



Zonta Club of Marietta

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From the President:

Traci Stotts

Well...as my time dwindles down to the final days as your Club President I would like to take a minute to let you know some of my thoughts from the past two years. First, I would like to thank you all for the wonderful opportunity that I have experienced as being the club president. It is a great honor to be a vital part of such a worthwhile organization. Although I was a bit hesitant to take on such a large role within the club, I must admit that I actually felt like I was beginning to get the "hang-of-it" last month! I fumbled my way through the last two years and I have you all to thank for your patients, understanding and most of all - your HELP. There are several members whom I called or email on a regular basis for guidance and assistance. Overall it was a very worthwhile experience and adventure.

As you all know, we are part of an amazing and talented group of Ladies (and Man). When we put our time and minds together- things get done! I really think that we have made a lot of progress in the past two years. We have narrowed our focus to include service projects that make an impact in our community, we have become more efficient in keeping track of service, fundraising and advocacy hours, we have gained some great new members and retained many of our current members. We also began to look at what our members feel is important to them. The best way to keep members is to make everyone feel like they are needed and to have service projects that really make a difference!

I want to continue on with the efforts that were put forth for better defining our clubs goals, and plan for fellowship opportunities beyond the board and business meetings. The better we get to know one another- the stronger we will be as a group.

One word of advice to all members- Please make an effort to attend area and district meetings. These meetings are a great way to get a better understanding of Zonta beyond our own club. There is so much for us to learn from other clubs and so many experiences and ideas to share. Those who have had the chance to attend these functions will tell you that it is well worth the time.

Many thanks to all the members who served on the board this year and for all the members who have agreed to serve this coming year. We have had a great year with lots of service, advocacy and fundraising to do our part to help Advance the Status of Women Worldwide. I look forward to the upcoming year and best wishes to the new officers and board!

I am honored to call you all friends.
Traci

Fundraiser Information...

Spring Unique Boutique

This year the Spring Unique Boutique raised an estimated \$1600 before expenses. While it was not one of the biggest sales it was very organized. There was great participation on the part of the club members and the community. There were a large number of volunteers from Washington State Community College and Marietta College.



Listen up....

Here's the Scoop...



Spread the News
and Mark your
Calendars!

Committee News:

The Zonta Club announces winner of 2009 Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Warren High School senior Margaret (Maggie) MacDonald is the 2009 recipient of the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) scholarship given annually by Zonta Club of Marietta and Environs. As winner of this \$500 award, she moves on to compete for the \$1,000 scholarship offered at the Zonta District level. The scholarship is offered internationally.

Applicants for the award must demonstrate outstanding civic leadership in student and community service activities, international diversity and cultural awareness, and an understanding of the concerns facing women and children locally and worldwide.

The most important problems facing women worldwide, MacDonald noted, are the long-standing cultural belief that women are inferior to men and the destructiveness of domestic violence. To conquer these problems, she says, the education system should include programs in violence prevention, the accomplishments of women must be highlighted, and those women with the ability and resources to be influential need to work hard to be positive role models.

Maggie has organized events for Relay for Life, was a member of the FFA Parliamentary Procedure team which advanced to state and finished in the top 10, participated in the OCLRE Mock Trial program all four years of high school, played a pivotal role in the formation of Young Democrats at Warren High School, was a participant in Ohio Youth Voices testifying before the Ohio House of Representatives, was selected as a Youth Ambassador to the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference and as a representative to the Rotary Leadership Seminar, works to support victims of domestic violence through volunteering at EVE, Inc., and works to raise funds for the local food pantry and the local humane society.

Maggie plans to attend either the University of Cincinnati or Ohio University to prepare for a career in Social Work. While in college, she plans to volunteer and to continue her involvement in politics encouraging her peers to be involved in the election process.

The YWPA program was established by Zonta International to encourage secondary school students to become aware of public policy in their communities, especially as it relates to the status of women. This program seeks to inspire young women to become involved in community service and to strengthen their desire to enter careers or to attain leadership positions in public affairs, public policy and volunteer community organizations.

Zonta Club of Marietta and Environs is an organization of women and men professionals who volunteer in the community to improve the legal, political, economic, and professional status of women; enhance the quality of life for women and children; and promote good will.

Welcome New Members!!!!

We have three new members to welcome to the club

Julie Witten wittenjulie@yahoo.com

Annelle Edwards nell427@aol.com

Judy Wray jwray0727@suddenlink.net

New Officers and Board Members

President	Gail Reynolds
Vice President	Pam Holschuh
Secretary	Chris Lisk
Treasurer	Shirley Morrison
Board	Serena Mitchem
Board	Donna Urschel
Board	Sharron Hoffee
Board	Judy Tidd - <u>Remains on Board until 2010</u>



Here's what our members are doing...

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....

Relay for Life- Good News From Desni

Good news, good news. We have a camper and a spot for the camper. I don't yet know the exact location, but we shouldn't be too hard to find. The camper has a generator, so there will be warmth for those who wimp out on the fire pit. I will also bring baby monitors since Anna and Bridget will be sacked out over night in there. We will have some outdoor covering also as we do every year and those who wish to rough it can still bring tents. I'll bring my Queen sized air mattress and pump that Santa got me this year for anyone who wants a little shut-eye.

From what I hear the picture frame sales are going well. I don't have a count, though. We'll have magnets to sell at the camp site the day of the Relay. But Cathy has already sold quite a few with the help of her sister.

Our team name is Bridget's Brigade. You will need that to sign up for our specific team. You can also go to that webpage to donate. Once again, please put in Bridget's Brigade as the team name so Bridget will get credit for it. Of course, you can always make a donation at Relay, but if you can do so earlier that is better because then we will be able to get recognition for our level accomplished at the opening ceremonies. Any recognition received benefits the fight specifically for childhood cancer, but we'll take whatever you are willing and able to do.

Relay for Life begins May 15th at 6:00 , but you can get there at any time. Bob's band plays at 6:00 (they are really great if you haven't heard them yet). It ends on Saturday at noon. Come early enough to find a parking spot. That can be a challenge at times, but I always seem to have "Walt luck" at Relay.

If you would like to make a donation please make the check out to American Cancer Society. Make a note that it is for the team- Bridget's Brigade ☺

Hospice Fashion Show

The Hospice Fashion Show will be held on May 7 at the Comfort Inn in Marietta. The theme this year is "Swing and Bling". The event is SOLD OUT. Please contact Pam H. for more information or if you would like to volunteer designsbyampam@hotmail.com

Installation Dinner

The Installation Dinner will be held May 28, 2009. Joyce Combs will attend the dinner to speak about the Legislative and Advocacy Committee and why it was created and the importance.

Anna Christine Crock- from the new Mom- Desni

Anna Christine Crock was born on April 29th at 9:52 am and is 9 lbs 12 oz and 19 in long. She has a beautiful full head of dark hair and is the spitting image of her daddy. We are both doing well. Anna has jaundice, but other than that she is great! They took a baseline chest x-ray and all looked well with Anna's lungs so far. We'll keep doing follow-up x-rays every so often to make sure it stays that way. Bridget is tickled pink and got to meet Anna today. She was very helpful and very gentle. So very loving.

You are Invited...

You are invited to attend a presentation by Renee Steffen, the Ohio Campus Compact AmeriCorps Vista at Marietta College. The presentation will include a reflection on the year, recommendations to

continue the culture of service at Marietta College and background information on my replacement. Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at 10 a.m. at McDonough Auditorium. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP by May 29th to Renee Steffen at renee.steffen@marietta.edu or at 376-4739 if you will be in attendance.

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.

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 April 9- Lafayette Hotel 6:00 pm
The next **Business Meeting** will be held April 9 – Lafayette Hotel 7:00pm

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Meet a Zonta Member...

Meet the President- Traci Stotts

In her day job, she's a woman in a man's world, surrounded by male architects and engineers. She's discovered truth in the old saying, "If you can't lick 'em, join 'em." So Zonta president and Architect Traci Stotts bought some golf clubs, learned the game and joins the "old-boy network" when firm members and/or clients head for the golf course.

She also enjoys being a woman in a primarily woman's world. So Zonta with its focus on women's issues and community service appealed to her. She mentioned her interest to Steve Gegner in whose architectural firm she was working in 2003, He told Molly Varner and Molly invited Traci to join the Zonta Club of Marietta and Environs.

Traci first became interested in architecture when her high school art teacher gave an assignment to design a house and build a model of it. She so enjoyed the project she felt she had found her vocation.

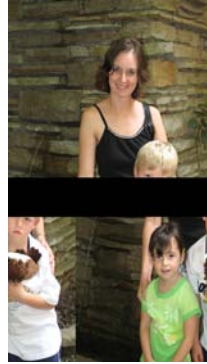
Born in Marietta, she was second of five children of Gerald and Mary Depuy. A Fort Frye High School grad, she attended Ohio State University and earned a Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree. She worked with Marietta architect Steve Gegner for three and a half years before leaving to get an extra year's study at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte which was required for her professional certification.

Then came wedding bells as she and long-time beau Shane Stotts of Williamstown were married. In the interim he had established his chiropractic practice in Danville, Virginia. She joined the firm of Dewberry and Davis, Engineer/Architects.



Five years later, when their first-born-- a son Aidan (an Irish name)-- was one year old, they re-assessed their lives. Their son needed grandparents closer at hand. They missed the love and support of parents. Shane felt he wanted a career change. He sold his practice and entered the field of restaurant management. First with Burger King, and now with the Nashville-based fast food chain, as manager/owner of the Marietta Bar-B-CUTIE.

The family has expanded to include Paige, now 5, who'll be entering kindergarten in the fall. And like President Obama's family, the two Stotts children have a new dog, an Italian greyhound. The proximity of grandparents has proved to be a big plus. Witness the fact that the paternal grandparents, of Williamstown, will move into the house on the hilltop overlooking Devola and take care of children and puppy while Mom and Dad take their Mexican holiday the end of April.



Traci now works with the architectural firm of Pickering Associates of Parkersburg. Currently she has the intriguing challenge of re-designing "empty space" created when a new wing was added to Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital. With a re-shuffling of departments she has to restructure the old building to accommodate it for its new usage.

She is a board member of YEL (Young Emerging Leaders) , a group of young professionals who are attempting to attract and retain their cohorts in the mid-Ohio Valley via fraternization with social events and other programs. Last year the YEL board nominated Traci as their representative when the Marietta Times listed its Young Leaders of the Year.

As she leaves the presidency of Zonta June 1 after two years, Traci hopes to find time to work on her socialization plans for Zonta beyond the scheduled meetings and activities.

"I feel I can call every one of the members "my friend'," she says. What a beautiful tribute to her relationship with her fellow Zontians. Needless to say, they feel the same way about her.

Advocacy Information...

New study: Ohio flunks teen-dating protection test

By William Hershey | Tuesday, March 24, 2009, 11:46 AM

Ohio gets an "F" when it comes to protecting victims of teen-dating violence, a new study released on Tuesday, March 24.

The study, from Break the Cycle, a non-profit teen dating violence prevention organization, comes as the state legislature considers two bills aimed to combating teen dating violence.

House Bill 10 would allow Juvenile Court judges to issue protective orders against juveniles. House Bill 19 would require school districts to adopt a dating abuse policy and include dating violence education in health classes.

The study evaluated state laws on their ability to protect victims of teen dating violence seeking protective orders against their abusers. Ohio was one of 11 states that got an "F." Five states received "A's" - California, Illinois, Minnesota, New Hampshire and Oklahoma. Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray backs both bills and said the study shows they are needed.

"Passing these two bills will improve our support to victims of dating violence and allow teens who are threatened by abuse to seek help," Cordray said in a press release.

**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.