

# ZCoM News

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District 15 Area

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## Homewalk 2012 a Shining Success



Ann Beck and Sue Moody, the 2012 Homewalk Committee Co-chairs are all smiles because this year's Homewalk was a rousing success. Homewalk weekend saw the highest home attendance average since 2006.

While the revenue numbers won't be reported until the January business meeting, the attendance numbers are in. 2012 beat 2011 average attendance by 12 with Dow Gardens as the best-attended rest stop in a very long time with 455.

Ann and Sue took turns thanking the many volunteers who make this event happen. In addition to all the Zonta members who served as hostesses and head hostesses, there were 55 non-Zonta volunteers who helped staff the homes. The Afterglow dinner had many of these non-member volunteers in attendance to celebrate the outcome they helped create.

Special thanks went out to the head hostesses: Esther Seaver, Sharon Miller, Diane Moomey, Cathy Budd, Cynthia Chilcote, Sharon Mortensen, Rhonda Anderson, Maureen Acker, Cari Francis, Megan Granda, Cindy Vickery and Lisa Hulbert. In addition to her head hostess duties, Lisa staffed the entire Toboggan Run home and even sent a couple of her volunteers to another home.

Words of appreciation expressed thank-you to: Lynda Putt for tracking sales and expenses; Sandy Weimer who coordinated the homeowner gifts, safety, map for tickets, and traffic flow in the homes; Sharon Mortensen and Lisa Hulbert who recruited our decorators; Patty Aspin for her write-ups for the tickets and hostesses; Megan Granda, Cindy Vickery, and Casey Pincumbe for generating \$18,225 in sponsorships (Casey also served as decorator for the Toboggan Run home); Rhonda Anderson and Elizabeth Lumbert for all the publicity using a variety of media sources from billboards to Facebook; Esther Seaver for recruiting and coordinating 130 volunteers and 12 head hostesses; Melissa Anderson who worked with QRP to format the tickets, posters, advertisements, and thank-you signs; Diane Moomey and Cathy Budd for distributing and collecting tickets; Carole Calvert-Baxter who coordinated the refreshments from LaLonde's and Grounds for a Better World at the Dow Gardens rest stop and covered the purchase of additional food and coffee due to the large attendance there. Diane Moomey received a special kudo for appearing at Wake Up Midland dressed as a Christmas Tree.



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### ALERT!

**JANUARY MEETINGS OCCUR ONE WEEK LATER THAN USUAL DUE TO THE 1ST BEING A TUESDAY.**

**LUNCH MEETING: 1/8**

**DINNER MEETING: 1/22**



## Santa and Friends Visit Shelterhouse



The Clauses with Shelterhouse Christmas volunteers: standing L to R: Carol Arnosky, Lynnea McCargar, Jill VanderZouwen, Sandy Weimer; seated between the guests of honor: Becky Wieland.

This year's Shelterhouse Christmas had tables loaded down with gifts for children of all ages, a miniature petting zoo with bunnies, a cat, and a dog, Jewels the Clown making balloon creations for the children, treats to eat, and, of course, the man of the hour: Santa Claus.

Members from the Zonta Club of Midland helped children and parents "shop" the gift tables for that special item; they manned the wrapping stations for children and adults; and they coordinated the pictures with Santa.



Maria Cohoon again coordinated all the ZCoM volunteers and sends this message to everyone who participated:

*"To all the Volunteers for the Shelter House Christmas party, I want to say - thank you, thank you, thank you.*

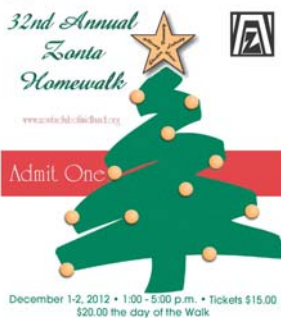
*It could not have happened without you!!!! As usual it was a great success, and such a rewarding evening. What fun it was to watch the children's faces light up as they shopped, and how grateful the Moms were.*

*Again, thank you for being there when you were needed.*

*Merry Christmas to All"*



## Homewalk 2012 a Shining Success (continued from Page 1)



Sue thanked the members who accepted her challenge to sell more than the required 6 tickets. The top 3 ticket sellers were Cathy Budd who sold 28, Sharon Mortensen —14, and Maureen Acker — 11. These numbers are in addition to their initial 6 tickets. All members who sold above and beyond had their names put in a drawing for a beautiful goodie basket decorated by Casey Pincumbe. The winner of the basket was Kathy Dollard.

Another Homewalk is in the history books, a tired committee and its co-chairs take a well-deserved bow, and the Zonta Club of Midland will be able to provide more scholarships to help local women achieve their goals. We did it again!

## On to the Auction!



Now that Homewalk 2012 is history, the focus is on the April Auction as our next fundraiser. The annual auction raises money that goes to support both the Convention Fund and the Service Fund. The Convention Fund sends our club president and 1st vice-president to International Conference every other year as well as covering a portion of any member's costs to the Spring Workshop and/or Fall Conference. The monies in the Service Fund go toward our ZI contribution and local service projects. (See following article for an example of our service dollars at work.)

The Ways and Means Committee is already working on acquiring auction items. They need your help to build a great catalog of gifts that will raise the most money for our club. As you're cleaning up after the holidays, save those baskets and "special" gifts that you really don't have a place for in your home. If you have a special talent that you'd be willing to sell at auction, please contact anyone on the Ways and Means Committee. If you know of someone who'd be willing to donate a service or gift card or tangible item, please share with the committee. (Ways and Means Committee members are: Sandy Weimer, Chandra Morse, Ann Beck, Linda Malekadel, Maureen Acker, and Colette St. Louis.)

Thank you to Casey Mallek who snagged a hot-air balloon ride as one of our prizes!

Trudy Grimason will once again be our auctioneer. She usually donates a couple of furs to the cause, so stay tuned for information on that.

Sandy Weimer's car will be available at most meetings between now and April 16th, so fill 'er up!



### - Our Service Dollars at Work -

#### Caregiving Network Presentation at January Dinner Meeting



Tom VanderZouwen, Director of the Caregiving Network, will be the guest speaker at the Zonta dinner meeting on January 22d.

The Caregiving Network is one of the agencies that has received service dollars from our club and Tom will share how our donation is used. The agency helps families with food, clothing, household items, and other basic life needs. Its food pantry assists about 25 families each week. Caregiving Network, Inc. provides for the spiritual, emotional, and financial needs of individuals and families in emergency financial situations.

**At the request of the Service committee, members attending the meeting on 1/22 are asked to bring personal hygiene items like toothpaste and brushes, soap, deodorant, and the like, to give to Tom for his agency. Please make a note so we can make sure Tom leaves with a lot of goodies.**

## A “Golden” Opportunity!



Zonta Club of Midland members will soon have an opportunity to mentor Northwood University (NU) students as they develop into business leaders. The ZCOM board recently approved the development of a Golden Z club, an affiliated college-level club, on the Midland campus of NU.

The new club will offer college students an opportunity to develop leadership and communication skills while mentoring with Zonta members who are professionals and business women. Other benefits to Golden Z members at NU will include:

- International understanding of issues impacting women
- Understanding of career alternatives through exposure to area business women
- Opportunity to represent NU and Zonta within the local community through service projects
- Enhanced college transcripts through community service
- Fellowship and a sense of belonging with like-minded students

“This is the beginning of a great relationship between the Zonta Club of Midland and Northwood University,” says Cynthia Chilcote, chair of the board’s Golden Z Committee. “We specifically chose Northwood because it is an international business school right here in Midland. And their commitment to community service makes them a perfect partner for Zonta. It’s a win-win for the organizations *and* for the community. Zontians will get to share their business and leadership experience with students as they develop service projects that advance the mission of Zonta International.”

Zonta International’s Z and Golden Z program began in 1948, and is one of the organization’s longest-running programs. With the help of experienced Zonta sponsors, who provide resources, information and guidance, Z (high school level) and Golden Z club (college level) members work to improve their society and the world. Clubs plan, organize, and participate in unique activities designed to meet the needs of members, their schools and the community, while emphasizing an international outlook and strong international relations. There are currently more than 214 Z and Golden Z clubs in 17 countries around the world.

In addition to mentoring and leadership opportunities, sponsoring a Golden Z club will allow local Zontians a chance to:

- gain new perspective on women’s issues through the eyes of college-age students
- increase awareness of Zonta in the local community and the broader community of an international business school
- expand community impact through targeted Golden Z events/service projects
- expand our volunteer base in the community
- develop a better understanding/relationship with Zonta International and District 15

Under the agreement, NU will provide club coordination through Director of Student Life, Teresa Sullivan, and ZCOM member Rhonda Anderson will serve as faculty advisor. The Golden Z Committee plans to begin the application process for a club charter with Zonta International in January.



**Zonta Club of Midland  
Business Meeting Minutes - Proposed  
November 6, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Zonta Board First Vice President, Cathy Budd. The meeting began with the Zonta Blessing and introductions.

Cal Hoeneman was visiting from the Kiwassee Kiwanis club to introduce his candy & nut sale fundraiser.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report** - The minutes of the last meeting are available in the newsletter. Motion to approve by Maria Cohoon; supported by Kate Maxwell; approved.

**Treasurer's Report** - Lynda Putt. Budget summaries are on the table. Report is available. Half-year dues are due today. Motion to approve by Linda Malekadel, supported by Barb VanderKelen ; approved.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Assimilation/Retention/Rejuvenation (ARR)** – Lisa Hulbert passed around an interest survey for ideas for events; members are asked to complete and return.

**Archives** – Esther Seaver. No report.

**Attendance** – Harriet Stopiak. No report.

**Bylaws** – Cathy Budd. No report.

**Fellowship/Awards** – Lisa Miner. At the November meeting we will have a purse extravaganza for an icebreaker. More information to come.

**Finance** – Cathy Budd. No Report.

**Homewalk** – Sue Moody and Ann Beck. Tickets can be provided if you missed them. Sell more than 6 name and be entered in a drawing. They need all of the brochures back because of a printing error. Sell tickets. Great job on sponsorship sales. Sign up for a house to host – we need volunteers.

**United Nations/Intercity** – Cari Francis. No report.

**Organization, Membership and Classification** – Sharon Mortensen welcomed four new members approved last month: Carol Arnosky, Patti Tuma, Janine Ouderkirk, and Kathy Swarhout. The membership drive is on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. Please list others who may be interested on sheet and the committee will follow up with the invitation. Send RSVPs for your guests back to Sharon and please follow up for the RSVPs.

**Public Relations/Newsletter** - Debbie Stephens. The committee is working with a local freelance writer on a feature story highlighting past scholarship winners, fundraising, etc. This will be in press in the next week to 10 days.

**Status of Women Service/Advocacy** - Maria Cohoon reported on the upcoming Shelterhouse Christmas party on December 17th at Eagle Ridge church on Waldo. She has and will email a sheet with gift ideas. Sign up for attendance at the event. Please consider donating 4x6 frames for photos from Santa.

**Ways & Means** - Colette. Window clings are \$5 each; sold at fall conference along with rose cards. Contact Colette for clings.

**Parliamentarian**- Esther Seaver. No report.

**Golden Z Club** – Cynthia Chilcote. No report.

**Nominating/Immediate Past President** – Cynthia Chilcote. No report.

**Speaker:** Chris Chesney, MidMichigan Health Vice President for Home Care and Long Term Care and coordinator of government relations. Presented an overview of MidMichigan Health and its recent partnership with Univ. of Michigan. Vision is to be an integrated system providing seamless care with goals to: be a natural leader in quality, grow services and enhance collaboration and physician integration, bring culture of quality and teamwork to employees, operational excellence.

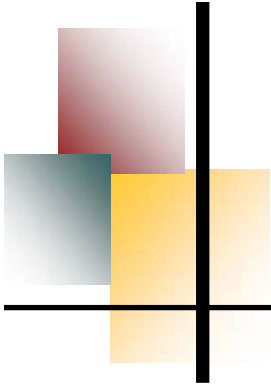
**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**DOLLAR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

50/50 Raffle was won by Lisa Hulbert.

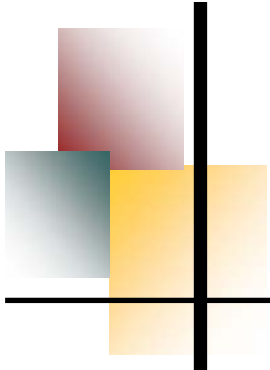
The meeting closed at 12:43 pm.



# JANUARY 2013

| Sun | Mon   | Tue   | Wed | Thu                                   | Fri  | Sat  |
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|     |                          | <b>HAPPY<br/>NEW<br/>YEAR !!</b>  | 2   | 3                                     | 4  | 5  |
| 6   | 7   | 8 11:30 am<br>Business Mtg<br><br>New member<br>induction   | 9   | 10                                    | 11   | 12   |
| 13  | 14 <b>NOTICE:</b><br>New member<br>orientation @<br>Nancy Barker's<br>5:30 pm                             | 15<br>Cathy Budd<br>   | 16  | 17 7:15 am<br>Board Meeting<br>@ MACF | 18   | 19<br>Sharon<br>Mortensen<br> |
| 20  | 21<br>Patty Aspin<br>  | 22 5:30 pm<br>Caregiving Net-<br>work speaker<br>Nancy<br>Barker<br> | 23  | 24                                    | 25<br>Alisha Toyzan<br> | 26   |
| 27  | 28<br>Kate Maxwell<br> | 29  | 30  | 31                                    |  |  |





# FEBRUARY 2013

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| 3   | 4   | 5 11:30 am<br>Business Mtg<br><br>Budget<br>Presentation  | 6   | 7                                  | 8   | 9   |
| 10  | 11  | 12<br><b>WORLD'S<br/>GREATEST<br/>DESSERT<br/>PARTY</b>   | 13  | 14                                 | 15  | 16  |
| 17  | 18<br>Jill<br>VanderZouwen<br> | 19 5:30PM<br><b>INTERCITY<br/>DINNER</b>  | 20  | 21 7:15am<br>Board Meeting<br>MACF | 22  | 23  |
| 24  | 25  | 26<br>Tammy Swin-<br>son<br> | 27  | 28                                 |     |     |

# MARCH 2013

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| 3<br>Nan Blasy<br> | 4   | 5 11:30 am<br>Business Mtg<br>Cindy Vickery<br> | 6   | 7  | 8  | 9<br>Jill VanBuskirk<br> |
| 10  | 11<br>Jennifer Parks<br> | 12   | 13<br>Ann Beck<br>                                       | 14<br>Jenny Kendrick<br> | 15   | 16  |
| 17  | 18  | 19 5:30 pm<br>Social Meeting   | 20  | 21 7:15am<br>Board Meeting<br>MACF   | 22<br>Mary Hart<br>Patti Tuma<br> | 23  |
| 24<br>31  | 25<br>Diane Moomey<br>   | 26   | 27<br>Melissa Grzegorz-<br>czyk, Linda Lan-<br>grill<br> | 28   | 29   | 30  |