

2004 Trophy Script

And now we come to the most exciting time of the evening ---the announcement of the "MOST OUTSTANDING" club in the district this year. Area Directors nominated the following club from their respective areas:

- Area 1: Memphis and Pascagoula
- Area 2: Columbia and Hilton Head
- Area 3: Marathon and New Providence
- Area 4: Jacksonville and Tallahassee
- Area 6: Punta Gorda/Port Charlotte

Elected District Board members then had the difficult task of choosing their top three choices from these 9 clubs. By these votes, the Winner and the Runner-Up were determined.

The winning Club has the honor of claiming the beautiful sterling silver Governor's Trophy for all of this next year and now has their name permanently added to the Trophy. The Runner-Up receives the Runner-Up Trophy which they may keep for all of this next year. Both clubs will also receive a certificate attesting to their honor for their club's files.

It is the responsibility of the Lieutenant Governor to coordinate the procedure by which the winners are selected, and until now, only I have known who will take the coveted Governor's Trophy home. This has truly been a well kept secret.

Governor Ina, will you please come forward to announce the Runner-Up and then the 2004 winner of the District 11 Governor's Trophy.

2004 RUNNER-UP FOR THE GOVERNOR'S TROPHY

In the 2003-2004 year, this very active Club has focused on the mission of Zonta by increasing its sizable membership and:

- By raising funds through a heart health walk for mammograms and other tests for women in need,
- By giving scholarships to women in need,
- By providing toiletries, other items, and funding to the Domestic Abuse Shelter,
- By focusing on educating its membership through monthly reports on such topics as women in the workplace, legislation affecting women, sexual harassment, anti-trafficking, and others, and
- By making its community aware of club members and their accomplishments both in and out of Zonta. They did this through donated radio spots that highlighted both members and Zonta International,

- By tutoring in schools and providing the Zonta Zebra program in which a Zontian dressed like a Zebra visits local schools and delivers books,
- By raising \$26,000 through its Radio Day fundraiser for its projects, including delivering groceries to needy women and helping a day care center. This fundraiser also nets the club approximately \$40,000 worth of free publicity in its community.

The 2004 Runner-Up for the District 11 Governor's Trophy is...

THE ZONTA CLUB OF MARATHON!

2004 WINNER OF THE GOVERNOR'S TROPHY

This year's winner of the Governor's Trophy increased its already large membership by 10 Zontians during the 2003-2004 year. This very active club advanced the status of women in many ways, as follows:

- It focused on legislative awareness and the status of women in their state, by participating with 2 other clubs in a seminar featuring a professor who spoke on these topics.
- This club awarded a club YWPA scholarship.
- This club initiated a program for monitoring domestic abuse courts and donated \$5,000 to a local domestic abuse prevention organization to start an office.
- It awarded a Zonta Woman of the Year Award at the Chamber of Commerce Ball.
- This club worked with its 3 Z-Clubs to increase membership in all three of them by a total of 62 students, in addition to developing leadership skills, promoting career exploration, and encouraging participation in service projects in these young citizens. AND
- This club raised over \$17,000 for club projects that support women through its foundation.

However, the primary service project for this year's winning club is a pilot program called LEAP, standing for Low Country Achievement Program, which the club created to assist women who are either entering the workforce for the first time or re-entering the workforce. The club solicited names, from social service agencies, of women applicants who were interested in learning skills to enhance their career advancement.

Three evening LEAP sessions were held, with important topics for career success covered in each one. These topics were:

- Career Exploration, including overviews from representatives of different career fields
- Banking, Budgeting, and Credit, including the preparation of a budget with a donated calculator for each woman, and
- Personal Concerns, such as grooming and balancing personal and professional lives.

The women ended the program with goal setting and tears for all the help they had received from the Zontians in this club.

It is easy to see that this wonderful Zonta Club is a strong and involved part of its community.

**The 2004 WINNER OF THE
DISTRICT 11 GOVERNOR'S TROPHY IS...**

THE ZONTA CLUB OF HILTON HEAD!