



Zonta Club of Marietta

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From the President:

Traci Stotts

Thanks to all the members who attended the Zonta "Jam Session" on Saturday January 24th. Many members attended, and lots of delicious food was brought (and consumed) during the session. I would like to thank the current Board Members for providing food and drinks and organizing the event. Sarah Eells facilitated the morning and provided our group many 'tools' to help us (as a group) be able to make important decisions and set goals. I believe that everyone who attended would agree that it was time well spent. I personally look forward to picking the session back up at a later date to discuss even more ways to improve our group and better serve our community!

As a group, it has been decided that we would like to do more social events. Getting to know our members better is a great way to feel more "connected" with the group...and hopefully make things a bit more interesting! A new member lunch will be planned soon for new member Julie Witten who was inducted at the January meeting and I will set up a movie night or a weekday lunch soon so we can get to know one another better (outside of the business meetings)...stay warm!

See you at the February meeting,
Traci

Fundraiser Information...

Thank you from the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee would like to thank those members who participated in the candy and snack fundraiser. So far our profit is \$340.00. I do have a few bags left if anyone would like to purchase, just let me know. 2/3 of our membership helped in making this fundraiser successful. Please let me know what you thought about the fundraiser. If you have any other suggestions, please let our committee know so that we can improve on the next fundraiser. If you did not participate, we would love to have your input on future fundraisers and what would appeal to you.

Chris Lisk
Finance Chair

Divas and Deals

Profit made after expenses: \$850

Secret Santa: \$200
Eve, Inc.: \$300

Left over: \$50- additional donation after the event

The event was a success and we will be looking forward to revising our fee structure, time of the event, and vendor lists for the next event! Everyone enjoyed participating and shopping for fund raising hours!

*****Don't forget to use igive.com to raise money for our club**



Listen up....

Here's the Scoop...



Spread the News
and Mark your
Calendars!

Committee News:

ZONTA SEEKS WOMAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

The Zonta Club of Marietta and Environs cordially invites you to submit a nomination for the 36th Woman of the Year Award. This prestigious award recognizes an outstanding woman in Washington County whose exceptional, dedicated volunteer service to the community over many years has enhanced the lives of others. Previous winners include: Connie Grimes (2003), Arlene Balfour (2004), Phyllis Wells (2005), Jean Tasse (2006), Dorothy K. Peppel (2007), and Virginia "Ginger" Hobba O'Connor (2008).

Written nominations must be received by February 27th, 2009. Zonta Club is interested in the quality of letters submitted rather than the quantity.

To nominate a Woman of the Year, please submit the following information:

- The complete name, address, and phone number of the nominee.
- Some general biographical data
- A specific list of her volunteer services, accomplishments, awards, and contributions to the community
- The name, address, and phone number of the person making the nomination

Please mail all information in a sealed envelope to:

**Woman of the Year
Zonta Club of Marietta
P.O. Box 634
Marietta, Ohio 45750**

For more information about the Woman of the Year please contact Christina Hartline.

Service Committee

Service Hours Options Expanded-The membership approved Service Hour Options at the January 8th meeting that go into effect immediately. These changes are geared to providing more opportunities to work within our members' personal commitments, volunteer interests, and time constraints. The ultimate goal of the change is to increase service hours and increase personal satisfaction as contributing member of the community.

Three types of volunteer opportunities have been created to meet our objectives.

Regularly Scheduled: These are service projects which the Club determines each year as full-Club commitments to local agencies and community needs. Service hours will be logged as in the past. Sign-in sheets will be available at each event so members can register their volunteer time without having to try to remember when and if they logged them.

On-going Volunteering: These activities are those to which members commit volunteer time on a regular basis throughout the year in addition to their volunteering for regularly scheduled service projects. For instance, if a member wants to volunteer regularly at Eve to help with office work, daycare, or special projects, they may log those times as service hours because Eve is one of our Service commitments and supports our mission.

Spot Option Volunteering: These activities are those that are not regularly scheduled service projects, but may be of interest to some members, such as the NCAA track meet to be held at Marietta College in May. This type of volunteer opportunity is not within the scope of our mission, but members may volunteer personally to make our presence known. This type of activity does not count as a service project that meets the goals of our mission. Members may make their own choices as to extent of involvement.

Anticipated outcomes of these changes:

1. Offer a quality variety of service options to keep members engaged and staying in the Club.
2. Increased publicity of our activities and community service.
3. Information to evaluate where we are putting our volunteer time and how we are



Here's what our members are doing...

- known in the community.
4. Deletion of out-dated or inactive service opportunities.
5. More accurate records of volunteer hours.
6. Creation of "elevator speech" cards for all Club members so they can speak confidently about the Club when meeting others.
7. More contact with those in community organizations and agencies who coordinate volunteers.
8. Improved volunteer satisfaction surveys.

Service Projects for 2009-2010:

Proposed projects for 2009-2010 include:

1. Chocolate on the Levee.
2. Woman of the Year.
3. Scrabble Tournament.
4. Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship.
5. Unique Boutique.
6. Hospice Fashion Show.
7. WSCC Scholarships.
8. Jane Klausman Scholarship.
9. Broughton's Ice Cream Social.
10. Eve Auction.
11. Secret Santa.

Proposed On-Going volunteer opportunities (not inclusive):

1. Learning Center.
2. Eve, Inc.
3. Secret Santa.
4. Relay for Life.

The following previously offered Service Projects will be deleted for 2009-2010:

1. Fiber Arts Festival.
2. Toy & Doll Museum.
3. Mammograms at Selby Hospital.
4. Memory Walk.

Current projects included in the **Spot Option Category** (not inclusive):

1. YES Day.
2. Backpack Project.

Nominating Committee

A nominating committee has been formed to put together a slate of officers and board members for 2009. Needed are vice president, treasurer, secretary and three new board members. If you are interested in filling any of the position please contact Pam H. designsbybam@hotmail.com

Archives Committee

The Archives committee will be working this winter on sorting and laminating materials that are located in the file cabinets upstairs at Teri Ann's on Friday afternoons, after 2:00. Anybody interested in going back in time is welcome to help. However, if you plan to go, please call me so if there is a change in plans, I can let you know.

The job consists of taking one of the notebooks from the drawers, sort the information that is in it into "keep" as listed on the directions from Zonta, located in the top drawer, and throw away duplicates. Then laminate the "Keeps" and place in the binder. The laminator is in the closet across from the file cabinet, and is very easy to operate. Bring scissors, just in case you might need them to trim a little.

Martha Crock- Chair, Archives Committee

DON'T FORGET- You can pay your dues in installments

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.

Service Committee

A reminder that the evaluation form has been attached to the newsletter. The evaluation form should be completed by members who participate in a service project. The feedback given helps the committee determine priorities for service projects.

Member News:

Upcoming Events and Announcements....

Zonta Jam Session

The first annual "Jam Session" was held at the McDonough Center at Marietta College on Saturday, January 24 for a short 9AM to 12Noon. There were 15 members present for the event and all were rearing to go with ideas and ways to modify our existing projects and how we operate all together. We had a facilitator, Sarah Eells, who generously donated her time to help us evaluate the mission of Zonta and how we are best assisting our community around us. It was well organized and every single zontian had wonderful comments and ideas to pull together to make our club work for our community and for our members. We had so much fun and brainstorming going on and we ran out of time to complete our entire list.

The membership decided to continue a portion of these discussions at the Lafayette Hotel one hour prior to the business meeting in February. We will see what we can accomplish then and decide if we want to do the same thing for March as well. We are focussing on our membership first then streamlining to our goals and service and how to toot our horns in the community.

Sarah did not charge us for her time and we are taking up a collection for a \$50 gift certificate for her to thank her for her time and efforts.

Please e-mail Pam Holschuh at designsbypam@hotmail.com to send a \$5 donation toward the certificate.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the session before the meeting. We will be able to order a quick meal before the meeting and eat while we talk from 6-7:00.

Remember "the best idea is many ideas".

You GO GIRL!!!!

Serene Mitchem has been promoted with Westfield Insurance. Her new title is Area Manager of West Virginia. She will be overseeing the claims operations for the entire state of West Virginia. Serena has been with Westfield Insurance for 19 years.

Professional Women's Round Table

Beginning January 28th at noon, the Marietta Chamber of Commerce invites you to energize your day with the Professional Women's Roundtable, a time for business women to meet and discuss issues that concern them most. This is an opportunity to share ideas with a myriad of professional women from different backgrounds who can offer invaluable insights- a chance to learn successful (or not) tips that are unique to women in an open, relaxed, non-competitive forum. Subsequent meetings will be held at noon on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Go Red For Women month is February.

Friday, February 6 is Go Red for Women Day. It's all about heart health awareness-good for all of us to know.

Good News!!!

Bridget's surgery went well. She is back home and recovering. Expected to start chemo in a week.

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.

If you have a special announcement such as a special occasion, promotion, a new family addition or anything else you want to celebrate please let us know- We want to celebrate with you!!!

Zonta Meetings:

The next **Board Meeting** will be February 12- Lafayette Hotel 6:00 pm

The next **Business Meeting** will be held February 12 – Lafayette Hotel 7:00pm

Meet a ZONTA Member....

MEET Julie Witten:

by Rose Marie Thomas



Julie, the newest member of Zonta Club of Marietta and Environs, was inducted at the January meeting and was welcomed with the official yellow rose of Zonta.

When called for a phone interview for this article, Julie herself was preparing an article about Witten Farms for the Washington County Natural History Society's publication, "Natural View". (The Spring issue will appear as an insert in the Marietta Times.)

Julie, a native of Beverly, grew up on the Witten farm. In 1958, her grandfather started farming along the Ohio River near Fly. As the business grew, he bought land along Rt. 60, and added livestock and a farm market.

When Julie headed to OSU, she couldn't decide whether to major in education or agriculture. She says, "my grandfather and father would not give up the jobs of driving the tractor and planting the corn, so I first tried teaching. I decided I preferred the family business." She found her niche. She says, "I decided to try selling flowers, along with produce, at our Marietta market location." It proved successful. Starting from scratch, she developed that aspect of the business. Now Witten Farms considers its floral hanging baskets, along with its 7 varieties of sweet corn, as its specialty items.

Her winter break ends early in February as she heads back to the Rt.60 greenhouse to start her 2009 plantings. In addition, she is responsible for the retail management of the Witten Farm Markets which includes some 14 locations in Washington and surrounding counties.

For her spare time, she's made a to-do list of activities she'd like to try. Among the challenges she's already met are sky-diving and a triathlon (hers was a .5mile swim, a 25-mile bike ride and a four-mile run, in Ashtabula, OH).

She loves to travel and had numerous opportunities when she was accepted for the Ohio LEAD Program run by OSU Extension. The 18 members in her class still get together annually and have become life-long friends.

The two-year bi-monthly LEAD training sessions are intended to develop leaders in rural communities by educating the participants on local, state, national and international issues that affect them. They traveled to D.C. to meet with legislators and lobbyists. They met with counterparts in Eastern Germany and Czechoslovakia. In Hawaii, the focus was on tropical plants, of particular help to her as she developed

her floral marketing.

As a young woman in business, Julie cares about the status of women in our country and women in other cultures as well. In Zonta she anticipates making and maintaining friendships with other women with similar interests. She already has a friendship of long standing with Zonta club president Traci Stotts, who invited her to join. They first met in kindergarten and years later were roommates at Ohio State. Recently they shared a vacation in Cancun.

A big Zonta welcome to our newest member, Julie Witten.

**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.

