



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

The Zonta Club of Baltimore continues to work diligently to attract new members. We have committed to ensuring that all of our service projects and fundraisers have strong marketing and publicity components. The Zonta Club of Baltimore continues to support the Kelson Elementary School in Baltimore City. This school is located in a depressed area of Baltimore City and does not always have the opportunities made available to it. The Zonta Club of Baltimore supplies hats, gloves, mittens and other items to the school during the holiday season.

Last year, the Zonta Club of Baltimore was exploring the possibility of working with a transitional housing group. I am pleased to announce that the Club has developed a relationship with Project Plase, a transitional housing organization for women. The Club has already supported Project Plase financially by contributing funds for the purchase of books needed for Project Plase's GED and Literacy Program. The Club is also exploring the possibility of mentoring the women at the transitional housing as they enter a new phase of their lives. As an offshoot of the GED and Literacy Program at Project Plase, the Club will work with the women in a journaling class which we hope will lead to theater production showcasing the women of Project Plase.

The Club continues to support Dr. Oke Nwodin and her organization, Agnes Medical Resource Group as they work to provide medical care and establish a women's clinic in Nigeria. The Zonta Club of Baltimore was able to contact a Zonta Club in Nigeria and have put Dr. Nwodin in contact with that club. The Nigerian club has agreed to be our sister club and we are looking forward to a vibrant and interesting relationship.

Finally, last year we mentioned that a young lady from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, Arial Bowers, attended our Amelia Earhart program that focused on careers in aerospace. As a result of her attendance at the Amelia Earhart program, Ms. Bowers was introduced to a Johns Hopkins' professor. The professor became Ms. Bower's mentor. Ms. Bowers had the opportunity to work with the professor. Ms. Bower told our club that Johns Hopkins offered her a full college scholarship, which she accepted. Ms. Bowers is now a full-time freshman at Johns Hopkins. The Zonta Club of Baltimore continues to keep in touch with Ms. Bowers and wishes her all the best.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jan M. Bryant
President, Zonta Club of Baltimore

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