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President's Letter

Dear Zontians:

Well, here we are at the end of another calendar year, waiting for Christmas to come and bring joy to the world, a little chaos at home and wondering what 2010 will have in store for us! We have been very busy in 2009 and should be proud of the work we have done. We offered *Enhancing your Assets* to three different outreach facilities, had a "ball" at the bowling fundraiser, worked with the Communities in the School, watched Barbara model at the Killingsworth Gala, ate delicious soup at the Souper Bowl, participated in meetings for Immigrant Victims, and watched a film by Susan Hogue. We were an impressive presence at the District 11 Conference Meeting in Fort Lauderdale. Though the economy has weakened and our membership has declined, we continue to be strong in our support, both through effort and financial, of our Club mission.

Our mission to raise awareness of women's issues worldwide is never more needed than at this time. We must dedicate ourselves to continue with this mission, here in Columbia and worldwide. There is much to do in 2010: increase our Club's membership, continue to support the outreach facilities, and work harder (is that possible?) to increase our funds through the annual fundraiser.

I look forward to another year which offers new opportunities to make life better for women in our community. I am also looking forward to traveling to Charleston and Savannah to meet with other clubs in our District. I hope you are planning to travel with me. Amelia Earhart once said "fly, for the fun of it", I say "Zonta, for the fun of it!"

Judy

*Don't compromise yourself. You are all you've got.
Janis Joplin, American singer*

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SC Immigrant Victim Network Meeting

The second quarterly meeting of the South Carolina Immigrant Victim Network was held on December 4 at USC's Consortium for Latino Immigration Studies which is located on Devine Street near the University. Those attending from our club were Judy Barnes, M. J. Hassell, Nancy Whiteside, Ina Edens and Doris Cheek. There were also two representatives from the Myrtle Beach club and one from the Hilton Head club.

The South Carolina Immigrant Victim Network is a program of the South Carolina Victim Assistance Network founded in partnership with the South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center, the Coalition for New South Carolinians, South Carolina Legal Services, Catholic Charities Immigration Services and the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. This new organization was created to serve as a collaborative network of partners – including immigrant communities, victim service providers, healthcare and legal professionals and law enforcement agencies, dedicated to working together to better service immigrant victims of crime by finding cultural and linguistically competent resources and providing direct legal assistance. One of the outcomes of the second meeting of the Network is that a comprehensive online resource directory will be developed. It will be a free resource and open to everyone, including governmental and non-governmental organizations, interpreters and counselors. If you would like to attend a meeting of The South Carolina Immigrant Victim Network, the next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25 from Noon to 3:00 p.m. in Columbia. Just let Judy know if you want to be included.

As members of Zonta, we are committed to the elimination of human trafficking all over the world and certainly in South Carolina. We are in the process of learning how we can best work toward this goal within the framework of the South Carolina Immigrant Victim Network. This new organization is basically an expanded extension of the Human Trafficking group that was started by the District Attorney's office a couple of years ago. Contributed by Doris Cheek 1-4-2010

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Zonta Members Participate in Communities in Schools After School Program

Zonta members M.J. Hassell, Dena Feagin, Ann Maletic, Libba Patterson and Coretta Bedsole provided a four week after school program for young women at E.L. Wright Middle School in the northeast area of Columbia. The four sessions were held throughout the fall. Lessons on proper behavior, etiquette, decorum and taking care of things was presented in creative ways through the use of planting a container herb garden, an art project, a class on basic etiquette and an afternoon tea. The young women focused on developing their team work skills and improving their interpersonal skills. Each session began with an ice breaker by a club member followed by a short lecture and interactive programs. An award was presented at the end of the session to the young woman who had the most success in maintaining her container garden. Prizes were given for other activities. There was much interaction between the middle schoolers and club members. The program was part of Communities in Schools of the Midlands' Pathfinders project. Zonta members worked with seventh grade girls. Communities in Schools of the Midlands is a local non-profit organization that links children and families with the community resources they need for academic and social success. Students served by CIS are often performing below the standards established for their grade level. Many of these students face multiple challenges such as limited adult support, inadequate access to health care, debilitating learning environments outside of the schools, and lack of access to the community resources they need to stay in school and learn effectively. CIS seeks to bridge the gap between these vulnerable students and their paths to success.

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- **January is Amelia Earhart Month**

After hearing of Amelia Earhart's disappearance in 1937, the Zonta Club of Bakersfield, California, USA suggested honoring the trailblazing Zontian with a [scholarship](#) that would further her deep interest in the science of aeronautics.

The Zonta International Board established a committee to gather information on the subject from many sources: the National Aeronautics Association, commercial aviation companies, airports and flying schools, universities and engineering institutes. The committee's research revealed testimony that women, given the proper training, were capable of carrying on specialized work in various departments of aviation and that many opportunities for their services were open in that wide and complex field.

In 1938, Zonta established the Amelia Earhart Fellowships. Few women were active in aeronautics, science or engineering at the time - no qualified applicants were even found in the first two years the Fellowship was offered. Yet Zontians did not doubt the success of such a scholarship program and faithfully supported it, instituting it as a loan to women pursuing graduate education in the aerospace field. In 1952, the Amelia Earhart Fellowship (by that time an award rather than a loan) became, by constitutional amendment, Zonta's first continuing international service program. * See insert below

In addition to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship program, Zontians have shown their admiration for Amelia in several ways. In 1963, the Amelia Earhart commemorative airmail postage stamp, for which Zontians fervently campaigned, was issued by the United States Postmaster-General. The Zonta Club of Atchison, Kansas, erected a life-sized bronze statue of Earhart in the International Forest of Friendship in Atchison, Amelia's birthplace. The Zonta Club of Schenectady, New York, purchased a replica of Amelia's plane, now housed at the New York Aerospace Museum.

Clubs from all over the world honor her trailblazing spirit every January. 11 January is designated as Amelia Earhart Day; commemorating the day she became the first woman to fly solo over the Pacific Ocean.

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* District 11 usually has at least six or eight Amelia Earhart recipients to recognize each biennium. Recipients are invited to our District 11 conferences and many have attended over the years, depending on where the Conference is held. The Zonta Club of Atlanta graciously presents the Amelia Earhart Wings and Certificates to those winners attending Georgia Tech.

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On December 6th, Susan Hogue was gracious enough to come out and share her film "Promises Made" with Zonta members at Judy Barnes home. About 12 Zonta members gathered at Judy's home for the event and brought delicious food for everyone to enjoy. After some food and talk, we settled in to watch Susan's documentary. She made the decision in her 50's to try something new and this thought provoking film was the result. In the film Susan and her volunteers explore both sides of the arguments regarding the bridge that would connect Lone Star to Rimini. Susan interviewed people from the area, as well as environmentalists opposing the bridge. The result is a well done documentary leaving it up to the viewer to decide. Five years later Susan and her students are talking about revisiting the area to see what, if anything has changed. The film certainly had Zonta members talking and exploring our own thoughts about the project. I would encourage anyone with an interest to view this documentary - way to go Susan!



I was very flattered and excited about being asked to model in the Killingsworth gala. Then I discovered I had to go to Belk's at Columbiana (which is like going to Spartanburg for me) and a first time trip there. Of course, that was the day it rained cats and dogs but I survived and found 2 lovely outfits. Time for the Gala. There I was in a room (not really, it was a curtained off area near the kitchen) with 12 other women, nibbling on dry sandwiches and veggies awaiting the call to dress and get going. What a madhouse. I wouldn't have missed it for the world. There was a great and appreciative crowd and I had a ball. Much to my surprise about 3 weeks ago, I got a call from a friend in North Carolina who told me his wife was reading the last issue of Methodist Women's Newsletter and there I was strutting my stuff. Thanks for asking me to participate.

--Barbara

The 2009 annual Killingsworth Gala once again provided attendees with an opportunity for fun and fund raising. Seawells was filled with people from the Midlands interested in making sure the Killingsworth program continues to provide opportunities for women in crisis. For first time attendees, it was a chance to be educated about Killingsworth and for others a chance to network, shop the silent auction and see beautiful clothing modeled by our friends.

Our own Zonta member Barbara Scott did a fabulous job representing us as a model. She mixed some humor in with showcasing the clothing and the audience loved it.

Various staff and Board members from Killingsworth spoke during the event, and a resident of Killingsworth modeled clothing and shared her personal story regarding how the home had changed and enriched her life.

If you have never attended one of these events, I would highly recommend that you do so. Food, fun, shopping and a chance to help women who are struggling in our community make it a "must" event.

SILENT AUCTION

Zonta had a very successful silent auction at our December meeting. Everyone contributed some lovely items and we netted \$250.00. It was as always great fellowship time with our members. The staff at Palmetto Club also made purchases.

Happy Birthday!

January 22

Dena Feagin

March 30

Dottie Munsch

Newborns

NANCY WHITESIDE AND JUDY BARNES ARE NEW GRANDPARENTS!

Rowland Thomas Settle born 15 December 2009
- Nancy Whiteside's grandson

Riley Elizabeth Davis born 9 January 2010
- Judy Barnes' granddaughter

CONGRATULATIONS!