



Zonta Club of Marietta

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Feature Story...

Meet the 2008 Zonta Scholarship Winners

This year, our Club awarded seven \$500 scholarships for summer session at Washington State Community College. Each of the winners has her own story, but common to all is their real need for educational financial aid and the reality that there is no federal or state aid for students enrolled in summer courses. Add to that the requirement by many curricula, especially those in the health sciences area, to attend cohort classes during the summer quarter, and students are faced with the reality that, if they don't have the money to register, they may have to wait a year before the course is offered again.

There were 14 applicants this year and the Scholarship Committee spent hours pouring over and discussing each application before making the difficult final decisions. The winners are:

Melissa Batson, a Physical Therapist Assistant major seeking an Associate of Applied Science degree, lives in Vienna, West Virginia. In addition to being a full-time student, she works part time at Marietta Memorial Hospital's gift shop to help pay for diabetic medications and college loans exceeding \$15,000. A 2006 graduate of Parkersburg High School, Melissa has a 4.0 GPA and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Joyce Betts is enrolled in the Health and Wellness program (Associate of Applied Science degree) and hopes to have her Associate Degree Nursing degree by summer 2010. Having worked in the secretarial field for 30 years, the mother of two had a heart attack in 2005. It was then she decided to make a change in her life and become a Registered Nurse. This scholarship means a great deal to her because she is not eligible for a PELL grant and has \$15,000 in college loans. Joyce has a 3.96 GPA.

Sara Gainer is a first year student in the highly competitive and rigorous Radiologic Technology program (Associate of Applied Science degree) and she volunteers at St. Joseph's Hospital. Although she has earned other scholarships in the past, her family has two children in college at the same time and she has borrowed over \$7,000 to stay in the program. Sara has a 3.50 GPA and plans to find a job in the area when she graduates in Fall 2009.

Erica Oxley has a 3.56 GPA in the Physical Therapist Assistant program. She is a non-traditional student with two daughters who require day care so she can attend class. She very much wants not only to get a college degree but also prove to her girls that "anything is possible with hard work and determination." Erica plans to graduate in June 2009 with an Associate of Applied Science degree.

Christina Parsons graduated from high school in 1996. A car accident later that year resulted in a brain injury that seriously affected her memory. As a result, she has had to work slower and harder to assimilate the knowledge she needs to complete her Licensed Practical Nurse program. Currently, Christina has a 3.08 GPA, is determined to finish her education, and plans to go on to earn her Registered Nurse degree (Associate Degree Nursing).



Listen up....

Meredith Payne is a non-traditional student in the Early Childhood Education Transfer program (Associate of Applied Science) and carries a 3.15 GPA while working several jobs to pay tuition and educational expenses. After Washington State, she plans to go to a four-year school to earn a baccalaureate degree so she can teach young children.

Kari Smith is a non-traditional student, has a 4.00 GPA, is the mother of a small child, and is in the Medical Transcriptionist program (Associate of Applied Business-Executive Administrative Assistant Major). She is not eligible for federal or state tuition assistance and will be taking classes this summer so she can graduate in Spring 2009.

In addition to being a community service, the Unique Boutique is our sole source of funding for Zonta Club of Marietta and Environs Scholarships. Every time we greet a customer, hang up a garment, collect clothing, fill a bag during the sale, or distribute flyers, we are contributing to the success, quality of life, and future of our scholarship winners.

Our scholarships truly do make a difference in the lives of other women.

Committee News:

Archives

Martha Crock, Archives Chair, has asked that the following information be put in the newsletter. Remember Archives is important because it helps us track our history as a club. Please remember to "clean out" files if needed before passing along to the next person. All information is to be stored in archives, located above Teri Ann's. If you have boxes of "Zonta stuff" at your house please contact Martha as it needs to be sorted, stored or tossed.

Dues Information

Payment Plan

Zonta members will have the option to make quarterly dues payments. Please note it is your responsibility to remember to make payments, you will not receive a reminder. Full dues payment must be received by April 1, no matter if you use the payment plan or not.

The first dues quarterly payment could have been paid June 30, 2008

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.

Request for Pictures

I need any digital photos of Zonta for our website- please email to Pam Holschuh at designsbypam@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

Here's the Scoop...



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



Here's what our members are doing...

From the President:

Traci Stotts

As we continue our duty this year volunteering our time for our service projects, lets make sure that our valuable time is put to good use. Zonta International has recently identified three areas that our time should go toward- Service, Fundraising and Advocacy. Our group will need to evaluate our current "Service" projects to determine which of these three categories each of our projects fall under. We will then need to report our time to International based on these categories. I would also recommend that we all search deep, to determine if there are other projects or volunteering opportunities that we hold near-and-dear to our hearts. As a club we should always be in a process of re-evaluating our focus to help make the greatest impact for Zonta's goals. We need to make sure that the time we invest into our Zonta projects, not only help our community, but also help be of a great interest to us personally.

Member News:

Upcoming Events and Announcements:

Amelia Earhart's Plane Disappears

On July 2, 1937 Amelia Earhart's plane disappeared from sight on her around the world trip, never to be heard from again. Amelia was a Zontian.

Merchants and Artists Walk in downtown Marietta

You are cordially invited to attend the Merchants and Artists walks in downtown Marietta. Come out and enjoy the downtown area and support area merchants! The fun begins at 6 pm and lasts until 9 pm.

Dates for the walks are:

July 11

August 8

Broughton's Ice Cream Social

It was announced in May that this year the proceeds from the Broughton's Ice Cream Social will benefit Harvest of Hope, a non-profit organization that helps distribute food to food pantries. The money will be used to buy a refrigeration truck. The Social will be held Sunday July 20 from 2:00- 6:00 pm at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$3.00 in advance and \$3.50 at the door. The annual event offers all the ice cream and all the fruit punch and tea you can drink. Local businesses will have tickets to sell. If you would like to volunteer to work at the Social, contact Gail Reynolds, greynolds@wscc.edu or call 740-568-1940 Tickets will be available at the July 10 Business meeting

Change for Change:

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

Zonta Meetings:

The next **Board Meeting** will be August 14 , 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 August 14 , 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.