



# THE BRIDGE

Summer 2010

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Denise Quarles

Areas of Focus

I look forward to implementing my goals for the district and pursuing activities for the two areas on which I would like the district to focus - women's health and violence against women. Much of the district conference was planned with these 2 areas of focus in mind. There are so many ways in which Zontians can work to improve the lives of women. With such widespread and varied need, clubs are oftentimes trying to decide on which issues to direct their service and advocacy efforts. If your club is looking for pertinent mission oriented projects I encourage you to focus this biennium on projects related to violence against women and/or women's health.

I have had a long career in criminal justice and for several years I have served on the Board of an organization providing service to victims of domestic violence. Therefore, I have a heightened awareness of and interest in the various ways in which women are targeted for violence whether by domestic partners or others.

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Zonta International conventions are inspiring from the impressive opening ceremony to the closing banquet. Every time I have attended a Zonta International convention I returned with enhanced enthusiasm for our potential to accomplish our mission. Attending a convention with women representing 66 countries is a vivid reminder of our extensive global reach and of our shared desire to improve the lives of women.

The convention this year was no exception. It was a great opportunity to meet Zontians from throughout the world, to receive up to date information about Zonta International operations and projects and to be a party to decision making about our goals and service projects for the biennium. Much of this newsletter contains articles with valuable information related to the convention. I was pleased that of the 100 persons who were recognized for recruiting 2 or more members between September, 2009 and March, 2010 District 15 had 10 members receiving this special recognition. Also, as you will recall, districts were encouraged to make contributions to the International Foundation during the convention. While members of our district did not make the largest overall contribution, our donations were significant. Additionally, the convention this year was particularly memorable for me because, along with 31 other women, I had the privilege of being installed as district governor. What a great start to the new biennium!!





## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE (continued)

As we learned from the "Say No to Violence" campaign, violence affects women of every race, class, culture, ethnicity, age and country. One in three women in the world may suffer from abuse in her lifetime.

Whether we are addressing breast cancer, heart health, death and injury of mothers during the birthing process or a myriad of other health issues, we know that women have a critical need for health care education and services. While we focus on helping women in need in this regard, we should remember to help ourselves. With our busy professional lives sometimes we may not take the time for routine health care. We can best help others if we take care of ourselves. If you haven't taken the time to have some basic health screenings performed, you may choose to take advantage of an opportunity which will be provided at the district conference. Arrangements have been made with a public health care service to provide medical professionals who will, free of charge, conduct a few simple, but vital health screenings for such things as blood pressure, blood sugar and bone density.

**Goals** - At the conference I will outline my goals for the biennium. However, I would like to now make note of one of the goals which is enhancing professionalism and service to the district membership through the use of technology. As an example, I have discussed with Webmaster Joanne Lose my desire for greater efficiency in communication between the district and members and having the district website serve as a conduit for clubs to sell fundraising items. I am pleased to say that through her diligent research Joanne has been able to identify methods to accomplish this goal. The manner in which you are receiving this newsletter is one of the new initiatives. Details of other new processes are outlined by Joanne in this newsletter.

**Newsletter Features - Book Corner** - As a child my mother enrolled me in book clubs to teach me the benefit of reading as a means to broaden my interests and to increase my knowledge of issues. As a book lover I am initiating a Book Corner so that members can share information about books they have read that can serve to enlighten all of us about mission oriented issues. Commentary on books can be submitted to newsletter editor Jaqui Stoneman by the newsletter submission deadline dates. **For Your Attention** - This addition to the newsletter will serve as a reminder of ongoing matters which require the attention of individual members and clubs.

If we are to have the best district wide impact to accomplish the Zonta mission, we can join together to recruit new members, publicize our good work and to share ideas with each other about successful club efforts. Enlisting the assistance of district committee chairs can also be helpful in this regard. Most importantly, all of us can be most effective if we make a concerted effort to educate ourselves about critical problems impacting women. Attendance at International conventions, the district conference and spring workshops are just a few of the ways in which this can be accomplished. We must remember that we are part of a large Zonta world which has a major impact on improving the lives of women. Indeed, the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. I look forward to this biennium and all of us working together as a team to advance the status of women.

The next newsletter deadline is November 1st.

Send articles for the "Bridge" to: Jaqui Stoneman at [jstoneman@fnba.com](mailto:jstoneman@fnba.com)

or mail: 6043 Redondo Dr, Haslett, MI 48840. For questions or comments, contact her at: 517-332-7787.

*Please add Jaqui to your Club's newsletter mailing list (email preferred).*





**Zonta International District 15  
2010 Fall Conference  
Northern Lights  
October 15-17  
Island Resort & Casino  
Harris, Michigan  
Hosted by the Zonta Club of  
Iron Mountain-Kingsford**



**Two Buses Available**

**Departing Oct 15**

Bus #1: Departing from **Southfield** with pickup in **Pontiac**, leaving at approximately 6:00 a.m. Contact Joel Alexander at: [jalexander@ameritech.net](mailto:jalexander@ameritech.net) to reserve your seat today!

Bus #2: Departing from **Lansing Area**: I-96 **Okemos** Exit 110 - Park & Ride lot with pick up at: US 127 Park & Ride lot, exit 143, **Mt. Pleasant** and US 127 Park & Ride lot, exit 201, **Higgins Lk. Rd.**, with final pickup & lunch in **Gaylord** at the Sugar Bowl Restaurant. Contact: Patty Johnson at: [johnsonpc2007@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johnsonpc2007@sbcglobal.net) to reserve your seat today!

**SANDY SOIFER, Executive Director**

Sandy was hired as the first paid Executive Director of the Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame in Sept. 2008. Her predecessor, Dr. Gladys Beckwith, a Zontian, served in dual roles as Executive Director and President for more than 35 years. Prior to accepting this position, Sandy was an Assistant Director at the MSU Alumni Association for 10 years.

**Learn About the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame:** What do Sojourner Truth, Gilda Radner and Governor Jennifer Granholm have in common? They are among over 250 inductees in the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame. You may not realize that Michigan was the first state to have a museum solely dedicated to the history of women. We will view **"We Can Do It! A Celebration of Michigan Women"** documenting the first 25 years of the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, learn about the important outreach project by Zonta Club of Flint I to create the Genesee Regional Women's Hall of Fame, and hear about the exciting new history exhibit at the Michigan Women's Historical Center, **"Petticoat Patriots: How Michigan Women Won the Vote,"** highlighting the suffrage movement in Michigan and celebrating the 90th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment.



**THERESA FLORES, LSW, MSE**

At age 15, she was drugged, raped and tortured for two long years. She was kept in bondage and forced to pay back an impossible debt, all the while living at home in an upper-middle class suburb of Detroit, Michigan. This is only part of the story that we will hear from Theresa, a victim of **HUMAN TRAFFICKING**.

Theresa is our featured speaker for the Status of Women Luncheon. Learn how she embarked on a crusade to save others still living in this form of modern day slavery as she publicly shares how she survived, how she broke free, how she healed and how she now helps others. Theresa is an international speaker, lecturing on many aspects of Human Trafficking from both a personal perspective as well as a professional expert. Copies of her book will be available for sale.

**KAREN MACIER, CFRE**

**Leading By Chance, Reluctantly, and With Optimism**

Developing women to understand their role in making the world a better place is just one of the passions of our featured speaker at the business meeting Friday evening. Experiences both in the workplace and in her volunteer activities have led Karen Macier to create positive change in her life and in others, develop her personal leadership skills, and mentor and inspire others. Along the way, she has also been inspired and mentored by many women whom she says are much more knowledgeable and talented. Karen wants members to engage in a conversation with her to investigate the unique qualities of women as leaders, what gets in our way as leaders, and finally how we put these skills to use in our volunteer activities.

The Zonta International Jane Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Committee Chair, Karen is a member of the Zonta Club of Auburn, N.Y. and the Chief Development Officer at Tompkins Cortland Community College in New York.





UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Sandra Vosper, D15 UN Chair

Please feel free to direct questions you may have regarding the UN to me at [sandra.vosper@shaw.ca](mailto:sandra.vosper@shaw.ca) Zonta International, in conjunction with the UN observes the following days. Please mark them on your club calendar.

- SEPTEMBER 21 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE
OCTOBER 24 UNITED NATIONS DAY
NOV 25-DEC 10 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE
DEC 1 WORLD AIDS DAY
DEC 10 INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

“The INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE, also known as the WORLD PEACE DAY, occurs annually on SEPTEMBER 21. It is dedicated to peace, or specifically the absence of war, such as might be occasioned by a temporary ceasefire in a combat zone. It is observed by many nations, political groups, military groups, and peoples. The first year this holiday was celebrated was 1981. To inaugurate the day, the "Peace Bell" is rung at UN Headquarters. The bell is cast from coins donated by children from all continents. It was given as a gift by the Diet of Japan, and is referred to as "a reminder of the human cost of war." "LONG LIVE ABSOLUTE WORLD PEACE," is the inscription that appears on its side.”

NEW: ABOUT UN WOMEN www.unwomen.org

In July 2010, the United Nations General Assembly created UN WOMEN the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. In doing so, UN Member States took an historic step in accelerating the Organization’s goals on gender equality and the empowerment of women.

The creation of UN Women came about as part of the UN reform agenda, bringing together resources and mandates for greater impact. It will merge and build on the important work of four previously distinct parts of the UN system which focus exclusively on gender equality and women’s empowerment:

- Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW)
International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)
Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women (OSAGI)
United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

The main roles of UN WOMEN are:

- To support inter-governmental bodies, such as the Commission on the Status of Women, in their formulation of policies, global standards and norms
To help Member States to implement these standards, standing ready to provide suitable technical and financial support to those countries that request it and to forge effective partnerships with civil society.
To hold the UN system accountable for its own commitments on gender equality, including regular monitoring of system-wide progress.

MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD’S WOMEN

Over many decades, the UN has made significant progress in advancing gender equality, including through landmark agreements such as the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

Gender equality is not only a basic human right, but its achievement has enormous socio-economic ramifications. Empowering women fuels thriving economies, spurring productivity and growth. Yet gender inequalities remain deeply entrenched in every society. Women lack access to decent work and face occupational segregation and gender wage gaps. They are too often denied access to basic education and health care. Women in all parts of the world suffer violence and discrimination. They are under-represented in political and economic decision-making processes.

For many years, the UN has faced serious challenges in its efforts to promote gender equality globally, including inadequate funding and no single recognized driver to direct UN activities on gender equality issues. UN Women — which will be operational by January 2011 — has been created to address such challenges. It will be a dynamic and strong champion for women and girls, providing them with a powerful voice at the global, regional and local levels.

Grounded in the vision of equality enshrined in the UN Charter, UN Women will, among other issues, work for the:
elimination of discrimination against women and girls
empowerment of women
achievement of equality between women and men as partners and beneficiaries of development, human rights, humanitarian action and peace and security. ∞





## RACHEL LICHTY NAMED RECIPIENT OF THE YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD

Penny Boldrey, YWPA Coordinator

Zonta International District 15 presented Rachel Lichty of Leland, Michigan with the 2010 Young Women in Public Affairs award on August 20, at the Bluebird Restaurant in Leland. Rachel's application was submitted by the Zonta Club of Leelanau County. Kay Johnston, Zonta Club of Leelanau County President participated in the presentation along with Penny Boldrey, a member of the District 15 Service Committee and the 2010-2012 YWPA Coordinator.

Rachel is a 2010 graduate of Leland Public Schools and will be attending Loyola University in Chicago, where she plans to earn a bachelor's degree in political science. Rachel's goal is to earn a Juris Doctor degree and become a lawyer. During high school Rachel was a member of the National Honor Society, and she was actively involved in her school, serving as president of student council, 2009 Homecoming Queen as well as many extracurricular activities. ∞

[Read more info on the District 15 website!](#)



## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS:

Karen Armaly, Lt. Governor



As I begin my biennium as Lt. Governor, I want to let you know that I am here for you. I will make myself available to attend meetings and answer the questions you may have about membership or Zonta questions in general. Membership growth is essential to your club. With growth District 15 can flourish even more than it is now.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** Karen Armaly, Sharon Black, Penny Boldrey, Joy Smith, Helen Leonard, Dorothy Nichols Lewis, Nancy Sorenson, Allison Reuter, Linda Hume and Kelly Scriptor all of whom received special recognition at the Zonta International Convention for recruiting 2 or more members between September, 2009 and March, 2010.

**WELCOME TO THE ZONTA CLUB OF TROY-SOUTH OAKLAND CLUB** - The Zonta Club of Troy-South Oakland will hold its Charter Dinner on September 26, 2010. The dinner will be held at the Mon Jin Lau Restaurant in Troy. The cost is \$32.00. RSVP by September 15, 2010 to Zonta Club of Troy-South Oakland, PO Box 760251, Lathrup Village, MI 48076. If you have never attended a Charter Dinner, it is an experience that you will enjoy. Please make an effort and welcome District 15's newest club.

**BEST PRACTICES CONTEST** - This year we want to know about your membership recruiting and how you retain your members. This is a great opportunity for every club to share their ideas with the District. An entry form was sent to each club president with a submission deadline date of August 31. ∞

***"I am convinced that attitude is the key to success or failure in almost any of life's endeavors. Your attitude- your perspective, your outlook, how you feel about yourself, how you feel about other people-determines your priorities, your actions, your values.***

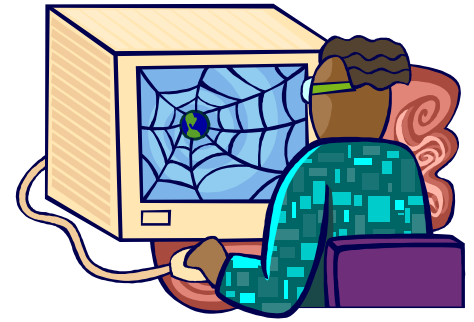
***Your attitude determines how you interact with other people and how you interact with yourself."***

~ Carolyn Warner



ON THE WEB

Joanne Lose, Webmaster



For all your website needs, contact me at: [joannebead@yahoo.com](mailto:joannebead@yahoo.com)

The Zonta District 15 website [www.zonta15.org](http://www.zonta15.org) is the place to go for all your Zonta district needs.... A quick click of the mouse will take you from learning about what other clubs in the district are doing to resource documents such as the Membership Recruitment, Retention and Revitalization manual...it's all there!

Enhancements continue to be made to the website. Here's what you can expect now or in the future:

'Members Only' section: access to District Board and Committee Chair personal contact information, member resources, forms and more.

Photo page of International Convention pictures – please send your convention pictures to me today. Let's share the excitement of attending an International Convention with everyone!

Photo share - share pictures of your events with other Zontians. Email me event pictures as soon after the event as possible.

'The Zonta Shop' – a place to sell your Zonta products. Send me a photo of the item(s), selling price and a contact email address, or website URL. (all purchases will be made directly from your club contact or website, not from the district website).

'Event Share' – submit your successful service and fundraising projects, to share with other clubs.

Don't forget Public Drum <http://publicdrum.org/get.php?pid=Home>. Use this tool to let others know about an upcoming event. Your event will also automatically appear on the Club Events page of the District website. Need help? Contact me.

Additional resource materials – select handouts, etc. from conferences and workshops

Video streaming of select presentations (we hope!).

**A Note About Club Websites:** Please take time today to review your club's website and keep it up-to-date. If I am the webmaster for your site, the club president or a designated member can email those changes to me anytime. I strive to make website changes quickly.

**Missing Websites:** Click on the following link – or insert the URL into your browser - to find out if your club has a website. [www.zonta15.org/district15/ClubMeetings.htm](http://www.zonta15.org/district15/ClubMeetings.htm). Send club information to me and I will create a club website or home page, at no cost to your club.

**Promote Zonta and Your Club:** Several tools are available on both the District and International website that will assist you in promoting your club. Take club promotion one step further by always including the club's website on any promotional material you create and distribute: press releases, event announcements, club brochures, club displays, etc.

Make your club website exciting, inviting, informative and use it as a tool to allow others to learn more about Zonta!

Until the next Bridge,  
I'll see you "On the Web!"

For Your Attention

To ensure Zonta International and the District can communicate with you make sure you update your contact information on the International website and inform your club OMC (Membership) Committee Chair.

The OMC Chair needs to routinely provide updated member contact information to the International headquarters and the District Treasurer via completion of the Member Report Form.

Club and member financial support to the Zonta International Foundation is critical to sustaining the service projects as well as the Amelia Earhart, Jane Klausman and YWPA scholarship/awards. If clubs increase their donations and each member makes at least an annual donation, the impact of the Foundation on critical problems can be substantially increased.





## 2010-2015 ZI FOUNDATION SERVICE GOALS: \$3,758,000

### Jacquie Gudmundsen, Foundation Ambassador

Do you consider yourself a good Zontian? Are you proud to be a member of an international organization that truly works to improve the lives of women throughout the world? Consider this standard test: does your club dedicate one-third of its service funds to Zonta's international service programs and projects through club contributions to the Zonta International Foundation? Do you—personally—make an individual contribution to the Foundation at least once a year, every year? Have you considered a planned gift to the Foundation? Think about these questions.

Last spring, when Governor Denise asked me to be the District Foundation Ambassador, I was both honored and a bit apprehensive. I feared there might be negative feelings and hesitancy to give after the sudden and dramatic change in how the Zonta International Foundation (ZIF) operates. Then I went to the International Convention in San Antonio, and I learned that the IRS encouraged and allowed extra tax privileges to organizations that have overlapping Boards (Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation). Even more important, I realized that, worldwide, we are good Zontians, and we support our mission and stand by our commitments. I lost my apprehension and gained excitement and enthusiasm for what we will do this biennium.

Our 2010-2012 goals pledge that we continue the good work begun this past biennium partnering with United Nations agencies in Rwanda, Liberia, Guatemala, and El Salvador. Zonta has committed \$1,500,000, with \$500,000 allocated for each of three projects. In Rwanda, we will continue the work of preventing gender-based violence and the transmission of HIV between mothers and children. In Liberia, we will build on the success of the past two years and work to eliminate obstetric fistula and reduce the number of maternal and newborn deaths. In Guatemala and El Salvador, we will continue to make cities safe for women in Guatemala City and San Salvador.

With our 2010-2012 ZISVAW (Zonta International Strategies to Prevent Violence Against Women) projects, we have committed \$430,000 towards a comprehensive strategy to end burn violence against women in Cambodia, Nepal, and Uganda. This type of violence

involves throwing corrosive acid on a victim. While it rarely kills, it always destroys lives. These premeditated acts almost always target women and girls, leaving them virtually unable to provide for their economic survival, either through marriage or employment. In addition to the physical pain and psychological trauma, victims almost always face social isolation and ostracism.

A second ZISVAW project responds to Zontians' concerns about Haiti and commits \$200,000 to ensure that humanitarian aid and early recovery response is gender-responsive and will provide security and empowerment for women and their families. Come to Fall Conference to learn more about the needs that prompted these service projects and what the objectives are for meeting these needs.

In addition to these service projects, we will continue to support our Zonta international education programs. Our goals for this biennium are:

\$700,000 for Amelia Earhart Fellowships for women pursuing graduate study in the aerospace sciences

\$184,000 for Jane M. Klausman Awards for women in undergraduate and masters degree business programs

\$94,000 for Young Women in Public Affairs Awards for secondary-school-age women to encourage women to consider careers in public service

\$650,000 for the Rose Fund for operating expenses and program support

You will learn more about the winners of these awards in future newsletters.

The San Antonio Convention provided a wealth of information and inspiration for working to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. The good news? Despite changes in our organization and a devastating worldwide economic recession, Zontians the world over gave more than was pledged at the Rotterdam Convention so ZIF exceeded its 2008-2010 goals by almost \$15,000. That's great news! It means that we were able to award 70 qualified women from 11 countries with \$10,000 Amelia Earhart Fellowships. It means in Rwanda fewer HIV-infected babies were born of mothers infected with HIV/AIDs.

It means almost 200 young women in Liberia were treated for obstetric fistula. It means safer cities for women in Guatemala and El Salvador, and more women in Cambodia, Egypt, and Syria benefitted from programs geared to prevent violence against women.

The sad news? Remember that standards test? We can't measure how many Zonta clubs give one-third of their service money to international programs and projects. Zonta International doesn't ask for that information. We are on "the honor system," so to speak. We do know, however, that less than 10 % of our members made an individual contribution to the Zonta International Foundation. That is a sad statistic because it means so few Zontians personally get involved in making contributions to the very programs and projects that makes us an international organization.

Yes, we do support these programs and projects with our club contributions, but let's not miss an opportunity to strengthen our own internationalism by making individual contributions. And we can find out if our club gives one-third (or more) of its service money to ZIF for our international programs and projects. If your club meets that standard, recognize and celebrate it. Share the good news with other clubs. If your club has not allocated one-third of its service funds to the Foundation, start the dialog going. Remember, it is not the amount of money we give individually, or the size of the contribution from the club, that is so important; it is the fact that we are doing our part as Zontians to improve the status of women worldwide that is significant.

**Remember** that we give because:

70 % of the 1.3 billion people living in poverty are women

Two-thirds of the illiterate adults in the world are women

Two-thirds of the children not in school today are girls

60 million women are "missing" today because of violence associated with gender discrimination



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2010-2012 ZI Foundation Service Goals (continued)

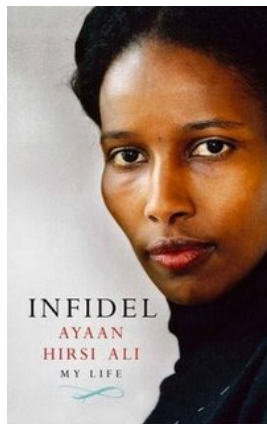
Realize that we give to the Zonta International Foundation because:

- More than 40,000 women in developing nations die from pregnancy-related causes every month of every year
- 48% of the workforce are women, yet less than 5% hold senior management positions, and only 10% hold seats in the world's parliaments
- An estimated 4 million women and girls are bought and sold worldwide every year

Respond by making your individual and club contribution to the Zonta International Foundation to:

- Continue to fund Amelia Earhart Fellowships, Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships, and Young Women in Public Affairs Awards
- Prevent gender-based violence and transmission of HIV from mother to child in Rwanda
- Eliminate obstetric fistula in women in Liberia and reduce maternal and newborn deaths
- Provide safe places for women to travel to and from work and school in Guatemala City and San Salvador
- Develop a comprehensive strategy to eliminate burn violence against women in Cambodia, Nepal, and Uganda
- Ensure gender-responsive humanitarian and early response recovery in order to provide security and empowerment to women and their families in earthquake-ravaged Haiti

Recognize that you as a Zontian are making a difference in the lives of women who need help today! Celebrate the great work you do for women in your communities and the world! Thank you for your generosity and commitment. ∞



**"Infidel"**

by Ayaan Hirsi Ali

The memoir of Ayaan Hirsi Ali reveals a woman whose life experiences have been the embodiment of many of the critical problems born of inequality facing girls and women throughout the world. It is a powerful story of perseverance against religious and cultural practices which are detrimental to females. She endured female genital mutilation, forced marriage, beatings and expulsion from her family and clan.

Ms. Ali has been an outspoken critic of religious views which attempt to justify discrimination against females. She was born in Somalia and has lived in several countries including Holland where she collaborated with a Dutch filmmaker on the documentary "Submission" regarding extremist religious beliefs which have detrimental effects on females. As a reaction to that film, the filmmaker was murdered by a religious fanatic.

Ms. Ali's public critique expressed through the documentary, her writings and speeches have made her a target of extremists who have threatened to harm her. She currently lives in the United States and remains in need of armed protection.

Her bravery is admirable as she continues to seek justice and equality for girls and women. Due to her efforts she has received many human rights awards, and in 2005 she was named by Time magazine as one of the *100 Most Influential People*.

*Comments by Denise Quarles*

**Check it out!**  
**We're on the web:**  
**[www.zonta15.org](http://www.zonta15.org)**

"Let's never stop asking questions.  
Questions give us a harbor to remember  
where we once lived mentally.  
They remind us of the possibilities that  
can be born out of thoughts and musings, and  
they link together pattern that define our lives."  
~Luci Swindoll



## Say NO – UNiTE to End Violence against Women

Glenda Stephens, Zonta District 15 Legislative Committee Chair



*Say NO – UNiTE to End Violence against Women* is a global call for action, launched in November 2009, on ending violence against women and girls. It is presented by UNIFEM as a contribution to advance the objectives of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's campaign *UNiTE to End Violence against Women* through social mobilization. UNIFEM Goodwill Ambassador Nicole Kidman is the spokesperson for *Say NO*.

Violence against women and girls is a problem of pandemic proportions. Based on country data available, up to 70% of women experience physical or sexual violence from men in their lifetime – the majority by husbands, intimate partners or someone they know. Among women aged between 15 and 44, acts of violence cause more death and disability than cancer, malaria, traffic accidents and war combined.

Here are a few statistics that really drive home the enormity of this problem:

- In the United States, one-third of women murdered each year are killed by intimate partners.
- In South Africa, a woman is killed every 6 hours by an intimate partner
- In India, 22 women were killed each day in dowry-related murders in 2007
- In Guatemala, two women are murdered on average, each day.
- An estimated 150 million girls under 18 suffered some form of sexual violence in 2002 alone.
- As many as 1 in 4 women experience physical and/or sexual violence during pregnancy which increases the likelihood of having a miscarriage, stillbirth and abortion.
- In Sao Paulo, Brazil, a woman is assaulted every 15 seconds.
- In Ecuador, adolescent girls reporting sexual violence in school, identified teachers as the perpetrator in 37% of the cases.

Domestic violence alone costs approximately US\$1.16 billion in Canada and US\$5.8 billion in the United States. In Australia, violence against women and children costs an estimated US\$11.38 billion per year.

*As Zontians, let's make a difference!* Check out the Zonta International website and become inspired and energized by viewing the videos from the ZI 2010 Convention. You will also find some additional resources on the Zonta International website, and by following the website links for UNIFEM and Say **NO**.

*As Zontians, let's stand up and be counted!* There have been more than 337, 108 actions already taken around the world. Using the tools available on the website learn how to create your own profile page, engage others and upload your actions. Take a look at our 'Action Ideas', and begin by signing the petition. It only takes a few seconds.

*As Zontians, let's tap into the groundswell!* People from all over the world have already joined Say **NO**. Take action and find out what's happening in your city. Take part in an activity or organize your own initiative, today.

*Zontians, become part of the change!*



2010 ZONTA BYLAWS & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Nicole Evans, District Chair

Below is a listing of bylaws, rules of procedure, and resolutions adopted at the 2010 Zonta International Convention in San Antonio, Texas. This report only consists of major changes. Details about other decisions can be found on the ZI website.

Proposal Adopted Wording

- 3. Article IV, Members, Section 2. Zonta Clubs. (c) Termination. P 7

(c) Termination. In the event of termination all legal debts and service obligations shall be paid by the club. Remaining assets must be disbursed to the Zonta International Foundation, except for operating funds which shall revert to the district for organization and membership.

- 4. Article IV, Members, Section 2. Zonta Clubs. (d) Disbandment. P 7

(d) Disbandment. A club that intends to disband must first notify the area director. If the club, after taking all the necessary steps together with the area director to avoid isbandment, decides to do so, it shall inform the district governor, who shall inform the International President and the Executive Director immediately.

- 7. Article V. Section 7. Nonpayment of Dues and Fees. P 8

SECTION 7. Nonpayment of Dues and Fees. Unless payment is temporarily waived by the Zonta International Board, clubs in arrears for dues and fees shall pay an additional per capita fee for administration related to nonpayment. The Zonta International Board shall have the power to determine the amount in U.S. dollars, which must not exceed 10% of current dues. Headquarters shall notify the appropriate governor, president, and treasurer of all clubs in arrears for dues and fees that unless their financial obligations are met within fortyfive (45) days due date, the club shall forfeit its membership. After another forty-five (45) days, headquarters shall notify the appropriate governor, president and treasurer of each club still in arrears that the club has forfeited its membership through nonpayment of dues and fees. By a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Zonta International Board, such a club may be reinstated....

- 7. Article V. Section 8. Emergency Assessment. P9

SECTION 8. Emergency Assessment. In case of emergency, the Zonta International Board or the convention may request a per capita per year assessment in U.S. dollars, which must not exceed 10% of current dues.

- 16a. Article XI, Zonta International Nominating Committee, New Section 6. p 20

SECTION 6. Removal. Members of the District Nominating Committee may be removed by the district board for failure to perform the duties of the position, or acting in such a way as to injure the good name of Zonta or hamper its work. The procedure shall be as specified in Article XIII, Section 10(g) (1).

- 16b. Article XIII, Districts, Section 13. Nominating Committee, New subsection f. p 33

(f) Removal. Members of the District Nominating Committee may be removed by the district board for failure to perform the duties of the position, or acting in such a way as to injure the good name of Zonta or hamper its work. The procedure shall be as specified in Article XIII, Section 10(g) (1).

- 16c. Article XIV, Clubs, Section 8. Nominating Committee, New subsection f. p 40

(f) Removal. Members of the club Nominating Committee may be removed by the district board for failure to perform the duties of the position, or acting in such a way as to injure the good name of Zonta or hamper its work. The procedure shall be as specified in Article XIV, Section 4 (e)

- 17c. Article XII, Committees, Section 5. Finance Committee. P 21

SECTION 5. Finance Committee. The Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the Zonta International president, the Zonta International treasurer/secretary, the Zonta International Finance Committee chairman and the designated Zonta International Finance Committee chairman for the following biennium. It shall:

- 17d. Article VI, Officers and Directors, Section 1. Officers. (d) Duties (4) Treasurer/Secretary. P 11

(4) Treasurer/Secretary. The treasurer/ secretary shall be the chief financial officer of Zonta International and be a member of the Zonta International Finance Committee. ...

- 17e. Article XII, Section 8. Service Committee. P 22

SECTION 8. Service Committee. It shall promote international service projects sponsored by Zonta International and funded through the Zonta International Foundation, and shall encourage and support local service projects.



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17e. Article XII, Section 8. Service Committee. P 22

SECTION 8. **Service Committee.** It shall promote international service projects sponsored by Zonta International and funded through the Zonta International Foundation, and shall encourage and support local service projects.

• 17f: Article XII, New Section 11. p 23

SECTION 11. **Amelia Earhart Fellowship Award Committee.** It shall select and recommend to the Zonta International Board candidates for annual Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowships.

• 18a. Article XIII, Districts, Section 7. Duties of Officers. (a) Governor. P 26

(a) **Governor.** ... The governor shall appoint a Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, an Organization, Membership and Classification Committee, a Service Committee and a Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Committee, each with a chairman and such other members as the governor deems appropriate. The governor may make other appointments as appropriate to implement the programs of Zonta International.

• 18b. Article XIII, Districts, Section 7. Duties of Officers. (b) Lt. Governor. P 26

(b) **Lieutenant Governor.** The lieutenant governor shall perform such duties as assigned by the governor and in the absence or inability of the governor to perform the official duties within the district, the lieutenant governor shall perform such duties of the governor. The lieutenant governor shall be Chairman of the District Organization, Membership and Classification Committee and a member of the Zonta International Organization, Membership and Classification Committee.

• 18c. Article XIV, Clubs, Section 9. Committees. P 40

SECTION 9. **Committees.** (a) There shall be an Organization, Membership and Classification Committee, a Service Committee, a Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Committee and such other committees as the club board may authorize to achieve biennium goals.

• 20. Article XIII, Districts, Section 12. Audit. Pp 31- 32

SECTION 12. **Audit.** At least at the close of the biennium, the district board shall cause the district financial records to be audited, reviewed, or compiled by certified/chartered public accountants or by a qualified individual independent of the district board. For purposes of the audit, review or compilation, the books shall be closed 31 May. The audited, reviewed or compiled financial statement shall be presented at the district conference together with the audit, review, or compilation report.

• 23. Article XVII, Resolutions, Section 1. Definition and Duration. P 44

SECTION 1. **Definition and Duration.** A resolution is a statement proposing a policy, procedure, or action. A resolution adopted by an international convention shall remain in effect for the biennium proposed.

### Rules of Procedure of Zonta International

• 24. Club Liability Insurance (US/Canada). P 48

2. **Club Liability Insurance (US/Canada).** With the payment of dues to Zonta International, each U.S./Canada Zonta Club shall pay per member in U.S. dollars a premium for group liability insurance in an amount assessed by the Zonta International Board after obtaining, prior to each annual renewal date, competitive renewal bids for the subject coverage. ...

25a. Circularization. P 49 3. **Circularization.** (1)....

Zontians will not use membership lists or act in any other way to contact other Zontians for the purposes of lobbying for or against proposals that will be voted on, or for or against nominations for office or candidates who are running for office, at international conventions, district conferences or other Zonta meetings.

### Resolutions

4. Resolution on Daily Registration Fee at Zonta Conventions

At conventions, in addition to the full registration fee, a daily registration fee is offered allowing Zonta members, who are not delegates, and guests to attend conventions for single days and/or for single events. The region of validity will be defined by the ZI Board together with the Convention Committee. ∞



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## CLUB CALENDAR

<i>Month Due</i>	<i>Task</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>
August	File fiscal year IRS group form to IRS <b>by August 15</b> if filing with International Treasurer > \$25,000	In- Treasurer
	Elect club delegates for District Fall Conference	President
September	Complete Presidents packet forms for Fall Conference and submit as directed (Yellow Rose, 30 Year Member, President's Parade, Zonta Store, Service of Remembrance)	Board/Club
	Determine ZI Foundation Club goals for Fall Conference	
October	Attend District 15 Fall Conference - Zonta International Foundation Club Goals Due: Bring Eva Mowbray check to Conference	Club
	File fiscal year IRS E-Form 990 online to IRS <b>by October 15</b> <\$25,000 File fiscal year IRS Group Form to IRS <b>by October 15</b> if filing as a club >\$25,000	Treasurer
November	Submit Amelia Earhart Fellowship application to ZI	Club