

## Wo-Tan-In

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 **Zonta Club  
 of Mankato**  
*Member of Zonta International*

## July 2013

## August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Afterbloom	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 
14	15	16	17	18 Business Meeting	19	20
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4	5	6	7	8 Business Meeting	9	10
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18	19	20	21	22 Fashion Show work night	23	24
25	26 	27 Kelly's Shower	28	29	30	31

July 1 - Afterbloom—5:15 WowZone  
 July 13 - Judy Arzdorf's Birthday!  
 July 18 - Business Meeting at Pathstone 6:45 am

August 8 - Business Meeting at Pathstone 6:45 am  
 August 22 - Fashion Show Work Night 5:15 (Place TBD)  
 August 26 - Patricia Palm's Birthday!  
 August 27 - Bridal Shower for Kelly 5:15 pm - Schultz Farm

## Our Favorite Memories of Loretta

*Loretta's smile, kind words, love of flowers, and enthusiasm for life will always be in my memories and heart! When I joined Zonta, Loretta was always helping me to understand the ways and the ins and outs of the club. She was patient and always alert when I needed some guidance. Loretta was the one who would guide and encourage without making you feel inferior! Loretta and I took a road trip together to Missouri for one of our Zonta meetings... that was a blast from the past! We liked all the same music, understood each other's lingo, split a Rueben so we wouldn't have too much gas in the car if we both ate a whole sandwich! We also discovered that her daughter Karla lived one block from my sister in Grimes Iowa! We discovered that when we had to stop at Karla's and drop off a package for Loretta's grandkids. We also did a potty stop at my sister's house! We shared our stories about the unrest on the MSU campus in the early 70s when I was a student on campus. Loretta and I both loved teaching and she was always equally excited when I started working adjunct at MSU while she was enjoying her retirement. Loretta and I never ran out of topics for conversations and always knew we could pick up where we left off the last time! She was a grand lady and I am blessed because she was my friend.*

*May she rest in peace*

- Shelley Schultz



*I will never forget Loretta's spunk and huge heart. She was always so happy and positive. Before Briley was born, Loretta made cushions for a rocking chair my mother gave me. The chair now sits in Evan's room and I will always remember Loretta when I look at the hand-made cushions she made. She created so many Zonta projects with her sewing machine (Dammit Dolls, Garden Signs, Scarves, etc).*

- Tricia Stenberg



### Public Relations Committee

**Brooke Olson ~Chair**

The PR committee will be meeting before the August business meeting. The updated postcards will be distributed at the July business meeting. The website task force will be meeting soon to explore other options for our website.



### Program Committee

**~Judy Arzdorf—Chair**

The Program Committee met on June 27, 2013 at Kelly Fleming's home.

This was the first meeting of the 2013-2014 committee comprised of Judy Arzdorf Chairman, Judi Leibbrand, Patricia Palm, Karen Tezloff, and Pat Will. All members were present. The primary business of the meeting was to set a time for the next meeting.

The committee met July 10, 2013 at Axel's Bonfire Grill at 11:30 AM. Members present were Chairman Judy Arzdorf, Judi Leibbrand, Patricia Palm, and Karen Tetzloff.

Chairman Arzdorf informed the group of committee responsibilities. Decisions were made for the following meetings:

**August 8—** Judy Arzdorf has set up location at Pathstone and the speaker will be CADA's Becky Zacharias focusing on trafficking in Minnesota and Mankato

**October 24—** Pat Will will set up location and speaker for United Nations month

December—Judy Arzdorf will set up choices to discuss for Holiday Activity

**January 23—**Patricia Palm will set up location and speaker for Amelia Earhart program

**February 27—**Karen Tetzloff will set up location and theme decorations for Finishing Touches in cooperation with Finance Committee

**March 27--**Judy Arzdorf will set up location and plan program: Rose Day/International Women's Day

**May 22 —**Judi Leibbrand will set up location and decorations for annual meeting

**June—**Karen Tetzloff will set up location and organize food

Assignments for the year include:

Committee Secretary: Karen Tetzloff

Newsletter Articles and Flyers to Marilyn:

Patricia Palm

Invitations/RSVPs: Judi Leibbrand

Budget was discussed and Judy Arzdorf will submit a budget request in the amount of \$485 to the finance committee.

The next meeting of the committee will be Thursday, August 1 at 11:30 at Axel's Bonfire Grill.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Palm



### Finance Committee

**Tricia Stenberg and Carol Lee ~ Co-Chairs**

The finance committee met in July and are moving forward with paperwork to secure the first Zonta Club of Mankato STEM Scholarship for Women through South Central Collage. This year we will be giving a scholarship of \$850.

We ask all committees to submit their budget proposals for the 2013-14 year no later than July 31. In August we will work on the new budget and also determine funds from the membership development account those members going to the District conference in September.



### Membership Committee

**Judy Ringler Mountain**

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We have 4 new potential people interested in joining Zonta right at this time. That is very exciting.

We will be honoring a special Zonta member each month for their wonderful volunteering. We are planning a bridal shower for Kelly Fleming in August. More to come on the date and place.

Our next meeting is July 22nd at Judy R Mountains office at 5:15-5:30.

Think 32!!! That is our goal for this year's membership!!



### Sara Sletten ~ Treasurer

Orange and Green Sheets have been updated! Please fill them out with great detail. Also, be sure to get a committee chair signature before you turn it in for payment.

Reminder to turn in your committee budgets by the end of the month (July).

If you would like to make a donation to Zonta International Foundation in memory of Loretta, Sara will be collecting money (checks written to Zonta or cash). She will then write one check and send it to ZIF.



**Fashion Show  
Glitz & Glam :  
Celebrate You Being your Best Self!  
Thursday September 26, 2013  
Verizon Wireless Center**

Fellow Zontians! The Fashion Show is quickly approaching and there is a LOT that needs to happen. We ask that you take the time to complete your assigned tasks as quickly as possible.

**August 22nd** is the normally scheduled program meeting, but it will be used to work on the fashion show, whether it be assembling decorations, meeting with your committees or whatever else needs to get done. Everyone should have it marked on their calendars, so we should have good attendance and have a productive evening. Don't forget to ask for silent auction items, bottles of wine, and monetary sponsorships! Our goal is to surpass the amazing success of last year of giving \$10,000 to Open Door. If we all work together we can certainly make this happen! If you have not yet heard from your committee chair please do not hesitate to contact either one of us. This event is going to be a blast so be sure to invite your friends and family.



**Service/ Status of Women / Z-Earth**

**~ Kelli Damlo—Chair**

The Service Committee is working on great things for this year! The committee has decided to make three projects our focus for this program year. One is the Clothes Closet which takes place every other month. August will be held solely by another group so no Zontians are needed. Our next Clothes Closet will be Tuesday, October 8th, a sign-up will be passed around at the September business meeting but be sure to put it on your calendars now! A second focus is Zonta Says No, which you may have seen highlighted in the latest issue of the Zonta International Newsletter. Please reserve Sunday, November 24th for a possible Walk/Run highlighting the Zonta Says No campaign! We will send out further information soon!

**Big News!**

**Judi Liebbrand is a Nana!**

Caden Matthew was born on 7-8-2013, he was 5 weeks early, but both he and my daughter are doing amazing. He weighed 6 pounds and was 19 1/4 inches long.

I am one proud Nana :)

**July 5, 2013**

**Loretta Mae Wolthuis**



— Loretta Mae Wolthuis, age 73, of Mankato, died Wednesday, July 3, 2013, surrounded by her family and friends at Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Mankato.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, July 8, 2013, at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Mankato with Pastor John Petersen officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Hills Memorial Park in Mankato. Visitation will be held from 3 - 5 p.m., Sunday at Northview - North Mankato Mortuary 2060 Commerce Drive, North Mankato and continue one hour before the service at the church on Monday. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to Christ the King Lutheran Church or the donor's choice.

Loretta was born May 26, 1941 to Lester and Erma (Thorborg) Clausen in Holstein, IA. After high school Loretta graduated from University of Northern Iowa in 1963 with her Bachelor of Arts degree in Home Economics. She started her teaching career in the Humboldt Community Schools in IA, Blue Earth Schools, and North Mankato Junior High. She received her Masters Degree from Mankato State University in Home Economics. She was a Professor Mankato State for 26 years in the Home Economics Department and was also its Department Chair for many years. Loretta was united in marriage to Marven Wolthuis on August 5, 1967 in Holstein, IA.

Loretta was involved in many community service organizations including Zonta, PEO, HEIH, and Delta Kappa Gamma. She was an active member of Christ the King Lutheran Church. Loretta was honored to receive the YWCA "Women of Distinction" in 2000.

Loretta loved to garden, travel, sewing, needlepoint, collecting snowmen, and spending time with family especially her grandchildren and friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Karla (Roger) Fiori of Grimes, IA; grandchildren, Merideth and Austin; mother, Erma Clausen of Holstein, IA; sister Rhonda Clausen; brother, James Clausen, nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by her husband, of 25 years, Marven; her father, Lester and other inlaws.

While I was on the PR committee we had the wild idea to create scarves that Zontians could wear to help promote Zonta in the community. For those who know me, know that I'm not crafty. So, I solicited the help of Loretta. :) She stopped by work to pick up the fabric the committee had chosen and just looked at me and said, "Interesting choice. This will be difficult to sew but I'll come up with something." Her and Judy Arzdorf worked their sewing machine magic. Meanwhile I learned that some materials are itchy, don't sew as well and that Loretta was a wonderful woman for not saying... really, are you that dumb. :)

When I went to visit Loretta in the hospital, I had the opportunity to meet her daughter and brother. We sat and shared stories and every once in a while Loretta would chime in with a smile, a word or two, a sparkle in her eye or a grasp of my hand. Somehow we got on the topic of my dissertation, and Loretta had a small chuckle and then said, "Just get it done" and a few minutes later said something to the effect of... "A huge weight will be lifted." I am so grateful and honored to have been Loretta's Zister and to have had her kind heart, rooted compassion and spirited being in my life. I miss her already and will follow her lead to "Just get it done."

-Kate Logging



Loretta memories:

Her love of ice tea

Her coupon clipping of diapers/wipes with sweet notes

Her talent with money/treasurer things

Her skills with raffle tickets for Fashion Show

Her sense of style

Her love of flowers

Her ability to mentor without even knowing it

Her love of children

Her talent of sewing

A dedicated Zonta member

A true friend

- Sara Sletten

I thought that quote that the minister used was priceless. It's more important to act like a woman of distinction than to be one. She was referencing the honor of being recognized as one of the 'Women of Distinction. I don't have a distinct story. She was just always so capable at everything!

-Carol Lee

My favorite memory is Loretta's smile and her willingness to do just about anything-especially if it involved sewing or gardening. I will always cherish the two scarfs she made for us-especially the yellow fleece ones we wore at the festival of lights. It will warm my neck and heart every time I wear it. But also, I chuckle every time I think about the many meetings and events we were both at when we both came dressed in the same color or color schemes without even consulting each other. I still miss her so very much and find myself talking to her when I go by the cemetery, or her house. I only hope I can fill her shoes when it comes to the raffle tickets.

-Sue Frost

While I have many good memories of Loretta, the one that always brings a smile to my face is the time that Loretta tried to organize the club for sewing "costumes." I was chair for the fashion show "A Renaissance Night" and Zonta was still collaborating with Brett's. As a club we decided not only to construct a "castle," but also to sew our own renaissance outfits. Loretta and another Zontian found the patterns, purchased the material and then set up times at MSU when we could work as a group to sew the outfits en masse on MSU's sewing machines. It was like herding cats! Most Zontians didn't sew, so they were responsible for cutting, pinning, and other non-sewing activities. Loretta, at times, was beside herself as she tried to instruct Zontians on how to pin the pattern pieces on the material and how to pin the material pieces together, all the while trying to sew. We did finally get all of the dresses made and took many a picture in front of the castle. Job accomplished.

- Judy Arzdorf