# **Zonta Club of Milwaukee**



# BULLETIN

International District 6 – Area 2 Chartered: January 8, 1926

Wednesday, January 26, 2011

Speaker: Laurie Probst Topic: "Passion for Flight"



January is the month we celebrate the life and legacy of Amelia Earhart. Please join us at our program on January 26 to meet and hear stories about the journeys of a female pilot/flight instructor and grade school teacher.

Italian Community Center (I.C.C.), 631 E. Chicago Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 5:30 PM - Social 6:00 PM - Dinner 7:00 PM - Guest Speaker: Laurie Probst

Cost: \$30 per person, includes tax and tip

RESERVATIONS: Please call Helen Ludwig or e-mail her with your reservation by 9:00 am on Monday, January 24, 2011. Once reservations have been made, you will be billed for each reservation.



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The Zonta Club of Milwaukee is club #39, located in District 6 (Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana). The Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, September through June, for networking, dinner, program and business meeting.

President: Cheryl Lucas DeBerry Membership Co-Chairs: Claudyne Whitaker Marianne Zapall Bulletin Editor: Joann Henry

Newsletter deadline for articles is the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month.

For more information on Zonta, visit www.zontadistrict6.org

# 2009/2011

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# Presidents Message.....

Dear Sister Zontians:

Happy New Year Zonta Club of Milwaukee Members

Last year was a great year for our Club so let's look back to see highlights of some of the things we were able to accomplish and celebrate:

#### **New Members**

Two prospective new member events were held at Sammie Lou Krieger and Elizabeth Stull's homes respectively. These meetings along with members inviting their friends and/or family to join Zonta netted 6 new members: Victoria Frazier; Barbara Hetzel; Linda Hext; Susan Koepsell; Joni Reese; Cindy Talkovic. Keep up the good work and continue to invite others. Our goal is to have 43 net members by June 1, 2011.

#### Service Projects

Mom/Baby Room at St. Catherine's Residence was completed. With the help of many members through painting, decorating, assembling baby furniture and monetary donations, a new mom and her baby are able to enjoy a newly renovated room with all the comforts of home. Thank you to all who contributed.

At our December social, we collected non-perishable food items to be donated to the Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee. I am proud to say we collected **132 pounds of food**. Thank you and I'm sure many families in our community thank you as well.

Connections with other organizations have been made and more projects will be forthcoming this year. Stay tuned for ways you can help.

#### **Successful Fundraiser**

We had a successful fundraiser with our Fashion Show themed: and with your generous donations of time, money and inviting friends and family, we were able to raise over \$14,000 which provided grants to these local agencies and programs: Meta House-"Seeking Safety" Program; Intercession, Inc.; Daystar, Inc.; and Milwaukee Women's Center-"Older Abused Women's" Program.

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### President's Message Cont'd

#### **Scholarship**

Our Scholarship Committee did a stellar job in soliciting, reviewing and selecting applicants to be awarded scholarships through Zonta Club of Milwaukee. Both the recipients of the Jane M Klausman-Women in Business as well as the Young Women in Public Affairs went on to receive awards from Zonta International. Congratulations and thank you for all your hard work, it paid off

#### Memoriam

It is with sadness that I say we lost some valuable members of our club this past year: Ruth Cummings and Shirley Bell. Both contributed time and talents to make this Club successful and will be greatly missed. In addition, we lost to Friends of Zonta: Gordon Conant-Donna Conant's husband and Barbara Fitzgerald's mother. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers

#### 2010 Zonta International Convention

Several Club members traveled to San Antonio, TX to participate in activities and business meetings. We are proud to say, we elected one of our own members to the International Board of Directors-*Jackie Beaudry* was elected as one of the 2010-2012 International Directors. Congratulations Jackie, we are proud of you.

#### **New-Joint Task Force**

A joint task force consisting of members from the Club Board as well as the Foundation Board has been formed to garner more visibility for our club and focus on an issue that can have both an International and local impact. More information will be provided to you soon.

Whew!! We did a lot but much more is needed. Let us continue our commitment to Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide-locally, in our Area, in our District and Internationally.

I look forward to the great things that we will do in 2011.

#### Cheryl

# Members Update

By Claudyne Whitaker

HAPPY 2011!! Welcome to NEW BEGINNINGS!

As you welcome in a NEW year, may each of you enjoy HAPPINESS, HEALTH, FAMILY, FRIENDS, LOVE and PROSPERITY. Pursue your goals, try "out of the box" activities, leave your "comfort zone" and go beyond by trying something you have never dared to try/do! Go for it! This is a hew year!!!! May your new year be filled with PEACE.

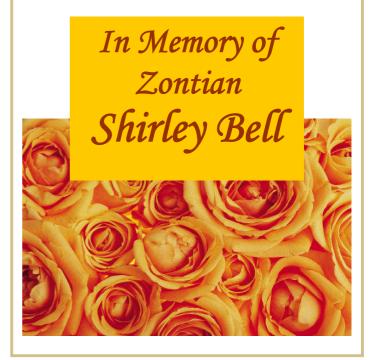
Enjoy the brisk weather, the snowflakes, the blowing wind and all that Mother Nature has to offer. Things do change quickly when it comes to WEATHER.

Since you have already started to invite guests to the Spring Fashion Show, rev up the pace and let us fill up the room with guests for a worthy cause. Thanks in advance for your untiring cooperation.

As we continue the goals of Zonta, let us not forget our purpose. Here's to a SPECTACULAR 2010-2011 YEAR!

Food for thought: IF YOU CAN HELP SOMEONE, DO IT. IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

Be well.



## **Zonta Fashion Show**

By Co-Chairs, Pam Knackert and Laurie Ward

**SAVE THE DATE** April 2, 2011 for our Fashion Show Fundraiser. Coldwater Creek will be our provider and it will be held at the ICC. Don't forget we need everyone to participate to make it a success.

Invitations will be available at the Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and then others will be mailed right after the meeting. Every member is asked to sell 8 "tickets" this year so we can increase our attendance and funds raised for our local and international service projects. So invite friends, relatives, co-workers, and neighbors. Cost is \$50 per person.

Any raffle or silent auction donations you may have please bring them to the Jan. 26 meeting. We are looking for items or baskets with values from \$25 and up and gift certificates as well. If you frequent a restaurant or store ask if they would donate something.

We will need members to help with various duties the day of the event, so please talk to Pam, Laurie or Donna Neal if you have not offered your services as of yet.

Note next Fashion Show committee meetings will be **Thurs. Feb. 10** and **Thurs. March 10** at Donna Kahl-Wilkerson's.



# Membership Corner

By Marianne Zapall

Happy New Year to All!

Let's give a big welcome to Cindy Talkovic and Susan Koepsell as our newest Zonta Club of Milwaukee members!

The Zonta roster is now up-to-date and on the Milwaukee Zonta website. To access your rosters go to Google Chrome – zontamilwaukee.org – Members only and that is where the roster is housed. If you don't have Google Chrome on your computer, just open your internet connection – type google chrome in your Google Search and it will take you to where you can download it. If you prefer not to use this search engine just keep it on your desktop and only access when you want to see the Zonta roster.

The roster will be kept up-to-date and will always be available to everyone on our website. Keep talking up Zonta and inviting guests to our meetings. The Fashion Show on April 2 is a fabulous way to peek the interest of friends and business associates in learning more of who we are and what we do. We need to get away from hearing.... Zonta? What is that?

Let's start the New Year off by putting the fourth Wednesday of each month on your calendar (holiday months the third Wednesday) for attending the Zonta Club meetings.



# Suite Makeover at St. Catherine's Residence

By Lynne Oehlke

St. Catherine Residence was the beneficiary of a suite do over due to the efforts of Zonta members (I am not sure of names). The suite consists of two rooms, one for a new mom and her baby and one for an expecting mom, along with a shared bathroom. The do over started with paint, carpeting and new furniture and went on to include welcoming gift bags, wall hangings, window treatments, throw pillows, along with crib, rocking chair, mobile, and everything imaginable needed for a newborn baby.

SCR is open for a get to know us coffee and tour the 2nd Tuesday of every month. I would be happy to accept any RSVPs.





# Holiday Party Pictures

By Pam Knackert



Installation of new members Susan Koepsell and Cindy Talkovic.



Zonta Club of Milwaukee members celebrate the holidays.



Food contributions from Zonta Club of Milwaukee members to be donated to the Hunger Task Force.

# Message from District 6 Service Chair

By Tamara Hagen

Happy New Year! After a fun holiday meeting (who did end up with the best Pink Reindeer gift!), it's time to refocus on our Zonta New Year. January is Amelia Earhart Month with January 11 being Amelia Earhart Day. Zonta International honors Amelia not just because she was a Zontian during her life, but because she was a woman pioneer in aviation and a role model for other women struggling to establish careers in "non-traditional" roles. She was an inspiration to other women then and remains an inspiration now. She felt that women should push themselves to achieve their own goals not just what was expected of them by society.

Zonta International awards the Amelia Earhart Fellowship to women who aspire to doctoral degrees in aerospace-related sciences and engineering. Though there has been some progress, women still remain under-represented in science fields especially those fields with only approximately 10% of professionals in the aerospace sciences being women. The \$10,000 for Fellowships to 35 women a year significantly helps these individuals toward their doctoral degree. To date, 1,297 Fellowships have been awarded and these women have gone on to become astronauts, astrophysicists, professors, business owners, CEOs, and most importantly, mentors to other women.

As important as the Amelia Earhart Fellowship is in helping expand women's roles in aerospace fields, it only reaches 35 women world-wide every year. How can we as Zonta Club members do more? The Zonta International Position Paper, Improving Access to Women and Girls to Science, Mathematic, and Technology Education, calls for Zonta Clubs to:

- 1. Introduce girls and women to female role models in science, math or technology.
- 2. Mentor young women interested in these fields.
- 3. Raise awareness of women's achievements in these fields.
- 4. Increase awareness about career opportunities in these fields.
- 5. Collaborate with schools, other organizations, and corporations in providing programs to encourage women and girls into these careers.

- 6. Offer grants/scholarships to women pursuing careers in these fields.
- 7. Promote legislation that supports maternity and paternity leave.
- 8. Promote Zonta International's Amelia Earhart Fellowships to potential candidates and provide financial support to the ZI program.

Looking at this list, there seems to be several opportunities for club service projects ranging from mentoring, to grant/scholarship awards, to promoting the Amelia Earhart Fellowship at our local colleges/universities. Can we say we've lived up to Amelia's challenge to push ourselves to our Club's service limits?

**Quotes by Amelia Earhart** 

"Women must try to do things as men have tried. When they fail, their failure must be but a challenge to others."

"The most effective way to do it, is to do it."
"Courage is the price that Life exacts for granting peace."

# Zonta Scholarship Applications Available... Use the Web – Let your Contacts Know!

By Sandra Miller

Zontians, please let your friends and colleagues know about our Scholarship opportunities. We are looking to award leaders and currently seeking applicants for the Young Women in Public Affairs – due March 18, 2011.

Feel free to e-mail your friends and let them know more information is available at <a href="https://www.zontamilwaukee.org">www.zontamilwaukee.org</a> to receive the scholarship information!

Questions? Send your questions to our scholarship e-mail address:

zcscholarship@zontamilwaukee.org

# . Upcoming Events ...

Club meetings will continue to be held at the Italian Community Center (ICC) on the fourth Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted.

February 23

March 23

April 27

May 25

June 22



"In a real sense all life is interrelated. All men/women are
caught in an inescapable
network of mutuality, tied in a
single garment of destiny.
Whatever affects one directly
affects all indirectly. I can never
be what I ought to be until you
are what you ought to be, and
you can never be what you
ought to be until I am what I
ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality."

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

# **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



## **JANUARY**

Laureen Ward