Kathy Frost**



## 3600 Valley Drive Architect - Robert Schwartz

Designed in 1969 by Midland architect Robert Schwartz, this elegant late mid-century modern home offers a 21st century take with upscale finishes and contemporary furniture set against the period's signature use of wood, tile, and brick. Throughout the home, the homeowners' unique art pieces, created by Michigan artists, echo the natural views. One of a kind ceramic and blown glass pieces were created by the homeowner's sister in her San Diego studio.

**Interior styling and fresh florals by  
Happy. Pretty. Lifestyle Design**



## Herbert D. Doan Midland County History Center • 3417 W Main Street

A dynamic space offering hands-on interactive exhibits, the Herbert D. Doan Midland County History Center is named for long time advocate Herbert "Ted" Doan, a much admired former President and CEO of The Dow Chemical Company. The impressive stone-clad building is the gateway to the Historical Society's Heritage Park (Herbert H. Dow Historical Museum, Bradley Home Museum & Carriage House) and offers visitors a chance to "talk" to Midland's founders, visit Main Street of a century ago and enjoy vignettes of history.

**Restrooms & Refreshments Available**



## District News



The Zonta Club of Pontiac-North Oakland is pleased to invite you to our 90th anniversary celebration on Saturday, December 9, at 1:00 PM at the Crowne Plaza in Auburn Hills. Please join us as we celebrate our club's history and honor Zonta's mission of empowering women locally and globally through service and advocacy.

We'd be delighted to share this special event with you!

90th Anniversary Committee  
Zonta Club of Pontiac-North Oakland

<http://zonta15.org/pontiac-home/pontiac-events/>

# Zonta 90

Club of Pontiac - North Oakland

Please join us in the **ZELEBRATION** of our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary on **Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 1:00 PM.**

Reception, luncheon and a program at the Crowne Plaza,  
150 N. Opdyke Road  
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

The luncheon includes your choice of:  
Eggplant Parmigianino, Chicken Picatta,  
Cedar Plank Salmon, or a Petite Filet.

Tickets are \$50.00.  
Please RSVP with your luncheon choice  
by Friday, December 1, 2017.

To Pay Online:  
<https://zelebrationluncheonzontapno90.ezevent.com/>

## National / International News

### Zonta Club of Niagara Falls pushes for young girls in STEM

The Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, USA, is working to support young women studying sciences through multiple programs and events.

Each year, the club sponsors two female middle schools students in sixth

through eighth grade to attend week-long STEM summer camp at Niagara University in Niagara Falls that focuses on careers in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Some years ago, club members started to notice that young girls often need a push to keep them interested in the STEM fields and the Young Women's STEM Camp award was an obvious solution.

The club will announce the newest award applicants at an event in 2018 at the Challenger Learning Center, where there are simulated NASA space missions run for visitors.

The group also works to engage young girls outside of Zonta who are focusing on the STEM field, particularly when it comes to space.

In January, the club invited 16-year-old Kirsten Bowers to speak at their 2017 Amelia Earhart Recognition Dinner, calling her the "new Amelia Earhart of the 21st Century." Bowers is a high school junior and spent time as the mission operations director commanding the space rovers that were collecting samples of Mars in a 24-hour simulated Mission to Mars at the NASA Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama.



Kirsten said she intends to pursue aerospace engineering as her college major when she graduates high school in June 2018 in the hopes of being the generation of astronauts to initiate the first mission to Mars. The Zonta Club of Niagara Falls promised to stand behind her on the way and invited her to apply for the Amelia Earhart Fellowship if she decides to pursue a Ph. D. in aerospace engineering. <https://www.zonta.org/Local-Action/Local-Service-Advocacy/Detail/zonta-club-of-niagara-falls-pushes-for-young-girls-in-stem>