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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

~ Barb Bergman [382-2876]

Many congratulations, thank yous, and general kudos are due this month:

Thanks to OMC for hosting the membership retreat. Thanks to those who were able to attend. Many good ideas came out of our discussions. We will be talking about and implementing some of them over the next few months.

Thanks to Program and Finance committees, especially Diane Volden and Chef Ron, for making Finishing Touches a fun Mardi Gras themed event. (Was this an official "Polka Dot" event?) Thanks to everyone for bringing and bidding on an array of lovely baskets, and for rearranging schedules to attend on a Monday after the postponement.

Thanks to Angie Schumacher and Loretta Wolthuis for serving on the planning committee for Women's Night Out.

Thank you to Caroline McGowan for agreeing to be chair for Blooming Pretty.

Area 3 meeting in Brainerd on April 18-19. The Finance committee has recommended that members be reimbursed up to \$75 for registration and room expenses. Please let Sara Sletten or Loretta Wolthuis know that you are attending. Early bird registration ends next week -- cost goes up \$10 if you register later than March 20. Reserve your room at the Grand View Lodge soon.

~Barb

Z' CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 2 M Board Mtg 5.15pm @ Harry Meyering Ctr
- 9 M **Women's Night Out**
Holiday Inn Downtown
- 9 M News Due to: liner@outtech.com
- 12 R Business Mtg 6.45am @ Perkins
- 12 R Service Mtg Noon @ encore!
- 26 R American Red Cross
Topic - Jane Dow

APRIL

- 6 M PR Mtg 7:30am @ Coffee Hag
- 6 M Board Mtg 5.15pm @ Harry Meyering Ctr
- 6 M News Due to: liner@outtech.com
- 9 R Business Mtg 6.45am @ Perkins
- 18 S Area 3 Mtg - Brainerd, MN
- 23 R Program Mtg @ Harry Meyering Center
Linda Duckett and Karen Boubel

MAY

- 11 M PR Mtg 7:30am @ Coffee Hag
- 11 M Board Mtg 5.15pm @ Harry Meyering Ctr
- 11 M News Due to: liner@outtech.com
- 14 R Business Mtg 6.45am @ Perkins
- 28 R Annual Mtg Country Inn & Suites

JULY

- 12 **Blooming (VERY) Pretty**
--details to follow

MEMBERSHIP

~ Angie Schumacher [317-6681]

Reminder, Perkins will no longer take checks for AM breakfast meeting. Cash is acceptable. OMC will give receipts for members needing them for tax purposes.

OMC met at the Loose Moose at 4:30 PM. 2/11/09. Present were Chairman Angie S, Sonja J, Patricia P, Trish S, Club President Barb B.

Lori Turbes orientation session 2/11. Installed at the February 12. Sara Sletten will be her mentor. Lori will be a member of the service committee. She is a Marketing Director with Milbrett, Dauk & Co. Ltd.

Business cards have been ordered. Contact Tricia. Appx \$10 for 100 T-Shirts/Sweatshirts were discussed. Votes need to be added up.

We talked at the Feb meeting about Zonta being 35 and having a shower for T House. Tricia and Sonja are going to spearhead this project. More info to come.

OMC would like to thank those who attended the retreat. We passed the hat for Carol and received \$216 to donate in her honor to Jane M Klausman Scholarship.

Meet and Greet is on the agenda for our March meeting.

Next mtg - TBD

??? *WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL* **???**

Try to do this without looking at answers...

1 – Pick your favorite number between 1-9

2 – Multiply your favorite number by 3

3 – Add 3

4 – Multiply by 3 (use calculator if needed)

Your answer should be a 2 or 3 digit number.

Add these digits together to get one final number.

Go to next page to find your role model!

PUBLIC RELATIONS

~ Barb Scott [344-0573]

PR met Monday, March 9 at 7:30 am at the Coffee Hag. We had club members at both libraries on Sunday, distributing book markers telling about International Women's Day. The bookmarks were printed with information regarding women's needs throughout the world. We were at each library for 4 hours for a total of 8 service hours. Co-Chairs, Judy Arzdorf - Barb Scott
Next meeting - M - Apr 6, 7.30a @ Coffee Hag

PROGRAM

~ Shelly Schultz [327-8803]

The "Finishing Touches" event was a wonderful success due to the creative work of Diane Volden and members of the Program and Finance Committees. The Mardi Gras theme was festive, colorful, fun and truly got everyone in the spirit of having a good time...thanks Kate and Julie for making good use out of the noise makers! It was nice to see former members and to welcome two guests! As you know this is a fundraiser event for the club but who would have guessed that we would have so much fun! Financial report will be given at the March business meeting on this project.

March Program Meeting -

Date/Location - March 26, Dessert and Coffee, 7:00pm, American Red Cross Center, 105 Homestead Rd, Mankato.

Topic - Jane Dow will speak on Fair Trade experiences in Mankato and how it influences women and communities all over the world. Please invite a friend as this is open to the public.

April Program Meeting -

Date/Location - April 23, Salad Bar and Desserts (potluck), 5:30pm, Harry Meyering Center,

Topic - Linda Duckett and Karen Boubel, from MSU "Team Building with Respect and Trust"

May Program Meeting -

Date/Location - May 28, Annual Meeting at Country Inn & Suites

Next meeting - March 12, 2009 - Noon @ encore!

FINANCE

~Sara (Anderson) Sletten [779-3018]

Finance is supporting those who want to attend the Area 3 meeting in Brainerd by offering \$75 to cover registration and part of hotel room. Finishing Touches was a great event with a great turnout. Thank you to all who attended or donated!

Next meeting – coming up soon!

Z GARDEN

~Chair [-]

The Garden is sleeping... resting up for the new year.

SERVICE / STATUS OF WOMEN / Z-EARTH

~ Carol Lee [387-7409]

The service committee is very grateful to all who responded to the surveys recently giving us some direction as to service projects. Although many felt service was just fine, there were other suggestions that we need to be more service oriented in a hands on way with careful attention to Zonta's mission. Through the survey results and conversation at the retreat, it appears that there also is an interest in becoming involved with a project that becomes a signature project of the club. March 12 we will hear more about the YWCA programs that seem to be options for the club to consider.

This month, the service committee sent out the applications for the Jane Klausman Scholarships. Ultimately, 12 will be chosen at the International level to be awarded \$5,000 to assist them to attain degrees leading to a career in business. The applications have a due date back to our club of June 1. In early February, we sent out scholarship applications for the Young Woman in Public Affairs. For this award, our local club hosts an early morning breakfast for the winner and her family as well as school personnel. A tentative date for that breakfast is Wed, May 13th at 6:30 am, held at the Meyering Center. I know that sounds early. Many long years ago, we Zontians climbed into our polyester suits and met at 6:30 for our monthly morning meeting. We're all glad that chapter closed some years back. Carol Lee

Next meeting – February 2009

BLOOMING PRETTY –

~Caroline McGowan [317-3711]

Keep it locked here for more details....this is going to be the most fun-filled committee yet. **Won't you join me?**

Next meeting –... to be announced

AREA 3 MEETING – SAVE THE DATE

The Zonta Club of Brainerd invites all Zontians to the 2009 Area Meeting hosted by the Zonta Club of Brainerd, Minnesota. The meeting will be held April 17-18 at the beautiful and historic Grand View Lodge on Gull Lake. Visit www.grandviewlodge.com for a virtual tour. Our host club is hard at work on the details and a formal invitation with more information will follow. Please direct any questions or program suggestions to me at fabguy@hickorytech.net. I am looking forward to seeing you all there!

~ Sonja J

~ **Reminder** ~

Please wear your name tag to all Zonta functions.

~ **Zonta International** ~

Please register and sign into the Zonta International web site (www.zonta.org). ZI is beginning to update the site: the staff has started to post a bi-weekly newsletter with information on what clubs are doing as well as what is happening at HQ. ZI is in the process of updating the website to make it easier to maneuver.

The District Webpage (www.zontadistrict7.org) has Governor Kathy's Zonta Zip newsletter on it - she's trying to update that every two weeks.

??? WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL **???**

1. Lynn J. McKenzie (Zonta International Vice Pres)
2. Dianne K. Curtis (Zonta International President Elect)
3. Barb Bergman, Mankato
4. Patricia Palm, Mankato
5. Sonja Jacobson, Mankato
6. Carol Pasanen, Brainerd
7. Kathy Swan, Cape Girardeau MO
8. Kerry Dixon-Fox (Zonta International Director)
9. Zonta Mankato!
10. Beryl Sten (Zonta International President)

I know....The group just has that effect on people....doesn't everyone wish they were a Zontian?... :-) Believe it!

PS. Stop picking different numbers, just deal with it!!!!

Now change your name in No. 9 and send it on!