



**Zonta Club of Howard County
President's Report
2008-2009**

In August 2008, our club celebrated our 10th anniversary by hosting a celebration inviting friends, family members, and District 3 representatives. We presented our own power point presentation about our local club projects and inducted 4 new members.

In September 2008, myself and Anne Gould, Vice President attended leadership meeting at the home of Jan Bryan, President of the Baltimore Club. Irma Dillon presented an agenda about membership.

In November 2008, Irma Dillon attended our chapter meeting to discuss the importance of growing the membership. Also, we had guest speakers, Ryan and Sarah Hemminger, from the Incentive Mentoring Program (IMP). IMP has 200 volunteers which build a network to take students about to be expelled from Dunbar HS and teach them, assist them in their family environment, teach community service. The program turns the lives of these students in jeopardy around to stay away from crime, drugs and alcohol, and assists in college acceptance. Our club donated \$200 to the program.

In December 2008, we gathered food for the local food bank. In addition, the club hosted our annual Christmas party at the Own Brown Senior Center providing 30 gift bags for the elderly in need, including personal care items, teddy bears and more. The gift bags are given out during lunch,. Our chapter provides a cake and entertainment for the elderly.

In February 2009, our chapter hosted James T Jackson who presented a great program on African American Women in Aviation.

In Spring 2009, our chapter connected with a representative from local elementary school to participate in Kids Get Active program, to encourage kids to get exercise, to make better nutritional selections. Our club can offer incentivizes for kids who do the most physical activity.

In the early summer 2009, we started to plan our fundraiser at Chico's clothing store for the fall and decided that each meeting we will rotate bringing items for various projects, such as the Once a Month program, goods for the food bank and more.

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District 3 Fall Conference
October 2-4, 2008, Alexandria, Virginia