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EMPOWERING WOMEN
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21 – Social Meeting, 6 PM

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4 – Business Meeting, NOON

18 – Auction

Social Meeting, 6 PM

May

2 – Business Meeting, NOON

16 – Social Meeting, 6 PM

June

6 – Business Meeting, NOON

20 – June Social at Lumbar Baron's

Greetings Zontians,

We started the New Year with a dinner meeting that included a series of round tables discussions so we could better understand our members and their needs. Because of the weather some members were not able to attend, so we will send an electronic survey to all members soliciting their input. We will share the results at the dinner meeting on March 21.

The topics we are asking for your input on include advocacy, fundraising, homework, membership commitment and overall membership. As a club our purpose and vision will not change, but how we go about fulfilling the mission will evolve. This year's increased advocacy efforts is a great example of the club "evolving".

We look forward to sharing what we learned in March and using this information to plan for 2017-18. As always we will work together to fulfill the vision of Zonta International:

Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

We strive to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health, and professional status of women at the global and local level through service and advocacy.

Rhonda

Rhonda Anderson, President



International Women's Day – March 8 – Rose Day



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL: 30,000 members in 66 countries working together to improve the lives of women and girls.

Zonta International Rose Day

Celebrate by honoring inspirational women

zonta.org/donate #ZontaRoseDay

**ROSE
DAY**
8 MARCH



**ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL
FOUNDATION**

In honor of International Women's Day each year on March 8, the Zonta International Foundation celebrates Rose Day.

To show your appreciation to the women you admire, who will stand beside you in your endeavors, make a donation to the Rose Fund in their honor.

Your donation to the Rose Fund enables Zonta to continue supporting projects and programs that help women achieve a life free of violence and empower them to overcome gender barriers that hinder their access to health, education, and professional resources.

The campaign runs through March 3. To make your donation to the Rose Fund, go to zonta.org/donate.

Why a Yellow Rose as the Flower of Zonta?

The beauty of a yellow rose has been a favorite Zonta symbol for over thirty years. The Zonta Rose was introduced at the 1984 Sydney Convention, as a living

symbol of Zonta International. Since 1999, the Zonta Rose has serviced as a symbol of Zonta Rose day on March 8, the same day as the International Women's Day. The Zonta Rose is used as a symbol of friendship. The Zonta Rose is registered internationally and also is known as Bright Lites in the United States.

Induction of Three New Members

Midland Club, among the largest Zonta Clubs in the world

ZONTA CODE

I pledge myself to uphold and practice the ideals of Zonta.

To honor my work and consider it an opportunity for service.

To increase the measure of that service by consistent self-improvement.

To contribute by study and action to the improvement of the legal, political, economic, and professional status of women.

To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of executive women in business and the professions, united in the ideal of service.

To keep ever before me the best of all creeds: Whatsoever ye would that people should do unto you, do even so unto them.





Letha Domina

sponsor Julie Dopp

Letha was born in Gladwin and moved to Midland when she was nine years old and has lived here ever since. She was just married for the first time four years ago. She met her husband when we both worked at Dow. She is a retired Chemical Technologist with twenty-five years at Dow Chemical. She does volunteer work with two committees at her church: St. Johns Lutheran.

Shawna Ruple

sponsor Jennifer Chappel

Shawna is from Saginaw, and studied medicine at MSU. Shawna and her husband completed residency training in South Carolina and Louisiana. In 2015, Shawna and her family returned to the Great Lakes Bay Region. She is a practicing OBGYN at MidMichigan OB/GYN, where she has recently become a partner. Shawna wants to make this region a wonderful place for her daughters to grow up.

Michele Horstman

sponsor Sharon Mortensen

Michele moved to Midland seven years ago to be near family. She grew-up in Jackson. Michele has worked for Consumers Energy for twenty-five years. As an Energy Advisor, she promotes energy efficiency in the northeast part of Michigan. In her free time Michele enjoys spending time with and caring for her Dad. Walking, biking, hiking, skiing, rollerblading, and new adventures are where she goes to get rejuvenated.

Zonta keeps giving!

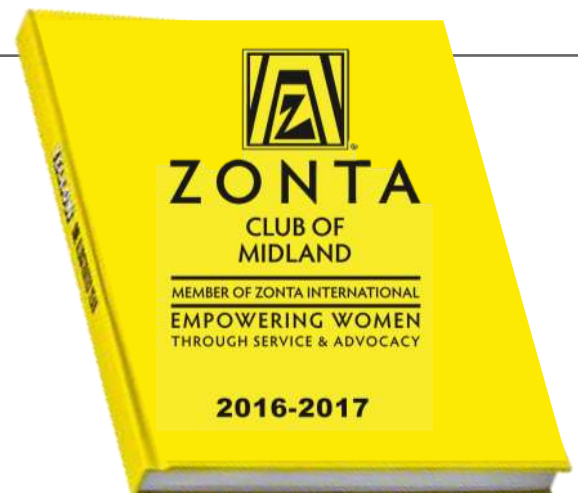
Scholarships and Grants to be awarded, \$20,000 in total

will be awarded in local service grants. The Status of Women/Services committee will be very busy reviewing the grant requests over the next month and will bring their recommendations to the club early in the spring.

Yellow Book

Available for Purchase

You asked for it - and it's back - the Yellow Book. Once again you can have all the important Zonta info at your fingertips - including our bylaws, club policies, committee lists, and, of course, our membership information and pictures. Get your copy for just \$8 at meetings for the rest of the 2016-17 season. Do you know the website password? The Homewalk participation requirements? Purchase a copy of the Yellow Book!



Auction Items Needed

Preparations underway for Annual April Auction

We are collecting many wonderful items for the auction this year, on April 18. Make sure to watch the Zonta Club of Midland website to see pictures of many of the items as the auction gets closer. Be thinking about which of the fabulous items you would like to place

your bids! A complete list will be sent out the evening before the auction. If you have additional items you would like to donate, please contact Kristi Bower for delivery options, at kristi@ieuter.com



Special Events

Several area events, future and past

District 15 Area Spring Workshops, 9 AM - 3 PM, \$30

- April 22 - Area 1 & 2: Petoskey
- April 29 - Area 3 & 4: Novi

9:00 AM - Registration

9:30 AM - Welcome and Introductions

10:00 AM - Governors Report

10:10 AM - Membership Report

10:30 AM - Treasurer Made Easy

11:45 AM - Lunch / Brunch

12:45 PM - Transitioning your officers

1:00 PM - Technology Update

2:00 PM - Nominating Committee report

2:45 PM - Evaluations & Wrap up

3:00 PM - Adjourn

Zonta International Convention

- 2018 - Yokohama, Japan
- 2020 - Chicago, IL



ZONTA ZING!*

On March 15, drop-in 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM, for Cuppa Joe & Conversation at Live Oak Coffeehouse, 711 Eastman

Upcoming Zings

- April and May events, TBD
- Loons game in June

Past Zings

- Dow Tennis Classic on February 2 with Dinner and Tennis Match
- Hearthside Wine & Game Night on January 24 with "The Game of Things"

What's a ZING...?

ZONTA Informal Networking Group



Members of Zonta Club of Midland volunteering at the Shelterhouse Christmas party on December 8.

(L-R) Lucy Pagan, Sandy Weimer, Phyllis McGinnis, Becky Keil, Mrs. Claus, Santa Claus, Maria Cohoon, and Becky Wieland (Photo/Lucy Pagan)

District News

From the Desk of
Denise Sylvester,
Advocacy Chair



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On January 21, women and men went to Washington, DC to inform our leaders just how important women's rights and equal rights are. Women still earn less than men; there is a lot of work to do to ensure gender equality. For those near Lansing, they were able to join the sister event to the Women's March on Washington, to the steps of the State Capitol in Lansing.

As a reminder Zonta is non-political and non-partisan so we urge you to stop participating in Zonta's name if any events/marches you are attending turns political.

Zonta International's Stance: <http://files.constantcontact.com/ebac7631601/9a992036-16c5-43e1-8285-7f769bacd757.pdf>

At the Governor's Summit, clubs were given resources on interacting with their elected officials. Now more than ever is the time to contact your elected representatives and tell them where you stand on issues impacting women and girls. The Michigan Attorney General's office has declared Wednesday, January 11th as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, part of National Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month. Why is this important? Three trafficking bills recently became law on December 23, 2016 and will become effective on March 14, 2017. The bills are Public Act 336, Public Act 337, and Public Act 338, calling for longer prison sentences of convicted traffickers, addressing victim reimbursement and witness immunity, and allowing victims of trafficking to expunge certain past crimes from their record. The fight to end human trafficking is along one, and protecting victims versus treating them like criminals is onestep in the right direction.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING Statistics

14,400 - 17,500: estimated number of people trafficked into the U.S. each year.

50% of people trafficked into the U.S. each year are children.

800,000 people are trafficked worldwide each year.

http://www.zonta15.org/Human_Trafficking.html

International News

Happy International Day of Women, and Girls in Science!

Zonta is proud to support #WomenInSTEM with its Amelia Earhart Fellowships. Learn more at foundation.zonta.org/AEFellowship #WomenScienceDay #EmpowerHER #WomenInScience

AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIP

According to Women in Aerospace, in 2010, roughly 10 percent of the aerospace industry was made up of women. While the number has slowly increased, there must be reinforcements behind each step forward. To assist the future of women in this field and other aerospace-related sciences and engineering, Zonta International established the Amelia Earhart Fellowship in 1938 in honor of legendary pilot and Zontian, Amelia Earhart.

Since the program's inception, Zonta International has awarded 1,508 Amelia Earhart Fellowships, totaling more than \$9.3 million, to 1,079 women from 70 countries. Today, the Fellowship of \$10,000 is awarded annually to 35 talented women, pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace-related sciences or aerospace-related engineering around the globe. In 2016, three of the 35 AE Fellows, proposed school was University of Michigan!

<http://www.zontaclubofmidland.org/amelia-earhart.html>

<http://www.zonta.org/Global-Impact/Education/Amelia-Earhart-Fellowship>

