

## **Presentation of the 2008 Governor's Trophy and Runner-Up**

This part of our presentation is a time to share the incredible success stories occurring here in District 11. Each year, the Area Directors nominate the most impressive clubs in their Area based on their Annual Reports. Each of the members of the District Board, with the exception of the District Secretary who is appointed, reviews the reports of the nominated clubs and narrows the field down to three clubs. The votes of the Board Members are then tallied to determine the runner-up and winner of the Governor's Trophy in recognition of the **Most Outstanding Club** "which has best exemplified the ideals and objectives of Zonta International during the past year.

Both the winner and runner-up receive a certificate and a traveling trophy that remains with their respective clubs for one year, before moving on to the next year's recipients. The winning club receives the coveted Governor's Trophy, a beautiful sterling silver trophy, on which the club's name will be permanently engraved.

It is the responsibility of the Lieutenant Governor to coordinate the procedure by which the winner and runner-up are selected. Up to this point, Lieutenant Governor Jane Adams is the only person who has known which clubs will have the honor of taking these coveted trophies home.

Before I announce the runner-up and winning clubs, please help me congratulate all of the clubs who have had the honor of being nominated for the award, based on their outstanding achievements this year.

The 2006-2008 District 11 Area Directors nominated 10 clubs to be considered for the Governor's Award:

Area 1: The Zonta Club of Mobile

Area 2: The Zonta Club of Hilton Head Island and  
The Zonta Club of Savannah

Area 3: The Zonta Club of Miami Lakes Area and  
The Zonta Club of Key West

Area 4: The Zonta Club of Jacksonville and  
The Zonta Club of Melbourne

Area 5: No nominations were received from Area 5

Area 6: The Zonta Club of Bonita Springs,  
The Zonta Club of Naples and  
The Zonta Club of Sanibel/Captiva

## **2007-2008 Runner-Up for the Governor's Trophy**

The first award is the 2007-2008 Runner-Up for the Governor's Trophy. During this past Zonta Year, this club was extremely energetic and active. Working together, the members have succeeded in making a difference in their local community by impacting the lives of women in every area: health, education, economic status, violence, self esteem, advocacy and legal rights. Further, they contributed to the ZI Foundation in the areas of the Rose Fund, International Service Fund, ZISVAW, and Amelia Earhart Fund.

This club, a relatively small one, logged in 785 service hours and 677 hours in fundraising-no small feat for this size club!! They contributed \$12,000 in money and in-kind donations to their service projects and raised \$13,400 through their fundraising events. It is impressive to note that 90-95% of the members participated in their two primary fundraisers.

It is important to note, also, that the club utilizes a well defined strategic plan to direct and focus their activities and service.

Some of their notable service includes the following:

- Educated women about business through the newly formed Women's Business Center at Florida Tech. They mentored and advised women seeking counseling with business issues, attended and participated in conferences, seminars and classes offered by the Women's Business Center, and taught a 6 week class on "How to Write a Business Plan" for women considering starting a business.
- Mentored emerging artists on marketing their art and hosted an intimate gallery showcase and two art shows for artists to sell their art and be promoted in the community.
- Awarded a \$500 scholarship to the club's Jane M. Klausman winner and a \$1,500 scholarship to their YWPA winner, who then also became the District winner.
- Supported the Sue M. Pridmore Center for women and Children in a number of ways, including: monetary

donations as well as donations of food, clothing, toiletries and professional clothing plus accessories for interviews.

They donated household goods and furniture to each Pridmore graduate as they left the center to become a part of the community. They held a Christmas party for the Center's women and children with gifts, food, entertainment, and fellowship with the residents.

- The most notable project was a Human Trafficking Awareness Project. The club partnered with the Women's Center to provide a private showing of the movie TRADE. This required buying out the theater at the cost of filling theater seats at their regular admission price. The club members then sold 200 tickets to the show and gave 50 at no charge to law enforcement and service providers. Informational tables were set up in the lobby of the theater the day of the showing. The showing was a huge success with both the general public and law enforcement. This event generated dialogue with 4 or 5 agencies who agreed to training in human trafficking.

This club is well known and valued by the community. The members use many resources to spread Zonta's message, including radio and TV interviews.

It is my pleasure to announce that last year's Governor's Trophy winner and this year's Runner-Up for the Governor's Trophy is

... **The Zonta Club of Melbourne**

## **2007-2008 Winner of the Governor's Trophy**

Now for the winner of the 2007-2008 Governor's Trophy. This energetic and committed club has seen an outstanding year in its fundraising, service and public relations. They have reviewed and renewed their strategic plan and have utilized it to set their direction, evaluating projects, eliminating those no longer needing assistance, and selecting new service and advocacy programs. Further, they initiated a club-wide survey to measure members' needs and preferences. Utilizing the strategic plan and the survey findings, this club moved from having three major service partners to six project teams "championed" by club members, thus fostering a better level of member satisfaction and potentially increased service hours. The members of this club have logged in 2,429 service hours and contributed \$50,200 in money and in-kind donations to their service projects. Further, with 90% of the club members participating and logging in another 2117 hours in fundraising, they raised \$68,196 from their single fundraiser. Additionally, they developed a year-long ZI education effort increasing members' awareness of the mission of ZI which resulted in

increasing its existing pledge to ZI by \$5000, up to \$15,300.

Service projects impacted the lives of women in every area: health, education, economic status, violence, self esteem, advocacy and legal rights.

- The club supported Southwest Florida Addiction Services by awarding a grant of \$13, 200 for college tuition, materials and other expenses for up to 4 women transitioning out of substance abuse. They also donated furniture, home goods and items to the organization for their supportive housing and to raise funds for extras. Members funded and provided outings and treats for women transitioning out of substance abuse and invited the women to help assemble birthing kits for Guatemala.
- A new project, Health Care Access focused on education and awareness of the needs of uninsured and underinsured women of the county. They hosted speakers on healthcare issues and participated in a county-wide forum to assess future direction. They advocated for the Florida Governor's

proposed health care initiative for the underinsured, which was adopted by the legislature in May.

- The club developed a comprehensive program to attack Human Trafficking at its source through education and income: including a \$5,000 grant to GRACE (Guatemalan Rural Adult & Children's Education) to distribute on CD, "Lucia's Letter", recorded by Survivors of trafficking, warning against sending girls overseas and for teacher training; as well as a \$2,500 grant to Miracles in Action for school and library supplies, and a sewing microcredit project.
- A grant of \$6,500 was given to PACE Center for Girls, Lee County, to Fund "Baby Can Wait", a teen pregnancy education project. The club has also initiated the formation of a Z Club at the local PACE school.
- They began a pilot project at Brightest Horizons Day Care to tutor their teachers and children's mothers in English-grant of \$5,900 for teaching materials.

This club manages to have an article about the club's activities in the newspaper almost every week.

This club is truly making a difference in women's lives!!

It is with great pleasure that I announce the

**2008 WINNER OF THE DISTRICT 11 GOVERNOR'S AWARD IS  
THE ZONTA CLUB OF SANIBEL/CAPTIVA**