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From the Desk of Governor Jane

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Zonta District 11 Board 2010-2012

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Dear District 11 Zontians,

Greetings to all of you, as we begin our 2010-2012 Biennium!! It is with great pleasure that I begin to serve you as Governor of District 11. I look forward to a very productive two years. Your district Board began its work in early June with intensive and productive orientation led by Bea Weaver, past district governor. She led that orientation with skill and a knowledge base that helped strengthen the team that evolved over those two days. Your Board is anxious to work with the members and clubs in our district to meet and, hopefully exceed expectations.



We have already begun to plan a "tool kit" as a means of identifying topics of interest and perceived need for use as your Area Directors visit your clubs in an official capacity. You can expect your Area Directors to contact you to schedule a visit to your club sometime during the next two years. It is important to us, as your elected Board, to share information with you and assist your officers as they work to manage the operations of your clubs. It is also important to us that concerns and questions are shared with us, allowing us to respond in a timely and appropriate manner.

Moving us forward for this biennium, I have identified the following goals:

- Continue to strengthen clubs by increasing membership through recruitment and retention;
- Guide clubs in managing and resolving "seasoned member/new member" issues;
- Determine viable locations for clubs and encourage the organization of new clubs in those areas;
- Guide clubs in assisting members to understand the Zonta International structure and process; and
- Continue to encourage clubs to focus on ZI's mission through related service and advocacy projects.

The International President, Dianne Curtis, in addition to stressing the value of our international service projects, mission-based projects at the local club level and supporting the work of Zonta through the Zonta International Foundation, has expressed concern related to issues related to membership and the need to strengthen our clubs by getting "back to basics". She includes orientation on a continuing basis for both new and seasoned members, as well as, the value of mentoring for members and its influence their development in Zonta.

Our 2010 District 11 Conference in Savannah with the theme "Zonta: Bridge to a Better Future for Women" will focus on some of these issues and include such topics as "Connecting Zonta/New Members Through Mentoring", "How Public Policy Can Encourage Women to Become Small Business Owners", "Linking Club and Zonta International Strategies for Advocacy", and Bridging the Zonta Public Identity Gap.

Finally, if have not already registered for our 2010 District 11 Conference in Savannah, GA, please join the fun and fellowship. Bask in the bewitching history of Savannah. Go to www.zonta-district11.org for more information and registration.

Yours in Zonta,

Jane A. Adams

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ZI 60th CONVENTION SAN ANTONIO

The San Antonio convention was busy, but enjoyable. You have probably received a full report from your delegates and/or proxy carriers, however, the following are highlights from convention that all of us should know:

Elections Results:

President-Elect: Lynn McKenzie
 Vice President: Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard
 Treasurer/Secretary: Ellen Karo
 International Directors: Suzanne von Bassewitz, Jacqueline M. Beaudry, Kathleen Douglass, and Ki-kuko Hara

Proposals that were adopted:

By-Laws: many were editorial. However, some of those affecting our District and clubs are:

- **Required District Committees:** This by-law change adds a Service Committee and a Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Committee to those already required to be appointed by the Governor. District 11 already has these committees.
- **Chairman of the District OMC Committee:** This By-Law change requires the Lt. Governor to be Chairman of the Organization, Membership and Classification Committee. District 11 already has the Lt. Governor as Chairman of the OMC Committee.
- **Club Committees:** This By-Law change requires clubs to have an Organization, Membership and Classification Committee; a Service Committee; and a Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Committee, as well as any other committees a club chooses to have to achieve its goals.
- **Another By-Laws note:** A candidate for club membership as a classified member remains defined as being actively engaged in, or has experience in a recognized business or profession in a decision-making capacity.

Rules of Procedure: Circularization: Language was added to clarify and strengthen the requirement that Zontians will not use membership list or act in any other way to **lobby** for or against proposals, nominees, and candidates to be voted on at international conventions, district conferences or other Zonta meetings.

Resolutions:

- **Establishment of Codes of Ethical Conduct:** This resolution is related to supporting the ratification of UN Security Council's resolution 1325 which reaffirms "the need to implement fully, international humanitarian and human rights law, that protects the rights of women and girls during and after conflicts." ZI encourages members to prepare for effective advocacy by becoming informed re: Resolution 1325, make serious efforts to support the establishment of national Codes of Ethical Conduct, and work for implementation of existing Codes.
- **Daily Registration Fee at Zonta Conventions:** This provides that in addition to the full registration fee, there be a daily registration fee for non-delegate members and guests to attend single days and/or single events. Adopted, but only for the 2012 convention and must be re-presented and adopted at each succeeding convention.

Dues Increase: During the first business session, the assembled delegates voted to approve a \$15.00 dues increase, which will take effect the second year of the 2010-2012 biennium. This vote followed a major discussion, at the informational Finance Forum demonstrating the costs to operate Zonta International and the cost containment and reduction activities that have taken place, and a presentation of the unaudited financial information for both ZI and ZIF as well as the proposed budget for the 2010-2012 biennium

"A to Zonta"

Quick Facts—District # 11 of Zonta International

(Revised November 2008)

Did you know? In District 11, a Conference is conducted annually and hosted by a local club. The Governor works closely with the Conference Chair or Co-Chairs to ensure the Conference promotes the objects and programs of ZI. At the Conference, the business of the District is conducted: resolutions and District rules of procedures are considered and voted on, and the District budget is adopted for the following biennium. Elections are conducted on odd-number years. Most importantly, the Conference provides a forum to inform, instruct, and educate District members about ZI, with an emphasis on its role as an international organization.

To find out more about Zonta visit www.zonta-district11.org → Resource Center → Resource Main Page to find the District 11 A to Zonta Handbook.

Zonta Clubs and Zonta Clubs as a Foundation What filings do our Clubs need to do? Alice Chick, District 11 Treasurer

The Zonta year is coming to a close on May 31st and all U.S. Clubs that are not foundations must either report their information to Zonta International (ZI) by August, 2010 if they qualify, file a 990 form with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) before October 15, 2010, or file the 990-N online before October 15, 2010.

How do I determine which one I have to do?

If your clubs revenues are \$25,000 or greater you can either submit your information to ZI headquarters by retrieving the Excel spreadsheet from the ZI website www.zonta.org in the Member Resource section or file directly with the IRS on a 990 form.

If your clubs revenues are less than \$25,000 you are required to file with the IRS the 990-N online each year by October 15th.

After I file what else do I need to do?

If you submit your information to ZI or file the 990 directly with IRS, all you do is to notify the District 11 Treasurer at treasurer@zonta-district11.org to that fact.

If you file the 990-N when you receive your IRS acknowledgement email, it must be emailed to the District 11 Treasurer at treasurer@zonta-district11.org.

What happens if we do not file?

Each Zonta Club in the United States chartered by ZI headquarters is considered to be a civic organization and is exempt from United States federal income taxes under the IRS code IRC 501(c)(4) rules. The IRS will revoke your 501(c)(4) status and ZI will be required and mandated to disband your Club. In order to prevent this from happening to your Club you must file.

If your Club is or has a foundation 501(c)(3) you must still follow the reporting requirements except that you cannot be included in the ZI headquarters filing. You must either file the 990 directly with the IRS or file online the 990-N depending whether the revenue is greater than or less than \$25,000.



REGISTER NOW!

62nd Annual District 11 Conference

October 1st & 2nd, 2010

**at The Hyatt Regency Savannah
Savannah, Georgia**

**All-inclusive registration at \$220.00
until September 6th**

For hotel reservations click on the link or type into your browser address line:

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=1560108

**Conference registration and forms submission
is only available online this year spread the word.**

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First Timer’s Impression from the International Convention Mary Jo Riley, Zonta Club of Hilton Head Island

Excitement; Camaraderie; Intimacy; Humbling; These are just a few words that describe my impression of the Zonta International Convention in San Antonio. Being a Zontian for nine years now I was revved up to travel to San Antonio – sans children and husband. I’ve always turned down business trips and travel with friends because I felt that my family was my first priority. My two youngest boys are now in High School and I’m excited to participate in and spend more time doing the things I love – one being a member of Zonta International and the Zonta Club of Hilton Head Island.

Excitement: Seeing all those different flags! What excitement to see our own Lynn Salvatore carrying the flag of the newest addition to Zonta International – the British Virgin Islands. Talking and learning about the lives of other members from all over the world. I was excited to talk to several Zontians from Germany who had just visited Hilton Head Island the week before. On the bus back from Knibbe Ranch I talked with a young Zontian and her husband, both from Switzerland, about growing up, working, and living in Switzerland; and this, her first trip to the United States.

Camaraderie: As a club member in my corner of South Carolina, it was hard to feel like I was a part of something bigger. Being in the Marriot’s ballroom with 1,600 other Zontians I got that sense of camaraderie with women working towards the same mission no matter if they were from Ohio or somewhere in Asia.

Intimacy: Meeting and discussing club matters with Zontians from all over the United States and the world gave me that intimacy that only comes with good friends. That’s who all these women were; no matter if I met them two years ago or yesterday. We all seem to have the same club problems and it was like chatting with old friends while lamenting those problems and how our clubs have attempted to solve them. And yes! We did boast about our many successes too!

Humbling: Again, in the relative comfort of my South Carolina home it was hard for me to get my head around ZI’s service projects. Listening to Dr. Bernis, Adriana Quinones, Urjasi Ruda and Kate Weber really brought the plight of women half way across the world into focus for me. Hearing their success stories (and those stories are ours!) gave me the realization that Zonta truly is doing something to change women’s lives and we’re making progress all the time.

After all that, I feel like I finally “get it”!



Focusing on Zonta Clubs

Zonta members celebrate three decades of service

By Elizabeth M. Mack • DEMOCRAT STAFF WRITER May 28, 2010

Members of the Zonta Club of Tallahassee gathered Thursday night at Florida State University's University Center Club to celebrate the service organization's 30 years in the community.

The international organization, founded in 1919, got its bearings in Tallahassee in May 1980, sharing in the common goal to enrich the lives of women. Thursday evening at the University Center Club, the 84 members of the Zonta Club of Tallahassee and their guests celebrated their 30th anniversary in the community.

Pam Ridley, Zonta Club of Tallahassee president, said the organization's mission is to "influence the lives of women and girls through service and advocacy." Zonta is a word derived from the Sioux Indian tribe meaning "honest and trustworthy."

In the past year, Zonta completed 11 service projects to the benefit of the community, such as mentoring at the Pace Center for Girls, collecting sheet and towel sets for the women at the Refuge House, forming a reading room and hosting finance workshops at the Community Action Agency facility, and providing the means to get mammograms for women who cannot afford them.

"Any programs in the community that involve women, that have been sustained and are worthwhile, Zonta has had something to do with it," said Lou Armesto, Zonta Club of Tallahassee president-elect.

Penny Gilmer, Tallahassee Zonta member since 1980 and club historian, said she is proud to be a member of the organization, recalling some of its service projects from the 1980s: helping to promote equality in high school sports for girls and hosting statewide conferences at the old Turnbull Center.



Departing Zonta President Pamela Ridley, center, standing with incoming president Lou Armesto, left, and Area 4 Director Roxane Dow, right, is recognized for her leadership at a recent meeting. (Penny Gilmer/Special to the Democrat)

District 11 Club Presidents and PR Committee Chairman

Send us your Club events so they can be posted to the District 11 website and make sure that we get updated information on articles and news clips of the Club events so they can be featured in our section

“Focusing on Zonta Clubs”

Newsletter deadlines for submission:

November 8th, 2011 February 7th, May 9th, August 8th, November 7th, 2012 February 6th, May 7th.

District 11 Committees

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| Organization, Membership & Classification... | Tami Page, Lt. Governor, Zonta Club of Dothan, Area 1 |
| Service..... | Linda Robison, Zonta Club of Sanibel/Captiva, Area 6 |
| Subcommittee: | |
| ZISVAW..... | Vladia Jurcova Spencer, Zonta Club of Charleston, Area 2 |
| Amelia Earhart..... | Marilynn Smith, Zonta Club of Atlanta, Area 2 |
| Young Women in Public Affairs..... | Shelly Olkey, Zonta Club of Boca Raton, Area 3 |
| Legislative Awareness & Advocacy..... | Jean Bryant, Zonta Club of Tallahassee, Area 4 |
| Jane M. Klausman..... | Helen "Honey" Gardiner, Zonta Club of Naples, Area 6 |
| United Nations..... | Connie Grubermann, Zonta Club of Franklin, Area 2 |
| Nominating Chairman..... | Lynn M. Salvatore, Zonta Club of Jacksonville, Area 4 |
| Finance Chairman..... | Carmen Elias-Levenson, Zonta Club of Miami Lakes, Area 3 |
| Public Relations/Communications..... | Patty M. Gift, Zonta Club of Bonita Springs, Area 6 |
| IT/Webmaster..... | Alice Chick, District Treasurer, Zonta Club of Boca Raton, Area 3 |
| Foundation Ambassador..... | Doris Larson, Zonta Club of Melbourne, Area 4 |
| Bylaws..... | Anne Mitchell, District Parliamentarian, Zonta Club of Birmingham, Area 1 |
| Strategic Planning..... | Carolyn Gray, Zonta Club of Sanibel/Captiva, Area 6 |
| District Archivist..... | Michele Buhler, Zonta Club of Ft. Myers, Area 6 |

CONGRATULATIONS TO CLUBS CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:

Clubs that have or will celebrated birthdays between June 2010 — August 2010 are:



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| Zonta Club of Mobile, AL | 45 Years — August |
| Zonta Club of San Juan, PR | 44 Years — July |
| Zonta Club of Naples, FL | 37 Years — June |
| Zonta Club of Miami Lakes, FL | 26 Years — June |
| Zonta Club of Sarasota, FL | 25 Years — June |
| Zonta Club of Bonita Springs, FL | 16 Years — July |
| Zonta Club of Kendall, FL | 3 Years — August |

Please send me or Alice Chick, our Webmaster, any pictures you may make at celebratory events to be included on the Website.
NOTE: If we have overlooked your club or if we have the charter date for any of these clubs wrong, please let me know.