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ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3

District 3 Governor's Newsletter

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# DISTRICT 3 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

## CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



Dear District 3 Zonta Members,

March is International Women's History Month and certainly a month all of us Zontians are proud to be part of an organization that continues to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.

The purpose of Women's History Month is to increase consciousness and knowledge of women's history; to take one month of the year to remember the contributions of notable and ordinary women. I know we all have our favorite female historical figures and I wanted to share a couple of mine with you.

Alice Paul comes to mind for me as she was one of the leading figures responsible for the passage of the 19th Amendment (Women's Suffrage) to the U.S. Constitution. This was all in play as the founders of Zonta were making their way to form our great organization. On June 4, 1919, the 19th Amendment was passed by Congress and ratified on August 19, 1920.

One of Alice Paul's famous quotes that resonates with me as a Zontians is the following, "The Woman's Party is made up of women of all races, creeds and nationalities who are united on the one program of working to raise the status of women." This is very much in line with what Zonta is all about and why each one of us continues to give tirelessly and generously of our time, talent and funds to support our mission locally and globally.

Another of my favorite female pioneers is our very own Amelia Earhart. As many of you know, Amelia was not a "joiner," but she chose to be a Zontian. Amelia lived and breathed our mission by promoting women to take on roles in non-traditional fields, she wrote articles on aviation in *Cosmopolitan Magazine* as an associate editor and served as a career counselor to women university students, just to name a few of her initiatives.

There are many other extraordinary women that have led the way to make our world better for us; however, each and every Zontian in District 3 and around the world are also "Making a Difference" just by serving in Zonta. Our work locally and globally is far reaching and continues to have a ripple affect on the lives on the women we touch through our service projects and educational programs.

Take a moment this month or any time during the year to thank your Zonta Club leaders, members, District leaders and our International leaders for being involved and giving back through their service to Zonta. It takes all of us in our various roles within Zonta to keep this organization moving forward so we can continue "Making a Difference Globally, Locally and to Each Other.."

In closing, I would like to ask you to please keep the people of Japan and our Zonta members there in your thoughts and prayers. President Dianne Curtis will update us to determine when, where and how we can help.

Yours in Zonta,

Lisa Fraser District 3 Governor

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### The District 3 Team

This biennium we have as

#### District 3 Board Members

#### Governor, Lisa Fraser

Zonta Club of Hampton Roads

#### Lt. Governor, Paulette Chatman

Zonta Club of Essex County

#### Secretary, Linda Butler Livesay

Zonta Club of Philadelphia

#### Treasurer, Cathy Paul

Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey

#### Area 1 Director, Kathy Rau

Zonta Club of Long Island

#### Area 2 Director, Elizabeth Smith

Zonta Club of Morristown Area

#### Area 3 Director, Alice Kirchner

Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey

#### Area 4 Director, Margo Sheridan

Zonta Club of Arlington Area

#### Parliamentarian, Judy Maietta

Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey



## The Latest News from Zonta International Tragedy in Japan

As of March 18th, Zonta International President Dianne Curtis reports that all Zontians in District 26 have been located and are safe. Governor Tokue advised her that, "Now I can report to you that Zontians in D26 are all safe and alive. Nothing would give me greater happiness than this news! It's beyond description!" President Curtis is in discussion with Governor Tokue about the support Zontians can provide the District.

All Zonta members will be kept informed through the Zonta website, [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org), and through email blasts. President Curtis will let you know how we can support Japan.

As we all know, this has been a terrible tragedy and all our prayers are with the people of Japan and our Zonta members there.

## Membership

### Some Ideas from our Lt. Governor

Growing membership is the responsibility of all of us as members of Zonta. The Zonta International Goal for District 3 this biennium is to grow membership by one net member per club.

How do we do it...by continuing to get the word out about our organization and what we do both locally and globally; by wearing our various pins that tend to strike up conversation as to what the "Z" means; by bringing up Zonta among colleagues and friends; by holding "ZINGS" (Zonta Informational Network Gathering) for prospective new members; by being a sandwich board at your local fair; by being out in the community for Zonta Rose Day and also active for other events such as the "16 Days of Activism."

I have named a few things that we can do and I would like to hear from you and your club about what you are doing to increase membership. The plan is compile and then I would like to share it with others in the next edition of this newsletter.

Drop me an email at [prchatman@gmail.com](mailto:prchatman@gmail.com) and I'll share information in the next newsletter.

Yours in Zonta,

*Paulette*

Paulette Chatman

District 3 Lieutenant Governor



**SAVE YE DATE  
ZONTA DISTRICT 3 2011 CONFERENCE**

**Ahoy Mateys!**

**Come one, come all t' th' Pirates of th' Chesapeake t' discover th' treasures of Zonta at th'**

**District 3 2011 Confrance!**

**Ye lassies and ladies be sailing Septembree 23rd through th' 25th, 2011 in th' beautiful port of Solomon's Island, Maryland.**



**Gar! Stow-away ye bottle o' rum an' gin ye old seadogs.**

**Meet us at th' Holiday Inn.\***

\*clue



***“Zonta’s major goal is to eliminate all advocacy and service projects at the local level that do not focus on advancing the status of women.”***

**BUILDING A BETTER ZONTA**

You can learn to build a better Zonta at the North American Inter-District Meeting which will take place June 3-5, 2011 in Reno, Nevada. There will be 16 workshops organized into 4 Tracks members said they wanted most—Advocacy, Leadership, Membership and Public Relations. There will also be presentations and informative panel discussions led by distinguished Zontians and guest speakers. Refresh and rejuvenate your commitment to Zonta and to improving the lives of women.

Meetings will be held at the newly expanded Atlantis Casino Resort Spa, 3800 South Virginia St., Reno. Early registration (before May 1, 2011) is \$175. Late registration (May 1 until May 27) is \$200. Hotel room rates are \$109, single or double occupancy, plus \$10 resort fee. The hotel has many amenities such as in-room coffee service, high speed internet service (both wireless and wired) indoor and outdoor pools and an outdoor Jacuzzi.

You can find the registration form and all the information you need at [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org). Click on Member Resources and find North American Inter-District Meeting on the right under Messages.

Questions can be directed to the conference co-chair Joy Orlich at 775-544-0686 or email [joyorlich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joyorlich@sbcglobal.net). Hope to see you there!

**Want to help develop a North American PR strategy? Come to the North American Inter-District Meeting and help to formulate it as well as find out how to maximize social media to Zonta’s advantage.**



## SEARCHING FOR D3 NOMINEES!



**Accept the mantle of leadership "enthusiastically" and Climb The Ladder of Zonta Leadership.**



As you all know, every two years the District's Nominating committee must ensure **that** there is at least one eligible person willing to serve in the following district offices: Governor, Lt. Governor, Treasurer, four Area Directors, and three members to serve as the district Nominating Committee. To do this, we need help from all of you!

It is the responsibility of each district member to consider who you think can best offer that special interest, time and enthusiasm to provide the necessary leadership to implement programs and administer District 3. So individual members, as well as each club, should seriously consider appropriate nominees for these offices. Please remember that district officers must have served at least two years in an elected club office and/or have been a district committee chair. The Governor, Lt. Governor and Area Directors must have served at least one year as Club President.

Of course you know the potential of your own club members. But you may have also been impressed with members of other clubs whom you have met at workshops, conferences and conventions. Think about those who have impressed you as leaders. Consider how they could best serve Zonta and District 3.

The District nomination form outlining the information needed for the offices has been forwarded to all Club Presidents and can also be found on the District website at: [www.zontadistrictthree.org](http://www.zontadistrictthree.org). It would be a real help if you could fill out this form as fully as possible. While it is not necessary for you to obtain the consent of those you suggest, it would be helpful to our Committee if you do so. (There is a place on the form to indicate this.) Please forward all completed nomination forms to me postmarked no later than **MAY 18, 2011**.

Remember, the names you suggest do not have to be from your own club. In fact, if several clubs suggest the same name, it will assist the Nominating committee to know who you really support for our leadership in the next biennium.

The other duty of the District Nominating committee is to cooperate with the International Nominating Committee by passing on names of qualified Zontians for International candidates. Since these are not due until August, they will be sent to Club Presidents at a later time, but also think about possible candidates for International office.

Remember, it is **your** Zonta, and officer elected will be **your** officers. Consider possible nominees carefully and please let us hear from all of you. If you have any questions about the nominating process, please feel free to contact me by email at: [barbara.lippa@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:barbara.lippa@fairfaxcounty.gov) or by phone at 703-830-7841.

Barbara Lippa, D3 Nominating Committee Chairman

## YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS REMINDER

Just a reminder that the YWPA applications from each Club in District 3 are due to D3 YWPA Chairman, Lila Davis, no later than April 1. Jane O'Brien, ZI YWPA Chair has requested that each Club please consider designating a portion of their ZIF donation to the Young Women In Public Affairs Fund.



## DISTRICT 3 ACHIEVEMENT FORMS NOW AVAILABLE !

How is your club Making a Difference Globally, Locally, and to Each Other?

You know how much we all enjoy hearing what other clubs are doing when we attend conference and area meetings. All of our clubs are doing some amazing work in our local communities and supporting the ZIF programs, i.e. Amelia Earhart Fellowship Program, Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship and Young women in Public Affairs-

just to name a few. You all are truly Making a Difference!

The 2010-2011 Achievement forms are now updated and posted on the D3 website under the Resources link. So please seriously consider completing the achievement forms. You will be considered for awards, but more importantly, you will be letting the District 3 membership know what your clubs have done this year. We can really learn from each other if you

share your successes and areas of opportunity as well.

Please note that each form should go to the D3 chair as assigned, your respective Area Director and me.

We look forward to a great result in participation this year and will thank you in advance for completing the forms.

Lisa Fraser  
D3 Governor



## LUNCH WITH TWO AMAZING YOUNG WOMEN

District 3 was honored to have three 2010 Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellows from our district. Catherine Florio was able to attend our District conference last October and many of you were able to meet her and hear about her proposed program in Mechanical Engineering at the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

The other two distinguished fellows were not able to attend conference; however, I had the great privilege of having lunch with them on February 5th (see picture to the right). We had a delightful time together and I was very impressed with all of their work and proposed programs of study. The following is a little bit about their work—both are studying at the University of Maryland.

Monica Syal's proposed program is in Aerospace Engineering. She was awarded her first AE Fellowship in 2009. She will use her second fellowship to work on the "helicopter brownout" problem. Helicopters landing or taking off in arid terrains uplift large clouds of dust which hinder the visibility of the pilots. The goal of her research is to devise a methodology to accurately model the rotor aerodynamics (in the ground effect), and particle dynamics (simulate dust clouds) simultaneously. She will develop numerical methodologies based on Lagrangian techniques to simulate particle clouds; however, also different techniques will be explored to reduce the computational cost with minimal loss of accuracy. She has completed Phase I of her studies and has submitted a paper to the American Helicopter society for their annual forum to be held in May. Monica is a representative for graduate students in the Aerospace Dept. at her school. She enjoys singing, dancing and table tennis. She recently married, so best wishes to Monica and her husband for a terrific and long-lasting future together.

Ria Pavnish Malhan's proposed program is also in Aerospace Engineering. Her research focuses on bio-inspired flapping wings. The growing interest in unmanned aircraft, especially for surveillance and reconnaissance missions in confined areas, has triggered much research in the domain of Micro Air Vehicles. In the first phase, she will experimentally study the effects of wing kinematics and wing shape on aerodynamic performance. The following phase involves trying to understand the aerodynamics analytically. By having a balanced approach between experiments and analysis, her goal is to identify key features used by natural fliers. Ria belongs to several organizations at the University of Maryland where she is active as an organizer of various cultural events.

Since both Monica and Ria are studying in the Prince George's county Area of Maryland, they are interested in attending some club activities and/or volunteer events with the Zonta Club of Prince George's County Area. They have been connected to Club President Erma Barron, so we hope to stay connected to them through Zonta. Congratulations again to Monica and Ria!





# Zonta International District 3 Area Workshops

Mark the date and invite other members to join you!

*3 lively sessions to help you/your club be ready and able to Make a Difference!*

1. Membership - The More the Merrier 2. Club Financial Smarts 3. Tools to Utilize!

**What:** Areas 1-2

**When:** Saturday, April 16, 2011

**Where:** Trinity St. Paul Church  
311 Huguenot Street  
New Rochelle, NY 10801

**Host Club:** New Rochelle

**What:** Areas 3-4

**When:** Saturday, April 9, 2011

**Where:** Giant Store Community Room (2nd floor)  
Blue Mountain Commons Shopping Center  
2300 Linglestown Road  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

**Host Club:** Harrisburg-Hershey

Both workshops

**Time:** 9 am - 9:45 am - - Coffee, light refreshments, registration  
9:45 am - 2:00 pm - - Meeting (including lunch)

**Cost:** \$25.00

**Registration:** Due April 1, 2011

**Service Projects:** Details will be on website

Registration information available on District 3 website: [www.zontadistrictthree.org](http://www.zontadistrictthree.org) around March 1.



## JANE M. KLAUSMAN WOMEN IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!

We are very proud to announce that Maryana Pleskanka won both the District 3 (\$1000) and Zonta International (\$5000) awards for the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship.

Maryana is currently pursuing a Bachelor's of business Administration in Finance with a minor in Psychology at Baruch college. She has excelled both in and outside the classroom, supplementing her academic classes with a variety of extracurricular and volunteer activities.

Maryana is a member of the Financial women's Association Mentorship Program and the Financial Leadership Program. She created a business development plan for Financiers Without

Borders, a startup not-for-profit that creates finance-related opportunities abroad for undergraduate students, and helped to send 8 volunteers to Bangkok on a two-week microfinance project. She has also held various leadership positions, including business development associate, Vice President of marketing and national conference coordinator for AIESEC, a student-run not-for-profit organization that facilitates international internships. Off campus, Maryana volunteers monthly at the Global Rehabilitation Center as a bookkeeper, recording revenues and expenditures and creating financial statements.

Throughout her undergraduate career,

Maryana has actively explored all available career opportunities by accepting a number of internships. This past summer, she worked for Goldman Sachs, supporting their asset management team in the operations division. She plans to pursue an MBA and hopes to integrate her knowledge and passion for the Korean language and Asian culture into her professional career in the future.

### **Congratulations to Maryana!**

Also, thanks to the Zonta Club of New York for participating in the scholarship program. Without the club's participation, Maryana would have missed this great opportunity.



**Pictured above are Maryana Pleskanka and Catherine Kocur of the Zonta Club of Westchester as Maryana receives her Award**

## OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF UN WOMEN

At a ceremony which took place in the General Assembly Hall of the United Nations, UN Women was officially launched as the newest entity of the United Nations. Women's movements and women's rights advocates have been working towards this for many years and have every reason to celebrate. It is the only entity that was primarily created in response to the global outcry and organization of women's movements. The call for the head of UN Women to have the position of Under Secretary General was foremost in the minds of the leaders of women's groups all over the world. In that position, she will be part of all high-level meetings and will be able to bring a gender perspective to such meetings.

The choice of Michelle Bachelet (pictured at right) as UN Women Executive Director and Under Secretary General of the United Nations was widely applauded, and in the few short months of grasping the reigns of this new entity, she has impressed women's groups around the world with her forthright approach and her statements about the many issues facing women all over the world.



Although UN Women became an official entity of the United Nations on January 1, 2011, the ceremony for the launch took place on February 24, 2011 during the 55th session of the Commission on the Status of Women. Go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) to view a video of the ceremony. Put UN Women Launch in the search.



## ZONTA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION AMBASSADOR INFORMATION

The Zonta International Foundation Ambassador sent out a fundraising goals update in February 2011. As of the end of December 2010, ZIF had received US\$822,908 which represents 21.9% of our goal.

The 2010-2012 goals are (all in U.S. dollars)

- International Service Fund, \$1,500,000
- ZISVAW Fund, \$630,000
- Amelia Earhart Fund, \$700,000

- Jane M. Klausman Fund, \$184,000
- YWPA Fund, \$94,000
- Rose fund, \$650,000

We would like to remind club presidents and treasurers that we will be asking for special club and individual donations at our annual conference. The donations will be for a "specific reason", which we will let you know about as we get closer to the conference date.

We would also like to remind

clubs that a lot of information about our foundation funds can be found on the Zonta website. There are descriptions of our service projects and Power Point presentations that you can view and use at club meetings.

Please consider donating 1/3 of your club's fundraising efforts to the ZI Foundation. All administrative costs for our service projects are paid by ZI. 100% of your donations to ZIF go directly to our service projects.

***"Zonta International is pleased to partner with UNICEF to support the family package program and the prevention of HIV transmission from mother to child in Rwanda. Together we can ensure that these women receive the proper medical care and that their children enjoy a safe and happy childhood."***

***Dianne Curtis  
ZI President***

## Annual United Nations Event "Meet and Greet"

The annual United Nations Event ("Meet and Greet") was sponsored this year by the Zonta International United Nations Committee in New York City. The event took place on Saturday, February 26th at the Ambassador Grill at the UN Plaza Millennium Hotel. In attendance this year were ZI President Dianne Curtis, ZI President Elect Lynn McKenzie, ZI Vice President Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard, ZI Treasurer/Secretary Ellen Karo, and ZI Director Jacqueline Beaudry. Also in attendance were ZI LAA Acting Chairman Jean Bryant. Among the ZI United Nations Committee were Mary Ann Tarantula, ZI UN Chairman, Simone Ovar, ZI UN Vice Chair in Geneva and two members of the New York Committee, Susan Westerberg and Patricia Latona. Many officers and members from District 3 were there as well as the Governor of District 2, Sue Ann Cunliffe. We also had the pleasure of the company of Jason Friske (ZI Executive Director) and his wife Penny who were visiting New York City.

Although this year's event was a departure from what has been done in the past, everyone expressed appreciation for the format. It seemed that everyone had an opportunity to meet and chat about Zonta in an informal setting. Many expressed the hope that this would be the format for the future. In all about 45 people attended and, although it was a bit crowded, a wonderful time was had by all.



Pictured at left are ZI President Dianne Curtis and Former President of the Zonta Club of New Rochelle Roxanne Nielson at the "Meet and Greet."

Roxanne is interviewing President Curtis for a future Zonta radio program which the club has been hosting for some time now. We look forward to hearing the program when it airs.



## 2011 MARK THE DATES

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

<b>April 1</b>	<b>Registration for 2011 Area workshops</b> <b>Applications for YWPA due to Lila Davis, D3 Chair</b>
<b>April 9</b>	<b>Area 3 &amp; 4 Spring workshop</b>
<b>April 16</b>	<b>Area 1 &amp; 2 Spring workshop</b>
<b>May 1</b>	<b>Club Officers report form due to ZI and D3 Governor</b>
<b>May 15</b>	<b>Club dues for 2011-2012 must be sent to D3</b> <b>Treasurer Cathy Paul</b>
<b>May 31</b>	<b>Applications for Jane M. Klausman due to Jan</b> <b>Bryant, D3 Chair</b> <b>Club officers installed (clubs that held elections in May)</b> <b>- new members inducted</b>
<b>June 3-5</b>	<b>North American Inter-District Meeting, Reno, NV</b>
<b>June 30</b>	<b>Club Achievement Forms due</b> <b>Transition from outgoing to incoming officers should be</b> <b>completed for clubs which held elections in May</b>
<b>July 1</b>	<b>Club Presidents' Reports due to Area Directors</b>
<b>September 23-25</b>	<b>District 3 Conference 2011</b> <b>Hosted by the Zonta Club of Charles County Area</b> <b>Solomon's Island, Maryland</b>



***Have a question about Zonta? Your first step is to contact your area director. If she doesn't have the answer, she will find out from the Governor. If the question stumps everyone, the Governor will contact our ZI Liaison to get the answer.***

## THE NEWS ON DUES

District 3 Treasurer Cathy Paul reminds everyone: we will be following the procedure which began last year. We are requiring all clubs to send both their Zonta International and Zonta District 3 dues to me (Cathy Paul) in separate checks, one made payable to Zonta International and one to Zonta District 3 along with two copies of your updated roster, the attached Transmittal Form and any member Report forms. This requirement is also applicable to both dues renewal and new members added throughout the year. The deadline for me to receive your ZI and District 3 renewal mailing is May 15, 2011 to allow me sufficient time to forward your ZI dues and member information to ZI by June 1.

Your treasurer should have received a copy of your roster from ZI. Note any changes in member's information, including any members who did not renew. Also add any new members' information who are not included on the roster. You should also have received an officer report form. Please return that form to ZI and the D3 Governor by May 1.

Remember that dues beginning 2011-2012 are \$83 (\$80 plus the insurance fee of \$3). New members or late paying members must also pay a fee of \$15 for a total of \$98. District 3 dues remain at \$13.

If you have any outstanding new member dues from 2010-2011 please forward your checks and member report form to me so I can close the district 3 financials for the current Zonta year.

As always, please feel free to call or email me with any questions or concerns. Call 717-540-9986 or email [clpaul@verizon.net](mailto:clpaul@verizon.net).



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