



ZONTA NEWS & VIEWS

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Zonta Club of Columbia, SC

Club # 513

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Greetings from your President

These last few months have been punctuated with some great events: our Bowlathon, the meeting at Sanibel Island, and another Flea market event to supplement our charitable giving.

I am especially thankful to our members for the quick and generous response to the 'family in need' identified by the SC Department of Justice. Our continuing attention to these and other trafficking meetings and events sends a message to our elected officials and others that their actions matter and we are ready to do what is needed to ensure policy and laws are updated to meet these new times.

We have a new subcommittee to work on identifying a new annual fundraiser.

Enjoy Zonta by continuing to play your part in helping each of the committee chairs and attending events.

We will all have the opportunity to attend the district meeting in

September and I urge you to make it - if at all possible. Not only is it being held in an amazingly beautiful area, but also where a club has led the way in the work against Human Trafficking.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season.

M.J. Hassell

For 16 days, from November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, through December 10, International Human Rights Day we focus on raising awareness of the issue of violence against women. These are 16 days of Activism against Gender Violence Campaign. Ending violence against women and girls is a priority for Zonta International throughout the year.

Find out more at the Rutgers website:

<http://16dayscwgl.rutgers.edu/2011-campaign/2011-take-action-kit>

Committees 2011-2012:

Finance:

Dottie Munsch with Deborah Cornelison, Doris Clevenger and Barbara Scott

Membership:

Ellie Dagle with Nancy Whiteside and M.J. Hassell

Service :

Melodie Hunicutt with Doris Cheek Bedsole, Myriam Torres, Erin Long, Marion Watson

Public Relations:

Ann Maletic with Ina Edens and Judy Barns

November 8th marked the 92nd anniversary of the founding of Zonta International.

63rd Annual District 11 Conference: Sanibel, Florida

Sept. 22-24, 2011

Report from Zonta of Columbia Delegate, President MJ Hassell

Four of us (Ina Edens, Dottie Munsch and Doris Clevenger) arrived early for the conference on Tuesday and spent 2 great days seeing the island and eating (we did a lot of eating that week). Thank you to Christy Brasington for the gorgeous raffle item we delivered— a beautiful pottery set of 3 bowls. I attended the delegates meeting that afternoon.

Our first business meeting began at 9:00 am on Friday. There was an impressive parade of flags, the National Anthems of the USA and Finland the home country of Kirsi Nickels from the Zonta International Board. The Keynote address that morning, *Saving Women from Slavery*, was given by an attorney from the office of Nicole Waid, the Acting Chief, US Attorney's Office. The report was about the problems faced by her office in prosecuting cases of Human Trafficking. She spoke about victims so often being seen as the criminals and the need for training of officers to look beyond the immediate problem, to recognize the signs, the need for Forensic Interview Teams with clinicians trained in interviewing techniques of terrified victims of human trafficking.

The lunch speaker was Dr. Jose Leal, Director and curator of the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. I felt like I was back in a college lecture and loved it. In the afternoon we heard from the nominating committee, the ZIF Goals pledged and the recognition of the YWPA recipient, Carolina Echeverri and Jane M. Klausman recipient, Beryl Odour who was born and lived in Nairobi Kenya until 2008 when she came to the US to get an International Business Degree. She will get this in June. She said that "Leaders are Dealers in

Hope". She is planning to return to Nairobi so that she can teach what she has learned to other women there. We also heard from Doris Larson about the International Foundation (by 7/31/11 Individuals had given \$22,780.36 with a total of \$87,993.43 overall.

The afternoon Plenary Session was a panel "Developing Effective Project (Service, Advocacy and Grants)-One Partner at a Time Session was a panel "Developing Effective Project (Service, Advocacy and Grants)-One Partner at a Time.

The Keynote address - "Education and Saving At-Risk Girls-One Teenager at a Time"- was made by Alice Brunner, executive Director of PACE (Practical, Academic, and Cultural Education). These girls worked on leadership/team work, entrepreneurship and service including a Z-Club.

Elected Officers were presented along with a presentation from the 2012 District Conference Hosts – Montgomery, Alabama . The rest of the morning was dedicated to Seminars: I have a lot of notes if anyone is interested in finding out more about them.

The rest of the afternoon was free and we took a tour of the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge with a very knowledgeable tour guide. Again this was another plus for a former biology teacher.

Saturday night was the Awards Banquet at the Sanctuary Clubhouse. It was a very impressive ceremony including the installation of the 2012-2014 District Officers and Awards Presentation by Kirsi Nickels,

Zonta International Director.

Our club received a *Certificate of Recognition* for Service in the areas of: Amelia Earhart, YWPA, ZISVAW, ZIF International Projects/UN, Preventing Violence Against Women, General Status of Women, Legislative Awareness & Advocacy, and 1/3 Total Service Funds to ZI.



Names to keep handy:
Governor: Tami Page – Dothan, AL

Lt. Governor: Karen Peti - Sanibel –Captiva, FL

Area 2 Director:
Melodie Hunnicutt

Vice Area 2 Director:
Judy Barnes

See additional positions:
http://www.zonta-district11.org/?reload_coolmenus

Human Trafficking Notes

November, 2011

Our contact person at the SC Justice Department identified a family they needed to 'be available' as witnesses in a court case that would take some time to prosecute. The family needed just about everything.

Zonta of Columbia jumped at the chance to purchase and collect needed items for this worthy cause. Outfits for each member of the family, toys, blankets, and food items were brought together quickly and with some thoughtful organization.

We received an official letter from District Attorney _____ thanking us for this valuable contribution.



*Zontians visiting Zontians:
Dottie Munsch, Ellie Dagle,
Coretta Bedsole visit with Vivian
Hudson earlier this quarter.*

Zonta Friends, I just wanted to present these comments about the a newspaper article recently published in the (Hilton Head) Island Packet recently.

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2011/10/03/1815578/former-hilton-head-mayor-baumberger.html> ... Martha Baumberger, the first and only woman to serve as Hilton Head Island's mayor and as chairwoman of the Beaufort County Council, died Sunday at Hilton Head Hospital after a brief illness, according to her daughter, Linda Behling. She was 98.

As a new resident of Hilton Head Island , I first met Martha Baumberger through my church, in 1978. She and her husband had recently retired from Illinois.

A year later, Martha and another Zontian from Erie, Pa. met and decided to charter a Zonta Club on Hilton Head Is. Through their efforts and love of Zonta , the club was chartered a year later with 38 Charter members. Martha mentored this new club with her wisdom and experience and for this reason the Hilton Head Club was always an outstanding club in ZI. World.

Martha was my personal mentor in terms of my Zonta experiences and she was my role model with all of her other community activities. She was one of my personal heroes.

We never know who is looking at us in our work, personal and Zonta roles- any of us could be someone else's role model. My regret is that I never communicated this to Martha Baumberger during the time we worked together

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Next Steps with the Two Annual Scholarship Schedule

By Doris Cheek

Next steps with the our 2012 **Katherine Matthews Young Women in Public Affairs scholarship** for high school girls showing commitment to volunteerism and leadership are as follows:

Feb 15 2012: Completed applications are due to us.

March/April/May: We evaluate applications, notify winners, and make the awards.

June/July 1: we send out winner information to District..

Next steps with the **Vivian Hudson Jane Klausman scholarship** for college

women pursueing business degrees are as follows:

Jan 2012: Application is available on line.

Feb. 2012: We send out the applications to the business schools in our area.

May 1: deadline for applications to us.

May/June: We evaluate the applications and award the winners.

July 1: Deadline for winner info to be sent to District.

We will be asking Zontians to help read and evaluate applications and possibly to help interview the top applicants prior to the July 1 District deadline. Detailed information about both scholarships is available on the Zonta International website.



The 2nd Zonta Flea Market

was held at Ellie's Advantage Self Storage location on Atlas road, October 22. Zontians enjoyed a fine morning and raised over funds for women's causes. Many thanks for work on the event and on-going work goes to Ellie Dagle and family.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

December

12th – Membership Meeting and Annual Silent Auction
Lunch Bunch TBA

January

3rd (Tuesday)– Board Meeting
9th – Membership Meeting-Amelia Earhart Day/ Speaker

January – 9, 23, 30 and Feb 1

Enhancing Your Assets @ Killingsworth

February

26th (Sunday) – Killingsworth's 65th Birthday Party
4:30pm Clarion Hotel

March 31st - Area II meeting, 10:00 am Bluffton, SC

July 6-11th Zonta International Conference, Torino, Italy

October 5-6th, 2012 District Conference, Montgomery Alabama



INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT 11, AREA 2 MEETING
Cherry Temple, Area Director



Save The Date—March 31, 2012

Club President, Jennifer Stupica and the Zonta Club of Bluffton invite you to the 2012 Zonta District 11, Area 2 meeting in beautiful Historic Bluffton, SC.

Prepare to slow down and join them for a day full of information, friendship and sharing.

Details will be coming soon, but we wanted to make sure you kept this date available for sharing with other Zontians.

Friday night accommodations will be at the Holiday Inn Express of Bluffton. Special room rates will be available for our group.

Special dinner plans are underway for Zontians planning to arrive on Friday night.

Fund Raisers: The Fundraisers were a big hit at the 2011 area meeting and we plan to include them again at the 2012 Area Meeting.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Cherry Temple, Area 2 Director at: Area2Director@Zonta-District11.org or call (843) 446-1175



Our very own Marion Watson on the runway – participating in a fundraiser for women: the fashion show during the Killingsworth Gala:

61st Zonta International Convention

7 – 12 July 2012 • Torino, Italy



Make plans now to join your fellow Zontians in Torino, Italy—a city rich in history, culture and natural beauty. The 2012 Convention Committee is planning what promises to be a truly memorable experience for all who attend and look forward to welcoming you to Torino in 2012!

Visit www.zonta.org for additional information and details as plans develop.



We're on the web at www.zonta-district11.org