

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

~ Barb Bergman [382-2876]

Happy Spring!

If you thought March was action-packed, wait 'til you see what opportunities have been organized by our hard-working committees for April and May.

As we come out of winter hibernation, we have the Area 3 meeting in Brainerd. Followed by a program meeting that should be great -- the presentation may be relating to teambuilding, but our presenters' are also MSU music faculty. I'm not really sure what they have planned for us, but it's going to be interesting!

For service projects, we're looking at some new ways of helping out Theresa House, working with the YWCA for Girls on the Run on May 2, and of course getting the Z-Earth garden spiffed up for the year.

May 2 - YWCA Girls on the Run

June 25-30, 2010

International Convention
San Antonio, TX

~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 Cntr**
Linda Duckett and Karen Boubel
5.15pm - potluck (bring a great salad!)
- 30 R **Meet & Greet @ Eide Bailey**
5.15pm

MAY

- 2 S Girls on the Run @ YWCA
- 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**
--want details? E-mail liner@outtech.com

JUNE (2010)

- 25 S Int'l Convention, San Antonio, TX

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.

The OMC Committee met on March 31st, 2009 at the Loose Moose. Members present were Chairman Angie Schumacher, Tricia Stenberg, Patricia Palm.

Spring Meet and Greet was discussed. Decision made that it be held April 30 at Eide Bailey, 5:15p. We will work on this being a little structured. OMC is asking any one or a committee to volunteer bringing a snack. Just let Angie know. **Thanks** in advance.

Suggestion made to honor Carrie Robb her at the annual meeting. We will send her an invite and get her a rose bush.

Looked over the notes from the retreat. Decided we were responding to the concerns that members need more information. We will give information about Zonta at the Meet and Greet. Idea presented for 20 question quiz to go out to membership. Set a deadline and "winners" are to be announced at annual meeting. Sonja to draft 20-question quiz!!!! The 20-question quiz will put the responsibility on members to check the ZI website and their orientation materials.

Next fun mtg – coming up very soon!

Theresa House

The mission of Theresa House is to provide emergency shelter and scattered-site transitional housing to families and single women, as well as assistance in meeting basic needs and accessing area social services. We bring special attentiveness to the needs of refugees and immigrants. Theresa House is an interdenominational Christian ministry, open to people of all beliefs. Theresa House is home to about 18 people each month. The majority of the guests come from the greater Mankato, MN area.

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]

Ten Zontians and one guest attended the March 26 Program meeting on "Fair Trade" and its impact on women. Jane Dow, our speaker, is passionate about the Fair Trade concept and is eager to educate the community on this topic.

As a result of our retreat, the Program committee has decided to change the April program meeting to reflect the needs of our club. Professors Linda Duckett and Karen Boubel from Minnesota State University, Mankato will lead us through a team building and communication workshop. Mutual respect and trust building will also be part of the workshop. Please mark April 23 as this workshop will be beneficial if our members are participants!

The Annual Meeting is an evening of celebration. Please mark your calendars for Thursday May 28. Invitations will be distributed at the April morning meeting. This is an event you will not want to miss!

April Program Meeting -

April 23, Salad Bar and Desserts (potluck)
5:15 pm, 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 – Coming up – 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

~Loretta Wolthuis [-]

The Garden is sleeping... soon to be woken up since spring really is on it's way!

SERVICE / STATUS OF WOMEN / Z-EARTH

~ Carol Lee [387-7409]

Plenty of news to be announced at the morning meeting.

Next meeting – April 2009

BLOOMING PRETTY –

~Caroline McGowan [317-3711]

Many of you made it to the initial meeting last week - thank you for your support it is great to see the group effort working!

There are a lot of great ideas/changes taking place with Blooming Pretty this year. Garden selection is coming along great.

Are you Blooming Pretty?

Next meeting –... to be announced...til then we'll be on e-mail!

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. We want to know who you are!

~ 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.

~ Education for Women and Girls ~

Men outnumber women almost three to one among those planning careers in computer or information sciences, according to a United Nations Statistics division report.

Women in science and engineering remain a distinct minority, representing approximately 10 percent of professionals in these fields.

Women hold just 10.4 percent of the board seats of global 200 companies, as ranked by Fortune Magazine, according to Corporate Women Directors International.

Source: www.zonta.org