

# ZCoM News



Zonta Club of Midland

DECEMBER 2014

## Gettin' the Glow On

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Homewalk co-Chairs, Elizabeth Lumbert and Denise Avery were all smiles at the Afterglow party held Tuesday, December 9th, at Carol Arnosky's Scrapbooks Galore & More store. The evening gathering celebrated another successful scholarship-funding Homewalk and provided an opportunity for Zontians to thank the many volunteers recruited for the event.

A table laden with lots of tasty treats from appetizers to trifle and a well-stocked beverage selection offered everyone a filling dinner. As people moved down the table making their selections, they had the opportunity to read the 2014 Homewalk stats, which ended with Elizabeth's observation that Zonta welcomed guests 5,791 times.

Home Guest Totals			
	Saturday Total	Sunday Total	Grand Total
Dome/Bogan Home	481	491	972
Farmhouse/Wahl Home	494	470	964
Eastman/Noesen Home	464	434	898
Cardinal/Stephan Home	440	437	877
Pinehaven/Malone Home	469	352	821
E. Monroe/Kempf Home	425	390	815
Rest Stop	193	251	444

When you add up all these numbers, we had the opportunity to welcome guests **5,791 times** over front door thresholds!

The full Homewalk report will be presented at the January dinner meeting. Up to twelve \$2000 scholarships could be awarded in 2015 depending on the number of qualified applicants' submissions. The winner of the "most tickets sold" prize will be announced at the dinner meeting, too.



**There's no business meeting in January.**



### Upcoming Dinner Presentations

- ◆ 1/20: Kay Wagner "Humor and Taking Care of Yourself"
- ◆ 2/17: Intercity dinner
- ◆ 3/17: Women in Leadership panel

# President's Message



Hello Zontians,

Warm holiday greetings to all of you! As we approach the new year, we have some great programs and activities to allow us to continue to advance the status of women.

We work to align our work with Zontians around the world. We may want to have discussions on ideas we can do locally to help with these areas of focus:

- Engaging in economic empowerment of women,
- Promoting education of women with a focus on traditionally male-dominated fields,
- Working to ensure access to quality health care for women,
- Supporting young women who have a commitment to service and leadership, and
- Working to end violence against women.

As a reminder, we do not have a business meeting in January. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 20, as we welcome Kay Wagner from MidMichigan who will spend some time looking at the value of humor and the importance of caring for ourselves.

We do have a great line-up of dinner programs as we finish the Zonta year. We'll enjoy the Intercity dinner, a presentation on women in leadership, the spring auction and a presentation by our scholarship winners.

In addition, we look forward to helping nonprofit organizations through grants overseen by the service committee. We're also excited to engage in some advocacy efforts. And we will continue to support the Golden Z Club at Northwood University.

As we finish out the month, I again want to thank our Homewalk chairs, Elizabeth Lumbert and Denise Avery, for their wonderful leadership of Homewalk. Also, thanks to the entire Homewalk team for their effort pulling off another successful event making possible all the great work we do including scholarships to women and grants to nonprofits in the community.

Have a wonderful start to the new year!

Yours in Zonta Service,

Sharon Mortensen



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# Zonta Spirit Shines at Shelterhouse Christmas Party



Maria Cohoon with volunteer Hailey

The 2014 Shelterhouse Christmas Party had a little something for everyone: a potluck dinner, caroling, gifts for parents and children, a petting zoo with dogs, a bunny, a pigeon, and a very large duck, family portraits, and, of course, the man of the hour, Santa Claus.

The Zonta Club of Midland provided several volunteers at this annual event. Coordinated by Maria Cohoon, volunteers help with crafts, gift-selection and wrapping, and taking pictures with Santa. Our president, Sharon Mortensen, provided piano accompaniment for carolers.



Carolers workin' the magic with Sharon Mortensen at the piano.

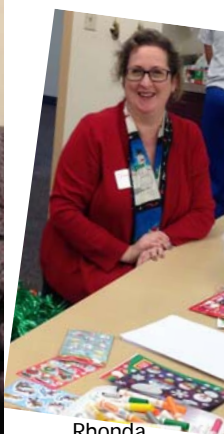
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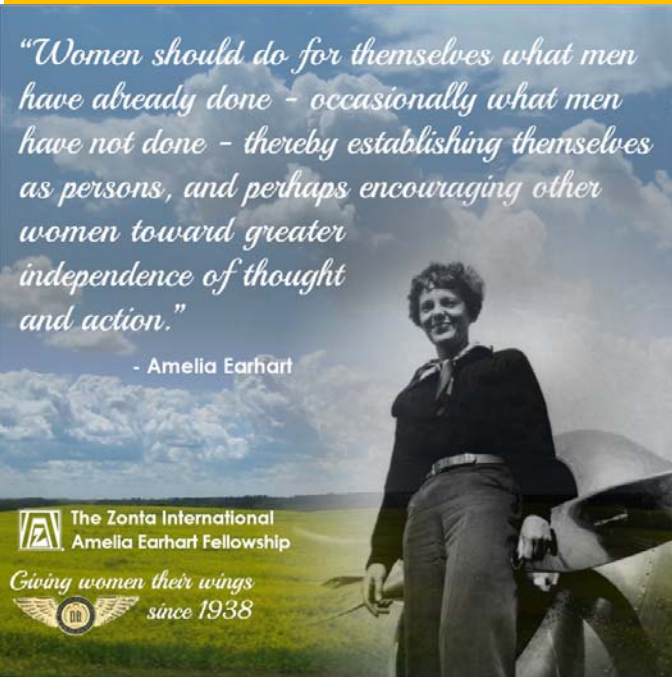


Jenny Kendrick



Ashleigh Summers welcomed Ainsley Kaye Summers to the world on 11/20/14 at 6:13 pm weight 6 lbs 14 oz.

# January is Amelia Earhart Month



January 11th is Amelia Earhart Day, but this famed pilot and Zontian is celebrated throughout January. Zonta International has several tools available to secure donations to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund, raise awareness of the fellowship, and encourage members to start conversations about the importance of her legacy. Visit [www.zonta.org/AEFellowship](http://www.zonta.org/AEFellowship) to learn more.



# Auction is in the Air


Homewalk 2014 is in the books, the holiday season will soon be over, and January doldrums are waiting to set in. What can you do to brighten your days? Clean closets, cupboards, and countertops in search of treasures for our April Auction! January and February are great months to clean basements, too.

If you received a Christmas gift that isn't really what you had in mind, have gently-used small appliances you no longer use, or have a stash of gift baskets you'd like out of your way, bring them to any meeting between now and the auction and put them in Sandy's car.

The money earned from the April Auction is used to fund education for club leadership, Fall Conference and Spring Workshops, and attendance for the president and 1st vice-president at International Conference. Your donations make it happen. It's a win-win for everyone: you get space to put new stuff, the bidders have a ball, and the Club gets funding.

So, let's fill up Sandy's car!





**\*\*\* REMINDER \*\*\***

**Be sure to put your checkbook or cash in your purse for Tuesdays' meetings if you'd like a meal. The cost for lunch is \$15 and dinners are \$25.**



# Homewalk in Pictures



**Zonta Club of Midland**  
**Business Meeting Minutes – Proposed**  
 Tuesday December 2, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 by Zonta Club President, Sharon Mortensen. The meeting began with the Zonta blessing and introductions.

**Secretary's Report. Beverly McCray.** November meeting minutes were approved. Moved by Pam Nagel. Supported by Nancy Barker.

**Treasurer's Report. Karla Oldenburg.** The treasurer's report was reviewed. Moved by Linda Malekadeli. Supported by Jenny Kendrick.

**Advocacy. Nicki Smith.** We are in the 16 Days of Activism. There will be signs in the Homewalk homes promoting that.

**ARR. Carol Arnosky.** No Report.

**Archives. Rhonda Anderson.** No report.

**Attendance. Deb Miller.** No Report.

**Bylaws. Ann Beck.** No Report.

**Finance/Fundraising. Ann Beck.** No Report.

**Fellowship/Awards. Nan Blasy.** Nan thanked the club members for the food donations to the Open Door. She asked for June social ideas.

**Golden Z Club. Megan Granda.** No Report.

**Homewalk. Elizabeth Lumbert & Denise Avery.** More volunteers are needed for Homewalk. Each table has volunteer sign-up sheets. Members needing more tickets to sell can get them from Carol Arnosky. There are other area organizations doing homewalks also. Zonta has been holding Homewalks for 34 years. Elizabeth Lumbert promoted the Homewalk in an interview on the Art Lewis radio show. This year's Afterglow is December 9 at 6:00 at Scrapbooks Galore and More. Members and guest hostesses are invited. Bring an appetizer and your choice of drink.

**Membership. Jennifer Chappel & Christin Petroski. Susan Putnam.** No Report.

**Public Relations/Newsletter. Colette St. Louis.** Please contact Colette with member news that should be shared with club members. She will put it in the newsletter. Other members of the committee are Cynthia Chilcote, Jenny Kendrick, and Ashleigh Summers.

**Status of Women Service. Jill VanderZowen.** Maria Cohoon is looking for volunteers to help out December 15 at the Shelterhouse Christmas part which will be held at the Eagle Ridge Church. Volunteers are asked to be there at 5:30.

**United Nations/Intercity. Kathy Swarthout.** No Report.

**Ways & Means Lynda Putt.** Donations for the April auction can be brought to the January 21 dinner meeting. The vehicle to put the donations in will be outside.

**Parliamentarian. Diane Moomey.** No Report.

**Nominating/Immediate Past President. Cathy Budd.** No Report.

**Unfinished Business**

Kim Bruce, Shelterhouse Director of Advocacy & Volunteer Coordinator spoke on the impact of Zonta donations to them. Our donations helped to fund lock changes, GOTR, Transportation, the SANE program and the Shelterhouse Christmas party.



**New Business**

District Update Lisa Hulbert let the members know that they will be receiving emails from Zonta International.

The opening date for scholarships is December 1. Up to 12 scholarships will be awarded.

Closing

\$36 from the 50-50 Raffle was won by Kathy Swarthout.

## Dollar Announcements

Bonnie Westervelt thanked the members for a warm welcome back. There is a Ruby Ribbon event at the H Hotel Sunday 10:00 – 4:00 in the Platinum Room.

Pam Nagel has samples from Dove Chocolate Discoveries today and there will be samples to try at the Homewalk rest stop.

Nicki Smith shared that the Safe & Sound fundraiser, Art & Advocacy is Dec 12 at Dow Diamond.

Carol congratulated Sharon Mortensen for being the Grand Marshall of the Santa Parade.

Sue Kleinhans daughter is accepted to The University of Toledo Medical School.

Elizabeth Lumbert shared that the Dow Gardens Christmas walk is this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Nan Blasy's son is the new Chief of Staff at the Saginaw VA Hospital.

Beverly McCray is selling raffle tickets for the Junior Achievement Raffle.

Important Dates

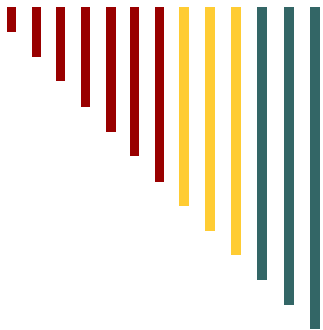
December 2	11:30a m	Business Meeting	Midland Country Club
December 6-7		Homewalk	
December 9	6:00pm	Afterglow	Scrapbooks Galore and More
December 15	5:00pm	Shelterhouse Christmas Party	Eagle Ridge Church of God
January 8	7:15am	Board Meeting	Midland Area Community Foundation
January 20	5:30pm	Social Meeting – Kay Wagner: Humor and Taking Care of Yourself	Midland Country Club
February 3	11:30a m	Business Meeting	Midland Country Club
February 12	7:15am	Board Meeting	Midland Area Community Foundation
February ?		Intercity Dinner	TBD
March 3	11:30a m	Business Meeting	Midland Country Club
March 12	7:15am	Board Meeting	Midland Area Community Foundation
March 17	5:30pm	Social Meeting – Women in Leadership: Speakers TBD	Midland Country Club

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40.



Respectfully Submitted

Beverly McCray

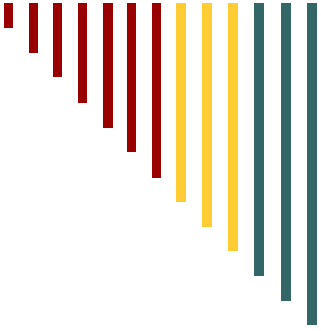
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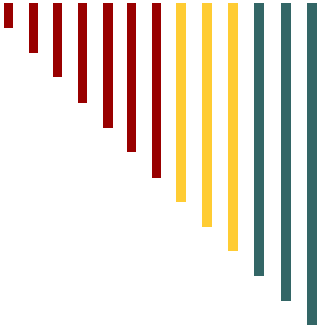
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4	5	6 No Business Meeting this month	7	8 Board Meeting @ MACF, 7:15am	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				Cathy Budd & Karly Oldenberg 		
18	19	20 Dinner Meeting, 5:30 @ MCC Kay Wagner	21	22	23	24
	Sharon Mortensen 	Beth O'Laughlin 	Patty Aspin 	Nancy Barker 		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Alicia Toyzan 						












# February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Business Meeting 11:30 @ MCC	4 Megan Farrell 	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Board Meeting @ MACF, 7:15am	13	14
15	16	17 InterCity Dinner	18 Jill VanderZouwen 	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Tammy Swinson 	27	28 Trish Steele 



# March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Business Meeting 11:30 @ MCC	4	5	6	7
		Nan Blasy 				
8	9	10	11	12 Board Meeting @ MACF, 7:15am	13	14
			Jennifer Chapel 		Ann Beck 	Jenny Kendrick 
15	16	17 Dinner Meeting, 5:30 @ MCC Women in Leadership	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Mary Hart Patti Tuma 	Sarah Delahanty 		Diane Moomey 		Linda Langrill 	
29	30	31				