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President's Letter

Dear Zontians:

WOW, it was so exciting to be a part of the 2010 Zonta International Conference in San Antonio, TX! As a delegate, I saw firsthand the workings of the organization (we spent one full day 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. voting on changes, resolutions, etc.). It was amazing to see all the women from so many countries together for one goal. It was a proud moment to vote for projects that will benefit women in countries that don't even consider women as human. In fact throughout the conference, we heard the term "human rights", not just "women's rights". The clubs voted on projects that will require a lot of money and I realized then that though our local projects are very important, we must think more about the "big picture" and how many more women can we help establish a life for themselves and their families.

We now look forward to District 11 Conference in Savannah, GA. Information should be forthcoming soon and plans can be made. You won't want to miss this event and since Savannah is only about two hours away should make for an easy trip. Our YWPA winner, Callie, is also the District winner.

Ellie coordinated an excellent new member orientation on July 19th and along with new members, Debee, Annette, Myriam and Christy, six current members attended and provided information. A special thank you to Annette for providing a beautiful model home for the orientation.

The most pressing issue at hand is our bowling fundraiser scheduled for September 25, 2010. Several members have already contacted and secured corporate sponsors and door prizes. All members should be working very hard to do the same. This is our one fundraiser that provides funds to assist local and national projects. **SO EAT, SLEEP, THINK, DO BOWLING!**

Sincerely,

Judy

The strength of a Zontian is her commitment to Service.
Barbara Cavadino, Zonta Club of Eindhoven
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JANE KLAUSMAN WINNER



Speaking at August membership meeting

Clarissa Dickerson, our current Jane Klausman scholarship winner, is a student at Columbia College majoring in business administration. She is also a customer service supervisor at Blue Cross Blue Shield. She has been on Columbia College's Dean's List for four semesters, has won the Academic Excellence Award and the Leadership/Competence Award.

Clarissa is a volunteer in Homeless for the Homeless, Shut Down The Streets, and has worked sorting clothes for homeless outreach programs. She is a Sunday school teacher and youth mentor for Good News Global.

Clarissa's dream is to build a development center for chronically ill and disabled youth. She wants to write inspirational books and songs that will uplift others through difficult struggles. She dreams of traveling the world utilizing her gifts to meet the needs of others.

Clarissa is a perfect fit for our Jane Klausman award.



Doris Cheek presents award.

NINTH ANNUAL ZONTA BOWL- A –THON

The Bowl-A-Thon will be held September 25, 2010 at AMF Bowling Lanes on Bush River Road.

We need the following:

1. Everyone to work that day.
2. Door Prizes. Remember when you patronize a business to ask for something.
3. Recruit teams to bowl that day.
4. List of anyone you may know who will contribute. Get a list for me or Dottie Munsch so we can send a letter for donations.
5. Items for the goody bags. Pencils, key chains, pads, etc.
6. Volunteer to help on the project.

Remember this is our only fundraiser for all of the things we do.

Thanks,

Barbara Scott,

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FRANCENA HOPKINS



Speaking at August membership meeting

Francena has empowered women through speaking on many occasions, including World AIDS Day Program, National HIV Awareness Day Programs, and 2010 Teen Summit. She spoke openly about her experiences living with HIV. Francena is a contract worker for the Women's Health Council Project. She is the community outreach specialist for the Women In Support of Employment (WISE) Program. Her motto is that you must possess the 3-D's of life in order to make a difference: Determination – Dedication – and the Desire to make a difference in oneself and others.

NEWEST MEMBERS



Myriam Torres, Christy Brasington, Annette Lambert



Debee Early

Debee Early is presently working for LRADAC, the Lexington Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council as Deputy Director of Prevention services. She is an Army brat and grew up living all over the world. She has a Masters in Organizational Management. Her kids are grown - a son who has two little boys and a daughter who is at the US Naval Academy. She is an avid walker and knitter. She wanted to rejoin Zonta because her kids are grown and she is gearing up for retirement - and looking for new activities. She is also very concerned about the status of women. Debee was previously a Zonta member in Greenville, SC.

Myriam Torres came to Columbia SC from Bogotá, Colombia first to get her Masters degree in Epidemiology then returning to get her Doctorate in Epidemiology and to marry Timothy Stewart. Besides her husband and 13 year old son, Dr. Torres loves walking, reading, and traveling. Travels include both Latin America (for visiting family and other) but also Mexico where her current work at USC takes her given her work on immigration. Myriam has joined Zonta because she loves working with women for women. She feels we can be powerful and make a difference in women's lives.

Christy Brasington was born in Waco, Texas, and moved to Columbia since her husband's family is from here. She works with the SC Department of Transportation as a Traffic Engineer. Christy went to school at Midlands Tech and also to a junior college in Florida. She has one son who is 37 and two grandchildren. She recently took up pottery and has done stain glass in the past. She and her husband have travelled many places on their motorcycles. She joined Zonta because the organization seemed right for her at this time in her life.

Annette Lambert is an adopted South Carolinian through marriage and choice. Born outside of Philadelphia in Ridley Park which was still the country back then, Annette met her husband in Pennsylvania and moved to Columbia. She was thrilled to learn everyone was as sweet as her new husband who had been raised in Darlington, SC. Annette joined Zonta because she wants to work towards women's causes. Annette is grateful for every opportunity and challenge that has come her way. She has four children. Her oldest is a senior at USC. She has worked in some form of sales since she was a teenager, and she loves challenges. She loves her current job as realtor with Mungo homes because she can help families meet their housing needs in the best way possible. With her children getting older she wants to help more women.

Service Committee Schedule 2010 - 2011

August, September – Mondays, 6:00 pm: Enhancing Your Assets, Women's Shelter, North Main St

October, November – Wednesdays, 6:00 pm: Enhancing Your Assets, Women's Community Residence, Platt Springs Road, West Columbia

Thursday, November 11th, 6:00 – 9:00 pm: Killingsworth Gala at Seawells (across from the Fairgrounds), Silent Auction/Fashion Show/dinner

Thursday, November 18th, 5:00 – 7:30 pm: Souper for The Women's Shelter, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Trenholm Rd.

January, February – Mondays, 7:30 pm: Enhancing Your Assets, Killingsworth, Pendleton Street

February/March - Deadline date TBA: YWPA scholarship applications due and selection made

April/May - Deadline date TBA: Jane Klausman Scholarship applications due and selection made.

The Board and the Club membership have also approved the venues for service on an individual basis. Remember to add any hours or dollars spent to Deborah each month. We will also be calling on members to sign up to assist with the Enhancing Your Assets program. A sign up sheet will be available at the business meetings. Or you can contact MJ Hassell at mhassell@sc.rr.com for available times and locations.

Service Committee

Enhancing Your Assets - Judy Barnes and MJ Hassell with all of the membership participating

Scholarships – Doris Cheek and Christy Brasington

Trafficking – Doris Cheek and Myriam Torres

Service Hours- Deborah Cornelison

Tabs and Pin Money – Annette Lambert

Resource Book/Website Updates – Open



Happy Birthday!

June 8 Coretta Bedsole, June 23 Judy Barnes

July 14 MJ Hassell

Aug. 4 Barbara Scott & Nancy Whiteside; Aug. 5 Vivian Hudson; Aug. 8 Ellie Dagle; Aug. 9 Melodie Hunnicutt, Aug. 17 Ann Maletic, Aug. 27 Lillian Smith

ORIENTATION

On July 19th the club held an orientation program for four new members, Annette Lambert, Christy Brasington, Myriam Torres, and Debee Early. Annette was able to obtain the Model Home at Mungo's Hunter's Mill Community for this event. Members: Ina, Dottie, Doris, Barbara, Judy, Ellie and Barbara brought various food items and beverages and we enjoyed a time of chatting and eating before the program. Ellie welcomed the new members and outline the function of the Organization, Membership, and Classification committee. President Judy talked about the mission and purpose of Zonta International, ZI structure, and history, her experiences at the recent international convention and the biennium goals and service projects. Past District Governor Ina outlined the structure of District 11, the district conferences, officers and the geographic base for the district. Treasurer Dottie related the financial obligations of members, our club's contributions to ZI and the 501-C3 status of the club's and ZI's foundations. Past President Doris told the group about the history of the Columbia club and some of its special honors, service projects and achievements. This was a good event for all.



The July lunch bunch at the Clarion: Ellie Dagle, Barbara Scott, Dottie Munsch and M.J. Hassell.

October Membership Speaker

Sue Lawrence, Former Director of the Jeanette Rankin Foundation, will be our guest speaker. Jeanette Rankin was a proponent of women's rights and was the first woman to be elected to the U.S. Congress in 1916. Upon her death, Rankin left a portion of her Georgia estate to assist "mature, unemployed women workers." The \$16,000 from her estate was the seed money for the Jeanette Rankin Foundation, which has been helping mature low-income women succeed through education since it was chartered in 1976. Since that time, the Foundation has awarded over \$1.3 million in scholarships to over 600 women. Guests are welcome for a fee of \$18.

FREE HEART HEALTH FORUM AND EXHIBITION Saturday, September 25, 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. Since we will be at Bowling for Zonta, share this for your friends.