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Governor's Communiqué



WOMAN-FRIENDS: BE ONE, ENJOY MANY

I found myself musing about my female friends and began thinking how bereft I would be without them. I was at the time thinking of my friend and District PR Chair Linda DeGrow and she inspired me from a great distance. Her courage and determination give me strength.

What better time to celebrate those special women in our lives than **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**. The friends that I have gained within the sisterhood of Zonta epitomize the unique dynamics of this organization and are just one of the many perks of membership.

Female friendships are special. The unique bond that women enjoy enhances our lives spiritually, psychologically and physically. Women's friendships are recognized as being so unique that the 3rd Sunday in September is Women's Friendship Day. This celebration has become so popular that now the entire month of September has been declared Women's Friendship Month.

Why are women's friendships so important? Research shows that friendships between women have a wide range of benefits that have far reaching socio-economic impact. Women tend to nurture and develop exceptionally strong bonds and effective support systems. These relationships provide safe-haven, validation and strengthen self esteem. Women provide support in difficult times and a sounding board to vent when the need arises.

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Governor's Communiqué (cont.)

A circle of women creates a sacred space like none other that allows a woman to be more "herself" than possibly anywhere else. Women who enjoy close female friendships are often happier and more fulfilled. In fact researchers have found that people who have a strong support network of friends live longer, healthier lives. There's a bond between woman-friends that has a mysterious power inherent within it. Close friendships help us stay emotionally, spiritually and physically healthy.

"These emotional benefits have direct physiological effects. A landmark UCLA study found that in times of stress, when men normally respond with a "fight or flight" reflex, women have an additional choice in their behavioural repertoire, to "tend and befriend." They pull together to support and nurture one another. This behaviour releases extra oxytocin, a chemical that counters stress and produces a calming effect. Women connecting with women can actually assist in lowering blood pressure, heart rate, and cholesterol."

I rely on my female friends for emotional support, fun and laughter and often, their undivided and nonjudgmental attention. They give greater meaning to, and fulfill my life.

JUST WHAT IS A GOOD FRIEND?

- You can be yourself with a good friend.
- A good friend is honest and a trustworthy confidante.
- A good friend is nonjudgmental.
- A good friend is there in times of sorrow, need and joy.
- A good friend encourages your hopes and dreams and, believes in you.
- A good friend can talk about anything without shame or blame.
- A good friend is empathetic and sensitive to your feelings.
- A good friend makes time for you even when they don't have any time
- Good friends seem to have a positive effect on our health and optimistic outlook on life.
- A good friend has enough dirt on you to blackmail you for life – but keeps schtum
- Good friends simply enjoy each other's company.

So, on **MARCH 8 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**, celebrate those kindred female spirits who enrich your life. Enjoy the freedom to be yourself in their company, the support they unselfishly proffer and the simple pleasures of one of the most unique relationships you may ever enjoy – Your Woman Friends. Be one, enjoy many.

In Sisterhood and Service,
Sandra Gail Vosper, Governor

DISTRICT XV & CLUB CALENDAR

2010

Feb/Mar—UN Commission on the Status of Women Meeting

March 8—Zonta Rose Day/International Women's Day

April 1—Young Women in Public Affairs Awards: Club candidates due to District

24—Area 4 Spring Workshop, Saginaw

25—Area 3 Spring Workshop, Chatham/Kent

30—Emma Conlon Award (Z and Golden Z Clubs): applications due to Headquarters

May 1—Club Officers Report Form 2010-2011/2010-2012 due to Headquarters

1—Area 2 Spring Workshop, Mt. Pleasant

2—Area 1 Spring Workshop, Marquette

June 1—2010-2011 International dues payment and Official member lists due to Headquarters (dues payment transmittal form sent in March 2010 club dues billing and available for download at www.zonta.org)

25-30—2010 Convention, San Antonio TX, USA

Oct 15 -17 Fall Conference Escanaba Michigan

**ZI Convention Y'all
Come!**

District 10 in 2010

Details at www.zonta.org



June 25-30th 2010

**Registration June 24th
San Antonio, Texas**

**ADVANCING THE STATUS OF
WOMEN WORLDWIDE**



A friend is one to whom one may pour out all the contents of one's heart, chaff and grain together, knowing that gentle hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping, and with a breath of kindness, blow the rest away.

George Eliot aka Mary Ann Evans

District 15 Service Committee Report

Young Women in Public Affairs

Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Program is funded by the Zonta International Foundation (at the District and International award levels). The goal of the YWPA Program is to encourage more young women to participate in public and political life by recognizing a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women. To be eligible, women must be pre-university or pre-college students (age 16-20) at the time of application and demonstrate evidence of the above noted characteristics. All applications must start with a Zonta Club who selects a club winner (which could include a local monetary award). Each club winner is then submitted for consideration of the District level award (\$1,000) by April 1. The District committee then selects the District representative from the club winners for consideration by the International committee by May 1. The five International recipients of \$3,000 awards will be announced by July 1. This is an exciting process and we encourage every Zonta Club to become involved!

Your club's award recipient's application must be received by April 1, 2010. Please mail the original application to me at 510 N. Croswell Ave., White Cloud, MI 49349. Contact me if you have any questions, phone: 1-231-924-5397 or email jodilondekuiper@hughes.net.

Reminder ---- If the selection committee receives applications that are missing supporting information such as verification of current enrollment by school official and/or 2 confidential recommendations from adults, not related to the applicant such as teachers, school officials or community leaders, they cannot be considered for the District 15 award. Everything you need for a successful YWPA campaign is available at www.zonta.org, click on "Member Resources."

Respectfully submitted, Jodi DeKuiper

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship (JMK)

This message appears on the ZI website, "All the JMK application documents are under revision by the Board Members. Please check back in March for the revised documents."

The JMK program information is at www.zonta.org, then click on "Member Resources."

As I write this report, I am watching Olympic curling, USA vs Canada, the women's match of course. Up until now, hockey has been my favorite sport to watch, but this year curling is running neck and neck with hockey. I like curling because it requires **team** strategy, skill and a little bit of luck. Zontians come together with skills and strategy to advance the status of women in their community, district and around the world. It is that time of year when clubs are working on their 2010-2011 service budgets. I encourage clubs to consider adding a club level YWPA and/or JMK scholarship if you don't have one. There are scores of YWPA and JMK applicants in District 15.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Belfour,
D15 Service Committee Chair

AE FELLOW ON MISSION TO INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION!!

Amelia Earhart Fellow, Naoko Yamazaki, prepares to lift off from Kennedy Space Center for a two-week flight as a Japanese crew member of the Atlantis on 18 March 2010. During this important mission, the Atlantis is to carry equipment and materials for the International Space Station and Yamazaki will be responsible for operating the robotic arm (*Canadarm2 and the Mobile Servicing System*)

Read more at www.zonta.org

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR DISTRICT 15 TREASURER

Twenty months into our biennium shows the Board hard at work managing the District funds.

As of 02/01/10:

- Our cash position is \$19,710.04 in CDs, \$10,608.94 in Fifth Third Checking, and \$2,206.62 in Fifth Third Savings for operations (total - \$32,525.60).
- We have set aside from those funds \$17,600.00 in Conference / Workshop / Convention Reserves, \$2,500.00 in Organization/Revitalization and \$1,157.05 in Club President Leadership training.
- We look forward to our membership numbers growing to help meet our 2008-2010 budget requirements.

Thanks for all your good work for Zonta.

Karen Armaly

DISTRICT 15 WEBMASTER JOANNE LOSE REPORTS

LET'S TALK ABOUT CLUB WEBSITES!

What better way is there to attract new Zontians, but your own club website? To learn more about a topic or organization, do you not go to the Internet to check it out? Where will prospects learn more about your club? How are you going to encourage prospects to join your club? The information you provide on your website could potentially 'seal the deal'.

So right now, take a look at your club's website. Does it answer the important questions about your club: does it tell where you meet, talk about the Zonta mission, extend an invitation to join, and highlight your club activities, events and fundraising efforts? Is your club website information current? Is there sufficient information

that will allow the viewer to make a decision about Zonta and the club?

Let's stop talking about having a club website; instead, let's get busy making sure our club website is great!

For clubs with a website presence:

- Assign a member to perform a monthly review the website pages to ensure that the information is relative and current.
- Make changes to your website as often as needed.
- Contact Joanne Lose, webmaster (jilose@zoomon.net) to make changes to those websites hosted by District 15.

For clubs with limited or no website presence:

- Fill out the attached template (*see at end of newsletter*) Use it to fill in your club information. You will find suggested menu links (pages), but you may add or delete as needed. You may use the same template for each of your pages. Once completed, attach the pages to an email and send to: Joanne Lose, jilose@zoomon.net. It's that easy!

Until next time.....we'll see you on the Web!

BE SURE AND GO TO THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE TEMPLATE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



The Zonta Club of Iron Mountain - Kingsford invites you to the 2010 District 15 Fall Conference to be held at the Island Casino and Conference Center, October 15 - 17, 2010 12 miles from Escanaba, MI



Announcing the 2010 District 15 Spring Workshop

"Building a Better Club: Tools for Success"

Spring Workshops are just around the corner and you won't want to miss them.

Is your service budget tight? Is fundraising becoming more challenging?

Build your club's spirit with worthwhile zero dollar service projects.



Looking for ways to impact the lives of women through service and advocacy for zero dollars? Learn more about CEDAW and other zero dollar service projects



Does poor communication cause problems in your club?



Learn the right words to say and the "Power of 3"



Let every member know the value they bring to your club.



Learn how to build confidence and credibility within your club.



Having trouble saying No? It's how you say it that counts...Learn about "Power Tones"

2010 Spring Workshop Dates

(specifics in Call to Workshop coming soon)

Area 4	Saginaw	Saturday, April 24
Area 3	Chatham, Ontario	Sunday, April 25
(must have passport or enhanced License)		
Area 2	Mt Pleasant	Saturday, May 1
Area 1	Marquette	Sunday, May 2

Registration/breakfast 8:30 a.m.

Workshop 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The workshop is a great way to connect with fellow Zontians while learning how to build a more successful club.

Cost is \$30, payable to the host club.
Continental breakfast and lunch are included.

You may attend any one of the four workshops; the information is the same at each one. All Zonta members are encouraged and welcome.



International Women's Day March 8 2010

Equal rights, equal opportunities:

Progress for all

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES February 26, 2009

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Whereas there are over 3,000,000,000 women in the world, representing 51 percent of the world's population;

Whereas women continue to play the prominent role in caring for families within the home as well as serving as economic earners;

Whereas women worldwide are participating in the world of diplomacy and politics, contributing to the growth of economies, and improving the quality of the lives of their families, communities, and nations;

Whereas women leaders have recently made significant strides including the 2009 appointment of Johanna Sigurdardottir as the first female Prime Minister of Iceland, the 2007 election of Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi as the first female Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the 2006 election of Michelle Bachelet as the first female President of Chile, the 2006 election of Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf as the President of Liberia, the first female President in Africa's history, and the 2005 election of Angela Merkel as the first female Chancellor of Germany, who also served as the second woman to chair a G8 summit in 2007;

Whereas women account for 80 percent of the world's 70 million micro-borrowers, 75 percent of the 28,000 United States loans supporting small business in Afghanistan are given to women, and 12 women are chief executive officers of Fortune 500 companies;

Whereas in the United States women are graduating from high school at higher rates and earning bachelor's degrees or higher degrees at greater rates than men with 88 percent of women between the ages of 25 and 29 having obtained a high school diploma and 31 percent of women between the ages of 25 and 29 earning a bachelor's degree or higher degree;

Whereas despite tremendous gains over the past 20 years, women still face political and

economic obstacles, struggle for basic rights, face the threat of discrimination, and are targets of violence all over the world;

Whereas worldwide women remain vastly underrepresented in national and local assemblies, accounting on average for less than 10 percent of the seats in parliament, except for in East Asia where the figure is approximately 18 to 19 percent, and women do not hold more than 8 percent of the ministerial positions in developing regions;

Whereas women work 2/3 of the world's working hours, produce half of the world's food, yet earn only 1 percent of the world's income and own less than 1 percent of the world's property;

Whereas female managers earned less than their male counterparts in the 10 industries that employed the vast majority of all female employees in the United States between 1995 and 2000;

Whereas 70 percent of the 1,300,000,000 people living in poverty around the world are women and children;

Whereas 2/3 of the 876,000,000 illiterate individuals worldwide are women, 2/3 of the 125,000,000 school-aged children who are not attending school worldwide are girls, and girls are less likely to complete school than boys, according to the United States Agency for International Development;

Whereas worldwide women account for half of all cases of HIV/AIDS, approximately 42,000,000, and in countries with high HIV prevalence, young women are at a higher risk than young men of contracting HIV;

Whereas globally, each year over 500,000 women die during childbirth and pregnancy;

Whereas domestic violence causes more deaths and disability among women between the ages of 15 and 44 than cancer, malaria, traffic accidents, and war;

Whereas worldwide, at least 1 out of every 3 women and girls have been beaten in her lifetime;

Whereas at least 1 out of every 6 women and girls in the United States has been sexually abused in her lifetime, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

Whereas worldwide 130,000,000 girls and young women have been subjected to female genital mutilation, and it is estimated that 10,000 girls are at risk of being subjected to this practice in the United States;

Whereas illegal trafficking in women and children for forced labor, domestic servitude, or sexual exploitation involves between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 women and children each year, of whom 50,000 are transported into the United States, according to the Congressional Research Service and the Department of State;

Whereas between 75 and 80 percent of the world's 27,000,000 refugees are women and children;

Whereas in times and places of conflict and war, women and girls continue to be the focus of extreme violence and intimidation and face tremendous obstacles to legal recourse and justice;

Whereas March 8 has become known as International Women's Day for the last century, and is a day on which people, often divided by ethnicity, language, culture, and income, come together to celebrate a common struggle for women's equality, justice, and peace; and

Whereas the people of the United States should be encouraged to participate in International Women's Day:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the House of Representatives--

(1) supports the goals of International Women's Day;

(2) recognizes and honours the women in the United States and in other countries who have fought and continue to struggle for gender equality and women's rights;

(3) reaffirms its commitment to ending discrimination and violence against women and girls, to ensuring the safety and welfare of women and girls, and to pursuing policies that guarantee the basic rights of women and girls both in the United States and in other countries; and

(4) encourages the President to--

(A) reaffirm his commitment to pursue policies to protect the health and rights of women and girls; and

(B) issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe International Women's Day with appropriate programs and activities.

IS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY STILL RELEVANT?

2010 Theme: Equal rights, equal opportunities: Progress for all



- Women are 2/3 of the 1 billion+ illiterate adults who have no access to basic education
- Of 1.2 billion people living in poverty worldwide, 70% are women
- 530,000 women die in pregnancy or childbirth each year
- Pregnant women in Africa are 180 times more likely to die than in Europe
- Women own around only 1% of the world's land
- 80% of the world's 27 million refugees are women
- A woman with AIDS has a life expectancy of 43 in Uganda and Zambia
- Women do two-thirds of the world's work but receive only 10% of the world's income
- Women's education is the most powerful predictor of lower fertility rates
- Every year an estimated 4 million women and girls are bought and sold worldwide

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

D15 PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE HARD AT WORK



In honor of International Women's Day, CARE presents Half the Sky LIVE, a one-night-only event in movie theatres nationwide on Thursday, March 4, 2010, at 7:30pm.

Inspired by the bestselling book from Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, this will be an exciting night of musical performances, celebrity commentary and uplifting stories about women and girls overcoming tremendous obstacles. Watch as the pages of Half the Sky come to life in "Woineshet," a powerful short film by Academy Award® Winner Marisa Tomei and Lisa Leone.

Half the Sky LIVE is much more than a night at the movies. With appearances by India.Arie; Maria Bello; Diane Birch; Michael Franti; Dr. Helene Gayle (CARE); Angelique Kidjo; Nicholas Kristof; Rachel Mayanja (UN); Andrea Mitchell; Marisa Tomei; Sarah, Duchess of York; Amb. Melanne Vermeer; Sheryl WuDunn and others, this event will move you to help women and girls around the world turn oppression into opportunity. Together, we can take a stand against the oppression and human

rights violations that keep half the world's population from fulfilling its potential.

Go to www.halftheskylive.com to view all the details.

This is a one day nation-wide (sorry it's not in Canada but some of our Canadian clubs may want to try to bring it to their location) event similar to the event last year for "A Powerful Noise". This is short notice because we just saw an ad for this in Ladies Home Journal but we hope that your clubs can work magic and get some local PR and attendance at the event.

Access the press kit at:

http://www.care.org/newsroom/articles/2010/02/HTSL_Marketing_Toolkit.pdf?s_src=Half_the_Sky&s_subsrc=ShortURL. Let's try to fill the theaters with Zontians and friends of Zonta!

Tickets are limited. Buy them today at www.halftheskylive.com. Tickets range in price from \$10-\$12.50 depending on theater. Participating theaters are listed below. If you don't see one near you, you may want to contact the theater and work with them to get them added.

Dear Sister Zontians



This is a challenge. The Zonta International Convention in June is in San Antonio Texas USA. This is your chance to be part of the most exciting meeting of fellow Zontians you will ever have. The celebration is well worth the effort, time away from work and family and the expense. I will be there and hope to see new faces at the event.

Get recharged and know why we do what we do as Zontians.

Sincerely Linda DeGrow

NOTICE

Edna Close, Zonta Club of Roscommon, is seeking a roommate for the Convention in San Antonio in June

Contact her at: 622 Flag Point Drive, Roscommon, MI 48653 Phone: 989-821-6603



Update on Linda DeGrow, Charter Member, Zonta Club of Charlevoix Area

On December 14, 2009, Linda DeGrow, Charter Member of the Zonta Club of Charlevoix Area, suffered severe back and neck injuries due to a headfirst fall into an external cement staircase while Christmas caroling resulting in paralysis from the chest down. Thankfully, she has full range of motion in her arms and did not suffer any brain damage. She spent a few weeks at University Hospital in Ann Arbor where she had surgery on her back to insert two rods that run the length of her spinal column and help her to sit upright.

Once healed enough from the surgery to transport, she was transferred to Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital in Grand Rapids where she is presently in acute physical therapy.

She has been learning how to be independent again. She can do everything she used to be able to do, just differently. She has learned to get dressed, attend to calls of nature, balance without abdominal muscle control, and transfer to/from her wheelchair. She is working on learning how to drive by using her hands for the brake and gas near the steering column and has already been driving on the roads. She has progressed where they are including "outings" in her therapy routine. This teaches her how to tackle obstacles she will encounter every day when going to public places. She has had some issues with spasms that she is having throughout her midsection. They are strong enough to throw her body around when she is trying to do things like transfer which makes this task more difficult and dangerous. They are working on getting them under control through medication but they haven't found the one that works for her yet.

In the photo, you will see white straps attached to her legs. She uses those to lift her legs with her arms to position them as needed. She is sitting in a top of the line fully electric wheelchair that was donated to her by the Charlevoix Area Hospital (where she worked for many years before recently retiring). She plans on using the electric wheelchair for outdoor use and a manual

wheelchair for indoor use. That way she will keep her strength up and be able to do transfers with greater ease. She also has a long handled grabber (not pictured) that she uses to pick up things that are out of her reach.

Her home is, for the most part, handicap accessible. It already has a ramp to the back door (which will need to be extended to have the correct grade). Most of the doorways are wide enough for the wheelchair. Some of the doors have to be put on special hinges that allow for the full door width to be taken advantage of in order for her to pass through easily. Her bedroom was carpeted and that was removed so it will have less resistance for her chair. The bathroom on the main floor has been remodeled to enlarge it and to make it fully handicap accessible as well as including the laundry (it was in the basement prior). She has a lot of work ahead of her to reposition things in the kitchen, closets, etc. so that she can reach the things she uses most once she is released. In addition, she will have to get a new bed because she needs ones with rails (she uses these to pull herself up and out of bed), a manual wheelchair, a handicap van with lift, and a portable lift, among other things.

She has designed how she wants her new RV to be laid so that she and Lynn can continue to travel, one of their favorite pastimes. But, her main goal is to be able to attend International Convention in San Antonio in June. She has already purchased tickets, secured a handicapped hotel room and transfer from the airport. She challenges every Zontian to attend convention..."If [she] can do it, everyone can!" She is also actively prospecting every staff member she meets for the Zonta Club of Grand Rapids. Her goals are high but with her unending determination and positive spirit, she will conquer this adversity like she has many other challenges in life and on behalf of Zonta.

If you would like to contact Linda, you can do so by calling 800-528-8989 and asking for her room or by writing to her at Linda DeGrow, Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital, 235 Wealthy St, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, or by stopping by for a visit. The best time to reach her is after 4pm. Call ahead for her schedule if you plan a visit.

Update provided by Linda's daughter, Darcie Clapp,

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**FOUNDATION AMBASSADOR
CAROLE CALVERT BAXTER REPORTS:**

**"ONE WOMAN CAN CHANGE ANYTHING - MANY
WOMEN CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING"
(WOMEN TO WOMEN)**

January 11th marked Amelia Earhart day, a day to celebrate the world's most famous female aviator and pioneering woman the world over. Every year, the Zonta International Foundation provides vital services to women around the world. This year our collective gift to the foundation will provide and allow the members of District 15 to help the foundation take another lasting step forward to improve the status of women worldwide.

You may wonder --- why should you give? Did you know that your gift enables Zonta to provide opportunities and solutions that allow women around the world to achieve their full potential? Most importantly, every gift to the foundation is IMPORTANT, our continued work and global influence relies on our individual and collective gifts.

Consider this, - if 1,000 members from District 15 each give just \$1 dollar, less than the price of a cup of coffee and we'll be able to give the foundation one thousand dollars: Collectively, we have the chance to make a profound difference. Now, let's dream **big** and dig a little deeper into our pockets, consider the following.....

\$5.00 each	\$5,000
\$10.00 each	\$10,000
\$20.00 each	\$20,000

Ways to give your \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20 ---
You can write a check payable to Zonta International Foundation - you can find the contribution form on line or contact me, Carole Calvert-Baxter (989) 698-6695 and I will send you a form. Complete it and send it to:

Zonta International Foundation
ATTN: Development
4837 Paysphere Circle
Chicago, IL 60674 USA

Is this achievable? Absolutely. Please join your Zontian sisters and celebrate the trailblazing spirit of Amelia Earhart, and Zontians everywhere with a gift that can make a lasting difference to women at home, and around the globe.

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President's Beryl's Message

**Women of Haiti need our support
How will Zonta respond?**

Relief organizations around the world have taken swift action to help the Haitian people recover from the devastating effects of the earthquake, providing rescue services and support for survivors. The infrastructure needs of the country – reconstruction of roads, peoples' homes, hospitals – are demanding, and the international community is providing the resources to meet these needs and the humanitarian needs of the people of Haiti. Zonta International reiterates its sincere concern for the people of Haiti; however, Zonta is not a relief organization and is not set up to manage complex and strategic coordination efforts, nor do any funds exist to be used for disaster relief and emergencies.

The recovery and rebuilding process in Haiti will, however, be a long one. The Zonta International Board has begun discussions with UNIFEM about a project that will be in place after the immediate need for help has decreased. In the aftermath of the earthquake, when law and order is not functioning, women and girls are at risk to be victims of all kinds of violence, including adult crime, increased juvenile crime, trafficking into labor or sexual exploitation. As a strategic partner of UNIFEM, Zonta is working on a project which will both meet Zonta's mission and objects and address the issue of violence against women in the aftermath of the earthquake.

On this week's board agenda is, among many matters, the 2010 – 2012 ZISVAW proposals from the President-Elect. The Board has decided to recommend a ZISVAW project in support of the women of Haiti. This proposed project will be brought to the Convention in San Antonio for voting as laid out in the international bylaws.

For those Zontians or Zonta clubs who may wish to make a more immediate personal or club contribution to the relief efforts, we encourage you to support UNIFEM's efforts to provide urgently needed services for the protection of women and their families, specifically the rebuilding of women's shelters and the expanded provision of emergency services for women. Donations can be made online at https://secure.globalproblems-globalsolutions.org/site/Donation2?df_id=1960&1960.donation=form1.

If you make a donation to UNIFEM's relief efforts, please inform UNIFEM that the donation is from a Zontian or Zonta club and notify Zonta International Headquarters via e-mail at advocacy@zonta.org. All donations to UNIFEM will be counted as an action in the SAY NO – UNiTE to End Violence Against Women Campaign



Zonta Club of _____

(Provide downloaded club logo from the ZI website if desired)

Use this area to list the menu (page links) you would like displayed. Personalize them to fit your club/needs.

Sample menu ~

ABOUT US

SERVICE PROJECTS

FUNDRAISING

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

LINKS

CONTACT US

You supply the menu page content, the webmaster will take care of the rest.

TITLE HERE, for example: FUNDRAISING

Home Page Ideas Include:

WELCOME MESSAGE

CLUB/LOCATION PICTURE

MEETING INFORMATION

MISSION STATEMENT

CONTACT INFORMATION

CLUB ADDRESS

HIGHLIGHT INFORMATION – for example: summary of club events/activities

Use this area to include information about each menu page. If you need additional space, title a Word document and insert the information.

Use this area to list your club's upcoming events or latest news.

Your PR person will want to maintain this area...contact the webmaster often to make changes.
