



Zonta International
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

ZONTA SAYS NO

**DISTRICT 3
NEWSLETTER**

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Dear District 3 Zontians,

I'd like to bring you up to date on everything that is going on in District 3 and at Zonta International. If you missed the Area Workshops in April, you missed a great one, lots of information provided on the influence of Zonta at the UN, preparing and becoming a 501(c)3, the Zonta Says No Campaign, and the proposed District 3 PSA, and so much more. All presentations have been posted on the District 3 website. The District 3 PR Chair, Christine Parker is looking for your recent photos on your service and advocacy actions to end domestic violence no later than August 13, 2013. Let us know, as well, about events you've had that promote CREDIBILITY AND VISABILITY in our communities.



If you haven't heard, Zonta International has established a Service Recognition Award to recognize outstanding service projects undertaken by Zonta clubs and districts which benefit women in the local community. There will be two categories of projects to be considered for the award, service projects that improve the status of women and girls in general and service projects to prevent and fight violence against women and girls. To participate in the program, clubs must submit their projects to the Governor by December 30, 2013. Full instructions have been posted on the website.

I'm proud to announce that we have a District 3 Young Women in Public Affairs winner, Eesha Choudhari, submitted by the Zonta Club of Hampton Roads. I'm also happy to announce that we placed 3rd in the Zonta International Emma L. Conlon Service Award, the winner being St. Marks Z Club, sponsored by the Philadelphia Club. Congratulations!

Don't forget our District Service Project working with Girls in Science. You can find simple ideas such as the ice cream project on the D3 website. Education is the key to raising the status of women and girls.

We're a little over 2 months away from our District Conference hosted by the Zonta Club of Annapolis in beautiful downtown Annapolis, Maryland at the Double Tree Hotel (Hilton) on September 27th through the 29th. The theme of the conference is Women in Motion and Moving Forward with a focus on Violence against Women. Come out and meet our D3 Zonta International Liaison Laura Peters and participate in workshops focused on violence against women and girls and moving forward, service and advocacy and dealing with generational issues within clubs. Be on the lookout for the call to conference and see our flyer in this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Conference where we will have fun, fellowship and a great deal of learning.

Yours in Zonta,

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WOMEN IN MOTION:

**FOCUSING ON VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN AND
MOVING FORWARD**

2013 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY THE ZONTA CLUB OF ANNAPOLIS

DoubleTree Hotel, 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21401

CONFERENCE WONDERS

Sign up now for our upcoming 2013 District 3 Conference which will be held in Historic Annapolis, Maryland September 27-29, 2013. For the **FIRST TIME** you can register and make your selections online. The online URL address will be sent with the official Call to Conference. (OR you can fill out the official Call to Conference forms and mail them to each designated receiver.)

This will definitely be a Conference to remember with great events, wonderful speakers, and planned surprises.

Besides the club basket raffle, we will have a Silent Auction which we will give to the winners during the Saturday Night Gala.

Silent Auction Sneak Preview:

- **1 Night for 2 with 2 free breakfasts and 2 free lunches at the Double-Tree Hotel**
- **1 Free Family Photograph Session and other surprises**

**4 OUTSTANDING
WORKSHOPS IN WHICH
TO PARTICIPATE**

**PRIZE TO CLUB WITH
MOST PROGRAM ADS
SUBMITTED BY 8/1/13**

NEWS AND DEADLINES

FROM ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

Deadlines:

August 1—2014-2016 International Committee applications due to President-Elect Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard

August 31—2014-2016 International Board and Nominating Committee nomination forms due

September 20—International Honorary Member nomination forms due

November—Zonta Says NO Campaign Phase II

November 8—Zonta's 94th Birthday

November 25-December 10—Zonta Says No/ 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence campaign

December 30—Club nominated projects to be submitted to the governor/region representative for evaluation for the Zonta Service Recognition Award

United Nations Committee

Most of the work being done at the UN is focusing on the post-2015 development agenda. The Zonta UN Committee will be monitoring developments and keeping members up to date. Check the monthly ZI Newsletter and the website for important information.

The tentative dates for CSW58 are March 10-21, 2014. The priority theme is "Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for Women and Girls." The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women meets each year (CSW). Many of the activities are open to anyone and everyone. Keep abreast of what is happening by visiting zonta.org often.

The Chairman of the ZI UN Committee (as well as the D3 UN Chairman), Mary Ann Tarantula has been elected treasurer of NGO/CSW New York and treasurer of the NGO Committee on UNICEF. Congratulations !

New Executive Director for ZI

If you haven't heard the news by now, ZI has a new Executive Director, Allison Summers. Allison started on July 1st. We would like to join all the ZI districts in welcoming Allison and wishing her well. You can learn more about her by checking the press release that is on zonta.org.



ZI NEWS (CONTINUED)

ZI placed 2nd in the Raise For Women Challenge, winning \$20,000. Being part of the Challenge also helped to raise Zonta's visibility!

Now is the time to start to talk to the Golden Z Clubs that you sponsor about the ZI Golden Z Club Convention that will take place in Orlando, Florida on June 27 to July 1, 2014. What an incredible opportunity to be part of the event. It is expected that pricing will be lower for the Golden Z Club members. Early bird registration is available until September 2013.

Don't forget that you can make your reservations for the Convention now. We hear that rooms with two double beds are going fast.



NEWS FROM D3 CLUBS.....

In May 2013 the Zonta Clubs of Greater Queens, Westchester, New York and Long Island hosted a RAVE (Rape and Violence Eradication) Walk to raise awareness in our communities, mobilize constructive advocacy actions, and provide support for services to end violence in all its forms, particularly against women and girls and to empower those most vulnerable to abuse. This was, hopefully, the first of many more to come where our clubs can get together to raise awareness. The Zonta Club of Northern Valley, NJ, the originators of the RAVE Walk also held their walk in May (the 16th). Many of our clubs held their RAVE Walks in October/November. They included Charles County and Trenton/Mercer. Notably Charles County raised \$22,000 to provide scholarships to survivors of domestic violence.

In November 2012, the Zonta Club of Northern Valley began a new initiative they are calling WAVV—Women against Violence Vigil. Their first vigil was held with the collaboration of other women's organizations from Bergen County, NJ where the club is located. They came together across from the County Courthouse to emphasize that violence against women and girls is still prevalent and needs to be eliminated.

In April 2013 the Zonta club of Long Island assembled 300 Birthing Kits which were distributed in Haiti.

Kudos to the Zonta Club of Westchester which is working on a new club in the Bronx and a Z Club in Westchester!

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