



Zonta Club of Marietta

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www.zontamarietta.org
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From the President:

Gail Reynolds

It's not easy to commit to an organization that relies on volunteering to make a difference in the lives of others and in the community. Sometimes, life seems more demanding than a good cause. We have jobs, homes to manage, children to raise, classes to take, elderly parents to watch over, and businesses to run. Sometimes all we want is a good night's rest or a few hours just to do whatever it is that makes us happiest before the whirlwind starts all over again.

Zontians, however, tend to be a special breed of women with endless energy and a sense of purpose. We share our time and talents as a group to accomplish far more than we could individually. We know we can rely on each other to do what we agree to do so that every other member of the group can concentrate on what she needs to do to get the job done. We raise money so worthy students can take college courses. We help other organizations in town meet their goals so they, in turn, can provide services and support to women and children in need. We help to feed the hungry, provide clothing at a reasonable cost, encourage support for those with health concerns, and much more.

Zonta is just one of seventy-one clubs and organizations, not including church groups, in the Marietta area that rely on volunteers to enhance the quality of life of the community. Last year, Zontians alone volunteered 740.25 hours. Add to that the 252.75 hours that friends and family volunteered with us and there is a whopping total of 993 volunteer hours freely given to make our community a better place in which to live.

The 2008 estimated value of a volunteer hour was \$20.24, which means we provided \$20,108.25 in services for which our tax dollars did not pay. If we assume all the clubs and organizations in the area shared as much time as we, then collectively we gave \$1,427,685.70 back to the community. That's a lot of commitment.

We have a lot to be proud of in the work we do and we have a lot to be proud of in each other. Together, we can and do accomplish great things.

Fundraiser Information...

Don't forget the next Unique Boutique will be in November.. start saving your gently used clothes for the sale now!!

Committee News:

2009 Zonta Scholarship Winners

The 2009 Zonta Scholarship winners are nontraditional students at Washington State Community College who have returned to school. The four winners are Dana Nicols, Annie Miller, Vivian Lee, and Amy Stanley. Dana Nicols is enrolled in the Social Services program. She is a single mother of three children. Annie Miller is a mother of two children and is enrolled in the Practical Nursing program. Vivian Lee has worked with Zonta's Unique Boutique and is enrolled in the Associate Degree Nursing program. Amy Stanley is a mother



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of four and is also enrolled in the Associate Degree Nursing program. The scholarship committee comprised of Diane Dudzinski, Judy Tidd, Eileen Hayes, and Kim Salyers is pleased to announce these winners.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5 AWARDS YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS SCHOLARSHIP

Huron, OH, USA – Margaret Ann MacDonald of Cutler, Ohio was named the recipient of the 2009 Zonta International District 5 Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Scholarship. Ms. MacDonald was nominated by the Zonta Club of Marietta & Environs, and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and certificate of recognition from District 5. Her application has also been submitted to Zonta International for consideration as one of five international recipients for a \$3,000 scholarship.

Ms. MacDonald was named the Zonta International District 5 YWPA recipient because of her extensive leadership role and involvement in her community. She plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in the field of social work at either the University of Cincinnati or Ohio University, and then to attain her masters' degree or enter law school specializing in public interest law. Ms. MacDonald believes women should take measures to realize a more equitable distribution of power between women and men in government and in all leadership positions. "We need to continue to highlight the accomplishments of women by promoting and instilling in young girls that anything is possible. It is important for those of us who are fortunate to have abilities and resources to work hard to be positive role models for the less fortunate within our communities," Ms. MacDonald stated.

The goal of the Zonta International YWPA program is to encourage more young women to participate in public and political life. YWPA scholarships are awarded annually to young women (age 16-20) who display commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements, and dedication to the advancement of women. Applicants are asked to reflect on their voluntary commitment to their school and their community, and to identify the problems limiting the advancement of the status of women in their own country and worldwide. The Zonta International YWPA program looks to the young women of today for the leaders of tomorrow. Since 1990, Zonta International has presented 498 YWPA awards totaling \$274,750 to 446 young women representing 49 countries.

Zonta International District 5 includes the geographic areas of Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia with over 530 members in 17 Clubs. Zontians give generously of their time, talent and financial resources to their local communities and international service projects through Zonta International. All projects and programs meet the mission and goals of improving the legal, political, economic, health, educational and professional status of women locally and globally. Clubs provide scholarships for young women advancing in the math and sciences, support domestic violence survivors and organizations, and promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. Human trafficking awareness, rescue and recovery efforts are an example of the projects and programs that District 5 Zonta clubs are involved in. Each club determines what service projects will best serve their local communities and aligns with Zonta International's mission and goals.

Zonta International, with world headquarters in Chicago, IL, USA, is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women through service and advocacy. The Young Women in Public Affairs Award is one of many programs for women and girls sponsored by Zonta International. The YWPA scholarship is funded by voluntary contributions to the Zonta International Foundation. Applications for the 2010 Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Award will be available on the Zonta International website (www.zonta.org) in October 2009.

Attendance/Fellowship/Program Committee:

The committee is working on the 2009-2010 Program and Membership Roster. We would like to have a photo of all members for the new roster. Some photos were taken at the installation dinner and many more are needed. Please be prepared to get your photo taken at the next business meeting or send a digital photo to Traci at tstotts@pickeringusa.com. Also be prepared to confirm all address, phone numbers etc. if you have not already done so.

The Attendance/Fellowship/Program Committee would like to begin preparing fellowship



Here's what our members are doing...

opportunities outside of our regular business meetings and events so we can all get to know one another better. Please forward any suggestions for these outings on to Traci for consideration and/or planning. (For example: Lunches, dinners, movies, shopping...)

The Attendance/Fellowship/Program Committee would like to have ideas and suggestions from the membership for short programs (15-20 minutes) before the business meetings each month. Please forward any suggestions on to Traci.

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.

Dues Information

Payment Plan

Zonta members 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 payment will be due in July.

Member News:

Upcoming Events and Announcements....

Something to Celebrate!!!

By Tuesday afternoon we will be able to say that Bridget is DONE WITH CHEMO! And that's some news worth sharing. ;) Oh, and please save the date: Aug 22nd, 2009. We will be celebrating Bridget's 3rd birthday and being cancer free. Details to come.. I would appreciate everyone's attendance since there was a time we didn't know if she would have another birthday. We are REALLY celebrating this one. Instead of gifts we are accepting donations to Relay for Life on Bridget's behalf since the American Cancer Society is sponsoring her birthday.

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Support Marietta and Join the Upcoming events:

Merchants & Artists Walk	July 10 6-9pm
River Roar	July 10-13
Sweetcorn Festival	July 17-18, Armory Lawn
Catfish Festival	August 14-16

Broughton's Ice Cream Social

The Broughton's Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, July 19 from 2- 6 pm at the Washington County Fairgrounds. This year the American Red Cross will benefit from the tickets sold. Tickets are \$3.50 in advance and \$4.00 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at several downtown locations in Marietta.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Gail Reynolds: greynolds@wscc.org

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 July 9- Lafayette Hotel

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

The next **Board Meeting** will be August 13- Lafayette Hotel 6:00 pm

The next **Business Meeting** will be held August 13 – Lafayette Hotel 7:00pm

Advocacy Information...

Policy Updates...

- **Ohio House Bill 167: Domestic Violence/Victim's Rights**
 - Prohibits an employer from failing to hire, discharging, or otherwise discriminating or retaliating against an individual or employee because the individual is perceived to be or is a victim of domestic violence.
 - Prohibits an employer from taking an adverse employment action against an employee based on disruptions or threatened disruptions in the workplace caused by an individual who has committed/threatens to commit domestic violence against the employee.
- **Ohio House Bill 102: Umbilical Cord Blood Donation**
 - Requires the Department of Health to make available on its web site printable publications containing standardized, objective information about umbilical-cord-blood banking.
 - Provides immunity from civil liability, criminal prosecution, and professional disciplinary action with respect to providing the publications to a pregnant woman.
- **Ohio House Bill 10: Teen Dating Violence**
 - Allows victims of domestic violence to apply for a civil protection order or consent agreement in the juvenile division of the court of common pleas of the county in which the person to be protected resides if the respondent is under 18 years of age.

**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.