



Zonta Club of Annapolis President's Report 2008-2009

The Zonta Club of Annapolis has many different activities.

We have a newsletter that we produce quarterly to keep our members aware of events and activities of our Club.

At our monthly membership meetings we collect sanitary products for the "Once a Month Club, an activity we have been doing for the last year. We also collect paper products for the Chrysalis House, a local rehabilitation facility for substance abusing women and their children. At each monthly membership meeting we have guest speakers from local programs and associations, enlightening us about social needs and situations. This has allowed us to expand our service areas, such as partnering on a project for women leaving prison and helping Girls on the Run at a 5k event.

We began the year with a "Zing", which was held in a restaurant and it highlighted the work of our club. We did get a couple of new women, interested in the work of Zonta.

We held our annual major fundraiser, "Swinging Sweets", a chocolate lovers holiday. We have bakeries donate different chocolate confections and attendees get to taste all of the different confections. We also have tea and coffee companies that offer attendees different types of flavored coffee and teas. We have a silent auction of different kinds of baskets, our annual gas raffle that we raffle off two \$250. gas (we allow the winners to choose which gas company they want) gift cards, and all of this is occurring with wonderful big band music being played by a live band. It's our premier event and biggest fundraiser.

The "Zonta Café" is our fundraising activity where we sell food at events, like the area's annual quilt show.

We use our funds for scholarships. We give a scholarship annually at the YWCA of Annapolis & Anne Arundel County's Women of Color Luncheon. We directly offer three scholarships for women.

We have the "virtual senior pantry". This is a project we have that partners with our local department of aging, in which we help elderly maintain independent living.

We have been giving special gifts at holidays to our local shelter for teens, having stuffed Christmas stockings and Thanksgiving pies for the kids so they would have something special during holiday times.

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District 3 Fall Conference
October 2-4, 2009, Alexandria, Virginia