



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

1. The Zonta Club of Philadelphia held a luncheon in celebration of their 80th Anniversary on Saturday, November 8, 2008, at The Tavern Restaurant, in Bala Cynwyd, PA. Over 25 Zontians from Zonta Clubs in District 3 and guests came to share in the festivities with the club. Notable attendees included Ellen Karo, District 3 Governor from the Zonta Club of New York, Lisa Fraser, District 3 Lt. Governor from the Zonta Club of Hampton Roads, and Irma Dillon, Area 3 Director, from the Zonta Club of Baltimore. The club received special congratulatory cards and notes from the Zonta Club of Atlantic City and the Zonta Club of Annapolis. The feature speaker for the luncheon was Joan Porter, Board Member of The Pennsylvania Prison Society. Ms. Porter provided an enlightening presentation about the "Pennsylvania Innocence Project – Giving Voices to Women who cannot be heard alone." As a memento for the event, each attendee received a miniature replica of the liberty bell.
2. The Zonta Club of Philadelphia sponsors a Z Club at St. Mark's Senior High School in Wilmington, DE. This year, the Z Club had a record number of girls at the school to participate in the Z club. Approximately 112 girls signed up for the Z club. This is amazing since there are approximately 450 girls in grades 10, 11, and 12 at the school. The Z Club members continued their fund raising activities in support of the "Once a Month Project" from last year. They raised over \$500.00 to purchase sanitary products. The Z Club used the award they received from the 2007-2008 Emma L. Conlon Service Award to purchase a tree for the courtyard at the school. The Z Club members chose a "weeping cherry tree". The tree was planted in memory of their deceased parents. The Z Club also installed a plaque in the courtyard during the dedication of the tree in the Spring of 2009. The tree is very dear to the club because 4 members lost a parent during the past year.

Other Z Club activities included:

- a) Raising \$2,500 during a Breast Cancer Walk-Run in Wilmington, DE
  - b) Hosting a Christmas Party for children of alumni, faculty and children from two inner city schools. Approximately 250 children attended the party.
  - c) Participated in bell ringing for the Salvation Army
  - d) Made and distributed cookies for Meals on Wheels
3. Nancy Baulis, club Secretary and Advocacy representative, won the Democratic primary election for Delaware (PA) County Council. The general election is set for November 3, 2009. As the Advocacy representative, Nancy discussed the issue of Human Trafficking with U.S. Senators from Pennsylvania Tom Casey and Arlen Specter. She is waiting to hearing back from the on their commiment to the issue. After Nancy spoke with Pennsylvania State Representative Greg Vitali, Representative Vitali stated he fully supported the abolishment of Human Trafficking.

4. Club members participated in a service project mentoring women at the Women's Center Foundation in Media, PA. Club members worked one on one with women, providing guidance on life skills and self esteem.
5. Club members participated in a service project with BEADS for education. BEADS: Beads for Educational Advancement, Development and Success, is a program which matches sponsors with a Kenyan girls to pay school fees. The girls attend the Noonkoper Secondary School and Top Ride School in Kenya. There are approximately 150 + girls in the program. The project promotes the education of girls in a society that ignores the education of the women and girls. BEADS also supports to the Duputo Women's Group hand crafted products. The products are made by approximately 12 Maasai women who support more than 125 children. This is their primary source of income.
6. Club President was a panelist at an International Leadership Conference held at the International House on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania. The panel discussion focused on "Women as Global Leaders: Educating the Next Generation". Approximately 300 young women attended the conference from Philadelphia area colleges and universities.
7. Club members participated in a Women's Conference at Bryn Mawr College. Club members attended workshops on several topics. They also had the opportunity to speak to other participants about Zonta as an organization they maybe interested in joining.
8. Club President participated on the Community Women's Grant Fund Review Committee for Women's Way. The committee looks at proposals submitted by community organizations for funding recommendations the Women's Way Board. The grants come from a pool of funds distributed through a open grant making process to women led organizations serving women and girls in the Delaware Valley. The committee awarded approximately \$200,000 in grants during the spring 2009 grant session.
9. Club continued their annual fund raiser of evergreen wreaths during the holidays. Half of the all profits were sent to the Zonta International Foundation.

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District 3 Fall Conference  
October 2-4, 2009, Alexandria, Virginia