

2008-2010
Biennium

BACK TO BASICS

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Message from the D3 Governor, Ellen Karo

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Special Dates for all Zontians:

- 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence, November 25-December 10, 2008
- December 10, 2008 marks the celebration of the 1948 adoption of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*.

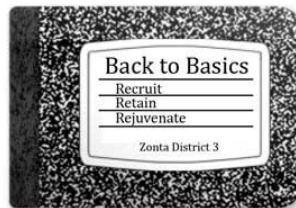


Dear District 3 Zonta Members,

Beginning with my installation as District 3 Governor at Convention 2008 in Rotterdam, it has been a whirlwind of activity. Much of it culminated in a great conference this past October. The Conference 2008 Committee did a wonderful job and we have had lots of positive feedback. Now the District 3 Board and I are looking forward to visiting clubs, planning Spring Workshops and our next Conference 2009 which will be

hosted by the Zonta Club of Washington, D.C.

The Conference 2008 was hosted by the Zonta Club of Suffolk County and everyone pitched in and worked very hard to make it a memorable event. The chair of the event, Kelly Daniele-Crosman was helpful every step of the way. A complete report of the conference is included in this newsletter.



The entire District 3 Board and the D3 Committee Chairs and Centurions are ready and willing to be your resource when and if you need us. Please don't hesitate to call on us.

We may not be able to solve all your problems with a wave of a magic wand, but we can help with suggestions and, hopefully, some inspiration. While the theme for this biennium is "Back to Basics: Recruit, Retain, Rejuvenate," we know that there may be other concerns in individual clubs.

As we approach the holiday season, please accept my wishes for a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and Happy Kwanza.

May you all enjoy health, happiness and peace.

Yours in Zonta,

Ellen

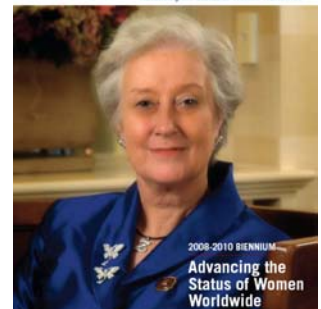
Ellen Karo, District 3 Governor

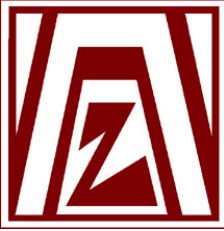
Trouble Navigating Zonta.org?

If you have had trouble navigating www.zonta.org in the past, we have good news. The ZI website has a new tutorial on how to find your way to the information you are craving. It has a better overview of tools and resources. When you go to the website, you will see, on the

home page in the right hand corner, **Website Navigation Guide**. Click on it and it will help you travel to the resources and tools you need.

You can also download the 2008-2010 Biennial Issue (cover shown, left) at Zonta.org website.





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



Goals for the 2008-2010 Biennium

The “theme” of the 2008-2010 biennium is “Back to Basics.” In keeping with that theme, our goals stress the importance of membership. We hope to increase membership by chartering new clubs, recruiting new members to existing clubs and rejuvenating existing clubs. Of course, central to this theme is retention of present members.

We also support Zonta International’s goals in advancing the status of women through service and advocacy. This biennium the Zonta International programs, as voted upon at the 2008 Convention in Rotterdam, are:

- Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV in Rwanda
- Safe Cities for Women in Guatemala City, Guatemala and San Salvador, El Salvador
- Reduction of Obstetric Fistula in Liberia within the Context of Maternal and Newborn Health
- Ending violence Against Women through Community Action in Cambodia
- Combating Physical Violence Against Women and Supporting the Implementation of Protective and Anti-Discriminatory Laws and Policies in Egypt
- Community-Based Center for Housing and Rehabilitation of Women Victims of Violence in Syria



All of the above are funded through the Zonta International Foundation. Also funded through the ZI Foundation are the programs in education, leadership and youth development, specifically the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund, the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Fund and the Young Women in Public Affairs Fund.

It has been a misconception in the past that our Zonta International dues fund these programs. In actuality only donations made by clubs, districts and individuals fund all of these programs. The Zonta International Foundation Operational Funds are the Rose Fund, the World Headquarters Property and Preservation and Improvement Fund (WHPPI), and the Endowment Fund.

Saida, pictured above, is a survivor of obstetric fistula. After 3 days in labor, she delivered a stillborn child and was rejected by her husband. She had the procedure that cured her problem and is now looking forward to a fulfilling life. Through Zonta’s grant many more women will be able to do the same.

The Rose Fund provides unrestricted support to ensure quality management as well as additional support to Foundation programs. Generally, contributions to this fund are used where most needed. The WHPPI Fund provides for the maintenance of ZI’s World Headquarters office. The Endowment Fund is a permanent fund that maintains the donor’s principal gift but provides annual revenue from investment earnings for general use, or, if so designated by the donor, for specific purposes.

Service Projects – Local or International?

At times there has been some confusion as to what constitutes either a local or international service project on the club level. The only projects which can be termed “international” are those that Zonta International has instituted in a biennium. All other projects are considered local even though they are not located in the United States.

Many clubs in District 3 have various projects that do not benefit organizations that are located in the United States. That is acceptable, but they should be considered “local” projects because the local club has taken them on.

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

Conference 2008 – Back to Basics—Recruit, Retain, Rejuvenate

Conference 2008 was a rousing success!



Hosted by the Zonta Club Suffolk County and chaired by Kelly Daniele-Crosman, the conference took place in Hauppauge, Long Island.

A guest speaker, Taina Biene-Aime, Executive Director of Equality Now, spoke of issues of concern of her organization. Equality Now is an international human rights organization that works for the protection of the rights of women and girls. Of particular concern are domestic violence, female genital mutilation, reproductive rights, and trafficking in women and girls. She described the New York State laws that have been implemented to

expand and increase the penalties for traffickers in New York State. The new law has become one that it is hoped other states will emulate. Her theme was “women are not for sale.”

Conference business was conducted and interspersed were Presidents’ Reports, and Achievement Awards. On Saturday afternoon, conference attendees had a choice of three workshops that discussed United Nations activities as well as ZI’s service programs for the biennium, the importance of advocacy, and how meetings can be made easier. The UN panelists were Jackie Shapiro, Kate Weber of UNICEF, Mary Ann Tarantula and Karen Siegel. Brenda MacEoin presented the advocacy workshop and Judy Maietta presented the session on easy meetings.

There were 12 “first timers” and 97 registered Zontians and guests. Eight clubs of the 33 clubs in District 3 could not send representatives, but three clubs sent proxy votes. Jane Adams, former District 3 member and past president of the Trenton/Mercer club, attended the conference. Jane is now Lt. Governor of District 11.

The Sunday morning Memorial Service was very moving with a mix of poetry, music and reflections for the members who passed during 2007-2008.

Special congratulations to the clubs that won Achievement Awards. They are: Amelia Earhart, Ocean County and Loudoun County; Public Relations/Communications, Loudoun County and Long Island; Status of Women/Service, Charles County and Harrisburg-Hershey; United Nations, Westchester and Ocean County; ZISVAW, Arlington and Ocean County; Advocacy/Legislative Awareness, Northern Valley, NJ and Washington, D.C.; Lt. Governor’s Award, Hampton Roads; Governor’s Award, Greater Queens.

Sincere thanks to all who attended the conference. We had a wonderful time enjoying the fellowship of Zonta. To those who did not attend, we missed you and hope to see you in Washington, D.C. in October 2009!

District 3 Winners of Zonta International Scholarships

We proudly announce that District 3 has two winners of Zonta International Scholarships. We have two winners of Amelia Earhart Scholarships. They are Laura June Freeman who studies at Virginia Tech and Gayatri Cuddalorepatta who studies at the University of Maryland. Ms Cuddalorepatta is a second time winner!

The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship was awarded to Nicole Di Bona who attends Fordham University. Ms. Di Bona was one of twelve Zonta International winners who won the \$5000 scholarships. Ms Cuddalorepatta is a second time winner!

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- Barbara Lipa,**
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



The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is an international campaign originating from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute sponsored by the Center for Women's Global Leadership in 1991. The campaign highlights the connections between women, violence, and human rights from 25 November to 10 December. The Campaign is an organizing strategy for individuals and groups around the world to call for the elimination of all forms of violence against women.
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Why a Voluntary Dues Increase?

SAVE THE DATES!

- April 18, 2009
Areas 1 and 2 Workshop
- April 25, 2009
Areas 3 and 4 Workshop
- October 2- 4, 2009

At the 2008 Convention in Rotterdam, the Zonta International Finance Committee presented the need for a \$15.00 dues increase effective June 1, 2008. The members of the convention voted the dues increase, but it will not be effective until June 1, 2009. While the members recognized the need for the dues increase in order to balance the ZI budget, they did not want to burden the clubs with a mandatory increase in the first year of the biennium. They did, however, vote for a voluntary dues payment of \$15.00 for the first year of the biennium.

We need the help of ALL Zontians and ask that you consider sending at least \$15.00 each so that Zonta International can operate and pay all bills for the biennium.

Many may not realize that there is no reserve in the budget and \$30 over the course of the biennium is needed to balance the budget. Many may not realize, as well, that ZI does not reimburse board members or committee chairs for more than economy airfare. The president may fly business class. The board shares hotel rooms to keep expenses down. The board members do not receive a meeting fee or any type of pay for attending board meetings. It should also be noted that airfares have increased substantially.

The District 3 Board endorses the voluntary dues initiative and hopes that our clubs and members will do the same. Payments should be made payable to Zonta International. A special form for voluntary dues may be found at www.zonta.org. No roster is needed for this payment. We hope you will consider this additional dues payment and that each club president will put it on the agenda for the next business meeting.

Our Newest Club – the Zonta Club of Southern Ocean County

Our Newest Club is the Zonta Club of Southern Ocean County, New Jersey.

After better than a year of hard work on the part of the sponsoring club, the Zonta Club of Ocean County, our newest club was chartered on

September 15, 2008.

It is officially Club # 1849. The club was chartered with 21 members.

The chartering ceremony was held on Saturday, November 1, 2008 with all 21 members be-

ing inducted and the charter officers being installed. This club is the first new club to be chartered in District 3 in over five years. We are very proud of our newest "baby" club and equally proud of its sponsoring club, the Zonta Club of Ocean County.

Some of our ZI Programs

		
<u>Ending Violence Against Women in Cambodia</u>	<u>Combating Physical Violence Against Women in Egypt</u>	<u>Community-Based Center for Women in Syria</u>