



# ZONTA NEWS & VIEWS

## ZONTA



INTERNATIONAL

Club #513

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## President's Letter

Welcome to a new year – a new Zonta year and a new academic year! I am always invigorated as the long, lazy days of summer fade into the shorter and crisper days of autumn. As a lifelong student and teacher, the fall has always been a time of renewal and inspiration for me.

As we begin to get down to serious Zonta committee work in our new club year, I hope that we will all be energized and find new ways of working together to achieve our common mission, improving the status of women around the world. I thought that the poem I dedicated to Doris Cheek last year upon the conclusion of her two terms as club president was worth revisiting as we prepare to usher in the fall season.

“To be of use” by Marge Piercy from Circles on the Water. © Alfred A. Knopf.

The people I love the best  
jump into work head first  
without dallying in the shallows  
and swim off with sure strokes almost  
out of sight.

They seem to become natives of that  
element,  
the black sleek heads of seals  
bouncing like half-submerged balls.

I love people who harness themselves,  
an ox to a heavy cart.

who pull like water buffalo, with massive  
patience,  
who strain in the mud and the muck to  
move things forward,  
who do what has to be done, again and  
again.

I want to be with people who submerge  
in the task,  
who go into the fields to harvest  
and work in a row and pass the bags  
along,  
who are not parlor generals and field  
deserters  
but move in a common rhythm  
when the food must come in or the fire  
be put out.

The work of the world is common as  
mud.  
Botched, it smears the hands, crumbles  
to dust.

But the thing worth doing well done  
has a shape that satisfies, clean and  
evident.

Greek amphoras for wine or oil,  
Hopi vases that held corn, are put in  
museums

but you know they were made to be  
used.

The pitcher cries for water to carry  
and a person for work that is real.

Yours in Zonta,  
Melodie

### District 11 Officers

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[www.zonta-district11.org](http://www.zonta-district11.org)  
for more information

### International President

Beryl Sten, Sweden

### International President Elect

Dianne Curtis

## Dr. V. Mohini Giri Shares the Plight of India's Widows

Zonta Club of Columbia, in collaboration with the Women's Leadership Institute of Columbia College, hosted a May luncheon at the Palmetto Club honoring Dr. V. Mohini Giri of India. Dr. Giri is a renowned women's rights activist in India and a Nobel Peace Prize nominee. Belonging to an illustrious family of scholars, civil servants, and musicians, Mohini Giri is the daughter-in-law of the late Shri V.V. Giri, former President of India. Giri experienced the privileges enjoyed by India's elite class. But rather than finding comfort in social prestige, she was increasingly troubled by the enormous social and economic disparities among India's vast population.

As founder of the War Widows Association and the Guild of Service in India, Giri helped thousands of widowed women who were living as social and economic outcasts. Her work included establishing cottage industries, providing job training, hostels for children, emergency shelters, and even inter-religious and inter-caste remarriages. This training allows women to stand independently and to use the power given them by their nation's constitution.

Dr. Giri's talk emphasized the global importance of the problems faced by the widows and other marginalized women.

## 2008 -2009 Zonta Club of Columbia Officers



Club officers for the 2008 - 2009 Zonta year:

(l-r) Nancy Whiteside, Membership and Two-Year Board Member; M.J. Hassell, Service Chair; Doris Cheek, Secretary and Past President; Dottie Munsch, Treasurer and Fundraising Co-Chair; Melodie Hunnicutt, President; Judy Barnes, Vice President; and Runette Louthian, One-Year Board Member and Public Relations Chair. Not pictured: Kim Neel, Fundraising Co-Chair.

## Member Spotlight on Deborah Cornelison

Deborah was born and grew up in Athens, Georgia. She attended the University of Georgia. She is the oldest of four children, with three younger brothers, and was the only one to move away from Athens.

Deborah's first move was to Charleston, South Carolina, and started her banking career. She has 30 years experience in banking, primarily as a loan officer. Now with Arthur State Bank, Deborah says she finds it a "breath of fresh air." "It is a small bank with people who care about the individual," she tells us.

Deborah has 2 sons. The oldest lives in Columbia with 2 sons of his own, and her youngest son lives in Charlotte and has 2 sons, as well. She takes care of her mom, who was a stroke victim three years ago, and is bedridden. Deborah says, "When I am not with her I enjoy reading, needle point, a good game of cards, a brisk workout, and of course the children."



Above: Deborah Cornelison is inducted by President Melodie at the July meeting. Below: Melodie inducts Barbara Scott in August.



## Zontians Attend Seminar

Melodie Hunnicutt, Doris Cheek and MJ Hassell, attended the Human Trafficking Seminar at the Embassy Suites Hotel on September 16-17. The goal of this two-day seminar was to provide the law enforcement officer and service provider with a better awareness of the many challenges they face in addressing civil rights issues and to provide tools to help bring these types of cases to a successful end.

### **FAST FACT:**

Every year an estimated 4 million women and girls are bought and sold worldwide.

**ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 11**  
**60TH Annual**  
**District Conference**  
September 26-27, 2008  
Tampa, Florida

## Happy Birthday!

September	10	Zonta Club of Columbia - 45 yrs!
	22	Liz Krejci
October	7	Betty Jo Carson
	11	Doris Clevenger
	12	Runette Louthian
	14	Ina Edens
	27	Deborah Cornelison
	29	Katherine Matthews



# Have a **Ball** bowling with Zonta and give others a winning opportunity!!

Saturday, October 18, 2008  
Starting at 10:00 a.m.  
Columbia Lanes (AMF Bowling Center)  
1732 Bush River Road.



**Proceeds Benefit Killingsworth Home, the Women's Shelter, Communities in Schools, PALSS, and Scholarships for Young Women**

- A fun-bowling event centered around the nine-pin, no-tap scoring system. In nine-pin, no-tap, nine or ten pins down equal a strike. Scores will be posted for fun.
- Teams and/or individual bowlers will participate in a bowling tournament style format.
- Fun for the entire family, bring your children! On site bowling instructors for anyone who needs or wants a little help.
- **Fabulous door prizes given away all day!** Win gift certificates, prizes from area merchants.

## What's the cost?

- Individuals bowl three games for \$14 (*free shoe rental*); teams of four bowl three games for \$56 per team (*free shoe rental*).
- Checks should be made payable to the Zonta Foundation of Columbia. Debit/Charge cards not accepted.
- Individuals may register at the door on the day of the event. We accept cash or checks.
- Proceeds benefit Killingsworth Home, the Women's Shelter, Communities in Schools, PALSS, and scholarships for young women.



**Questions?** Call or email Dottie at 803-929-5188, [munschd@bellsouth.net](mailto:munschd@bellsouth.net)

## Registration Form

(duplicate the form as needed)

Yes, I want to bowl in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowling for Zonta on Saturday, October 18 2008, starting at 10:00 a.m.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (or email): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Method of Payment (mail checks only): \_\_\_\_\_

I am registering a team. List names of the four team members below (please print):

\_\_\_\_\_

Return form with a \$14 or \$56 check (payable to the Zonta Foundation of Columbia).

Mail to: Dottie Munsch, 1400 Hagood Ave, Columbia, SC 29205

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