



# Zonta Club of Charles County Maryland

## *District 3 Conference, Oct 2-4, 2009 President's Report*

Thank you Ms. Tangen Steffensen, ZI Representative, Madam Governor, Executive Board and fellow Zontians for this opportunity.

The Zonta Club of Charles County is on the move in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century! We have a strong Board, sound fiscal management, 42 energized members, 7 new members, and a vibrant recruiting and retention program.

In addition, our programs are fun and educational; our biggest Fashion Show Fundraiser is a smashing success – save the date for 3/19/2010. Last year, we awarded over \$13,000 in service grants and awards!

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Therefore I would like to highlight a special hands-on service and advocacy project.

The club hosted the 5th Annual Zonta RAVE Walk. This service and advocacy project has collectively raised nearly \$25,000 to help victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and child abuse. Come walk with us on Oct. 17!

Last year, the proceeds benefited 3 local agencies.

\$1,000 was awarded to Center for Children to support prevention - educational program aimed at female teens. In addition, Club members went on a \$2,000 shopping spree to Sams Club with Angel's Watch and LifeStyles.

These local agencies provide emergency shelter and aide to women and children needing help to escape from abusive partners. Items purchased included; First Aid kits, diapers, towels, and other personal care items.

Many victims arrive to the agencies with the clothes on their back. We collected slightly used totes bags to fill them with emergency supplies. Inside each one is a hand written inspirational hand-written notes. Something like this one, "*Dear Friend, Don't Be Afraid, You Will Never Walk Alone.*"

Thank you.

Respectively submitted,

Christine Parker,  
President, Zonta Club of Charles County