



**Zonta Club
of Columbia**
Member of Zonta International

NEWS & VIEWS

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER *Summer 2014*

SC Attorney General unveils SC Plan to address Human Trafficking

On June 12, 2014 the SC Attorney General Alan Wilson unveiled the SC State Plan to Address Human Trafficking - the Zonta Clubs of Columbia, Hilton Head and Myrtle Beach were present. The Columbia Club wore their orange Zonta Says No t-shirts. The Attorney General asked the participants of the Task Force to stand with him as he made the presentation - he then mentioned the Zonta Club in orange shirts should also be represented so Marion Watson, our President, stood with the other Task Force members. The Press Conference last about 40 minutes and the Attorney General is very adamant about this succeeding and stopping



trafficking in SC. After the Press Conference, members of the Columbia Club were interviewed by TV Stations from Charlotte, NC, Greenville and Columbia, SC and The State Newspaper - our very own PR Chair Martha Ann Williams had her picture taken with the Attorney General - later at lunch one of the Task Force members who we have worked with in the past came to our table and asked that a member from our Club start attending the Task Force Meetings - we are very excited about this new statewide plan and the impact it will have on our state - we are so proud the Attorney General recognizes Zonta!



Go to <http://www.scag.gov/human-trafficking> for more information on South Carolina's Plan.

Upcoming Events

- July 22 New Member Orientation at Marion Watson's House at 6:00 p.m.
- August 4 Board Meeting at the Sickle Cell Foundation at 12:00 p.m.
- August 11 Membership Meeting at 12:00 p.m.



**Installation of New Officers
2014-2015**

**Club #513
Chartered
9/10/63**

OFFICERS:

**President:
Marion S. Watson**

**Vice President:
Ellie Dagle**

**Treasurer:
Dottie Munsch**

**Secretary:
M.J. Hassell**

**Service Chair:
Judy Barnes**

**Fundraising
Chair
Dottie Munsch**

**Membership &
2-Year Board:
Ellie Dagle**

**Public Relations
and
1-Year Board
Martha Ann
Williams**



Hilton Head Delegates
Marion & Lynnette

Z1 Convention Held in Orlando Florida June 26 – July 1, 2014

By: Judy Barnes

The 62nd Convention was held in Orlando, FL with approximately 1580 people attending from around the world.

I was so proud of Area 2 because 5 out of 9 clubs were in attendance! Charleston, Columbia, Hilton Head, Myrtle Beach and Savannah represented us well! All of the delegates worked hard voting on the proposed resolutions and on the new ZI Board for the next biennium.



Judy, Marion & Ellie at the
Closing Banquet

New ZI officers for the 2014-16 biennium are as follows: **President Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard, President-Elect Sonja Honig Schough, Vice President Susanne Von Bassewitz, and Treasurer/Secretary Bridget Masters.** The seven International Directors are Sally Bean, Nadia Bianco, Sharon Langenbeck, Catherine McEwan, Josephine Odedina, Gertraud Ribitsch, and Winnie Teoh.

District 11 Board consists of Governor Karen Pati, Lt. Governor Charlene Rains, Recording Secretary Cherry Temple, Corresponding Secretary Charlene Thomas, and Treasurer Carmen Elias Levenson as well as six Area Directors.

The five projects for the new biennium are:

- 1) Eliminating Obstetric Fistula in Liberia
- 2) HIV-Free Generation in Rwanda
- 3) Gender Responsive Schools in Vietnam
- 4) Delaying Early Marriage in Niger
- 5) Voices against Violence in 12 Countries

The cost of these projects is \$4.3 million and the money each Club contributes to ZI will go to fund these amazing projects.



Kathy attending a
business meeting

Zonta International Mission Statement:

Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Zonta Columbia adds four new members

Pam Heller was born in Allentown, PA, and attended Churchman Business School earning an Associate in Specialized Business in 1984. Married in 1984, she joined her husband, stationed in Germany, for three years. They have one daughter, Jessica, born 1986.



Pam and her husband John were stationed with the Army in Germany, Washington state (Fort Lewis) and Pennsylvania. In 1999, their last duty station brought them to the beautiful state of South Carolina where her husband retired from active duty after serving twenty years.

Since 1993, Pam has been self-employed with Avon, serving as a representative. She runs a multi-million dollar business from her living room with a team of over 1,000 representatives.

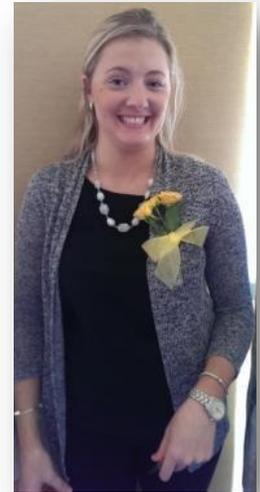
Pam enjoys traveling, reading, exercising, crochet and learning new things.

A few of her accolades:

- Featured in many of Avon Products promotional materials to include, TV ads, DVDs, CDs
- Featured in Empowering Women Magazine
- Co-author of two books, Build It Big II and A View From The Top Vol 2
- Honored with many sales and recruiting awards
- A member of the Direct Selling Women's Alliance
- Graduate of DSWA Certified Elite Leader Coaching program
- Honoree of many national incentive awards trips

Pam has spent the last 21 years being very focused on building a solid business but has had a yearning desire for the last five or so years looking for her place to give back to the community. She has been faced with and overcame a very dysfunctional childhood. She feels fortunate and considers it a miracle to be where she is today. That being said, Pam desires to help other women see their potential and break through barriers. This is why she felt compelled to be part of Zonta.

Kaziah was born in Syracuse, New York. She received her A.S. in Business Administration from Onondaga Community College and her B.S. in Entrepreneurship/Business Development from UNC in Wilmington, North Carolina.



Kaziah loves triathlons, traveling and photography.

A few of her accolades are:
Leadership Excellence Award
Guest Speaker – UNCW Donors Ball
Kenote Speaker – Phi Theta Kappa
Member of the United Way Young Leaders Society
Server at Transitions Homeless Shelter

Jane Atkins (below left) was born in Falmouth, Massachusetts and moved to South Carolina in 1990. She is the former director of Kershaw Medical Center Laboratory and is happily semi-retired. She works part-time at Southern Custom Doors & Hardware as manager of the Screens Division. Jane lives in Lugoff with her boisterous Lakeland Terrier, Lilly.

Harriett Barrett (right) is the co-owner of Southern Custom Doors & Hardware. She is a former paralegal before leaving that to take over the day to day operations of her and her husband's door manufacturing company.



Harriett and her husband Bill have two grown sons, Josh & Jason. She and her husband live in Camden with Remy, their indomitable Airedale.



President's Message

We just completed an exciting year for Zonta Club of Columbia. We decided to "up our game" and to be open to new possibilities. To do so, we implemented a strategic plan by changing the way we conduct service activities and our membership meetings. The strategic plan is updated annually. Martha Ann, our PR chairperson, has brought us into the world of social media with an improved website and a Facebook page. And electronic billboards! What a difference being connected makes! We have been featured in a local magazine article, recognized by a local news station and interviewed by a Charlotte news station as well as several local news stations. As we have increased our PR, volunteer and advocacy efforts, we are making our name known throughout the midlands, and it won't be long before we will no longer be the best kept secret in Columbia. Since December we welcomed four new members who are already making a difference.

In September we celebrated 50 years as a charter club. In honor of the anniversary, the Mayor and Columbia City Council recognized our club with a City of Columbia Proclamation. As part of a week-long celebration, we presented yellow roses to Columbia area women who have exemplified the mission of Zonta through their business, professional or volunteer activities. Some of our Yellow Rose recipients included SC Governor Nikki Haley, SC Supreme Court Chief Justice Jean Toal, SC Senator Katrina Shealy, Dr. Elizabeth Dinndorf, President of Columbia College, and Darla Moore, USC benefactor of the Darla Moore School of International Business. This event led to great PR, "branding" and goodwill in the Columbia area.

We are so proud of Kelsey Stanley, our 2013 Jane M Klausman Scholarship winner. Kelsey was also the District 11 scholarship winner and was able to attend the District 11 Conference in Naples, Florida in September. Six club members attended the conference and were blown away by the speakers on domestic violence and human trafficking.

In November we participated in "Zonta Says No", Zonta International's campaign to raise awareness of and increase actions to end violence against women and girls worldwide through service and advocacy. We held a press conference at the State Capitol with Attorney General Allen Wilson and other partners against domestic violence. Governor Haley recognized the Zonta Club of Columbia with a State Proclamation and our "Zonta Say's No" electronic billboards went up around the midlands. We had orange "Zonta Says No" tee shirts made to wear to the press conference and we continue to wear them to other events of organizations and agencies we support.

The Zonta Club of Columbia has embraced South Carolina's anti-trafficking efforts working with both the Attorney General and other anti-trafficking agencies. In a nationwide undercover trafficking operation last summer, we were asked by the Attorney General's office to provide toiletry bags for women and girls who were rescued in South Carolina. We recently attended the Attorney General's press conference on human trafficking wearing our orange tee shirts. The Attorney General recognized us and asked us to stand with him and other anti-human trafficking agencies. We currently have anti-human trafficking electronic billboards around the midlands.

This past year ended with a bang - The Zonta International Convention in Orlando, Florida. Four Columbia members attended. Convention week was amazing and inspiring. We met women from all over the world who are passionate and dedicated to Zonta and the mission of Zonta. We voted on our International Officers and Board, bylaws and service projects for the next biennium; heard wonderful speakers (including the international scholarship winners) and had a lot of fun. It was a great way to end the past year and start a new year!

So, I would just like to conclude by saying that we've got a great year ahead of us and I believe this is The Zonta Club of Columbia's time to shine!

Jane M. Klausman
2014 winner
Josepha Segbefia, of Ghana, and graduate of Benedict College.



Ms. Eugenie Parker, AC Flora Guidance Counselor, our March Yellow Rose recipient.



Kara Addy, the Children's Trust speaker for the April membership meeting.



Annie Hu, our YWPA recipient at the June membership meeting.

