



# Zonta Club of Marietta

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## March 2008 Newsletter

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[www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)  
**Zonta International Website**

[www.zontamarietta.org](http://www.zontamarietta.org)  
**Marietta Zonta Club Website**

## Feature Story...

### Zontians do you know?.....

#### Who was the first Zontian?

A: Marion de Forest- In the early 1900's she had a prominent role in the BuffaloExpress Newspaper, she was a playwright and journalist. She conceived the idea of a strong network of women in professional positions who would work to take their rightful place in professions next to men. Five women chartered the first Zonta Club in Buffalo, NY. Soon after -Nine clubs formed with 600 members! These members were among the first generation of college educated women, the first generation of North America women to vote and the first generation to enter the workforce!

#### What does Zonta mean?

A: Zonta is derived from the Native American Sioux, which means: Honest and Trustworthy.  
Our emblem is derived of several symbols meaning:  
-Inspiration  
-To band together  
-To carry together  
-Shelter  
-Honesty&Trust

#### How long has our chapter been in Marietta?

A: 49 years! Since it's inception in 1959! Eileen Hayes is one of our members and a charter member!

#### Who is a famous past Zontian?

A: Amelia Earhart- she was a member in 1928 in a Boston club and later transferring to a NY club- In honor of her disappearance a Zonta Club in California made a recommendation to create a scholarship in her name to award to women pursuing graduate education in the aerospace field

#### What are some achievements Zonta International has participated in, in the past?

A: In 1923- Contributed financially to the care of 115,000 orphan children in Turkey  
In 1959 had contributed \$42,000 to the UN World Refugee year in support of the Anne Frank Village to families in the federal Republic of Germany  
Through UNICEF:  
-Place Mobile Medical Units  
-Provide African Training and research center for women  
-Provide safe well water in Sri Lanka  
-Begin a Textile Production Project  
-Girls Education project in S. Africa  
-Prevent Female Genital Circumcision  
Through UNIFEM:  
-Marketing Network fo womens handicrafts in Thailand



**Listen up....**

- Training support for women in Food processing plants
- Agricultural Training
- Reinventing India with women's rights
- Afghanistan- Improving women's rights

All of these programs have occurred between the 1960's and now with monetary contributions ranging from \$42,000- \$500,000 per project

This is only a few choice programs- you will be surprised at the lives Zonta has touched worldwide when you review the website at [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) under "International Service History"

**What is the Woman of the Year award and how long have we been awarding this?**

A: It is an award given to a local area woman who, by nomination from peers, friends, family, is recognized for her great achievements and years of volunteerism in the community. These nominees are submitted by peers, family and friends and in letters sealed and delivered to a committee in Zonta that has the difficult task of selecting just one woman. We acknowledge this woman at the annual Marietta Chamber of Commerce dinner. Some past recipients are: Garnet Stephens, Peg Stacy, Helen Chang, Robin Bozian, JoAnn Ingram, Meg Klein, Ethel Mae Nolan, Evy Pitasky, Betty Boersma, Marion Metz, Connie Grimes, Arlene Balfour, Phyllis Wells, Jean Tasse, Dorothy Peppel

**Where does the money go to that we raise from our fund-raises- Locally?**

- A:
- To our Scholarships at Washington State Community College
  - To provide mammograms at Selby Hospital to women in need
  - Emergency Child Dental Clinic
  - Installing a handicap ramp at the Betsy Mills Club
  - Funds to maintain the Eve Shelter
  - Relay for Life
  - Adult Basic Literacy Education, a partner in education
  - Art Therapy Classes for Children to learn how to diffuse their anger
  - Secret Santa Program through Washington/Morgan County Community Action

**Internationally?**

- A:
- ZISVAW- - combats gender based violence with UN agencies worldwide
  - Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards- scholarships to women pursuing aerospace related sciences and engineering
  - Young Women in Public Affairs Program- Scholarships to women pursuing careers in government, public policy and community organizations
  - Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Program- Scholarships to women pursuing undergraduate degrees in business management

**What other service projects does Zonta participate in locally to help support other organizations?**

- A:
- Eve Auction
  - Chocolate on the Levee
  - Scrabble Tournament
  - Secret Santa
  - Business Symposium
  - Broughton's Ice Cream Social
  - Relay for Life
  - Fiber Arts Festival ( assist with the Children's Toy and Doll Museum)
  - Hospice Fashion Show

**Here's the Scoop...**



**Spread the News  
and Mark your  
Calendars!**



**Here's what our members are doing...**

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## **Committee News:**

### **Unique Boutique**

The dates for the Spring Unique Boutique sale are set for Friday, April 4 (4pm- 8pm) and Saturday, April 5 (9 am- 2pm). The sale will be held at 200 Alderman St. (Old Maytag Building) Volunteers are needed to set up and sort during the week of March 31 from 6-8 each evening and volunteers are especially needed for the days of the sale. All Zonta members were e-mailed a flyer about the Spring Unique Boutique, please distribute and post.

Remember that the Spring Unique Boutique, along with the Fall Unique Boutique, is the biggest fundraiser for the Marietta Zonta Club. Please contact Kim Salyers, Spring Unique Boutique Chair, [ksalyers@wscc.edu](mailto:ksalyers@wscc.edu), 740-374-8716 ext 1692

### **Service Committee**

This year, the Service Committee started encouraging everyone who volunteers for a Club approved project to complete a Project Evaluation Form to let us know how valuable your experience was to you as a volunteer. We use the information you share to evaluate the extent of the Club's participation in both current and future projects. So far, your comments have strongly indicated we are on the right track and your suggestions have been very valuable in planning new and upcoming activities.

The Service Committee recently revised the survey to allow ample room for written comments, which we found more helpful than a simple number grade. A copy of the new form is attached to the bottom of the newsletter. If you volunteered for Chocolate on the Levee, please complete the form, share your opinions, and return the form to a Service Committee member. Or, email your form to Gail Reynolds at [greynolds@wscc.edu](mailto:greynolds@wscc.edu).

### **Membership Committee- Zonta Zing!!**

Just a recap from the Zonta Zing from last Thursday!

It went very well- Thanks to all of you for sending the prospects and attending the second annual ZING! Our potential members that were in attendance were:

Crysta Bourden- from Mamaology  
Michelle Brooker- Rea & Assoc.  
Julie Witten  
Michelle Dempsey- Digital Document Solutions  
Carolyn Dempsey- Quizno's subs  
Amy Elliot- Hypnobabies  
Anne Reed- Mamaology  
April Reiter- McCarthy Real Estate and Appraisals

We have many others who could not attend due to other functions. The plan is to get them to come to a couple of meetings to meet all of us and to see how we operate and what we offer them!

Thanks to Teri Ann, Kim Salyers and Chris Lisk for supplying us with great goodies for the gift bags for the attendees!

We had a fun night of gathering, "speed" networking and wonderful appetizers!

Thanks again to all of you, we will keep you posted on upcoming guests at our meetings and get ready to show your Zonta hospitality to show our prospective members what a great group we are!

### **Request for Pictures**

I need any digital photos of Zonta for our website- please email to Pam Holschuh at [designsbybam@hotmail.com](mailto:designsbybam@hotmail.com)

### **Zonta Website Up and Running**

Attention all members: Our website is up and running and available for all to use. Please make sure to include it in ALL PR for our group, it has the Zonta Zing posted on it and any new potential members should hit the site for more information. Please use this valuable site! [www.zontamarietta.org](http://www.zontamarietta.org)

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## ***From the President:***

[Traci Stotts](#)

I do believe that Spring is just around the corner...As I look out my window the remnants (of what I hope was our last "Winter Storm") are almost melted away. With this in mind, we need to get our club ready for all of the exciting activities that the new Season will bring.

We held our second annual Zonta ZING on February 28<sup>th</sup>. We had eight (8) potential new members attending. This was a wonderful turnout and thanks to our membership committee (and all members) it was a great success. It would be wonderful to start the new season with some fresh faces around! Let's keep potential members in mind so we can reach that membership goal!

We just presented our 35<sup>th</sup> annual Woman of the Year Award to Virginia "Ginger" Hobba O'Connor at the Marietta Chamber Dinner on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Scrabble Tournament is next week on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up if you have not already!

Our annual "Spring Unique Boutique" is only three weeks away...Zontians be sure to get that closet cleaned out in time!

Lastly but certainly not least, our District Area Conference will be hosted by the Parkersburg Club, mark your calendars for May 17<sup>th</sup>. We really hope to have a great turnout from our club for this event - we have an opportunity for fellowship, fun and learning and all we have to do is make our way to Parkersburg!

Traci

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## ***Member News:***

## **Upcoming Events and Announcements:**

### **Dues:**

A reminder that club dues will be due on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The district portion of the dues has been increased this year by \$10. This year's total dues are \$106.

You will have the option to pay \$96 by April 1<sup>st</sup> and the remaining \$10 increase by June 1<sup>st</sup>

Or

You can pay the full amount of \$106 due by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Kim will be sending out the invoices soon.

**You can send dues to Zonta's PO Box (240) or bring them to Thursday's meeting.**

**Zonta Area Meeting- May 17, 2008**

Area Meeting this year will be on May 17, 2008 the host Zonta Club is Parkersburg. The meeting will be held at the Parkersburg Country Club. Cost is \$25.00. Time 8:00AM - 3:00PM. The theme this year is It's a Jungle Out There!!!! The topics are Advocacy, What is it and how do we do it? Fundraising and Membership and Combating Human Trafficking. There will be a guest luncheon speaker. So make your calendars for a fun and exciting day with fellow Zontians. Invitations will be out by the end of March.

#### **Scrabble Challenge for Literacy**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Scrabble Challenge for Literacy is Wednesday, March 19 2008 at the Marietta High School Cafeteria. Events include Scrabble tournament, silent auction, 50/50 drawing, country store, food and snacks. Individuals and teams of 4 are welcome. Register now, space is limited- \$60 per team or \$15 per person. All proceeds help the Family Learning Center which provides basic skills instruction in reading, writing, math, GED Preparation and English as a Second Language.

#### **Change for Change:**

Remember to bring your loose change to the Board and Business meetings to put in Carla's jar for the "change for change" campaign.

#### **Congratulations Tanya!!**

Tanya has a beautiful new baby, Dylan. She said they are all doing well, just sleep deprived. After 22 hours in labor, Dylan arrived at 8lbs 7oz



#### **Zonta Meetings:**

The next **Board Meeting** will be April 10, 2008 – Lafayette Hotel 5:30pm\*\*

*\*\*\*(Board members don't forget to e-mail your dinner request to Carrie, cmcnamee@wmcap.org)\*\*\**

The next **Business Meeting** will be held April 10 , 2008 – Lafayette Hotel 7:00pm

**Zonta Club of Marietta and Environs  
Service Committee Project Survey Sheet  
What we do really does matter!!**

Title of Project: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours Volunteered: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(optional) \_\_\_\_\_

The Service Committee hopes your volunteer experience was enjoyable and rewarding. To help us evaluate how well this project supports our mission and provides satisfaction for our members, please take a moment to answer the following questions and return your responses to a Service Committee member.

On a scale of one (1) to five (5), please rate your experience with the project noted above:  
1 = strongly disagree; 2 = disagree; 3 = neutral; 4 = agree; and 5 = strongly agree.

**For scores of 3 or less, please provide an explanation.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ This project supported the needs of women and children.
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ The project committee was organized and prepared.
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The project/my volunteer shift began on time.
  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ My volunteer efforts were appreciated.
  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ My volunteer time was used wisely and well.
  
6. \_\_\_\_\_ There were enough community volunteers to adequately complete the project in the time allotted.
  
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Zonta should continue to support this project next year.
  
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Zonta should continue to support this project and provide additional volunteer services to the organizing committee throughout the year.

Please use the back of this sheet to add any comments you feel pertinent and/or which will assist the Service Committee in future planning.