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**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE**

**Denise Quarles**

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In some moments in time we must simultaneously deal with both happy and sad occasions. This was the situation faced in the district in January.

**In Memoriam**

January was a particularly sad time period with the deaths of two past District Governors - Dr. Geraldine Purcell and Barbara Geil. While we are saddened by their deaths, we can also celebrate their accomplishments and their service to Zonta. We pay tribute to them in this newsletter in an article authored by past District Governor Sandra Vosper.

**New Z Club**

I am very pleased to announce that through the efforts of the Zonta Club of Southfield we now have a new Z Club – the Brace-Lederle/MacArthur Southfield Z Club. It is the 6<sup>th</sup> of the current Z Clubs in District 15. This charter is particularly welcomed because it has been a few years since the last Z Club was chartered in our district. That club was established by the Zonta Club of Charlevoix in 2007. The January charter ceremony for our newest club was certainly memorable. Through their membership these girls have a great opportunity for leadership development and to learn the value of meaningful community service. Southfield School Superintendent Dr. Wanda Cook-Robinson, who is a member of the Zonta Club of Southfield, informed me that there is so much enthusiasm about the Z Club that there is a great likelihood of other Z Clubs being developed in the Southfield school system. I'm certain we can look forward to many of these girls becoming Zontians as adult professionals. Area 4 Director Linda Nabers and Club President Amy Maple, both of the Zonta Club of Southfield, have co-authored an article in this newsletter highlighting the wonderful charter ceremony event. This article is accompanied by photos taken by Meredith Williams who is also a member of that club.

**Human Trafficking**

District conference attendees were greatly moved by keynote speaker Theresa Flores revelation of the emotional and physical pain she endured as a teenage victim of sex trafficking. Her presentation should serve as a call to action for Zontians to further educate ourselves about this horrible problem and to advocate for preventive measures. In this newsletter critical information about exploitation and human trafficking are further revealed, and in the Book Corner I have reviewed Ms. Flores book, "The Slave Across the Street". Also, along with Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Committee Chair Glenda Stephens, I will explore the advocacy efforts in which the District can become involved. This effort was already started in January with an invitation from the founder of the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force for District 15 to have representation on the Task Force. Additionally, plans are underway for a panel of experts from the federal government, a community service agency and other knowledgeable professionals to address us at the next district conference. Thanks to Area 3 Director Joy Smith who brought to my attention the existence of the Task Force and the activities of her club, the Zonta Club of Lenawee, to create public awareness of human trafficking in their community.

I'm optimistic that our accomplishments in January can be duplicated many times over in upcoming months. With a concerted effort at club and district levels in 2011 we can look forward to increasing our district's profile and accomplishments as we continue our positive and significant impact on the lives of women. ☺

**"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world.**

**For indeed, that's all who ever have."**

**~ Margaret Mead**



**Tributes**

**Sandra Vosper, Past District Governor**

Barbara Geil joined Zonta International in 1972. An active Zontian and member of the Zonta Club of Detroit I. Barbara attended her many Zonta International Conventions the time she became a member until the 2004 Convention in New York. She served as co-chair for the 1994 Zonta International Convention in Detroit. She was a member of numerous international committees and served as a director on the Zonta International Foundation Board before serving as President of the Foundation from 1999 to 2001. She also served as Acting Executive Director of Zonta International Headquarters from June of 1995 until March of 1996.



Barbara earned her Bachelor's degree from Albion College, a Master's degree in Biology from the University of Michigan, and an education specialist degree from Hunter College. She began her career as a biology and physical education teacher and counsellor in Bay City, Michigan before joining Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Michigan as a counsellor in 1964. She was one of the original members of the faculty and staff at the College. Barbara later became the College's first director of admissions; and, in 1982, she was the first woman to become the vice-president of student affairs, a position which she held until her retirement in 1995.

Throughout her career, Barbara was a mentor to many students and to her staff. Her leadership philosophy was quite simple. She felt that the more power and trust you gave your employees, the more they would accomplish. "I learned more about leadership from Barbara than from anywhere else", said one colleague and friend.

Barbara firmly believed that District 15 was one of the best Districts in the Zonta world. She championed membership, organization and mentoring initiatives during her Governorship. Always positive, Barbara empowered, not only women, but all those who worked with her. She gave credit where it was due and was always fair, kind and considerate. In case it seems she is about to be sainted, it was rumoured that she was one of the most charmingly stubborn people one might ever chance to meet.

In addition to her involvement with Zonta and her professional work, Barbara was a past president of the Michigan Association of Women Deans, Administrators and Counsellors and was an active member of the Michigan College Personnel Association (MCPA), the American College Personnel Association (ACPA), and several counselling groups. .∂

***When the last grain of sand has passed through the hour glass of the time that one has on this earth, we must remain strong at their passing as they were for us in the full bloom of life. We must fill that empty place in our hearts with joyous memories of beautiful smiles, shared tears, and burdens made light by sisterhood. When we retrace steps that we have taken together in the past let us silently pay tribute to the women who have touched our lives and indelibly shaped our future.***



We regret to mark the passing of Past District 15 Governor Dr. Geraldine M. Purcell, of Rochester Hills at the age 85, on January 1, 2011. She was truly a Renaissance woman as evidenced by the fact that she earned two doctorate degrees, in Haematology and Physiological Audiology at Wayne State University. She then held a position at Michigan State University in the Medical Department.

Geraldine loved to travel, ski, was a keen boater, angler and canoeist. She was also very fond of animals. Geraldine enjoyed the affection of many friends and the respect and love of her family. Fiercely independent herself and keenly intelligent, she was a strong mentor to many Zontians.

Gerry served as Area 4 Director from 1982-1984 and as District Governor from 1986-1988. She was said to be inspirational to all who came in contact with her, including family, friends, students and peers and was ahead of her time in many ways. As Zontians, we honour her memory and give thanks for her years of service. .∂

***My candle burns at both ends;  
It will not last the night;  
But ah, my foes, and oh, my friends—  
It gives a lovely light  
~ Edna St. Vincent Millay "First Fig" 1920***



**LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS & ADVOCACY—HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

**Glenda Stephens, Legislative and Advocacy Com. Chair**

**Human Trafficking Bills passed in the State of Michigan**

On December 22, 2010, Governor Jennifer Granholm signed 5 bills and filed them with the Secretary of State. The bills are as follows:

- PA 360 formerly HB 5575 – This public act prohibits human trafficking by force, fraud or coercion and provides penalties for these offenses.
- PA 361 formerly HB 5576 – This public act enacted sentencing guidelines for the crime of human trafficking.
- PA 362 formerly HB 5577– This public act established trafficking as a predicate offense for racketeering violations.
- PA 363 formerly HB 5578 – This public act allowed forfeiture of property in any human trafficking case.
- PA 364 formerly HB 5579 – This public act provides for additional restitution for the victims of trafficking.

Passage of this five-bill package of legislation makes Michigan’s trafficking laws some of the toughest in the nation. The package, which takes effect April 1, includes a bill to provide for the forfeiture of assets that are used in the commission of identity theft. The main crux of the legislation, though, is human trafficking.

State Rep. Dudley Spade, D-Tipton, is credited with shepherding the measures through the Legislature. When they hadn’t acted on it by the adjournment Dec. 3, it was thought it had died again. The House passed the package in November, but the Senate Judiciary Committee let it linger. During the special session, the committee and the Senate concurred and sent the measures to Gov. Jennifer Granholm for her signature. Today, more than 30 states have laws regulating human trafficking.

These new laws strengthen Michigan’s current human trafficking statute by providing clearer and cleaner definitions and providing meaningful penalties for violators. They add human trafficking to the list of offenses that qualify for prosecution under Michigan’s racketeering statute so that prosecutors can go after not only the individuals involved, but also those that support them and fund their activities. The bills provide for the seizure and sale of any assets used in the perpetration of the crime. That money can then be used to fund further human trafficking enforcement and for restitution to the victims.

The House also concurred with Senate changes to a bill that will provide Michigan’s law enforcement officers with new tools for pursuing identity thieves. The bill will create a forfeiture statute for identity theft using the same model currently in place for narcotics trafficking.

You can read them in their entirety at <http://www.legilature.mi.gov> @

**The MCADSV Wave of Change**

**Glenda Stephens, Legislative and Advocacy Com. Chair**

The Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence is asking for support

By calling and writing your Michigan Congress member to urge that they preserve current funding for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) and the Victims of Crime

Act (VOCA). These laws support lifesaving programs for victims of domestic and sexual violence in our district.

Victims of these crimes are counting on Congress to pass a FY 2011 funding bill that preserves current funding levels for domestic violence and sexual assault programs throughout the country. Michigan crime victim services face a devastating cut of up 24 percent if forced to go back to 2008 funding levels.

Congress has been operating on a short-term Continuing Resolution(CR), which funds all federal programs at last year’s funding levels. The CR will expire in March. @

See more information on the website.



**HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATISTICS**

**Jaqui Stoneman, President, Zonta Club of Meridian East & Bridge Editor**

The following is a list of available statistics estimating the scope of Human Trafficking around the world. More statistics are available on the District website.

- **27 million – Number of people in modern-day slavery across the world.** Source: Kevin Bales of Free the Slaves. - According to the U.S. Department of State's 2007 Trafficking in Persons Report (TIP Report), estimates vary from 4 to 27 million. -The International Labor Organization (ILO) estimates 2.4 million people were victims of human trafficking from 1995-2005. This estimate uses the UN Protocol definition of human trafficking, and includes both transnational and internal data.
- **800,000 – Number of people trafficked across international borders every year.** Source: U.S. Department of State, Trafficking in Persons Report: 2007. The TIP Report in 2001 and 2002 estimated this figure at 700,000; The TIP Report of 2003 reported 800,000 to 900,000 victims; The TIP Reports of 2004 through 2006 reported 600,000 to 800,000 victims.
- **1 million – Number of children exploited by the global commercial sex trade, every year.** Source: U.S. Department of State, The Facts About Child Sex Tourism: 2005.
- **70% – Percent of female victims who are trafficked into the commercial sex industry. This means that 30% of female victims are victims of forced labor.** Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Assessment of U.S. Government Activities to Combat Trafficking in Persons: 2004.



**The Slave Across the Street**

**by Theresa Flores**

**District 15 Book**

**Submitted by Denise Quarles  
District 15 Governor**

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Before writing her memoir of the horrific sex-ploitation she suffered as a teenager, the author, Theresa Flores, was encouraged by some individuals to bury her past and to not publicly reveal it. However, she said she felt compelled to tell her story of sexual slavery to help others by bringing awareness of the problem and as a method of personal healing. Indeed she wanted "to turn this unspeakable evil into something good". In her book she recalls an inscription at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati - "If not now, then when". In this regard she recalled her torture and her fear when trafficked for two years in an upper middle class suburb outside Detroit while living with her parents and siblings who were unaware of what was happening to her. It is difficult to read her recollection of beatings, sexual torture and rape by numerous men. However, it is worth reading because it provides important insight into the world of human trafficking revealing that, contrary to the stories we typically

hear, it impacts not only young girls from outside the US but girls like Teresa from the upper middle class with intact families.

You owe it to yourself to be educated about human trafficking by reading her book. You will be inspired to find out that she was eventually able to rebound from an emotionally devastating experience to set upon a journey of healing. ∂

**District Calendar**

<b>February</b>	Submit IRS Group Subordinate Update Form – due to ZI	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>April</b>	Attend Area Workshops: Area 1: April 30 – Gaylord; & Area 2: May 1—Meridian East	<b>Club</b>
	Submit contributions to ZI Foundation	<b>Treasurer</b>
	Hold elections if not done in April	<b>Nominating Committee</b>
<b>May</b>	Attend Area Workshops: Area 3: May 14 - Lenawee; & Area 4: May 15 – Lapeer	<b>Club</b>
	Submit "Club Officer Report" to ZI, D15 Governor & Area Director	<b>President</b>
	Officer Installations	<b>President</b>
	<b>Newsletter Deadline (May 2) due to Jaqui Stoneman</b>	<b>All</b>
	@ jstoneman@fnba.com	



## **Respect Works: Prevent Sexual Violence** **By Sharon Mortensen, Zonta Club of Midland**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." April provides an opportunity to speak up about an issue of great importance, that of sexual assault. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and focuses on ways to prevent violence. Preventing and ending violence against women and girls, including sexual violence, is a top priority for Zonta International. Zonta is actively participating in the Say NO – UNITE to End Violence against Women initiative of the United Nations Development Fund for Women. Rape continues to be the most underreported crime in the United States, according to the Department of Justice. Sadly children, teens, adults and the elderly are all impacted by this crime. Every 2½ minutes a person is raped in this country.

### **What is Sexual Assault?**

Sexual assault is defined as any kind of sexual activity that is unwanted, done by one person to another without consent. Sexual violence includes rape, incest and sexual harassment. Making offensive jokes and comments, posting offensive images, grabbing or fondling someone and stalking are some other examples of inappropriate sexual behavior.

### **What are Facts and Myths About Sexual Assault?**

Knowing the facts about sexual assault can help us better address the issues in our community. Some facts about sexual assault are more commonly known. For example, women are at greater risk to be victims of sexual assault in their lifetimes than men. Those who are younger are most at risk of sexual assault with 80% of rape victims under age 30. Persons with disabilities are at 1.5 to 5 times the risk of sexual abuse and assault as are members of the general population.

Below are some myths about sexual assault.

One myth is that sexual violence is perpetrated by strangers. The fact is only 34% of rapes were committed by a stranger. The rest were committed by someone known to the victim – friends, acquaintances, relatives or intimate partners.

A common myth is that sexual assault primarily takes place in dark alleys, parking lots or deserted areas of parks. The Department of Justice reports that 6 out of 10 sexual assaults/rapes take place in a home or apartment of either the victim or friends, relatives or acquaintances.

Another myth is that the victim dressed or behaved in a way that somehow "invited" an attack. The reality is that no one asks to be abused or assaulted. The assault is not the fault of the victim - no matter where the victim was, the time of day or night, what the victim was wearing or what the victim said or did. If victims do not want the sexual contact, then the abuse was in no way their fault.

### **How Can We Be Part of the Solution?**

Nearly 45 years ago, the rape and murder of Kitty Genovese shook Americans from coast to coast. While a man attacked, raped and killed this young woman for over half an hour, 38 men and women witnessed the assault and did nothing to help. This event launched new research and programs to address the "bystander effect." Since that time, prevention efforts have focused on how each individual can be a part of the solution to social problems like sexual assault.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said "Life's most persistent and urgent question is 'What are you doing for others?'" With privacy and independence ingrained in our culture, there is often tremendous pressure to keep silent and little motivation for individuals to speak up. As bystanders, we can speak up in less extreme situations than that of Kitty Genovese. For example, if someone is saying something inappropriate, speak up rather than letting the comment go by. With bystander intervention we can change social norms. Just as Mothers Against Drunk Driving shifted the social norms of our society with their slogan, "Friends don't let friends drive drunk," we could adopt a similar slogan for sexual violence such as "Friends don't let friends hurt others." With the availability of cell phones, reaching out to get assistance for others is easier than ever before.

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## Respect Works: Prevent Sexual Violence (continued)

### How Can We Model Respect?

Respect means treating people with consideration. For sexual violence to take place, respect for the victim is not present. Treating others with consideration means respecting their boundaries. Whether at home, school or work, healthy relationships are based on consideration and respect. When we care about others and the world around us, we have a responsibility to be involved and help out when others are in harm's way. Being aware of how we treat one another makes it less likely for us to hurt or offend someone.

You can help prevent sexual violence by:

- Treating other people with respect and dignity,
- Expressing your concern when you hear an offensive joke or comment,
- Offering to help when someone is in need, and
- Reinforcing positive behavior, and
- Advocating for policies designed to prevent and respond to sexual violence.

Martin Luther King, Jr. said, *"In the end we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends."*

### What Services Are Available to Victims?

A network of sexual assault programs offer services to those impacted by sexual violence. You can access a 24-hour crisis line in the United States by calling the [National Sexual Assault Hotline](https://ohl.rainn.org) at 1-800-656-HOPE (4673) or accessing the on-line sexual assault hotline at <https://ohl.rainn.org/online>. As well as immediate help over the phone or internet, these hotlines connect survivors with local resources to assist them. Survivors of sexual assault, children through adults, can receive free services to help them recover from the impact of sexual violence. From individual counseling to support groups to advocacy during rape exams, sexual assault programs are available to help.

To provide support to a friend who has been sexually assaulted:

- Listen without judging.
- Let your friend know the assault was not his/her fault.
- Let your friend know you care.
- Encourage your friend to talk about the assault with an advocate or counselor.
- Encourage your friend to seek medical attention, if possible.

As we practice respect and speak up, we can prevent sexual violence. Not just during the month of April, but throughout the upcoming year, let's raise awareness of the things that matter – preventing and ending violence against women and children in our communities.

Sharon Mortensen is the executive director of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Shelterhouse) which provides services to those impacted by sexual assault and domestic violence in Midland and Gladwin Counties. Sharon is also an active member of the Zonta Club of Midland in Midland, Michigan. The website address of Shelterhouse is [www.shelterhousemidland.org](http://www.shelterhousemidland.org). ∂

**"IT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO KNOW  
WHERE YOU ARE GOING THAN TO GET THERE QUICKLY.  
DO NOT MISTAKE ACTIVITY FOR ACHIEVEMENT."**

~ Mabel Neucomber



## Service Committee Report

Bonnie McArthur

**Rose Day March 8 – “One Project, One Paragraph, One Picture”:** Has your Club planned their Rose Day Project? Keep track of the service hours spent, both in planning and executing the project; write one paragraph describing what you did; take one picture to represent your service in action or the results and submit this to Bonnie McArthur at [bonsmca@comcast.net](mailto:bonsmca@comcast.net) by the end of March. What an impact we can make if all 44 clubs participate!

If you already do a project around that day, submit it. If your club has not done a project for International Women's Day, please consider doing something this March. If you need ideas, consider the projects presented at the Fall Conference - mastectomy pillows, reusable menstrual pads or birthing kits. Information on these three projects is available on the District 15 website [www.zonta15.org](http://www.zonta15.org)

Questions? Contact District Service Chair: Bonnie McArthur, Zonta Club of Pontiac N. Oakland, [bonsmca@comcast.net](mailto:bonsmca@comcast.net)  
Questions about the projects on the website Contact District Service Project Coordinator: Darcie Clapp, Zonta Club of Grand Rapids [dclapp@walshenv.com](mailto:dclapp@walshenv.com)

**Young Women in Public Affairs Award:** The goal of the Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Program is to encourage more young women to participate in public affairs by recognizing a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women.

In order for more women to be represented in key decision making positions worldwide, we must encourage young women to pursue careers, or seek leadership positions in public policy making, government and volunteer organizations and further their education with these aims in view. Public Affairs refers to all aspects of community life where decisions have to be made about issues which relate to and affect communities in which they work and live.

Last year our District had a total of 6 YWPA applications submitted for this \$1,000 District award. With a total of 44 Zonta Clubs in our District we are hopeful that there will be more applicants this year.

Materials and applications are available at [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) (see Member Resources/Tools/Awards, Scholarship and Fellowship Tools.) **YWPA applications are due to Governor Denise Quarles by April 1, 2011.**

Questions? Contact YWPA Coordinator: Penny Boldrey, Zonta Club of Alpena, [boldreyp@alpenacc.edu](mailto:boldreyp@alpenacc.edu)

**Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship:** The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship program operates at the club, district and international levels of Zonta International. Some clubs have a competition at club level while other clubs just send a worthy nominee in to the district committee. Applicants must be nominated by a local Zonta club and then applications are sent to the District JMK Coordinator, Gayle Manley by July 1. Applications for the 2011 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship are available on the Zonta International website at [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org). More information about how a club can facilitate an application and where to send it will be available in the next District newsletter.

Questions? Contact JMK Coordinator: Gayle Manley, Zonta Club of Sault St. Marie, [gmanley@shaw.ca](mailto:gmanley@shaw.ca)

**Z & Golden Z Clubs** – An informative presentation was given at the district conference. If you missed it, is available on the district website at [www.zonta15.org](http://www.zonta15.org).

Questions? Contact Z & Golden Z Coordinator: Julia Miller, Zonta Club of Lansing, [jrmiller@msu.edu](mailto:jrmiller@msu.edu)

**Reminder:** Our Zonta purpose is to **enhance the Status of Women worldwide**. Please be sure you consider that when planning local service to be sure your club's projects are aligned with our overriding goal. One third of Service monies raised should be targeted for International Service projects while two thirds stay in the local community. Let's all keep these ideas in mind as we work hard to touch lives with our service. ♪



## New Z Club Chartered

Linda Nabers, Area 4 Director

& Amy Maple, President, Zonta Club of Southfield



The Zonta Club of Southfield is proud to announce the chartering of our newest Z-Club. On January 19, 2011, over 100 guests attended the chartering celebration of the Zonta Club of Brace-Lederle/MacArthur Southfield at the Michigan First Credit Union in Southfield, Michigan. Amy Maple, President of the Southfield Club, was the Mistress of Ceremonies. District 15 Governor Denise Quarles was the guest of honor.

The event was well attended by the parents of the young ladies, Zonta Club Members of Southfield Area, School Board Members, City officials and Judges from the community. Every seat in the house was taken!



Amy Fraser-Maple, Linda Nabers & District Governor, Denise Quarles

Governor Quarles performed the induction of 45 members which includes the installation of 4 officers. She presented 8<sup>th</sup> grader Ariana Mann, Z Club President, with the club Charter from Zonta International and a check for \$250.00 from the Zonta Club of Southfield. Governor Quarles told the new Z Club members they were now embarking on a great journey into the Zonta World. Membership in Zonta is an honor and privilege. She hoped that they would move on to Golden Z in college and a professional Zonta Club when they get involved in their careers.

The Z Club was a year in the making. Working with former District Governor, Sandra Vosper and current District Governor, Denise Quarles the Zonta Club of Southfield proposed to Zonta International a Z-Club model for middle school girls. The local high schools felt they were over saturated with clubs and groups for the students and were not open to adding a new one to the roster. Establishing the Z-Club in the middle schools allows us to groom the current members for a future Z-Club at the high school level. We are confident that this innovative approach will prove effective at creating a "feeder system" by which Z-clubs can thrive.



Dr. Wanda Cook Robinson

The Z Club could not have been established without the leadership and support of Dr. Wanda Cook-Robinson, Superintendent of Southfield Public Schools and Zontian from the Southfield Club. There are five Z Club advisors.

"First, we would like to thank Linda Nabers, Area 4 Director and Zonta Club of Southfield Area for all their hard work. It was an awesome experience had by all looking out at those eager faces. These young girls have an opportunity to be a part of a bigger network, an International Network. It's all about service and leadership development. They will have many role models to emulate. Their first project will be the "Zonta Pillows" for breast cancer patients." said Dr. Cook-Robinson.



Linda Nabers

This is not the first time we've chartered a Z-Club. In the early 1990's we chartered the Z-Club of Highland Park. Some of us "old-timers" may recall the girls participating in the 1994 Zonta International Convention hosted by District 15. Unfortunately, the club eventually disbanded. The club was unable to survive staffing changes at the school and the retirement of its guiding Zontian, Doris Meriwether.

Thinking to the bigger picture of Zonta membership, studies show that people are more likely to support agencies that engaged them as youth. Z-Clubs provide an excellent platform from which to build future Zontians. ∂



## NEW:\* ZONTA DISTRICT 15 CLUB GUIDE FOR UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMS\*

Sandra Vosper, Past District Governor

For many years the United Nations Committee was one of the Standing (Mandatory) Committees that Zonta International required all clubs establish. Although it is no longer mandatory, Zonta's association with the United Nations defines Zonta's identity and mandate, and it is highly recommended that each club appoint a UN Chair. It has not always been clear what is expected of your club's UN Committee Chair. The information in this newly developed guide has been gleaned from ZI website, UN Women, and various other sources to help clubs with this issue. It has been distributed to all Club Presidents and you will also find it at [www.zonta15.org](http://www.zonta15.org) ∂



## Important Future Events

### CONNECTIONS:

Zonta District 15 spring workshops coming to an Area near you. Come discover ways to reframe and revitalize your club and its 'connections' to members, your community and Zonta International. The Zonta District 15 spring workshop will show clubs how to make little 'connections' to make BIG things happen!

Save the date:

- Area 1-April 30, 2011 hosted by Zonta Club of Gaylord;
- Area 2-May 1, 2011 hosted by Zonta Club of Meridian East;
- Area 3-May 14, 2011 hosted by Zonta Club of Lenawee;
- Area 4-May 15, 2011 hosted by the Zonta Club of Lapeer.

**Look for the registration information in the mail soon.**

### Join Zonta International at the 2011 International Women's Day Networking Gala

Join Michigan Association for Female Entrepreneurs (MAFE) along with Zonta International for the first annual **International Women's Day Networking Gala** in recognition of International Women's Day 2011.

**Tuesday, March 8, 2011**

6:00 pm ~ 9:00 pm

**Detroit Marriott Southfield**  
27033 Northwestern Highway  
Southfield, MI 48034

**See more information on the District website!**

### Save the Date for the 2011 Zonta North American Inter-District Meeting

June 3-5, 2011, Reno, NV

Meet Zonta International Leaders; reconnect with Zontians from other Districts; participate in workshops on a variety of timely topics; refresh your spirit of commitment to improving the lives of women

**See more information on the District website!**



### For Your Attention

- Membership is only official after dues payment is made to Zonta International (ZI) headquarters and the District Treasurer along with a completed Member Form containing the name and contact information of newly inducted members. The form which is available on the ZI website under Member Resources, should be completed by the Club Membership Committee.
- To ensure members receive all member communication from ZI and the District, when a member's contact information changes it is very important that this information is provided by the Club Membership Committee to Zonta International via the Member Form. Members need to notify District Webmaster Joanne Lose who manages the District mass email member contact listings and update their profile in the Member Directory of the ZI website for the benefit of other members who may wish to contact them.
- A club's web page is its public face. Clubs should send timely updated information to District Webmaster Joanne Lose.
- To avoid confusion and to ensure the appropriate person handles matters, the appropriate line of communication is member-Club President-Area Director-District Governor-ZI Liaison for District 15-ZI President. ☺