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Dear District 3 Zonta Members,

As this Zonta year comes to a close, we need to look forward and begin to make plans for the coming year. It is never too early to contemplate what path we will take. Many clubs have planning sessions over the summer, something, I believe, all clubs should contemplate. Among those plans should be a new approach to gaining new members. Perhaps it is time for your club to hold a ZING. Remember that your Area Director and others from the District 3 Board are available as resources for

membership events. Make every event, whether it is fundraising or service, a membership event as well.

Along with encouraging new prospects to become members, we should attempt to rejuvenate ourselves and our fellow members to regain the passion and spirit we have for Zonta. Perhaps renewing our induction promises would help to stimulate enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is “catching.” Other members will pick up on it and it will be obvious to prospective members who visit your clubs that this is an organization that is on the move and they will want to join you.

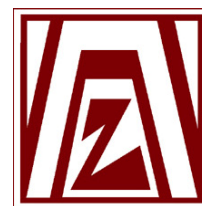
One great way to renew enthusiasm is by attending Conference 2009. Most Zontians who attend conferences leave with a new zest for the mission of Zonta. Details of Conference 2009 will be sent out in July. For the present, please save the dates, October 2nd-

4th. I know you will be glad you attended.

Look for lots of information in the pages of this newsletter and please share it with all club members. I look forward to seeing everyone in Alexandria in October.

Yours in Zonta,

Ellen
Ellen Karo, District 3
Governor





Meet the District 3 Team

This biennium we have as
District 3 Board Members
 the following Zontians:

Governor, Ellen Karo,
 Zonta Club of New York

Lt. Governor, Lisa Fraser,
 Zonta Club of Hampton Roads

Secretary, Linda Butler Livesay,
 Zonta Club of Philadelphia

Treasurer, Cathy Paul,
 Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey

Area 1 Director, Leslie Wright,
 Zonta Club of New York

Area 2 Director, Paulette
 Chatman,
 Zonta Club of Essex County

Area 3 Director, Irma Dillon,
 Zonta Club of Baltimore

Area 4 Director, Marta Calderon,
 Zonta Club of Washington, D.C.

Parliamentarian, Judy Maietta,
 Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey



Conference 2009 – A Snapshot of Information

Conference 2009 will take place October 2nd-4th, 2009 at the Westin Hotel in Alexandria, VA. The conference will be hosted by the Zonta Club of Washington, DC. The theme will be “Women: Moving forward in the 21st Century.” We will be asking each club to donate a basket to be raffled off at the conference.



Our Zonta International Representative (pictured here) is ZI/ZIF Director Hedy Tangen Steffensen. Ms. Steffensen is a member of the Zonta club of Stavanger, Norway and has been a Zontian since 1982. She served as Governor of District 13 which includes Lithuania, Denmark, Iceland and Norway. She is serving as a member of the ZI Board of Directors from 2008-2010.

Nominations for 2010-2012 Biennium

It is time once again to nominate District 3 Zontians for positions on the District 3 Board for the next biennium. We will be voting for these new officers at our conference in October 2009. All nomination forms are due to D3 Nominating Committee Chair, Mary Ann Tarantula, marymac43@verizon.net by June 1, 2009. Before nominating anyone for an officer's position, the nominee should agree to serve if elected. All forms are available on the District 3 website, www.zontadistrict3.org.

It is also time for nominations to the Zonta International Board for the next biennium. Clubs in District 3 may nominate Zontians from other districts as well as Zontians from District 3. The original form must be returned to the D3 Nominating Committee Chair, Mary Ann Tarantula, by August 15th. Forms arriving after August 15th will not be considered. The positions open for nominations are President Elect, Vice President, Treasurer/Secretary and Director. You may also nominate Zontians for the ZI Nominating Committee. All forms and information may be found on the District 3 website, www.zontadistrict3.org, as well as the ZI website, www.zonta.org.

Keep in mind that introductions of nominees should not be announced until the official slate of nominees is issued.

Good News...New Headquarters, New Executive Director

*Opening doors to the Zontians
 who will carry on*



The good news is that the Randolph Street property has been sold and all Zontians are invited to an open house on June 6, 2009 to celebrate the opening of our new headquarters located at 1211 West 22nd St., Suite 900, Oak Brook, IL 60523. As you can see from the above logo, the Zonta International Board is “opening doors to the Zontians who will carry on.”

We also have a new Executive Director, Maureen Powers, as well as a new Vice-Director, Jason Friske. We wish them both all the best in their new positions. At the same time we need to send out a big thank you to Judy Johnston who has been Acting Executive Director and has overseen the move to new quarters as well as acclimating new employees. Commuting to Chicago from Virginia over the past months could not have been easy, but, with her usual good nature, she took it all in stride and helped to steer the administrative ship.

“Once a Month Campaign” Continues at Conference 2009

The “Once a Month Campaign” begun by the Zonta Club of Northern Valley, NJ is a continuing District 3 project. As everyone should know by now, the program provides sanitary napkins to adolescent girls in Zambia who would otherwise miss school. We are asking all the clubs in District 3 to bring donations of sanitary napkins to the conference. This will be an ideal time to make a donation as we will be meeting in Washington, DC where the supplies can easily be delivered to the U.S. State Dept. which ships them for us.

Thanks to a mention of the “Once a Month Campaign” in the first Zonta International Newsletter, the Northern Valley Club has heard from various organizations as well as other Zonta clubs across the United States that want to take part in the campaign.

NOW IS THE TIME TO ADVOCATE FOR US CEDAW RATIFICATION!

In April the Zonta International LAA and UN Chairmen sent a joint letter to all District 3 Governors asking all Zonta clubs and members to write letters to their US Senators and all Senators on the US Foreign Relations Committee to prioritize ratification of CEDAW this year, the thirtieth anniversary of the Convention. Further information and a template letter for clubs to use are on the Zonta International website, UN page and the District 3 website.

Clubs are requested to send copies of letters sent to the Zonta International UN Chairman.

In a new initiative, clubs are

also encouraged to ask their Senators for an appointment to talk to them about CEDAW ratification. The District 3 UN Chairman is offering the first club in District 3 to have an appointment with their Senator a special prize!

Jackie Shapiro, ZI District 3 UN Chairman



Regrettable News from Monmouth County

A combination of circumstances has caused the Zonta Club of Monmouth County to decide to return its charter to Zonta International. While we are sad to see this club disband, we are happy that some of the members will be joining the Zonta Club of Ocean County and the Zonta Club of Essex County, so they will remain in District 3 and ZI. We know that this was a difficult decision for the club to make and we join with them in their disappointment. We know that they have done their best to keep the club viable and we hope that one day we may see a reemergence of a Monmouth County Club.

NEW CLUBS FOR DISTRICT 3

We would like to have the District 3 Zontians help as we attempt to form new clubs. At this time we are well on our way to having a new club formed in Ringwood, New Jersey. If there is anyone who knows of a prospective member in that area, please contact D3 Centurion, Mary Ann Tarantula at marymac43@verizon.net with pertinent contact information. We are planning to start clubs in both Delaware and in the Newport News/Williamsburg, Virginia area. Anyone who may know of a prospective member in Delaware should contact either Sue Halsey or Mary Lou Shippe, drdunenj@aol.com or mlsh8ipp@aol.com. For the Virginia club contact Lisa Fraser or Barbara Lippa, Barbara.Lippa@fairfaxcounty.gov or Lisa.Fraser@CIGNA.com. Help us get some new clubs up and running.

The ZI President and ZI UN Committee Chairman to attend a dinner honoring the President and First Lady of Rwanda

Beryl Sten and Jackie Shapiro are among the guests invited by the U.S. Fund for UNICEF to a dinner at the Massachusetts State House on June 2, 2009.

H.E. President Kagame is acknowledged as one of the most progressive leaders in Africa. In particular, he has inaugurated a campaign to transform education in Rwanda, eliminating school fees and making education compulsory through ninth grade.

Madame Jeannette Kagame has spearheaded programs on health, education and youth empowerment throughout the country.

The first couple's leadership has led to a very successful partnership with UNICEF to expand the Child-Friendly Schools initiative in Rwanda.

Meet the District 3 Team

This biennium we have as
**District 3 Committee
Chairs**

the following Zontians:

Bobbee Cardillo, Status of Women/Service, Zonta Club of Fairfax

Lisa Fraser, Organization, Membership and Classification (OMC), Zonta Club of Hampton Roads

Cathy Paul, Finance, Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey

Brenda MacEoin, Legislative Awareness & Advocacy, Zonta Club of Loudoun Count

Catherine Kocur, Jane M. Klausman, Zonta Club of Westchester

Alice Kirchner, Young Women in Public Affairs, Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey

Donna Lane, Foundation Ambassador, Zonta Club of Frederick

Melissa MacKimm, Nominating Committee, Zonta Club of Loudoun County

Judy Maietta, Conflict Resolution, Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey

Jackie Shapiro, United Nations, Zonta Club of New York

Patricia Watts, Amelia Earhart, Zonta Club of Atlantic City

Barbara Taylor, Bylaws and Resolutions, Zonta Club of Annapolis

Georgia LaBlanc, Historian/Archivist, Zonta Club of Westchester

Andrea Pieper, Database, Zonta Club of Northern Valley, NJ

Nancy Patrissi, Public Relations/Communications/D3 Webmaster, Zonta Club of Northern Valley

District 3 Young Women in Public Affairs Award Winner

We are happy to announce the winner of the District 3 Young Women in Public Affairs Award. She is Angeline De Chiara. Her application was submitted by the Zonta Club of New York. Ms. De Chiara will be attending American University in Washington, D.C. and majoring in Justice with a possible minor in Political Science or History. Presently, she is president of the Women in Action Club at her school, Marymount. The club advocates for women's equality and explores issues that are related to women. She has been an intern for the White House Project, a nonprofit organization that is seeking to promote leadership of women at all levels of society. Ms. DeChiara's application came with glowing recommendations from the Director of College Counseling at Marymount School as well as her English teacher.

There were nine applicants in all and while the decision was difficult, we are sure that Ms. De Chiara will be a credit to our district and we wish her all the best in the future.

Confused About Dues? Help is Here

There has been some confusion about Zonta International dues. Beginning with the Zonta year 2009-2010, dues will be \$65.00 per person plus \$3.00 per person for insurance. This is not a one-time increase but a continuing increase. District 3 dues remain at \$13.00 per member. Both Zonta International dues and District 3 dues are due by June 1, 2009. Club treasurers should have received invoices from both ZI and District 3. There is still time to make a voluntary dues payment when annual dues are sent. Club treasurers will find the forms in the mailing sent from ZI.

All clubs should keep in mind that if District 3 dues are not paid by the deadline of August 15, 2009, the club will not be eligible to vote at our conference in October. Of course, this does not mean that clubs should not pay their dues by June 1st.

Deadline for IRS Form 990

We would like to remind all clubs that IRS Form 990 is due by October 15, 2009 if club revenue is less than \$25,000. This can be done using an electronic form sent directly to the IRS. Each club should receive information from the IRS on how to complete this.

Club Achievement Forms/Club Officer Reports

Club Achievement Reports are due June 30, 2009. All forms can be found at the District 3 website, www.zontadistrict3.org. One copy of the Achievement Report should be sent to the respective District 3 Chair and one copy should be sent to Governor Ellen Karo. All the pertinent information is contained on the form. The reports may be sent by email or snail mail.

Club Officer Reports were due by May 1st. Please send these in if you have not already done so. These reports should be mailed, or e-mailed (preferred), to ZI, Governor Ellen Karo and D3 Treasurer Cathy Paul. It is important that this information be updated every year. We know that all the clubs in District 3 will cooperate.

Past International President, Helvi Sipila

Helvi Sipila, a legendary figure in the international women's movement, and President of Zonta International from 1968-1970, passed away on May 15, 2009.

The story recounted in her biography is that when she was born a midwife in the hospital told Helvi's mother, "Your child will be a leader. When she begins to cry, all the other babies cry and when she stops, they do, too."

At the age of 27, Helvi became the 38th woman in Finland to become a lawyer. She ran her own law firm from 1943-1972, during which time she was Chairwoman of the National Federation of Women Lawyers and later President of the International Federation of Women Lawyers.

In addition to serving as President of Zonta International, she held international positions in a number of other non-governmental organizations.

It was, however, at the United Nations that Helvi left an indelible mark on women's history. She represented Finland as a delegate to the Commission on the Status of Women from 1960-1968 and again in 1970, served as Vice-Chair of the CSW from 1963-66 and became Chair in 1967.

In 1972 she was appointed Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations, the first woman ever to hold a position of that level at the UN. She used her significant persuasive powers to convince the UN to designate 1975 as International Women's Year (IWY) and to organize an International Women's Year Conference in Mexico City. That conference would later be designated the First World Conference on Women. Helvi was Secretary-General of both the IWY and the Conference.

It was at the IWY Conference in Mexico City that the UN Voluntary Fund for the Advancement of Women, later to be known as the UN Development Fund for Women, UNIFEM, was born. Helvi was one of UNIFEM's greatest advocates and in 1981 founded the Finnish UNIFEM National Committee.

Helvi continued to work as a consultant for the UN in many capacities until 1981. In 1982 she was the first woman to run for President of Finland and although she did not win, she paved the way, as she did throughout her life in so many of her endeavors, for other women leaders who followed.

Thank you, Helvi!

SAVE THE DATES!

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| June 1 st | Dues due to ZI and District 3 |
| | Nominations for District Officers due to D3 Nominating Committee
Chair Mary Ann Tarantula |
| June 20 th | Open House at ZI Headquarters, Oak Brook, IL |
| June 30 th | Achievement Reports due to District Chairs and Governor |
| July 1 st | Applications for the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business
Scholarship due to D3 Chair (see www.zonta.org for applications). |
| August 25 th | Nominations for Zonta International Board due to D3 Nominating
Committee Chair Mary Ann Tarantula |
| October 2-5 th | Conference 2009 – Westin Hotel, Alexandria, VA |
| October 15 th | Form 990 due |
| June 25 th – 30 th , 2010 | 60 th Zonta International Convention in San Antonio, Texas |

Meet the District 3 Team

This biennium we have as
Centurions:
the following Zontians:

Barbara Lippa,
Zonta Club of Fairfax

Georgia LaBlanc,
Zonta Club of Westchester

Mary Lou Shippe,
Zonta Club of Howard County

Susan Halsey,
Zonta Club of Ocean County

Mary Ann Tarantula,
Zonta Club of Northern
Valley, NJ

Legislative Awareness and Advocacy – “Being a Voice” From D3 LAA Chair Brenda McEoin

As we come to the end of another great Zonta year, most of the District 3 clubs are probably in the process of preparing for their planning meetings, and scheduling programs and service events for the next year. It is important to keep in mind the dates on the calendar which follows so that you may emphasize advocacy and awareness of Zonta International's mission, Advancing the Status of Women. In your planning sessions, make sure to leave room for advocacy. Perhaps you can plan a special event on one of these topics.

Chairman's Tip #1

Remember to tie service and “Being a Voice” together. It can be done easily by remembering to intertwine “Why” into your projects, both service and fundraising. Make the community aware of the overall importance of your events and programs. For example, if you are doing a project to support a local women's shelter, intersperse awareness facts about domestic violence into your PR as well as the event.

Advocacy—“Be a Voice” Calendar

September

8	International Literacy Day
3 rd Tuesday	International Day of Peace

October

All Month	Breast Cancer Awareness Month
	Domestic Violence Awareness Month
	UNICEF Month (Trick or Treat Campaign)
16	World Food Day
17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
24	United Nations Day
4 th Saturday	Make a Difference Day

November

25	International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women
25	Beginning of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence (Continues through December 10 th)

December

World Aids Day	
5	International Volunteer Day
10	Human Rights Day

January 2010

11	Amelia Earhart Day
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February

3 rd Friday	Women's Heart Health Day
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March

8	International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day
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April

All Month	Child Abuse Prevention Month
	Sexual Assault Awareness Month
3 rd week	National Volunteer Week
7	World Health Day

May

2 nd full week	Women's Health Week (includes Mother's Day)
28	International Day for Action on Women's Health

June

26	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
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Lt. Governor Lisa Fraser

Our Ongoing Membership Challenge: Recruit, Retain and Rejuvenate

We have had a lot of great membership activity going on in District 3: chartering of the Southern Ocean County Club, formation and development of the Ringwood Club and formation work that has started in the Williamsburg/Newport News area. In addition, each of the Centurions is currently working in her respective area to form new clubs. However, we need to also focus on the extremely important task of retaining and rejuvenating our current District 3 membership – the foundation of our district.

We all make a very important decision annually to either renew our membership or leave Zonta. In a struggling economy, this decision becomes even more challenging. However, at the end of the day, we have to ask ourselves.....Why Zonta?

We are so very fortunate to have many seasoned and experienced Zontians, so I asked a few of them to provide their input as to why they have remained in Zonta:

Tebbie Clift, Past District 3 Governor, Past Zonta International Director: “The best way to say why I've remained in Zonta is in the following...

- I continue to meet incredible, interesting women.
- Along the way, Zonta challenged me with opportunities, personally and professionally.
- Over the years, I've learned about women of the world and what they face every day just to stay alive.
- Zonta has brought an international aspect into my life.
- Lasting friendships have been formed and nurtured.
- In Zonta, I'm given the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others.
- PIGS are special 'people'.”

Donna Lane, Past District 3 Governor, Past Zonta International Foundation President and our District 3 Foundation Ambassador: “I've met women locally, regionally and internationally whom I would never have met without Zonta. Some are lifelong friends. In no other way could I make the impact on the status of women worldwide that I can make as one of many Zontians. My dollar becomes thousands. Zonta exerts a pull that I cannot ignore.”

Barbara Lippa, Past District 3 Governor: “I would have to say that the primary reason, after its mission to improve the status of women worldwide, (which truly does rock!) is the PEO-PLE! The caliber of women in this organization never ceases to amaze me and has provided me with some of my best life-long friends, who I never would have met, except for joining this organization. That closeness keeps me interested and also excited since you never know who you might meet at any future meeting!”

I have chosen to continue as a Zontian, because it is important for me to be part of an organization that takes deliberate and effective action to advance the status of women globally. And I truly enjoy serving in my club in an effort to make an impact to advance the status of women locally. I'm part of a local club with a global agenda. Our work will never be done and it will take all of us working together to continue moving the needle in the right direction. So I choose Zonta!

I have a few questions I would like each of you to ponder.....

Why did you join Zonta?

If you are not a new member, why have you remained in Zonta?

Have you brought a new member into Zonta recently?

Have you mentored a new member?

Have you showed your appreciation recently to the members in your club?

In order for District 3 and Zonta International to continue to be successful and remain a thriving and effective organization, we need you to choose Zonta and serve enthusiastically. We need to not only continue our recruitment efforts for individual members, formation of new clubs, but also, and certainly equally as important, retain all of the dynamic members we have in District 3!