

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

~ *Sonja Jacobsen [387-6757]*

On November 27, 2007 Barb Bergman and I presented our club's check for \$5500 to the Open Door Health Center. They were delighted! Thanks to all of you who worked so diligently on the fashion show to make this possible. Stay tuned for other upcoming events at the Open Door.

Thanks also to the Program and PR committees for organizing another successful Meet and Greet. Judy Vosbeek, it was great of you to once again invite us into your home. (Caroline's recipes are included.)

Ann Klasen, Christmas decorator extraordinaire, hosted our successful Holiday Party. (Once again, anything with Ann and there is precipitation – snow this time versus the rain we had in the garden!) The food was *excellent* (Muriel's recipes are included.) and the fellowship even better. I have never seen a Santa bathroom before!

I wish us all Peace on Earth.

LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION!

The Zonta Board of Directors has changed meeting locations. We now meet in the Conference Room at the Harry Meyering Center. Same night, same time. If you arrive late, you will need to call Sonja at 381-2540 to enter the facility. You will also need the double-secret handshake.

CALENDAR OF Z' EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 4 T OMC Mtg – 5:15 pm @ Wine Cafe
- 5 W Finance Mtg – 11:30am @ Hub
- 10 M Board Mtg – @ Harry Meyering Ctr
- 13 R Business Mtg – 6:45am @ Perkins
- 22 S Open House @ Schultz Farm

JANUARY

- 5 S OMC Mtg – 10am-1pm Judy A
- 7 M Board Mtg – @ Harry Meyering Ctr
- 10 R Business Mtg – 6:45am @ Perkins
- 24 R Program... To Be Announced!

FEBRUARY

- 11 M Board Mtg – @ Harry Meyering Ctr
- 14 R Business Mtg – 6:45am @ Perkins
- 28 R Program... To Be Announced!

MARCH

- 10 M Women's Night Out!
Save the Date!
- 13 R Business Mtg – 6:45am @ Perkins
- 27 R European Market at Madison East
Catered meal at this event!

APRIL

- 10 R Business Mtg – 6:45am @ Perkins
- 24 R Amelia Earhart Program at
Mankato Airport with
Mark Leavitt speaking

MAY

- 8 R Business Mtg – 6:45am @ Perkins
- 22 R Annual Meeting @ Country Inn

JUNE

- 12 R Business Mtg – 6:45am @ Perkins
- 26 R Annual Picnic

MEMBERSHIP

~Sara Anderson [-]

Members attending: Sara Anderson, Judy Arzdorf, Angie Schumacher, Sonja Jacobsen.

We need to work on getting new members and keeping the ones we have. But not just pick people just so we have new ones. This is not just for OMC but for all members.

The event at Judy Vosbeeks was again a success, thank you to all who attended and for PR for hosting. Thank you Judy for again opening up your home.

There are a few potential members out there, we have given them Zonta packets and have been in contact with them.

Loretta and Judy A have worked on the Finance Committee description and Service and Program are in the process of being worked on.

OMC is working on a project for a Thursday meeting. Everything is still in the works.

Finance is hosting the Spring meet and greet.

Next meeting 1/5 at Judy A. 10a-1p -OMC, more info to come on this.

Next meeting – S, Jan 5, 10:00am-1:00pm Judy A.

Cranberry Crunch Salad

- 1 6oz. package raspberry gelatin
- 1-1/2 C. boiling water
- 1/2 C. cold water
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 (16 oz.) can whole cranberry sauce
- 1 cup diced apple (or may substitute 1c. chopped celery)
- 1 cup pecans

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water; add cold water and lemon juice. Chill until slightly thickened. Stir in cranberry sauce, apple, and nuts. Pour into 2-quart mold or glass serving dish. Makes 8-10 servings.

GUESS WHO!!

Shelley, Angie or both.

1. Who's favorite Holiday is Christmas?
2. Who's favorite color is red?
3. Who dreams about going to San Francisco?
4. Who has limited musical talent?
5. Who has passion for purses?
6. Who loves to buy flowers at Hilltop?
7. Who has a compulsive disorder for checking to make sure her flat iron is turned off? (at least 5 times in the morning)
8. Who's favorite room is her kitchen?

True or False -

1. True or False, Shelley is a sleepwalker, and at age 12 took a butcher knife out of the kitchen and started to walk the streets.
2. True or False, Angie tried out for the one act play in high school and got a lead role.

SERVICE / STATUS OF WOMEN / Z-EARTH

Ann Klasen [-]

No news is good news! Stay tuned for further updates at the Business Meeting and in the newsletter next month. Next meeting – To be announced.

FINANCE

~Barb Bergman [382-2876]

Puffin Sales – Final numbers still arriving

Pin Sales – Getting ready for the new year

Next meeting – To be announced

FASHION SHOW

~Barb Bergman [382-2876]

A check was presented to Open Door at their Board Meeting on November 27 by Barb Bergman and Sonja Jacobson for \$5,500. They were grateful and it was wonderful to be able to provide this to such a worthy organization.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

~Barb Scott [-]

PR committee met Monday 12/10/07 at 8:00 am at Dunn Bros. Discussed the newsletter sponsorship, all the slots are filled for sponsorship for this year, and Sue is keeping in touch with Loretta regarding payment of sponsorship fee. New website is up and running. It looks good, but if any errors are found, Keri would like us to let her know.

Next meeting – To be determined

KUDOS!

Congratulations to Greg and Ruthie Jackson on being selected for this year's March of Dimes' "Outstanding First Year Volunteer" award. They were recognized at the state Volunteer Leadership conference on November 29th. This award goes to volunteers that chair a committee or event for the first time and do an outstanding job. Greg and Ruth were recognized for the tremendous job of organizing and growing Mankato's Signature Chefs' silent auction.

~ Judy Arzdorf

Women's Night Out
Monday, March 10, 2008

Save the date!

WALDORF SALAD

2 cups diced apples
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon salt.
1 cup sliced celery pieces
optional:
- 1/8 teaspoon allspice and 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 to 1 cup cranraisins or raisons

Mix above ingredients together; add
1/2 cup heavy cream -- whipped
1/4 cup mayonnaise

Fold dressing into apples, etc., and chill for several hours. Add 1/2 cup walnuts before serving.
Enjoy!

PROGRAM

~ Muriel Schoon [387-2963]

Thank you to Ann Klassen, "Our Holiday Party Hostess" and all who helped to make this event successful. It was an evening of good food, fun, and fellowship. We even had a little snow to add to the holiday spirit.

Our January 24, 2008, Program will be at the Open Door Health Center at 309 Holly Lane at 5:30PM. We will have a speaker and a tour of the health center followed by dinner at the Bandana Brewery located next door.

Programs for the remainder of our committee year are:

- ~ February 28, 2008 -- TBA
- ~ March 27 2008 -- European Market at Madison East Community Center with a catered meal.
- ~ April 24, 2008 -- Amelia Earhart Program at the Mankato Airport with Mark Leavitt speaking. Dinner will follow the program and place will be decided later.
- ~ May 22, 2008 -- Annual Meeting at Country Inn & Suites
- ~ June 26, 2008 -- Annual Picnic – Celebrate Zonta!

GUESS WHO ANSWERS

~ How did you score?

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| 1. Both | 5. Both |
| 2. Shelley | 6. Both |
| 3. Angie | 7. Angie |
| 4. Shelley | 8. Angie |

True and False

1. True
2. False (I chickened out- big surprise huh) ;)

Baked Southwest Egg Rolls

1 can black beans; rinsed and drained
1 small or regular can of corn (as desired)
1 (9 oz) package Stouffers creamed spinach
1-2 cups cooked chicken, diced
1/4 brick (or more) pepper jack cheese (shredded)
1-2 tbsp flour
Small flour tortillas

Mix first four ingredients in skillet and warm through. Sprinkle with flour and heat to thicken. Season mixture to your taste with ingredient suggestions. Remove from heat and let cool. Add cheese as desired and mix well.

Place ball of mixture on flour tortilla or wrapping suggestion. Roll and place seam side down on baking sheet. Repeat as needed to use filling. Bake at 350 until lightly browned and warmed through (approximately 15-20 minutes).

Ingredient suggestions: green chilies, roasted red pepper, red pepper flakes, roasted corn, turkey.

Wrapping suggestions: bread dough, wonton wrappers, puff pastry, pie crust

May be frozen before baking. Be sure to defrost partially before baking.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT THE SCHULTZ FARM

Saturday December 22, 3:30 - 7:00pm

Shelley and Dave's home (507.234.5740)

Highway 14 E to Janesville (take 2nd exit), left at top of exit ramp, right at lights (now on old 14), left at BP station. We are the first farm on right 1.5 miles from old 14. This is my favorite time of the year to share with family and friends ...significant others invited as well!

Peace,
Shelley

Toffee Apple Spread

1 block cream cheese (8 oz)
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 (10 oz) package toffee bits

Soften cream cheese and beat first four ingredients. Mix in toffee bits. Allow to stand 1-3 hours before serving for the flavor to develop. Spread on apple slices.

Is excellent baked as a tartlet in puff pastry or wrapped in a pie crust. Sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. Follow baking instructions on package.

Enjoy!