



**Zonta Club of Arlington  
President's Report  
2008-2009**

The Zonta Club of Arlington, Virginia, has been blessed this year with successful community action, vibrant new members, and a very helpful leadership team.

Our year kicked off with our sponsorship of an after-work get-together of Commonwealth (state) attorneys and women victim's advocates from four local northern Virginia jurisdictions.

We continued our very active involvement and support of Doorways, which provides safe shelter and counseling to Arlington County women and children in need, and those who are victims of abuse. We provided Dinner with Friends and a holiday brunch, shopped weekly for groceries for the safe house, and assisted with fundraising at several events.

We expanded our community activism by collecting many hundreds of pounds of food and necessities for the local food bank.

Fund-raising was very successful as we continued our White House Ornament sales and conducted yet another very successful wine seminar at the Women in Military Service for American memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

Not one to stay at home for long, our member and dear friend Zohra Rasekh, a native of Afghanistan, has spent most of her time in her native country, working for women, and has been actively involved with the UNHCR Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, or CEDAW.

Our year end membership stands at 24.

We are not content with the status quo. This year we have embarked on a strategic plan initiative to map our course into the future. Luckily, several of our members are experienced in this type of long-term thinking, and our members are full of great ideas. We are putting pen to paper, and we are on our way to planning our future in terms of membership growth, community involvement, international support, and being "all that we can be" as Zontians.

Respectfully submitted,

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President, Zonta Club of Arlington

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October 2-4, 2009, Alexandria, Virginia