

## **Service Committee Report**

### **JANE M. KLAUSMAN WOMEN IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Who is eligible?** Any woman in at least the second year of an undergraduate degree in business or a business-related program, up to the final year of a Master's program, can apply.

**How much is the scholarship?** The District winner receives \$1,000. The application of the winner at the District level is sent on to Zonta International by September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year as part of the world-wide competition for 12 scholarships of \$5,000 each.

**How does one apply?** Applicants apply through a local Zonta Club and the club sends one application to the District Governor. The Service Committee scores and selects the recipient of the District Scholarship.

**When is the deadline to apply?** July 1 of each year

**Where does the club send the application?** Applications go to Governor Denise Quarles at 4021 River Cover Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48917

#### **How can clubs get involved?**

- Clubs need to actively advertise the scholarship in their area.
- Before distributing application forms as found at [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) clubs should insert their name, return address and their local deadlines to receive and review the applications for completeness before one is sent on to the District Governor.
- Clubs may want to have their own JMK Selection Committee and offer a club award.

#### **Why should clubs get involved?**

- The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship program offers a public relations opportunity for clubs.
- The JMK program indicates Zonta's engagement with young women developing leadership skills and fostering community service.
- The JMK program may lead to potential future members.

**Any questions?** Email District JMK Coordinator, Gayle Manley at [gmanley@shaw.ca](mailto:gmanley@shaw.ca)

### **Z CLUB AND GOLDEN Z CLUBS UPDATE – SPRING 2011**

As District 15, Coordinator of Z and Golden Z Clubs, Julia R. Miller, Ph.D. contacted advisors to provide a synopsis of activities that their members have been and are currently engaged in to share with professional clubs. Within this article you will find the information and pictures which clubs provided to update you on their activities/events.

#### **Brace Lederle/MacArthur Z Club of Southfield**

The Z Club made up of 45 girls has been busy. February 24, 2011 there was a press release in the Sun Newspaper introducing them to the community.

March 18, 2011 they had a Z Club Meeting Lock-In and Dinner. It was an overnight sleepover at the Brace-Lederle Middle School on a Friday night. They began with a great agenda from 6:00 pm -10:30 pm. A Zonta International overview given by the Zonta Club of Southfield Area, Z Club member training, and they started their service learning activity: The pillows for cancer patients. After cleaning up the sewing area after 10:30 pm the sleepover activities began. Saturday they awakened to a continental breakfast at 8:30am. It was a huge success.

April 20, 2011 the Z Club held a meeting to work on their service project the pillows. Fifty inserts have been completed. The pillows with covers will be finished for the 2011 District Fall Conference. Once again following their agenda they put a committee of eleven girls in place to work on their dues structure and investigate possible fundraisers. The committee will present recommendations to the membership at their next meeting in May.

On May 1, 2011 five girls from the Z Club will be hostess for the Southfield Community Foundation 5th Annual Women's Fund Tea/Luncheon at the Plum Hollow Country Club. The proceeds will go to benefit victims of domestic violence. The guest speaker is a domestic violence survivor and activist.

The community is embracing them (the Z Club). The Z Club has had to turn down numerous requests from community organizations. There is just not enough time.

Linda Nabers, Advisor

#### **Negaunee High School Z Club**

The Negaunee High School Z Club implemented several career development activities this year. Our club adopted a family of three for Christmas, raised funds for the family, and provided gifts for each of the family members. The club members also painted faces at an activity day for kids and delivered roses, which were sold by the Marquette Area Zonta Club.

Adrienne Wolf, Advisor

#### **Charlevoix Area Z Club**

Our on-going projects include, making washable menstrual pads for girls, breast cancer surgery pillows for the local hospital, donations of foods and supplies to the local Food Pantry and Women's Shelter, and highway clean-up. We have awarded scholarships for YWPA, our local Mary Feindt Award, an Inland Seas Scholarship and local support for a woman trying to complete her education, as selected by the Women's Resource Center. We have sponsored a "Mad Hatter Tea" for elementary school girls, a one day leadership training camp for Middle and High

School girls, and Literary Delights to promote Michigan women authors. In addition, to Literary Delights, our fund-raisers include: sales of Koeze nuts and a handmade quilt raffle. During the holidays, we donated socks and gloves to the schools and gifts for local families who need assistance. Unfortunately, our Z Club has been in limbo and we will have to get it going again.

Val Kammermann, Advisor

### **Marquette High School Z Club**

Our Marquette High school club has been involved in keeping the Pak Ratz resale store at the Women's Center open last summer while working on Saturdays to help out due to lack of funding to keep the store open. The girls worked a combined 150 hours to support the Women's Center. They plan to do volunteer work at the Pak Ratz store again this summer.

They also purchased, prepared & wrapped gift boxes for the women and children at the women's center for the Harbor House in 2009 to give to the families at Christmas. The funds came from the Z-Club account to buy the gifts for the families.

For the past two years the girls in the club have worked the Kaleidoscopes event that is held at the dome for children. They have been painting faces of an average of 200 plus children. They purchased the paint from the z-Club account and dedicated 4-5 hours each time for the event.

The girls volunteered at this year's Alzheimer's Memory Walk held at Presque Isle Park. They face painted and helped Honky-the-C Clown make balloons for the young children that attended the event.

Many of the girls helped with the deliveries for our Zonta Rose sale by personally delivering to folks. This earned an extra \$10 per delivery to help with other charitable events such as Harbor House gifts.

For the past two years some of the girls participated in BBBS Bowl for Kid's sake. In 2010 the girls in the club collected cans to help support some of our efforts to help our community.

The girls are planning to help with this year's spring clean-up at Picnic Rocks. We are also planning a car wash and a few other events throughout the summer and fall.

We have a great group of girls in the MSHS Z-Club and just had our election of officers this past meeting. There is a lot of excitement and some new members and ideas coming for this year.

Shelby J. Bischoff, Advisor

### **Northern Michigan Golden Z Club**

Our NMU Golden Z Club was small in number but big in spirit this year. Our main activities focused on mentoring and interacting with the young women at Teaching Family Homes ([www.teachingfamilyhomes.com](http://www.teachingfamilyhomes.com)) We hosted a pizza and crafts night, where the girls painted crafts and we chatted with them. Along with our local Zonta club, we participated in a pajama party for the young women, with stations for make-up, hair, nails, henna tattoos, journal writing, zumba classes, and dance competitions. We also hosted a movie night, with popcorn and candy, and watched the movie "Despicable Me".

We participated in Make a Difference Day with the high school Z club and were matched with an elderly woman who needed gardening, raking, and window-washing done. We purchased hats, mittens, socks, and personal hygiene products and assembled them into "shoebboxes for the homeless" at Christmas. We raised money for and participated in Bowl For Kids' Sake to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Laura Klar, Advisor

### **Michigan State University Golden Z Club**

During the 2010-2011 Academic Year the MSU Golden Z Club sponsored several Activities. One of which was a formal installation of officers at the beginning of the Spring Semester. A modified version of the Zonta International Guidelines for inducting Z and Golden Z officers were used to install the officers. Governor Denise Quarles was the guest speaker, who presented a wonderful perspective of the global focus and initiatives of Zonta International and its specific projects. Other professional members from local clubs in Lansing and Surrounding areas were in attendance.

Another Activity was a Self Defense Seminar presented to members of the Club. Two student speakers who work with one of the university's organizations that inform student groups pertaining to self defense provided invaluable handouts and techniques. The members of the club and advisor had an opportunity to practice self defense techniques. Although this event was quite serious, it was also a great deal of fun and excellent learning experience to practice the techniques correctly.

The major activity of the club was a service project. The service project selected by the members was assembling "Birthing Kits". The Zonta Clubs of Lansing and of Capitol Area Lansing were contacted and requested to contribute financial support, and to participate in assembling the kits. Darcie Clapp was contacted for vendors to order medical and supplies and other information related to assembling and distributing the kits. Some supplies were ordered, while others were purchased from local stores in the community. The two professional clubs provided financial support in the amount of \$200, and members of one of the professional clubs assisted with assembling the kits. At the completion of this phase of the project 60 Birthing Kits are completed for mailing to Darcie. After they are received, Darcie will distribute the Kits to Care International to be forwarded to Afghanistan. This project will be continued with MSU Golden Z and professional members in the Greater Lansing Area Fall 2011.



Julia R. Miller, Advisor

District 15 Z and Golden Z Clubs are continuing to be successful in preparing our future Zontians as leaders for today and tomorrow. In so doing, they are empowering members to contribute to their communities, as well as to fulfill the missions and goals of their local organizations as well as Zonta International to advance the status of women globally.

**Any questions?** Email District Z and Golden Z Coordinator, Julia R. Miller, Ph.D. at [jrmiller@msu.edu](mailto:jrmiller@msu.edu)

#### **YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD WINNER**

The District 15 Service Committee, which acts as the YWPA selection committee, is thrilled to share that **Katelyn Flint** from Dow High School was selected to receive the 2011 YWPA Award. Katelyn's application was submitted by the **Zonta Club of Midland**. Congratulations to Katelyn and the Midland Club. More information about Katelyn will be in the next issue of the Bridge. Stay tuned!

**Any questions?** Email District YWPA Coordinator, Penny Boldrey at [boldreyp@alpenacc.edu](mailto:boldreyp@alpenacc.edu)

#### **ROSE DAY REPORT**

Thanks to all clubs that responded to the Rose Day *One Project, One Paragraph, One Picture*. The activities were creative and varied. Look for the full report with pictures at Fall Conference.

- District 15 Leadership – Co-sponsored the International Women's Day Expo
- Alpena – Assistance to Humanitarian Medical Mission in Guatemala
- Detroit II - Career Day @ Alternative For Girls
- Gaylord - W.A.R (Women at Risk) International Jewelry Party
- Marquette - Community "Heroes" Recognition Luncheon and 10+ year Club Members Service Recognition
- Meridian East - Letters to 'Women Who Make a Difference in Our Lives' and Celebrate Women's Day Bookmark distribution.
- Pontiac-N Oakland -- Reusable Menstrual Pad Kits for Days For Girls program
- Sault Ste Marie - Rose Presentations at the Workplace to 10 Community Women
- Southfield Area - An Evening with Jane White, Executive Director of the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force

Contact any of these clubs for details. Plan to participate with your own project in March 2012.

**Any questions?** Email District Service Chair, Bonnie McArthur at [bonsmca@comcast.net](mailto:bonsmca@comcast.net)

#### **REMINDER**

Two thirds of Service funds your club raises should stay in the local community while one third should be targeted to support our International Service projects. Thanks for ALL you will do as individuals and clubs to enhance the status of women worldwide in the next fiscal year!