

## 2007 ZI YWPA WINNER – SUSAN ELIZABETH GREENMAN



Susan Greenman, who was selected as the 2007 Zonta International District 11 winner of the Young Women in Public Affairs award, has also been awarded the Zonta International (ZI) YWPA Scholarship. What an accomplishment for her! CONGRATULATIONS, SUSAN.

The ZI International YWPA Selection Committee recently announced the five winners for 2007. As always, the applicants were very well-rounded students who displayed good leadership skills and performed outstanding work in their communities. All of District 11 congratulates Susan Elizabeth Greenman on her award and the Zonta Club of Marathon for nominating her!

The YWPA award recognizes women who have demonstrated leadership skills and a dedication to civic causes. Susan, a student of Marathon High School, was an outstanding community activist whose participation in her school and voluntary service made her an ideal choice for the award. She exemplified the qualities of a true leader as President of her local Interact Club and captain of the varsity team. She willingly took up the challenge to increase membership in her Interact club and achieved this goal by boosting the club from a membership of 3 to 25 during her reign as President.

As a strong civic-minded individual, Ms. Greenman also participated as a member of NIKE, Freshman Talking to Seniors, Mu Alpha Theta and the National Honor Society in addition to working on meaningful community projects for agencies such as the American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, World Wildlife Fund and the National Guard Drug Prevention Program. Despite her involvement in these activities, Susan found time to tutor students, revive her school's Z-club and take part in many of her county's peer education programs.

Even with a strong focus on service, Susan still excelled academically, maintaining a 4.0 GPA in high school. It was therefore, no surprise that she was accepted into the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where she plans to study engineering with the goal of becoming an aerospace engineer. We encourage her to continue to dream big and take advantage of the many opportunities open to her.

Susan's civic spirit was not limited to her community. She appreciated the importance of helping people worldwide, and reached out to those in need on a global level. Along with her sister, they founded a non-profit organization, "*Hands on Hands*, dedicated to helping under-privileged AIDS orphans in Kenya. Through their *Hands on Hands* project, they raised an initial \$3,000 to purchase bunk beds, shoes, toilets and school supplies for schools and orphanages in Kenya. However, their heart-warming and financial good works did not end there. They raised a further \$10,000 to fund the construction of a girl's dormitory at a new school in Kamboe. Susan's generosity and compassion has shown her to be a true humanitarian.

In her essays, Susan articulated a good understanding and appreciation of the problems facing women today. She provided well-thought-out recommendations to these issues which highlighted the need for the continued advancement of the status of women.

As District winner, Susan will receive a \$500.00 prize and as an International YWPA winner will be awarded \$1,000 by ZI. She will also be a guest speaker at our District Conference this year in Puerto Rico in September. We are all looking forward to meeting this fascinating young woman and her mother, Judy Greenman, a member of the Zonta Club of Marathon.

Thank you to all of the Zonta Clubs who participated in this year's competition. We applaud you for recognizing the following young women as winners at the Club level, and for showcasing their outstanding works and achievements. We are truly proud of each and every one of them.

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Sponsoring Zonta Club</u>
Kenyeda B. Adams	Columbia
Corey M. R. Decker	Dothan
Trisha K. Lowe	Key West
Caroline D. Perkowski	Melbourne
Sarah M. Martin	Tallahassee
Coral N. Owen	Bartow
Nicole A. Sarrine	Tampa
Ashley Thomas	Boca Raton
Megan Tomsik	Pascagoula
Callie D. Healan	Jacksonville

We hope that next year, we will see even more participation from clubs in District 11. Remember that the YWPA award gives us the opportunity to encourage young women, who have strong leadership skills and a commitment to service, to pursue their dreams and continue their advocacy work into adulthood. It is truly a rewarding program and I challenge each District 11 club to make the commitment to seek out and nominate a well-deserving woman in your community for the 2008 YWPA award.

Yvette Ingraham  
District 11 – YWPA Committee Chairperson

*“The feeling that I am making a difference rewards me. Whether it is in a leadership position, backseat role or organizing big fundraisers, I feel like something meaningful is being accomplished and I’m influencing people’s lives for the better.”*

*Susan Elizabeth Greenman*