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A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-

The 59th Zonta International Convention – Global empowerment through local action – was held in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. The Dutch hospitality was most welcoming! Rotterdam is a unique city in comparison to the centuries old cities such as Amsterdam, Gouda and Delft. Rotterdam's city center was bombed and leveled during the war; since, it has been completely rebuilt and is a modern, dynamic, diverse and creative city. Rotterdam is one of the largest harbors on the European continent as shipping, cargo, cruises and other ocean-going businesses ply the waters – Diane Kaiser, our District Secretary, and I had the pleasure of watching the fireworks celebration of the newest Holland America cruise ship set sail on its maiden voyage from our hotel room that overlooked the city and harbor. We also had the unique experience of an authentic outdoors cheese market – wheels of cheese in every size and gouda in every flavor! Of course, this occurred while visiting the city of Gouda!

Even though we did enjoy ourselves, Convention included many business sessions, elections of our future ZI leaders, financial and membership proposals, workshops – and just as important, renewing and making new Zontian Friends! A review of all business conducted during Convention will be posted on the District 5 website – <http://www.zontadistrict05.org>. I hope you will take the time to read it as there were many significant decisions. We will also go over it at Fall Conference. Just over 2,000 Zontians and guests descended on Rotterdam with sixteen District 5 Zontians in attendance:

Akron/Barberton/Cuyahoga Falls	Alanna Arnold
Ashtabula	Phyllis DeCato
	Elaine Swanson
Cincinnati	Lois Broerman
	Linda Klems
	Linda Metty
	Ellen Spaeth
Columbus	Nancy Atcheson
Louisville	Louise Bornwasser
	Angela Brokmann
Paducah	Linda Miller
Parkersburg	Robin Baylous
Sandusky	Amy Grubbe
	Diane Kaiser
Toledo I	Sandra Frisch
	Patricia Fugee

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It was great to see everyone there as we participated in shaping the vision and future of Zonta International. The speakers were exceptional starting with Akua Kuenyehia, First Vice-President International Criminal Court, The Hague, and a member of Zonta Club of Accra, Ghana. Judge Kuenyehia has written many books and publications on gender and the law, family law and international human rights. Another dynamic speaker was Dorothea Hilhorst who is a professor of Humanitarian Aid and Reconstruction at Wageningen University. Professor Hilhorst addressed the specific roles women represent in conflict/war situations: Not only how women are used as weapons of war and victims of violence, but also how women effectively advance the peace process in our own way. There were many other knowledgeable speakers who gave us insights into the work Zontians still have ahead of us as we continue to help women and girls not only locally through our local actions, but also globally through Zonta International's goals, programs and projects that are funded by your individual and club contributions through Zonta International Foundation.

Your District Board met in May and hit the ground running! Meet your District Board Members in this newsletter. Your District Board Members are here for YOU! Please do not hesitate to contact your Area Director and/or one of the other Board Members with any questions and/or comments you may have. Your Area Directors will be contacting you to schedule club visits during the 2008-2010 biennium. We are available to support your efforts in ensuring your club and members continue to be successful! In turn, this will mean District 5 will be stronger and more successful as a whole!

Your Board is looking forward to seeing everyone in Louisville for the 2008 District 5 Fall Conference – Friday-Sunday, October 17-19. We have many items to review, discuss, and update as we contribute to critical discussions and decisions that will shape our clubs and District's future. Seated delegates will be required as we have Rules of Procedures language to update and vote upon. The Zonta Club of Louisville – under the leadership of Conference Co-Chairs Tonya Eubank and Joyce Seymour – has been very busy planning our Fall Conference. It will be an energizing and rewarding experience! Not to mention a beautiful time of the year to be in Louisville, Kentucky!! “Zontians Winning through Service & Advocacy” will capture the ‘unbridled spirit’ of not only District 5 Zontians, but also Kentucky as we connect during our Louisville Conference at the Galt House – Louisville's only waterfront hotel.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Louisville in October! Again, please do not hesitate to call upon me and/or one of your Board Members at any time. We thank you for your continued support of Zonta International's goals and mission as we improve the status of women and girls everywhere through our local and global service and advocacy. See you in Louisville in October!

Amy F. Grubbe

MEET THE OFFICERS



Amy F. Grubbe
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Serving as an international flight attendant has given Amy first-hand experience of seeing the issues facing women and children around the world. “Reading the local papers, listening to the local news, and just talking to people provides quite an education on what is happening within their communities,” said Amy. “My professional career has really made it easier to understand Zonta International’s mission and goals globally and to apply them more easily within our Clubs.”

One of her goals for the upcoming Biennium is to strengthen the Clubs within her District, as well as assisting Clubs to meet the Zonta International objectives. “As one becomes informed and educated about the mission and goals of Zonta International, the leadership roles taken at the Club- and District-levels seem to become more focused.” For example, her own Club’s community involvement at the local level has become more inline with the mission and goals at the International level – sponsoring a trafficking seminar and scholarships for women and girls.

“Being a Zontian has enabled me to understand and recognize the issues facing women on a more global basis,” Amy added.

Amy has been a member of Zonta Club of Sandusky since 1989 and has held the positions of past president, board member, Ways & Means Committee Chair and has been a member of several Club committees. She was also honored to be chosen as the Club’s representative at a community recognition program as “Woman of Excellence” in 1998. At the District level, she was Area 1 Director, Legislative Awareness & Advocacy Chair and, most recently, Lt. Governor. She has had the privilege of being a delegate for her Club at the Detroit, New York, Melbourne and Rotterdam Conventions. Amy has been married for 25 years as of October to Richard; Harley von Buckeye, their mini dachshund, rules the household.



Angela L. Brokmann
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A native from Kansas, Angela’s background covers many states and countries. Angela joined the Kansas National Guard in 1978 where she became the first Female Commander in the State’s history. Angela served in Germany and Korea. While in Korea she was active with the Pearl S. Buck Foundation and a Girl Scout leader. During her active duty time, Angela and her husband Walter had two daughters, Jessyca now 22 and Sarah age 17.

After Active Duty, Angela and her family moved to Louisville where they owned a picture framing shop. Angela, a certified Myers Briggs Administrator also has a Life Coaching practice "Winds of Life". Angela was still involved with the military in the Reserves as an instructor of the Command and General Staff Officer College where she instructed for nine years. She retired from the military in 2007 with 29.5 years of service.

Angela was widowed in 1998 and since then has continued with the Life Coaching and also works in management with a focus on leadership and strategic planning. Currently she is Program Director for the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation's KidSight program and as a Pharmaceutical Research Coordinator with the research wing of the Foundation. She sits on many Advisory Boards within the city and is active in her church.



Diane Kaiser
District 5 – Secretary
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Diane joined Zonta of Sandusky in October of 1995. Her first contact with Zonta was when her younger daughter received one of the Club's local high school scholarships for graduating seniors in 1994 – so she was curious when she was invited to a new member meeting. After hearing about Zonta's history and purpose, Diane joined the same night!

Since then, Diane has served as Director, Vice-President, President, and Parliamentarian and also as District 5 International Chair in 2002-04 and District 5 Status of Women/Service Chair in 2004-06. Diane has also chaired the Club's membership and service committees and currently is the chair of the Make a Smile Dental program which is a special community health program that was originated and continues to be sponsored by the Sandusky Club. Diane was also proud to represent Zonta of Sandusky as their "Woman of Excellence" in 2004.

Diane's daily professional life is lived as the Administrator/Director of St. Stephen Kiddie College pre-school which serves 300 children each year. Previous to that, she taught Kindergarten for Sandusky Public Schools. Diane has a BS in Education from Bowling Green State University and has done Grad work at Kent State and Muskingum in Early Childhood Education.

Diane and her husband, Herb, are the parents of Lisa, Jennifer and Josh, and are now grandparents of Bryson and Corrinne. Living on a farm, they raise most of their own vegetables and fruit which provides Diane with a summer "occupation." Diane has also been a "Big Sister" for 10 years and is a member of Erie County Farm Bureau. Diane was also involved with Girl Scouts and 4-H for many years.

In their spare time each summer, Herb and Diane love to travel out West in their RV. Reading historical fiction and writing children's stories are favorite pastimes.



Julie L. Griffin, CPA
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Julie joined Zonta Club of Springfield (Ohio) in March 2002. She became Vice President in May 2003 and President of the Club from June 2003 to June 2006.

Julie has attended Area 2 meetings in Springfield, Cincinnati, Louisville, Elizabethtown (Heartland). She was a speaker at all District 5 Area Meetings in 2007. She attended District 5 meetings in Sandusky, Ashtabula, Paducah, Perrysburg, Newark and Cleveland – and was stranded in the Memphis Airport only once.

Julie has been a CPA for 33 years. She has been married for 39 years with two sons and two wonderful daughters-in-law and four grandkitties. She loves movies, being with family, and traveling.

Both the global and local aspects of Zonta membership attract Julie. Working and socializing with local professional women has been rewarding to her. Meeting Zontians at the area and district levels has been educational, enlightening and fun. Knowing that Zonta is involved in creative, innovative, real and effective programs around the world to help women with such a broad range of needs makes Julie hopeful and proud.



Barbara Kopp Miller
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Barbara is currently serving as past president and Foundation Board member of her Club, Toledo I. She previously held Club positions of president, president-elect, vice president and board member.

Barbara's outside activities include:

- YMCA of Greater Toledo – Board Member
- Association of Gerontology in Higher Education – Delta Nu Chapter
- All Saints Catholic School – Advisory Member
- Lutheran Homes Society Community Services – Board Member

Barbara has been married for eighteen years to Mark and they have one son, Jordan.



Patricia Roby
Area 2 – Director
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Patricia Roby serves as a Director with the Miami Valley Chapter Alzheimer's Association. She has a degree in Registered Nursing and a Bachelor of Science in Education. She has worked in all facets of nursing from Newborn Nursery through Geriatrics and from hospital staff nurse through Director of Nursing in Long Term Care. She has been at the Alzheimer's Association for 7 1/2 years.

Pat trained in the Care of Persons with Alzheimer's disease and dementia more than 25 years ago and has been associated with Alzheimer's care in one fashion or another since that time.

As a director with the Miami Valley Chapter Alzheimer's Association, Pat develops and presents programs to persons with Alzheimer's as well as their caregivers, friends and family in need of help and guidance. She also develops and presents programs for professionals, hospitals, and long-term care facilities to help educate their staff with the latest in Dementia Care. Pat has participated as a panelist for various focus groups and forums, has served on committees on the national level and is an accomplished public speaker. She works in the 9 county territory of the Miami Valley Chapter.

Pat was the first State Grant Coordinator for the Ohio Council of Alzheimer's Chapters. As Coordinator, she worked closely with all the Chapters in the State to develop and implement standardized dementia care.

Pat also has had extensive marketing expertise in a successful real estate career. She has held both state and local office in the Ohio Association of REALTORS, has sat on panels and spoken for national conventions.

She is past President of the Zonta Club of Springfield and will serve as Area 2 Director for the 2008-2010 biennium. She has worked with the Community Leadership Association of Clark County and is a graduate of the Leadership Academy for Springfield and Clark County. She is a member of the Elderly Service Providers Organization. She is a past Chairman of the Clark County Area Agency on Aging. She continues to be a member of the Coalition of Logan County Area Services. Pat is certified in the Project Lifesaver Program and works with the Pilot Club, the Clark County Sheriff's Office and Springfield Police Department in conjunction with the Project Lifesaver Program. She is working with a task force to bring Project Lifesaver to the Dayton area.

Pat lives in Springfield, Ohio with her husband, Doug, and they have 6 children and 10 grandchildren.



Angela B. Wilkes
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Angela is past-president of her Club. She also served the Club as president from 2004-06. She has served District 5 as Chairperson for the 2007 Zonta District 5 Conference. Angela’s outside activities include:

- Appointed Member, Community Finance Committee for Orange Schools
- Volunteer Program Manager, Sister-to-Sister Mentorship Program at Orange High School
- Community Member – 2007-08 Levy Campaign for Orange Schools
- Member, Promenade Benefit Committee, Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland; Co-Chair 50th Anniversary Event in 2005
- Volunteer, Rainey Institute Annual Glissando Benefit
- Volunteer, NE Ohio Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure – 4 years
- Volunteer, Cleveland Mayor’s Holiday Food Basket Program



Raë Arnold
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Raë is the immediate past president of her Club and current Foundation Board Member. She previously served as President, President-Elect and Board Member. She served as the chair of the Amethyst Service Committee, a member of various committees, and the Club Delegate to the Zonta International Convention in Melbourne, Australia in 2006.

Raë’s outside activities include:

Twin Rivers Chapter of Links, Inc. - Link for Life: Student Health Club Coordinator, National Facet and Service Chair, Health Fair Chair and Evaluation Team Member

National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Columbus Chapter - Health Awareness Chair and Chapter Foundation Board Member

The Breathing Association - Board Member

Ohio Nurses Association – Past Board Member and Treasurer, Member and Past Chair, Minority Nurses Issues Assembly

The Good Shepherd Baptist Church - Board of Trustees, Treasurer and Health Auxiliary Chair
 Raë enjoys reading and traveling.

District Foundation Ambassador



Joanne VanSant
Club of Columbus
District 5 Zonta International Foundation Ambassador
2008-2010

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I'm Joanne VanSant "Van", a member of the Zonta Club of Columbus. I'll be serving once again as your District Zonta International Foundation Ambassador. Over the years, I've had the pleasure and the honor of serving as Club President, District 5 Governor, Credentials Chairman at three Zonta International Conventions, International Service Chairman 1996-98 and have been a member of the International By-Laws Committee, International Long Range Planning Committee and International Foundation Board.

A great deal has been accomplished in improving the status of women, but there is a great deal more we can do. I encourage you to become familiar with the International Service Program approved at the International Convention in Rotterdam. You will find it detailed in *The Zontian* or on the ZI website (www.zonta.org). The International Service projects are funded **only** by your personal and Club contributions to the International Service Fund through the Zonta International Foundation (ZIF). It is our responsibility to not only personally contribute, but our Clubs should also contribute a portion of funds raised to ZIF. I will be working with others in the District to encourage your contributions.

For the past two years, I have 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 I give \$1.00. To receive the full \$3,000.00 challenge grant, individual Zontians' contributions (not counting Club contributions) within the District as a whole 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 ZI Service Program that does not meet its monetary goal. Club/Members dues, as you already know, are used for the operation of Zonta International only. Zonta International and ZIF are two separate organizations.

Even though many District 5 Zontians have given generously and according to the monthly reports sent to our District Governor, District 5 is still in the lower quarter percentile of gifts contributed to ZIF. It is my hope for this year that more District 5 Zontians contribute and raise the level of our personal gifting to ZIF. When you send in your check to ZIF, please note on it that you are participating in the District 5 Challenge so your contribution is credited towards my challenge grant.

For those of us desiring to go the extra mile in gifting, I encourage each Club Member to pledge to ZIF in your will. More information on this program and Charitable Gift Annuities is on the ZI website.

I look forward to working with you and our Assistant Foundation Ambassadors – our Area Directors – as we begin this new biennium!

WHAT IS ZIF?

As Zontians, we are deeply dedicated to our service programs that benefit our local communities. Through our community service and financial support of our Club programs and projects, we make a difference to women, girls and their families locally. In addition, we make a difference *worldwide* for women, girls and

their families through our gifting of contributions to the Zonta International Foundation (ZIF). So, what is ZIF?

“The purpose of the Zonta International Foundation is to support the approved charitable and educational programs of Zonta International through effective fund raising, investment of funds and the distribution of proceeds. Through the financial support of Zonta International’s programs, we become the catalyst for greater understanding of and service to women throughout the world. The Zonta International Foundation is incorporated as a public, nonprofit charitable organization under the United States Internal Revenue Service Code 501(c)3. Contributions to the Zonta International Foundation are tax deductible within the full extent allowed by law.”

To recognize Zontians who contribute to ZIF, ZI has designed a recognition program for cumulative gifting to ZIF. Lapel pins set with precious or semi-precious gemstones or finished with platinum, gold, silver or bronze recognize special contributors. District 5 has many Special Contributors who have given generously as individuals. In addition, the Zonta Club of Akron, Barberton & Cuyahoga Falls and Zonta Club of Ashtabula have given charitably. And the Club of Findlay had 100% of their members contribute to ZIF this past biennium!

Like Van, our Special Contributors and above Clubs have provided a challenge! Clubs should be earmarking at least one-third of funds raised to contribute to ZIF. Individual contributions exemplify the Zontian Spirit of Giving. To ensure ZI meets its biennial goals and mission of service to women and girls worldwide, please join the many District 5 Zontians by contributing to ZIF!

THANK YOU!

Van and Amy



Call to Conference

**Zonta International District 5 Fall Conference
Galt House Hotel & Suites – Louisville, KY
Friday-Sunday, October 17-19, 2008
Hosted by Zonta Club of Louisville**

We are racing toward the finish line in our planning and preparation for the District 5 Fall Conference! The Zonta Club of Louisville and your District Board has been working hard to ensure the weekend is an informative and fun-filled event with *Zontians Winning through Service and Advocacy!*

The Galt House Hotel & Suites is Louisville’s only downtown waterfront hotel. Located in the heart of downtown’s business and entertainment district, the Galt House is the largest hotel in the state with 1300 total rooms. Fourth Street Live is an entertainment complex located three blocks from the hotel with Hard Rock Café, Makers Mark Bourbon House, Sully’s Restaurant and more! Major attractions are the famous Louisville Slugger Museum, Muhammad Ali Center and Frazier Historical Arms Museum within a three block walking distance from the hotel. Transportation around downtown is easy and convenient as the Toonerville Trolley boards right in front of the hotel.

You will be receiving your Call to Conference in the mail shortly with all details! Please plan to be with us! October is a beautiful time of the year to visit Kentucky! Be sure to register early to take advantage of the special Zonta hotel room rate as well as reduced registration fees. Fill up your cars and vans with fellow Zontians as we gain knowledge on how to be *Zontians Winning through Service and Advocacy!* We look forward to welcoming you to Louisville!

Governor Amy Grubbe and Conference Co-Chairs Tonya Eubank & Joyce Seymour

MEET THE CO-CHAIRS



Joyce Seymour, Co-Chair
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Joyce has been a Zontian for the past twenty-six (26) years serving not only as Club president, but has also held all officer positions. She has also been active at the District level as Area Director, Parliamentarian and Membership Chair.

Joyce continues to serve on many Boards serving girls and women in her community. Professionally, Joyce served 33 1/2 years with Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana as their CEO/Executive Director.



Tonya Eubank, Co-Chair
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Tonya is an Assistant Principal at Noe Middle School. She has been an active Zontian for the last five years. She is immediate past president of the Zonta Club of Louisville and had the privilege of attending the Zonta International Convention in Melbourne in 2006. She was chair of the United Nations Committee and will be assuming the position of Membership Chair for her Club during the 2008-2010 biennium.

Tonya is an active member at Northeast Christian Church. Her free time is spent traveling and playing with her two golden retrievers.

