

ZCOM News

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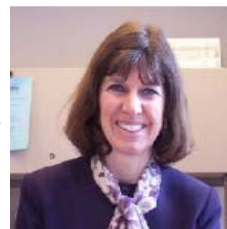


This is the theme of the District 15 Fall Conference coming up October 14-16 at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn, MI. It's an opportunity for you to engage with members from other Zonta Clubs in our district, attend provocative, compelling presentations, and enjoy the

atmosphere and entertainment provided by a first class location.

Every member should have received a registration form in the mail, but you can also register at the District 15 website and view the details about the location, the presenters, and the programs. To get right to the Fall Conference page, paste this URL into your web browser: www.zonta15.org/Fall_Conference_2011_043P.html.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Sharon Mortensen will be one of three presenters on this topic. According to the Fall Conference flyer, their program "will enhance our understanding of domestic violence, the social change necessary to end violence against women, and provide an example of a successful Canadian workplace program to raise awareness of the signs and dynamics of domestic violence and how to safely intervene."



You have only a few weeks to register, buddy up, and carpool to the Fall Conference in Dearborn. Sign up today!

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 4, 11:30 am: Business Meeting, Midland Country Club

October 14-16: District 15 Fall Conference, Dearborn MI

Tuesday, October 18, 5:30 pm: Membership Drive Social Meeting, Midland Country Club

Thursday, October 20, 7:15 am: Board Meeting, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

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Tuesday, November 15, 5:30 am: Social Meeting, Midland Country Club

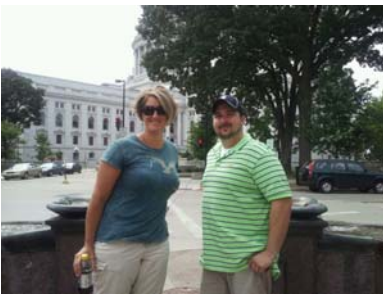
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Member Highlight: Katherine Dollard

Kathy Dollard was born and raised in Charlevoix, Michigan. It was a lovely place to grow up, and it held many possibilities for employment for young people in the summer months. Kathy started working at age 12 as a mother's helper at the Belvedere Club. At age 15, she landed a plum job working at Murdick's Famous Fudge Store, where she can still get a discount to this day. Later, she worked as a Lifeguard and Swim Instructor on Charlevoix's three public beaches.

Kathy graduated high school in 1987 and went to Alma College where she double-majored in Spanish and Psychology. She studied in Spain for one semester and came back with two Spanish guys to spend the summer in Charlevoix with her family! Kathy graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Alma in 1991. Psychology won as a career choice, and now her Spanish is rustier than she would like.



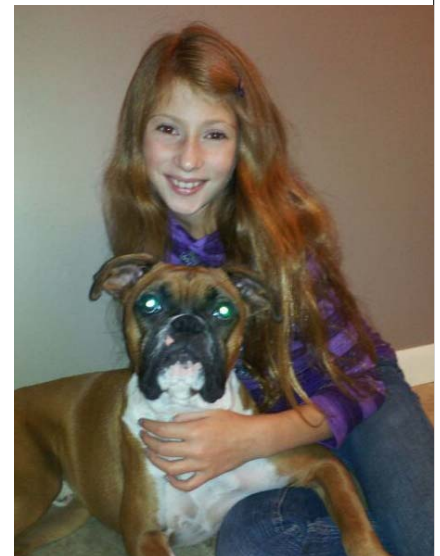
She married her college boyfriend, Ben Dollard, in 1992, and they moved to Midland when Ben started working for Ameriprise Financial (called IDS at the time). Kathy went to work at Community Mental Health as a case manager.

After a few years, she returned to graduate school at Central Michigan University to get her doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology. During that time, she was also active in the Midland Jaycees. Kathy did her final year of graduate work on internship at Wayne State University. She worked downtown Detroit in a clinic for low-income individuals. She also did rotations at a methadone clinic

working with people addicted to heroin; at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry where inmates were assessed to determine competence to stand trial or status as not guilty for reason of insanity; at the Hawthorn Center (a state psychiatric hospital for children); and at the Caro Center (a state psychiatric hospital for adults). After graduating, Kathy worked at Partners in Change, a private psychology practice, for five years.

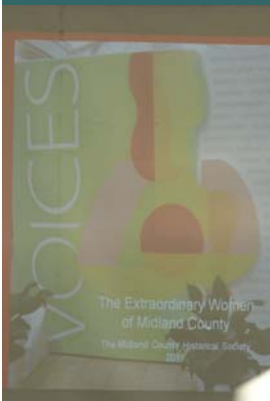
In 2001 Kathy and Ben gave birth to their daughter, Maddie. Maddie is the light of Kathy's life, and at age 10 she is an enthusiastic Chipmunk at Chestnut Hill School and a level V gymnast at the Midland Gymnastics Training Center.

In 2005, Community Mental Health called to ask Kathy if she would like to interview for their outpatient supervisor position. She got the job and made the transition from a flexible private practice schedule to running a busy clinic serving over 1500 people. Although challenging, the change to a supervisory/administrative role was a good one. Kathy was able to help the clinic with instituting several evidence-based practices and has worked with several community partners in promoting recovery from mental illness and substance use disorder. Three years ago, Kathy was promoted to Program Director for Midland County. Work-related activities also include chairing the Midland County Domestic & Sexual Violence Coordinating Council, and chairing the Co-Occurring Leadership Team for Midland County. She is also the past co-chair of the board of the Midland Area Partnership for Drug Free Youth, and incoming chair of the Health and Human Services Council.



On a personal note, Kathy decided to end her marriage two years ago. She is now leading the life of a "cougar" spending her time with a sweet younger man. She spends her spare time running her daughter around, walking her boxer, Bonjo, and spending time with friends. She also enjoys her book club and indulges herself from time to time by watching Bravo TV shows that she knows are likely rotting her brain. Kathy joined the Zonta Club in May of 2004, and was sponsored by Julie Ratcliffe. She is happy to be a member of Zonta because it affords her the opportunity to meet many interesting and successful women. She is on the Services Committee and enjoys seeing the good that the dollars raised by Zonta are doing for the community.

"Voices" of Midland History Heard at Dinner Meeting



Our September dinner meeting program brought past and present together to show how the strength and dedication of Midland County women have impacted the history of our community and future generations.

Nancy Barker introduced Tina Van Dam, the initiator and general chair of the "Voices" exhibit at the Historical Society. Tina explained how contact lists and a vision to give "voice" to women of Midland County evolved into a group of 50 volunteer researchers by the time the project concluded. They were given only 11 months to develop the exhibit, and were given no funding and had no experience. Tina said that having no experience meant they had no fear because they "had no idea how daunting the task was."

Working with Gary Skory, Director of the Midland Historical Society, criteria were developed to standardize the capture of information. They had to teach people how to research legal records, historical documents, newspaper archives, etc. Historically, women have been "invisible" in history because if they appeared in records at all, it's usually as "Mrs. John Smith." This made gathering their stories even more difficult.

Zonta members played major roles in the development of this exhibit and Zonta has a place of its own in the display. Susan Putnam and Wendy Kanar were co-chairs of the Artifacts Committee. Susan explained that Bertha Bailey, one of the women highlighted in the exhibit, is her aunt. Bertha delivered over 4500 babies in the early-to-mid 1900s. Those children were known as "Bertha's babies." The Arifacts Committee was charged with acquiring 3D items relating to the women in the exhibit.

Betty Jones and our own Melissa Barnard were Research Committee co-chairs. They developed the training program to teach volunteers how to acquire the necessary historical data on these amazing women. They wanted to make sure all aspects of life in Midland County's history were represented, from the arts to professions and business, to farms and church life. Along the way, "Hidden Heroines" appeared. These were previously unknown, unsung women who made significant contributions.

Special dinner guests, Maggie Cunningham (portrayed by Randi Kawakita) and Cora Farmer (depicted by Betty Jones), shared their stories with us. Maggie Cunningham (shown at right) spent 5 years from the age of 8 as an indentured servant at a hotel. She worked from dawn to dusk until she was rescued by her half-brother who brought her to Michigan. Maggie was a founding mother of the First Baptist Church in Midland. In 1875 she built a boarding house at the corner of Gordon and Main. She was one of only two women listed on the State Gazeteer as a "woman in business." At the time, Midland was a rough logging town with 13 saloons. It was a very hard life for women and children. Maggie started the first shelterhouse for battered women and orphans and gave them money to escape beyond Midland.

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October Birthdays



Gwen Lang, October 11

Lisa Hulbert, October 12

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Betty Jones as Cora Farmer

Cora Farmer, a soft-spoken woman, was one member of a small "community of color" in Midland in the 1800s. Her mother was an escaped slave from Kentucky who worked at a hotel in Detroit where she met an Englishman who helped her set up a boarding house. In 1900, Cora married Steven, a Delaware Indian who came to Detroit in a covered wagon with his family. In 1901, Cora and Steven moved to Ingersoll Township where Steven built their farmhouse that still stands today. The couple had 7 children. Their farm grew alfalfa and wheat, but Cora's garden grew "everything." Cora canned so much and so well that she taught the neighbors her secrets and shared her bounty with them. One day, Steven bought Cora a buggy that she took out riding whenever she could. Cora was famous for her molasses cookies with a single raisin in the middle. Despite their generosity and willingness to help others, Cora's family experienced prejudice. Her daughter, Frances, won a typing award and instead of giving it to her at the formal ceremony where all the other winners received theirs, they gave it to her in private. Steven was never able to get a full time job and had to settle for part time ones to supplement the farm. Cora closed her presentation by saying, "I don't know that I'd change anything because I think hardship makes you a better person."

After hearing these two voices from the past tell their moving stories, Tina announced that the National Women's Historical Museum wants to partner on a national exhibit. She spotlighted Nancy Barker as a key volunteer who helped bring "Voices" to the public.

There are two upcoming events that are sponsored by "Voices" and Northwood University. At 7 pm on October 4th at Doan Center economist John Blundell presents "Women Who Made a Difference in American History," which highlights the economic contributions of women. On 10/7 Midland's own Cathy Guisewite, creator of the long-running comic strip "Cathy," appears at Midland Center for the Arts at 7:30 pm.

The Zonta Applefest

The signature fundraiser for the Zonta Club of Mt. Pleasant is this coming weekend. It's now considered the largest autumn festival in central Michigan!

WHEN: Saturday, October 1st, 9:30 am until 4 pm

WHERE: Papa's Pumpkin Patch, 3909 S Summerton

WHAT: Arts and crafts (70 vendors), kids' games, corn maze, donuts, and apple desserts including the famous Zonta Apple Delight!

Visit their website for more information: www.zonta15.com/mtpleasant

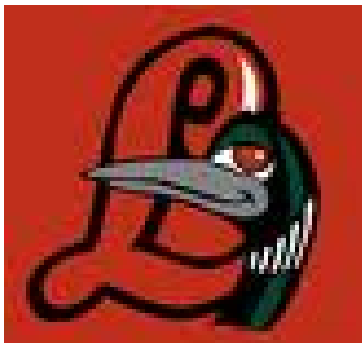
Committee Comments

Fellowship Committee Focuses on Giving Back

This year the Fellowship Committee will be instituting several projects that focus on Zonta giving back to the community. To start us off, the September dinner meeting was the scene of bags and boxes of food that were collected for donation to the local food pantry. Kate Maxwell, Fellowship Chair, thanked everyone for their contributions and generosity.



Service Committee Wins Big with Loons



Maureen Acker, Services Committee Chair, reported that thanks to the efforts of Lisa Orlando and Linda Malekadel, we were able to collect \$2256 from parking cars at the Loons games!!!! Lisa and Linda coordinated the volunteers for each of the days. We could not have done it without them! Thank you to everyone who volunteered to assist with the parking.

Membership Committee Urges You to Bring a Friend to Dinner

The October 18th dinner meeting is a membership drive dinner. The Membership Committee is asking each member to bring one guest. If you know someone who would be a great Zonta member, please let Susan Putnam know so a formal invitation can be sent (Putnam@bbbsheartofmi.org).



The presentations that evening are by Sharon Mortensen and Cynthia Chilcote.

Zonta Club of Midland
Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Zonta President, Cynthia Chilcote. The meeting began with the Zonta Blessing and introductions.

Secretary's Report –The minutes of the June 7, 2010 meeting were presented for approval. Motion to approve as presented by Chandra Morse; supported by Maria Cohoon; approved.

Treasurer's Report – Lynda Putt presented copies of the Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept the report by Sharon Mortensen; supported by Barb Vanderkelen; approved. Note to those Zontians who only paid half dues in the Spring – the balance of dues must be paid on or before Nov 1st, a 10 dollar late fee will be assessed.

Standing Committee Reports

Assimilation/Retention/Rejuvenation (ARR) Committee – Nan Blasy Committee is planning 4 zings this year; October, November, January and March tentative.

Archives Committee - Chair, Jill Van Buskirk No report.

Attendance – Chair, Tammy Swinson No report.

.By-Laws Committee – Chair, Cari Francis No report.

Fellowship Committee – Chair, Kate Maxwell For the next dinner meeting, Zontians will be asked to bring a non perishable item to benefit a local organization. Members are encouraged to inform the fellowship committee about significant events in their lives and the lives of other Zontians. The committee will send out appropriate cards to Zontians. Kate invited others to join the committee as they will be planning the June Social.

Finance/Fundraising Committee – Diane Moomey No report

Homewalk Committee – Co-Chairs, Sue Moody and Cathy Budd Committee has been busy all summer. Six homes have been secured, one out in Beaverton, five in Midland. The rest stop will be Colonial Villa. They are looking at new creative ideas for publicity. At the October dinner meeting, Homewalk tickets will be distributed.

Debbie Stephens reported that sponsorships have already exceeded last year's amount. There are 66 committed sponsors of which 21 are new this year. There are 25 sponsors from last year that have not responded yet and need to be followed-up. The deadline is soon (end of August), it is important to secure sponsors soon so they can take advantage of all the publicity.

Intercity/United Nations Committee - Chair, Chandra Morse The Intercity dinner will be held February 28th next year. The Saginaw and Mt Pleasant Zonta clubs will be invited. The change of date is because the Literacy Council's Greatest Dessert Party will be held the 3rd Tuesday of February. (Zontians volunteer to help at this event) We still have yellow rose cards for sale. We had three applicants for the Jane Klausman Scholarship this year.

Organization Membership/Classification - Chair, Susan Putnam The committee's number one goal is to recruit new members. Susan mentioned that the Zonta International Headquarters are located in Oakbrook Illinois just outside Chicago. New member recruitment drive will be at the October Dinner. There is a form on each table for Zontians to list people to invite. Susan implored each member come up with at least one name. We each know at least one person who would make a great Zontian

Public Relations and Communications - Debbie Stephens Local, district and international goals are to promote Zonta to increase membership and fundraising. Yellow books are printed and ready for those of us that ordered one. Yellow books are \$8 each and a few extra are available. The Yellow book is also online.

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Status of Women in Service/Legislation/Advocacy – Chair, Maureen Acker The Service committee has a set amount money to grant and they will meet and review requests throughout the year. Also, the committee oversees volunteer opportunities such as the dessert party. Parking for the loons was one activity last year, approx. \$2000 was raised. Thanks to Lisa Orlando and Linda Malekadelo who organized this activity.

Ways and Means – Chair Diane Moomey Funds raised by the Ways and Means committee are used for our club to send President and Vice President to International and are used to pay \$100 to Zontians who go to the Fall Conference. There will be a raffle basket for the Fall conference and donations will be solicited at the next few meetings. The Fall Conference will be Oct. 14-16, and is a good time to connect with Zontians in our district. This year Human Trafficking in the State of Michigan will be featured as well as fun activities.

Parliamentarian – Kate Maxwell No report.

Nominating Committee/Past President – Esther Seaver No report

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Dinner Dance ZING with Kiwassee Kiwanis - Sharon Mortensen Zonta and the Kiwanis already collaborate, we buy nuts and candy from them before the Holidays and we sell Homewalk tickets at one of their meetings. They want their dinner dance to be a larger event this year and would like to collaborate with us. It will be for singles or couples and will possibly be held on March the 31st. As far as being a fundraiser, we might divide proceeds or together find a cause to jointly donate the proceeds to. Zontians will be asked to sell tickets. If we make money that will be great, this is a chance to work with another organization in the community.

Dollar Announcements

Nan has a new grandson.

She also announced the Fall session at the Midland Community Center beginning, she instructs the Jackie's Aerobics 6pm on Wednesdays.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Mary Hart.

Upcoming Events

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| Sept. 20 | Dinner meeting, 5:30 – 8:00 pm, Midland Country Club (MCC)

Program: “Voices - Extraordinary Women of Midland County” and Zonta’s role in shaping history |
| Sept. 15 | Board meeting, 7:15 am, BBBS conference room |
| Oct. 4 | Business meeting luncheon, 11:30 – 1:00 pm, MCC |
| Oct. 14-16 | District 15 Fall Conference, Dearborn Inn, Dearborn MI |
| Oct. 18 | Dinner meeting, 5:30 – 8:00 pm, MCC

Program: Membership Drive (Invite potential members to attend; club pays for meal)

Program: Domestic Violence Awareness Month presentation by Sharon Mortensen, Exec. Director, Shelterhouse; “Service in Zonta – Make An Impact”, Cynthia Chilcote, President, ZCOM. |
| Oct. 20 | Board meeting, 7:15 am, BBBS conf. rm (time tentative) |
| Nov. 1 | Business meeting luncheon, 11:30 – 1:00 pm, MCC |
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Program: "Become a Social Butterfly: Social Media for Zontians" (presenters TBA)

Nov. 17 Board meeting, 7:15 am, BBBS conference room

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Seaver, Acting Secretary