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President's Letter

It's hard to believe that 2008 is already here, especially since this is the year I turn 50! I'm already waxing sentimental about "the good ol' days." However, whenever I start lamenting about how many years have already gone by, I can take solace and pride in the days and years that are ahead, not only for me, but for all of us.

We are privileged to be a part of such an outstanding service organization in Zonta International, and that is something we should be thankful for every day. We make a difference in the daily lives of women and children in countries spanning the globe. We may never know their names or be able to recognize their faces, but their lives are filled with more light and their futures with more hope because of the services and programs we sponsor.

I want to thank each of you for the great job you have done during the first six months of my presidency. We cleared a record amount from our annual Bowl-A-Thon, and if that was not enough, we actually made it into "The Zontian" for our efforts. Hats off to Kim Neel and her committee for the great fundraising job and to Doris Cheek, our indefatigable press woman, for finally getting an article and photo accepted into our international

magazine. Remember to save your copies, ladies, as they will be a great recruiting tool for new members as we approach our annual membership drive in March.

We are making chapter history, not only in the number of local organizations we are supporting with our time, talents, and financial resources, but also in the amounts we have donated to improve services and programs for women in the Midlands of South Carolina and internationally through our scholarship programs and the International Service and ZISVAW Funds.

Again, thanks to all of you for your many contributions to Zonta, and, most of all, for the spirit of compassion and caring that marks your giving and is the hallmark of true philanthropy. Happy New Year!

Yours in Zonta,
Melodie

*Happiness
is a Journey...
not a destination.*

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Trafficking in South Carolina

WOMEN SMUGGLED INTO UPSTATE AND NORTH CAROLINA FOR PROSTITUTION (16 Dec. The Associated Press)

Seven people have pleaded guilty in federal court to using illegal immigrants in a prostitution ring in the Upstate. The madam and three others plead guilty to bringing people into the country for immoral purposes and to coercion or enticement of the women.

Two plead guilty to bringing people into the country for immoral purposes and one to "conspiracy to defraud the United States."

The seven will be sentenced in about two months. Each faces a maximum of 10 years in prison.

The ring smuggled women in their teens and 20s from Central and South America.

According to testimony, the women were kept under lock and key by handlers and driven to various locations for prostitution. Police are still searching for the eighth person who prosecutors say was the ringleader.

While prosecutors say as many as 100 women were brought into the country illegally, raids on a home outside Greenville led to the arrests of six women ages 18 to 22.

DORIS CHEEK AND MELODIE HUNNICUTT TO MEET WITH US ATTORNEY TASK FORCE

Doris and Melodie will meet with the Task Force on Human Trafficking 17 January. They will receive training from the FBI to determine how Zonta can better help with this problem.

Applications Available for Young Women in Public Affairs

On December 14, 2007, The Columbia Star published an announcement concerning applications for the 2008 Young Women in Public Affairs Award. Details regarding applications, contacts, deadline and goals were listed.

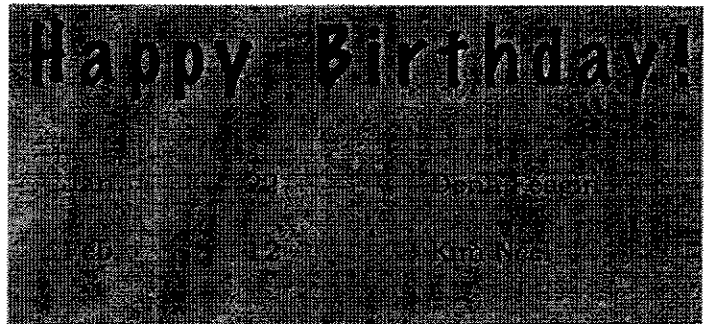
Our club has applications available and has provided applications to local high schools.

Mark Your Calendars

The **Savannah Club will host the Area 2 Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 1, 2008.** (Wine and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served at a beautiful jewelry store on Friday night.) Rooms available at a special rate of \$159 per night (Friday-Sunday) at the brand new Holiday Inn Express, Historic District, 199 East Bay Street, Savannah, GA, 912-231-9000 or www.savannahlodging.com

**Zonta International Convention
Rotterdam, Netherlands
June 28 - July 3, 2008**

Visit www.zonta2008.com for more information.



December Silent Auction has Something for Everyone



Members of Zonta Club of Columbia enjoy shopping for special treasures at December's Silent Auction. The club raised \$343.25 during the auction.

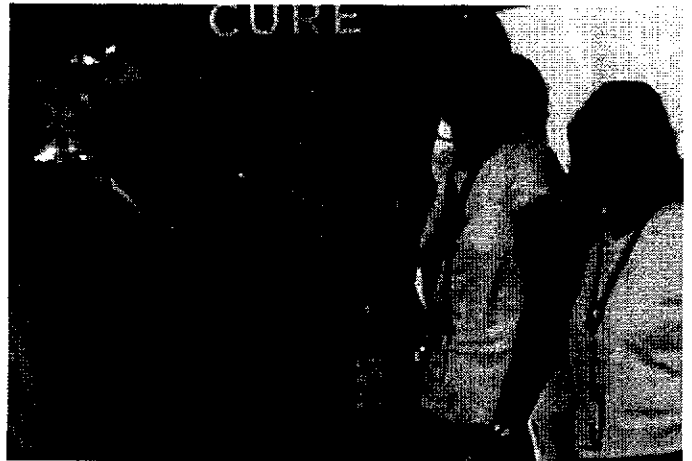
Member Spotlight on Zontian Judy Barnes

Zonta Vice President Judy Barnes was born in 1947 in St. Louis, MO and spent most of her childhood in the bootheel of Missouri. She graduated from high school and thought she knew so much she didn't need to go to college. She moved to Memphis, TN in early '70s and started work as a clerk with the Memphis City Schools Mental Health Center (MHC). Judy moved up the ladder and 14 years later was the office manager for the MHC. Her supervisor asked her to serve on a committee consisting of masters and doctoral level staff, not performing secretarial duties, but representing him on this committee. Judy made a presentation in front of the Memphis City Schools Board and did fairly well, considering she had no experience in presentations or public speaking. After this experience, she decided to take a Public Speaking class at Memphis State University. Judy made an "A" and started to think there might be something to this "college thing." While in Memphis, Judy married and had a beautiful daughter, Brandi. In 1985, the family moved to Arkansas and Judy started at Mississippi County Community College. She remembers the guidance counselor asking her what she wanted to major in and stating, "I am not sure I will still be here in December!" But she stayed and graduated two years later with an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts and a 4.0 GPA. After many years of being told (by husband) that she was dumb and stupid, she realized she was not dumb, just not educated!

The family moved to Union City, TN and Judy started at University of Tennessee-Martin (UTM), receiving a bachelors degree in Wildlife Management. After graduation Judy received an assistanceship to Clemson University, moving by herself to Clemson in 1991, knowing no one. Her husband moved to Ohio and her daughter started at UTM. Judy finished in 1993 with a Masters in Forest Resources. Her thesis was *Impact of Beaver on Trout Habitat on the Chauga River Drainage*. It was an amazing study, with Judy walking 62 tributaries in the mountains of northwest SC looking for beaver impact, and Judy was in her mid 40s!

After graduation in 1993, Judy began working with the SC Department of Natural Resources as Forest Stewardship Project Supervisor and then transferred to the Small Game Project in

1997. She is a Certified Wildlife Biologist and Farm Bill/Ag Liaison. Judy works statewide with private landowners, conducting site visits, writing habitat management plans (recommendations to enhance habitat for specific wildlife species), coordinates Farm Bill activities in the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division, is a Commissioned Deputy Law Enforcement Officer, conducts research and surveys, chairs various committees and represents the Division and/or Department on several committees.



In 2007, Judy was a seven-year breast cancer survivor and reached her 60th birthday. To celebrate these two milestones, she and three of her best friends walked 60 miles in the Susan Komen Walk for the Cure in Atlanta. Judy said she was blessed to be involved in this remarkable adventure and is so appreciative of her friends who walked with her (they are still friends) and the emotional and financial support she received from family and friends.

Judy divorced the loser in 1993 and married Guy San Fratello in 2001. Guy is a consulting forester and on their first date, they went deer hunting. They have been hunting, fishing, and traveling ever since. Her daughter, son-in-law and granddog live in Buford, GA and her stepdaughter, son-in-law, granddaughter and grandson live in Martinez, GA. Judy and Guy attend Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church where they are both elders and she is President of the Baker Mill Lake Homeowners Association in Calhoun County.