

## *Zonta Club of Columbus      September 2008 Newsletter*

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### *Note from President Nancy:*

Thanks to everyone for participating in the Fellowship Dinners. A special "thank you" to the Zontians who served as hostesses. It really was a special time of fellowship and will be a good tradition to continue next summer.

By now everyone should have received the *Call to Conference for District 5, October 17-19*, hosted by the Zonta Club of Louisville. Let's be the Club with the most attendance from another state! *To take advantage of early registration benefits, your registration must be postmarked no later than September 19.* The theme is *Zontians Winning through Service and Advocacy*, and the location is the Galt House Hotel & Suites (Louisville's only downtown waterfront hotel).

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the *Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, September 23 at the Scioto Country Club. The Social Hour begins at 5:30 PM with Dinner at 6:30 PM.* This will be a lovely setting as we begin the new Club year. A special "thank you" to Marianne Mathews for serving as our host.

Having had the privilege of representing you at the Zonta International Convention in Rotterdam, I am looking forward to sharing the business from the Convention that will impact our Club, as well as sharing some experiences that made me appreciate even more the international dimension of Zonta.

### *Reminder... Board Action*

> *The Board of Directors is recommending to the Club a \$2.00 increase in local dues.* This would mean local dues would be \$34. *The Club will be asked to vote on this at the September Dinner Meeting.* This would impact new members after October 1, 2008, and be reflected in dues paid by the membership for the 2009-2010 Club year.

> *The Board of Directors is encouraging Club members to make a \$15.00 donation to Zonta International.* At the International Convention International dues were increased from \$50 to \$65 beginning June 2009. The last dues increase was in 1994. There have been increases in expenses. Rather than making this increase retroactive to June 2008, it is hoped that members will voluntarily donate \$15 this year to Zonta International to keep up with financial obligations. *Therefore, the Board of Directors of the Columbus Club is encouraging members to bring a check made out to Zonta International for \$15.00 to the September Dinner Meeting.* All checks should be given to Margot Hoffman, Treasurer, at the meeting, and she will send them into Zonta International from the Zonta Club of Columbus.

## *Why?*

Why should Zonta Club of Columbus Members make a \$15.00 donation to Zonta International? Where is the money going? Over the past 14 years, Zonta International has gone through a major cost containing program. All departments/programs/projects have been reduced. Unfortunately, continued inflation has negated most of the progress made. In addition, the last dues increase was in 1994. The \$15.00 membership dues increase (effective for current members in 2009) was passed at the International Convention by 74.81%. The notion of a voluntary dues increase now was passed at the International Convention by 72.24%. The money will be used in the following manner:

- >to support the global interaction of Zonta International's membership in 32 districts
- >to reimburse the mileage, airfare, hotels, etc. of those who volunteer their time to serve on committees at the International level
- >to participate with the United Nation's Commission on the Status of Women and other like-minded organizations
- >to continue Governor's-Elect Orientation and to have Zonta International Liaisons attend District Conferences once a biennium
- >to involve all Zontians in sharing the cost of the International Convention not just the attendees

## *Membership News, Margaret Trent, Chair, Membership*

Four prospective members attended an Orientation Dinner on September 9: Julie Bruner; Suzanne Martin; Nancy Shapiro; and Jackie Sciotto. Five additional members have also expressed interest in membership.

We are on the way to meeting the challenge of a 20% percent increase in membership stated by President Acheson: nine new members initiated this biennium. We may even exceed this goal!

Each Club member is challenged to send contact information for one or more prospective members to the Membership Chair. We all need to intentionally search for qualified prospective members. Those eligible for membership are:

1. Executives and professionals in decision-making positions who are willing to support and implement the Objects of Zonta International;
2. In order to be invited to become a member, a candidate shall be actively engaged in,  
*or have experience in*, a recognized business or profession in a decision-making capacity; and
3. Each club is expected to have a variety of classifications represented.

## *District Foundation Ambassador*

The August Issue of the District 5 Newsletter included an article by the Columbus Club's own *Joanne Van Sant - VAN*. Once again, she is serving as District 5 Zonta International Foundation Ambassador. VAN is reminding all that the International Service projects are funded ONLY by our personal and Club contributions to the International Service Fund through the Zonta International Foundation (ZIF).

*For the past two years, VAN has offered a challenge grant in the amount of \$3,000.00.* It is based on a one for two: a Zontian gives \$2.00 and she gives \$1.00. To receive

the full \$3,000.00 challenge grant, individual Zontians' contributions within a District must total at least \$6,000.00.

The challenge grant is directed to the Rose Fund where the funds raised can be used for any Zonta International Service Program that does not meet its monetary goal. As we know, Zonta International dues are used for the operation of Zonta International only.

Even though many in our District have given generously, *District 5 is in the lower quarter percentile of gifts contributed to the Zonta International Foundation.* Let's make this year one where we commit to raise the level of our personal giving to the Zonta International Foundation. *When you send a check to Zonta International Foundation, please note on it that you are participating in the District 5 Challenge so your contribution is credited towards VAN's challenge Grant.*

### *Did You Know...*

> Van will be inducted into the Otterbein Athletic Hall of Fame along with the late *Marilyn Day*

> *Carol Jenkins* is traveling in Austria and will miss the September Dinner Meeting

> *Joan Pryor McCann* just happened to "bump into" McCain and Palin shopping in the Buckeye Corners, and made the August 30 issue of the Columbus Dispatch

### *Happy Birthday to:*

Laural Flanagan (9/20)

Nikki Coffin (9/26)

Nan Hoge (10/6)

Nancy Mayle (10/12)

Kimm Hrdlicka Tigges (10/21)

Debora Myles (10/31)

### *From the Top 10 Reasons to Join Zonta*

Zonta's Diversity: Membership in a classified organization provides business and professionals a rare channel to interact with executives outside of their particular area of expertise.

### *My September Zonta "To Do" List*

1. *Recruit a new member*

2. *Save time on my schedule for the Amethyst Career Fair*

(tentative date of November 7, 2008, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM)

3. *Mark my calendar :*

September 18 - Board of Directors' Meeting at Hunan Lion (Crown Point Shopping Center-corner of Bethel and McKittrick Roads)

September 19 - Postmark Registration for District 5 Conference  
September 23 - Club Meeting at Scioto Country Club, 2196 Riverside Dr (486-4341)  
October 17-19 - District Conference  
October 23 - Board of Directors' Meeting  
October 28 - Club Meeting at Scioto Country Club

*4. Send birthday cards to...*

*5. Contact Nancy Eberhart with information for the Zontagram*

Send information to Nancy for the October issue by October 15

*6. Money matters...*

Take a check to the September Dinner Meeting made out to Zonta International for \$15.00 (a voluntary contribution) or mail to Margot Hoffman, 6368 Champions Dr, Westerville, OH 43082

Make a contribution to the Zonta International Foundation (note on the memo line- District 5 challenge)