



 **Zonta Club of  
Bonita Springs, Inc.**  
*Member of Zonta International*

***Advancing the  
Status of Women  
Worldwide***



**President's Message-Y'Vonne Murray**  
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***Mission Statement:***

*"The Zonta Club of  
Bonita Springs, Inc.  
is a non-profit  
organization of  
business and  
professional women  
dedicated to  
improving the  
circumstances of  
women at all stages  
of life, both locally  
and globally."*

For more news and  
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[www.ZontaBonitaSprings.org](http://www.ZontaBonitaSprings.org)

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I could not be more pleased with the dedication and effort our members (especially the core committee...Dawn, Ginny, Blanca, Jackie, Patty, Flo, Karen, Claire, Denise, Denese & Bonnie ) put forth to present an incredible evening at the Glass Slipper Ball. We should have final figures to announce at our Holiday Party on December 15<sup>th</sup>. The comments that night as well as comments we have received via the media, emails, etc. have been overwhelmingly positive about what a beautiful and smoothly run event this was. Please be sure to get your thank you letters that Denise sent you to everyone that you collected auction items from. If you sold an ad, please get a program to give them.

Take a breath now and get ready for our February 26<sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament which we hope will raise significant money to be used for women's health initiatives. Patty Gift is our contact for all things GOLF and she will be in touch to tell you how you can help. (I'm sure she would love to hear from you if you are available to help as a core committee member).

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Corinne still needs your help to raise more upfront money to get Laura Bush here for our Amelia Earhart event. Please contact her with any corporate contacts especially any that you know of that education and scholarships for women would be of particular interest to them.

[creed.10@netzero.net](mailto:creed.10@netzero.net)

Please today email Melissa your RSVP for our Holiday Party on Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.

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One other comment – we need one of you to take over our monthly newsletter. Please contact Bonnie for details. [chefbonnie@comcast.net](mailto:chefbonnie@comcast.net)

As I write this note to you it is only a few days before Thanksgiving. Naturally I am thankful for my family and all our blessings and of course I am grateful to even be alive to celebrate the holidays this year. I also want each of you to know that your friendship and your dedication to helping others ranks right up there on my most thankful for list! We have an amazing group of women of whom we can be proud and thankful.

## Glass Slipper Ball Report – Dawn Rocco-Babon, Ginny Nobbe

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### *Wow & Thank you!*

Our Glass Slipper Ball was truly fabulous. While we are still working out all the final numbers, the evening itself went so smooth, as did both the set up and clean up. Ginny and I really appreciate each and every one of you and would like to give you our sincerest thanks for all the hard work, time and effort that you so generously offered to help make this event a success. We could not have pulled together such a wonderful evening without all of your support and that we received from our many volunteers and contributors.

We will schedule a wrap up meeting after Thanksgiving, so please keep track of any feedback that you receive and share it with our Committee. So far we have heard great comments about our location, the food and the auction.

For now, let's just sit back and take in all that we accomplished and be proud of the event that we orchestrated. Enjoy the spirit of the start of the holiday season.

Finally, we need to thank RL Caron and Crae Clements who graciously took photos of the Ball. Make sure you pass the word that prints of many sizes can be ordered from [www.CraeClementsPhotography.com](http://www.CraeClementsPhotography.com) and [www.rlcaron.com](http://www.rlcaron.com). Proceeds go to the Club.

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Our Ball Sponsors***  
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*Dawn & Ginny, our  
Fabulous Co-Chairs,  
Pose in front of the  
Magical Pumpkin Coach*



*Photo by Crae Clements, Crae Clements Photography*

## Financial Development Report-Y'Vonne Murray

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Our major annual fundraiser, **The Glass Slipper Ball**, is over and it is on to our Mardi Gras **Golf Tournament** scheduled for February 26, 2011 at the Spanish Wells Golf & Country Club. President-elect Patty Gift, project chair, indicates we need 72 golfers to achieve our goal. Tentatively, the cost for a team is \$500 and \$125 for an individual and includes golf, grilled lunch and prizes. Sponsorships are available beginning at \$100. We need you all to help securing sponsors over the next few months. This event will benefit Women's Health Issues. Contact Patty to help.

Chair Corinne Reed is working on the final details for the **Amelia Earhart Scholarship/Education** event being held April 18th at the International Design Center. We are hoping to secure a very special guest speaker. Stacey Deffenbaugh, (Ch 7) will be the Emcee. Our newest member, Maggie LeBlanc, is working with Corinne on this exciting project. Corinne needs help securing up-front sponsorships to defray costs for the special guest.

## Heart Walk Report-Flo Rogers, Project Leader

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We have just few days until the Lee County Heart Walk scheduled for December 11th at Centennial Park in Ft. Myers. Our **Zonta Bonita Heart Throbs** team needs you to become a member now! If you cannot take part in the walk, please consider making a contribution for this important event supported by our Board as one of our service projects.

Heart disease is the #1 killer of women and research supported by the Walk is vital to arresting this disease. Someone dies from heart disease every 38 seconds! It kills more women than all forms of cancer combined. And congenital cardiovascular defects are the most common cause of infant death from birth defects.

As all of you know, our esteemed President, Y'Vonne Murray, had a heart attack in February 2010. I had a pacemaker implanted in March 2010. We all know someone who has had a heart attack or gone through bypass surgery or taking medication to control cholesterol.

**It's time for action. Our goal is \$2,000 for our team.** Go to <http://leecountyheartwalk.kintera.org> scroll down the left side and click on "Find a Team." Then register and please send the link to your address book. If you have any questions, call or email me.

**16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign**

NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 10



This year marks the 20th 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign supported by Zonta International. For those of you new to the Club, this effort is an international campaign originating from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute sponsored by the Center for Women's Global Leadership held in 1991. The campaign runs through December 10<sup>th</sup>, International Human Rights Day, and symbolically links violence against women and human rights and to emphasize that such violence is a violation of human rights.

Each year our Club takes some action to mark the campaign. This year we will focus on our 1-800 poster campaign discussed below that assists local women who are victims of violence. Help pass out posters and also tell everyone you know that violence against women is unacceptable and must end. For more information on the campaign and other actions you can take, visit the campaign's web site at:

<http://16dayscwgl.rutgers.edu/>



As of Thanksgiving Day, more than 1 million actions have been registered with the Say NO – UNiTE to End Violence against Women initiative of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM, part of UN Women). The online effort ([saynotoviolence.org](http://saynotoviolence.org)) was launched one year ago to provide a platform for individuals, civil society groups and governments to showcase and record their activities on the issue. It is a direct contribution to the UN Secretary-General's campaign [UNiTE to End Violence against Women](http://unite.org).

The milestone registration of actions coincided with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Say NO – UNiTE is proof that there is a global groundswell for ending violence against women.

### ZONTA INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Zonta International funds the Amelia Earhart Fellowship program as well as the Jane M. Klausman Women In Business Scholarships and the Young Women in Public Affairs Awards. Further information and application forms can be found on the Zonta International web site: [www.Zonta.org](http://www.Zonta.org). Click on the ZI Foundation tab and then the Funds link.



## UN-Service Initiatives –Claire McMahon

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### 1-800 Posters – NEED MORE HELP PLEASE!!!!



Thanks to our former member, Amy Scott, several new Kiosks are being used on the FGCU Campus to display our 1-800 number posters to fight domestic violence. They are vital in getting the 800 # to victims of abuse to let them know there is a place to call to seek help. We are in need of more help to distribute posters and refurbish present locations and report on the number of tabs removed. Please call (405-2794) or e-mail me at ([ClaireM@premiermail.net](mailto:ClaireM@premiermail.net)) to volunteer.

## Membership Report – Karen Berens

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Welcome to Heather Clegg who was inducted as a new member at our November meeting. Heather is the owner/designer of Gryphon Designs, LLC. Heather lives in Bonita Springs with her husband, Bill, who is a Certified Financial Planner. Heather's special interests include special event planning, yoga/wellness and financial planning for women. Heather is interested the following committees: Service, Financial and serving as Co-Chair of the Membership Committee.



Nicole Forbis is also a recent new member who will be inducted at the January meeting. Nicole has been a blessing for our Club in orchestrating Facebook for us. She is the Owner/Partner of Naples Fashion Week & It Girl Consulting, LLC. and lives in Naples. She is interested in the Communication/PR Committee. You may have seen Nicole at the Glass Slipper Ball in her beautiful blue gown promoting the silent auction and passing out the "Save the Date" information for the Golf Tournament.

Ann Musselman has also become a new member and will be inducted at our January meeting. Ann and her husband, Josh, own Josh Musselman's Golf Express in Bonita Springs. While Ann currently resides in Lehigh Acres, she and Josh are looking for a home in Bonita Springs. Ann has a one year old daughter and a seven year old step-daughter. She is interested in the Social Committee and was a huge help with the Silent Auction for the Glass Slipper Ball.

Please embrace these wonderful ladies and make them feel welcomed into our Club.

## Social Committee—Melissa Keel

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For December, the Social Committee is hosting the Annual Zonta Club of Bonita Springs Holiday Dinner. This members only event is scheduled for Wednesday, December 15th at 5:30 p.m. at The Grape Restaurant at Coconut Point.

In the spirit of the holidays to help others in our community, we suggest bringing a \$5 donation for The Bonita Assistance Office. Please remember not to bring personal gifts to this event. We hope to see you there! RSVP your attendance to Melissa Keel at: [thekeels@embarqmail.com](mailto:thekeels@embarqmail.com).

Happy Holidays from Melissa Keel and Arleen Sheehan  
Social Committee

We have a couple of options for our January Social Committee outings. Let us know what you would like to do:

1) Saturday January 8, 2010 *Chick Flick* Saturday and lunch (Movie TBA)

or

2) Saturday January 15th Annual Art Festival at The Promenade. Enjoy lunch and art stroll.  
Friends and family are invited to participate.

Email your choice to Melissa Keel at:  
[thekeels@embarqmail.com](mailto:thekeels@embarqmail.com)

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### *Holiday In The Park*

The City of Bonita Springs is holding its Holiday in the Park festival December 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:30–8:30 p.m. at Riverside Park. We will have a table to pass out membership brochures and will help with the event in other areas of the park as needed to pass out cookies and beverages etc... Please come and wear our shirts to promote the Club. The City is expecting 5,000 people at this event. If you haven't done so already, email Karen Berens at [KarenABerens@aol.com](mailto:KarenABerens@aol.com) to help.



**ZONTA  
INTERNATIONAL  
HISTORY**

**Founded in 1919 in  
Buffalo, New York,  
Zonta means  
"honest and  
trustworthy."  
It was one of  
the first  
professional  
women's  
service  
organizations.  
Today, nearly  
33,000 members  
belong to more than  
1,200  
Zonta Clubs in 66  
countries and  
geographic areas.**



### OUR HISTORY

The Zonta Club of Bonita Springs was chartered on July 1, 1994. Over the years, we have donated thousands of hours of service and made significant contributions to causes benefiting women.

We are proud to follow the Zonta mission of working to improve the status of Women.

*The Zonta Club of Bonita Springs, Inc. meets the third Wednesday of the month from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Spanish Wells Golf & Country Club.*

*If you would like to attend, RSVP our message line 239-434-5134 or email us at [zonta@comcast.net](mailto:zonta@comcast.net)*

## Communications/PR -**Bonnie Lowrey** [chefbonnie@comcast.net](mailto:chefbonnie@comcast.net)

The Communications/PR Committee worked hard in November to promote tickets sales for the Glass Slipper Ball.

We sent out two eblasts urging our friends not to miss the *Best of the Chefs* tasty tidbits and the Chair, as well as Pamela Cox-Nulman, of Nulman PR & Marketing, and our new member, Nicole Forbis, founder of Naples Fashion Week and owner of It Girl Consulting, LLC, did a variety of Twitter and Facebook posts.

After the Ball, we sent out a press release announcing the winners of the Best of the Chefs competition and another with photos from the evening. We also posted the press release and photos on Facebook, media web sites and community bulletin boards.

We also need to thank all those—you know who you are—that put together the program for the Ball. It took a lot of work and the end product looked beautiful!

We also need to tip our hat to another new member, Maggie LeBlanc, for being resourceful and using her cell phone to take a photo at the November meeting. This is two months in a row that Maggie has come through in a pinch!

In the weeks ahead we will begin work on the Mardi Gras Golf Tournament and the Amelia Earhart event. As part of the process, we are in need to someone to take over the newsletter and use their creativity to take it to the next level.

Also, since social media is playing a bigger role in promoting our fundraisers as well as the Club's mission, we need to brainstorm on what are the best methods to use and what we need to say to get the best exposure.

If you have ideas or want to join the Committee, email the Chair at: [chefbonnie@comcast.net](mailto:chefbonnie@comcast.net).

## *Area 6 Inter City Dinner*

The Naples club has graciously agreed to host the annual Inter City Dinner being held Friday, January 14, 2011 at the Club at the Strand off of Immokalee Road in Naples. Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 7 p.m. The entertainment is Janina Birtolo's "Daring to Dream" show about Amelia Earhart, the most famous member of Zonta International.

Everyone should have received an email with the official invitation and reservation form. We are encouraged to commit as soon as possible and send our reservation and check to Roberta Niewiadomski per the email. The deadline is January 7th. For more information or questions you may contact Roberta directly at [rrn54@earthlink.net](mailto:rrn54@earthlink.net)

This dinner is a lovely social event that gives us a chance to meet other members of Area 6 Clubs and to learn about their Clubs and their activities. It is a fun evening and a great way to learn more about Zonta. If you have any questions email or call our President, Y'Vonne Murray, at: [ymurrayinflorida@comcast.net](mailto:ymurrayinflorida@comcast.net) or 239-292-0661.

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## **Club Calendar**

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**December 7, 2010** –City Of Bonita's Holiday in the Park festival, 4:30–8:30 p.m., Riverside Park. Brief Board meeting will be held before hand.

**December 11, 2010**- Lee County Heart Walk, Centennial Park, Ft. Myers. Activities begin at 8 a.m.

**December 15, 2010**-Club Holiday Party, Members Only, 5:30 p.m., The Grape at Coconut Point.

**January 4, 2011**-Board meeting, 5:45 p.m., Spanish Wells Golf & Country Club.

**January 14, 2011**-Area 6 Inter City Dinner, 6 p.m., The Club at the Strand, Naples.

**January 19, 2011**-Monthly General Meeting, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Spanish Wells Golf & Country Club. Program TBA.

**February 26, 2011**- Mardi Gras Golf Tournament, 1 p.m. Spanish Wells Golf & Country Club, to benefit groups providing health care to area women.

**April 18, 2011**- Third Annual Amelia Earhart event, International Design Center, to benefit women's education and the Club's scholarship fund.

*Our Glass Slipper Ball...Filled With Magic and  
The Promise of Fighting Violence Against Women*



*Left, Executive Chef Jeremy Houston of The Capital Grille receiving his award for People's Choice - Best Overall from Ginny Nobbe, Co-Chair of the Ball. Right, Guests thoroughly enjoy the food!*



*Left, Guests enjoy the elegant atmosphere of the outdoor patio at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, site of the Ball. Right, Ginger Shoup and Nicole Forbis, a new member, walked through the Ball encouraging guests to bid on auction items and play in the Club's upcoming Mardi Gras Golf Tournament*

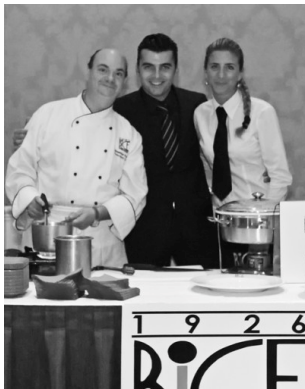


*The Brett Foreman Band and Dazzling Jewels Entertained and Delighted Our Guests.  
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*The Chefs, Their Food, the Flowers and the Magic Atmosphere!*



*The Culinary Crew from Whole Foods, left. Right, Executive Chef, Brian A. Roland from the M Waterfront Grille and his assistants.*



*Left, Executive Chef, Gonzalo Aguilar of Bice and his staff. Center, Executive Pastry Chef Karen M Vazquez, owner of Kakes By Karen. Right, Executive Sous Chef Tom Rieman, Angelina's.*



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RL Caron,  
RL Caron Imaging, Inc.*



*Jane Wheatley,  
honored at the Ball as  
our 2010-2011  
Woman of the Year,  
enjoys the evening  
with family and friends*

*All The Hard Work by the Ball Committee and Every Member Creates  
An Incredible Night!*



*Our Lovely Zonta Sisters!*



*Our President, Y'Vonne Murray and Jane Wheatley our Extraordinary  
2010-2011 Woman of the Year.*

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