



Zonta Club of the
Fort Myers Area

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Mark Your Calendars

June 2007

- 1 — Club Dues payment for 2007-2008 due to HQ
- 6 — 7:30 am Business Meeting at Marietta Meacham's Office
- 9 — Service Opportunity at the Harry Chapin Food Bank
- 21 — 5:30 pm Program Meeting at Hilton Garden Inn
- 27 — 5:30 pm Board Meeting at Marietta Meacham's Office
- 28 — Newsletter Deadline
- 30 — YWPA international recipients announced

July 2007

- 4 — No Meeting – Happy Fourth of July
HQ Closed
- 19 — 5:30 pm Program Meeting at Hilton Garden Inn
- 25 — 5:30 pm Board Meeting at Marietta Meacham's Office
- 26 — Board Meeting at Marietta Meacham's Office
- 28 — Newsletter Deadline

New Meeting Times and Dates

Starting this month, we begin our new schedule of meetings. Looking forward to having more time with each other and making our club available to others, we now will have 2 meetings a month and one will be a breakfast and the other a dinner. The meetings will be at the Hilton Garden Inn. The first Wednesday of the month will be the breakfast meeting which starts at 7:30 a.m. Sounds like a familiar time! The third Thursday of the month will be the dinner meeting which will start with fellowship and cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. This will also be our program meeting so the program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING PLACE THIS TUESDAY

This first June 6th breakfast meeting will be at Marietta Meacham's office at McHale, Caruso, Scullion & Co., 8191 College Parkway, Suite 302. Bring your appetites and be ready for work.



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Zonta District 11 2006 — 2008 Board

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Beatrice Weaver.....Governor
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Ft. Myers Area Club 2007 — 2008 Board

Committee of 7:

Michele Buhler, Dee
Carroll, Beverly Duff, Edie
Kingsley, Margaret
Losleben,
Paulette McDaniel,
and Marietta Meacham.

Officers:

Beverly Duff... President
Paulette McDaniel.....Vice Pres.
Marietta Meacham.....Treasurer
Secretary Michele Buhler

Newsletter Editor

Michele Buhler

Committee Chairs

Service – Marcia Jones
Membership – Marietta Meacham
PR – Paulette McDaniels
Fellowship – Edie Kingsley
Program – Current President

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!
Am I six months too early? Well then, Happy New Zonta Year! For us in Fort Myers, this is more than a new club year; it is a new Era, a new Beginning.



Founding Members

Our membership numbers have dwindled to single digits and it is time to rebuild and renew. To recruit new members, we must remember why we joined. We have to get that new, fresh member enthusiasm back so we can share it with any potential members.

Remember the Vision of Zonta — “advance the status of women worldwide.” Maybe take yourself through a little history lesson. Google Seneca Falls, N.Y. and the year 1848. This is when the formal organization of women seeking the vote began in the U.S. Too far back? Then go to the Zonta International website and reread Zonta's history. “The women who founded this organization were among the first generation of college-educated women, the first generation of North American women to vote, and a part of the growing legion of women entering the work-force” (ZI website history).

We are the continuance of those women's legacy. While a few barriers have been knocked down or changed for us, the basic needs and issues for women are still there. We may actively participate in our governing process, but in a court room, we still do not have equal rights. And that is just the United States!

District Conference and our Area Inter-city Dinner both featured speakers on the Equal Rights Amendment. It is a battle that has been languishing in our halls of government, lacking the approval of only one more State. One of the States who has as yet to vote on ERA and approve is our own State of Florida.

I still remember wearing my ERA bracelet in the early 70's and having people make fun of it, saying it was not necessary and thinking it was a great evil to women. Well, it's time to set the record straight and get this amendment passed.

Michele J. Buhler

ZONTA CLUB BIDS A FOND FAREWELL TO THE HURDS

On May 8th, several members of our club gathered for Dinner at the Blue Coyote to bid farewell to Marcia and David Hurd. Everyone will miss both David and Marcia for both have worked hard for our club. We wish them both the best in their new life in Utah.



David and Marcia Hurd



Beverly and Bob Duff



Margaret Losleben

ZONTA CLUB OF FORT MYERS AREA

Business Meeting * May 2, 2007

The Meeting was opened at 11:45 a.m. by Presiding Pres. Bev Duff with the following members in attendance: D. Carroll, B. Duff, M. Hurd, M. Jones, E. Kingsley, M. Losleben, P. McDaniel, and M. Meacham. **Excused:** M. Buhler, R. Marks, E. O'Malley, K. Owens, and J. Penske.



PLEDGE & INVOCATION ~ VP Paulette McDaniel
LUNCHEON SERVED * "Bon Appetite" ~ special luncheon f/ installation.

SPEAKER: Installation by "Governance by Assembly" ~ Membership Pledge was prepared and lead by Bev Duff. Members in attendance pledged their support to Zonta and the Zonta Club of Fort Myers.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Secretary ~ Minutes from April Meeting were distributed via the Journal.

Treasurer Marietta Meacham ~ State of our finances (see attached treasurer report)

Committee Reports:

Fellowship ~ Bev reported that end of year and "Aloha" to Marcia and David Hurd planned for May 8th at Blue Coyote Social Club. Cost is "Dutch treat" for members and guests w/ costs varying from \$ 30.00 on up. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. with dinner to follow. Sign-up sheet sent around and invitation printed on back of agenda. Invitation also being sent to absent members and "Friends of Zonta" via Email w/ RSVP to Bev.

Membership ~ Marietta - We have 9 members who have renewed. Discussion of annual dues that need to be paid.

Newsletter ~ was distributed to members present.

Program ~ no program at this meeting other than installation and discussion of future meeting dates and times. June program is Linda w/ Slender Life on nutrition.

Service ~ We will be sorting food stuffs at Harry Chapin Food Bank Sat. June 9th, 9:00 a.m. until noon. No more than 8 to 10 persons are needed and sign-up list will be around at the June meeting.

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1. Motion by Marietta Meacham, 2nd by Edie Kingsley that \$2,000 is given to Mary's House of Hope upon the maturity of the CD where "Zelda funds" are being held with the stipulation that these monies be used to purchase art supplies. CD matures Sept. 2007. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion by Marietta, 2nd by Bev Duff that \$1,000. be sent to International stipulating that \$500 to ZISVAW and \$500 to International Service. Motion passed unanimously.

Ad Hoc Committee on Zontalation ~ Margaret Losleben reported that it has been difficult to get current contact information f/ former members. She has check Polk Dir. for some information. Meeting needs to be planned to sort through the records, lists, etc. in the near future so that invite letter can be sent by July.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bev reported that she is completing Annual Dist. Report & Office & Directors reports and will forward to AD & District.
- Area 6 Meeting in Punta Gorda on the 5th of May. There are 3 members who are attending for sure; Bev, Michele & Dee. Possibly prospective member Ashley would be attending.
- Reminder that District-11 Conf. is Sept. 27th thru 30th in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The first announcement with hotel information is up on the District WEB site and members are encouraged to go there for information.
- Reminder that the Club Email address is: Contact@ZontaFM.com. Marcia has been monitoring the site and arrangements need to be made to someone else to monitor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Recommendation from Board to change the meeting dates for the Zonta Club of Fort Myers to 2 meetings per month. First meeting, the 1st Wed. at 7:30 a.m. of each month will be business continental breakfast meeting. The second meeting of the month shall be the 3rd Thursday at 5:30 p.m. for a program dinner meeting. Both meetings will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn.

still be reviewed. There changes will take place beginning June, 2007. After some discussion, Motion made and recommendation accepted unanimously.

- Motion by treasurer Marietta Meacham that in consideration of the change of meeting schedule and anticipated costs that the Quarterly dues be \$100 per quarter. Paulette McDaniel 2nd motion and the motion was passed unanimously.
- A Directory of the presiding Presidents and their months needs to be added to the Journal as a reminder to each of us of our duties. The duties for each monthly president are: Presiding Board meeting end of prior month, presiding at the business meeting, arranging the speaker f/ the program meeting & preparing agendas for meetings and Board Meeting. Also, if she can't preside the assigned month ~ make arrangements to exchange with another "President" in a timely manner.

BOARD MEETING *

May 30th at Marietta's office w/ June Pres. Michele Buhler presiding. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Duff, Pres. &