



Mark Your Calendars

December

- 1 — The Zontian issue 3 mailed - World AIDS Day
- 2 — Service at Art Show, Parrott Key
- 5 — Period 2: quarterly Club Report due to Area Director
- 6 — 11:30 am Business Meeting at Hilton Garden Inn
- 10 — Human Rights Day 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence ends
- 28 — Newsletter Deadline

January 2007

- 3 — 11:30 am Business Meeting at Hilton Garden Inn
- 11 — Amelia Earhart Day
- 24 — Board Meeting at Marietta Meacham's Office
- 25 — Intercity Dinner in Sarasota
- 25 — Newsletter Deadline

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In Mexico at a
Mayan ruin



Our cruise winner, Estelle Wernet, had a great time and wanted to share a few pictures with you. Above she is on the far right with her daughter Michele, her tablemates from England and the wait staff.



Taking a well
deserved break at
an English pub on
the Promenade.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Zontian Members and Friends,

Where has all the time gone?! Thanksgiving has passed and the Holiday Season is in full force. We can all count our blessings, grateful for family, friends to say the least.



Harry Chapin Food Bank was the benefactor of our volunteer energies this month with 8-10 of us pitching-in to sort food stuffs from Publix. We emptied all the bins! I think Susan said we sorted through 7 flats full of cases of assisted food which would be 3 1/2 tons of food!

Picked up the Christmas Stockings for the Ruth Cooper gift program for which we volunteered. We have all adult ladies this year. The suggested list of items to stuff the stockings is enclosed with this newsletter. If each of us takes 2 stockings and purchases the list we will be finished in short order at the December 6th meeting. The suggested value of the stocking is \$25.00. Have already started shopping and there are some really good buys this year.

Bob and I are pleased to host the Holiday Open House at our home on the 15th of December beginning at 6:00 p.m. and bring your own good cheer and an hors d'oeuvres to share. I'll have signup list and directions to our home at the luncheon meeting.

We had an Area 6 Presidents' meeting this month and there are lots of plans underway for Area 6 clubs to get together. Reserve the 25th of January for Intercity Dinner in Sarasota and May 5th of 2007 for Area 6 Annual Meeting. Area Director, Nola Theiss has encouraged us to work together for many projects to benefit SW Florida Women.

"Happiness is like Perfume; you can't give it away without getting a little on yourself."

Bev Duff

Zonta District 11 2006 — 2008 Board

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Ellen O'Malley

Newsletter Editor

Michele Buhler

Committee Chairs

Service — Ellen O'Malley
Membership — Marietta Meacham
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Fellowship — Marcia Hurd
Program — Becky Marks

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CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adopt-A-Stocking Gift
Suggestions for Ruth Cooper
Center

At least \$25.00 value of stocking

Adult Women:
Picture frames/ photo albums
Books
Travel Board Games
Small Puzzles
Bus Passes
Hair barettes
Lotions
Disposable Cameras
Crossword/ word search books
Toiletry/ personal care items
Portable tape/ CD players
Journals/ blank books
Blank cards/ writing papers/
pens
Giftcards to Wal-Mart, Publix,
Target, McDonald, etc.
Phone cards
Movie passes/ bock buster/
movie gallery
Datebooks/ planners/ calendars

and whatever else you can think
of that will be appropriate.

Remember, these will all be for



Zonta District 11 - Windjammers Barefoot Cruise raffle must be postmarked by Wednesday December 21, 2006 the drawing for the winner will be on December 30, 2006. You will find the form when you sign on to the District 11 website on the home page.

The Zonta Club of Hilton Head Island has created a webpage called Amy's group room on the internet of pictures from the Zonta District 11 Conference September 29 - 30, 2006. This link below is independent and does not link to the District 11 website. You must register but registration is free and you are not required to purchase any of the pictures. There are 154 pictures for your previewing pleasure. Sign on to:
<http://zontadistrict11conference.snapfish.com>
If you encounter any issues or challenges contact Amy Most at amysermost@yahoo.com for assistance.

The Zonta Club of Sarasota Intercity dinner for Area 6 on Thursday, **January 25, 2007** at the University Club, Main Street, Sarasota deadline has been extended from December 18, 2006 to January 15, 2007.

For more information sign on to the District 11 website and Click on **Calendars/Events à Club events**.

The Zonta Club of Pinellas has created its first ornament for sale. This series will be featuring landmarks in and around Pinellas. The first is a lovely hand painted ornament of the Hotel Biltmore which opened in 1897. Each ornament is numbered and has the year of creation.

The ornament can be viewed on the District 11 website and is permanently posted to the **"Items for Sale"** webpage.

Price: \$20 for ornament only; \$25 for ornament with matching stand
Contact: Jill Cicero at jcicerolmt@aol.com for more information and questions and to place an order call Jill at (727) 687-0278.

ZONTA CLUB OF FORT MYERS AREA

Business Meeting * November 1, 2006



President Bev Duff welcomed members and guests and had everyone introduce themselves. Guests were Jeanne Telep, Wand Hurd, Kathy War and Gail Hamley. The pledge and invocation were led by Vice President, Paulette McDaniel.

The speaker, Gail Hamley, of the Lee County Art League gave a history of the League, its classes and workshops, the Gallery on Monroe in downtown Fort Myers and its 50th Anniversary this November. She also said that the League is always in need of volunteers.

Secretary- the minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer- gave out her written report showing \$5,496.79 in Operations and \$10,661.59 in Service. A check will be sent to Headquarters with our yearly donation. 50% will go to Zisvaw and 25% to Amelia Earhart and International projects.

Fellowship- December 15th there will be a Holiday Open House at Bev Duff's home from 6:00-8:30. Can stacking at the Food Bank will be another opportunity for fellowship.

Membership- Ellen O'Malley is taking a leave of absence. Jeanne Telep asked for a membership application.

Newsletter- they were emailed and distributed at the meeting.

Program- December 6th meeting will be stocking stuffing for the Ruth Cooper Center. Everyone is asked to bring several of one item (30 app.) to be put in each stocking. This way the stockings will all be the same.

Service- Nov. 4th is sorting at the Food Bank. December will be Adopt-a-stocking. Dec 2nd is assisting the Art League with the Art Show at Parrott Key.

Ad Hoc Committee- no report

OLD BUSINESS

Sign at Hilton Garden Inn can be obtained from ZI for \$200. Marietta will check Fred's for a quote. We are all asked to contact former members and let them know about the change of meetings, date, time and location.

NEW BUSINESS

Margaret Losleben gave out names to members to Google for current information. The Celebration of Zonta in Fort Myers will take place in early 2008. Bev asked members for suggestions on dates and locations for a Club Retreat and training with the Area Director, Nola Theiss. Bev accepted an award for the club from Lee Mental Health for our sponsoring and fund of Vista. Wanda Hurd announced that a fundraiser for Mary's House of hope will be held January 5th at the Three Oaks Banquet Hall. Tickets are \$175 per person.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele J. Buhler
Secretary