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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As you know, International Women's Day (IWD) is March 8th. Zonta Rose Day is also celebrated on that day. The yellow rose is a symbol of friendship, and it has been a symbol for Zonta International for decades.

I was curious to learn more about IWD; so, I did some research on the Internet and learned a great deal about this very special day. The day is a major day of global celebration for the economic, political and social achievements of women - past, present and future.

In 1910, a woman named Clara Zetkin (leader of the women's office for the Social Democratic Party in Germany) tabled the idea of an International Women's Day. She proposed that every year in every country there should be a celebration on the same day - A Women's Day - to press for their demands. The conference of over 100 women from 17 countries, representing unions, socialist parties, working women's clubs, and including the first three women to be elected to the Finnish parliament, greeted Zetkin's suggestion with unanimous approval and International Women's Day was the result. The very first IWD was launched by Clara Zetkin in the following year on March 19th. The date was changed to March 8th in 1913.

In 1975, IWD was given official recognition by the United Nations and was taken up by many governments. At this time, there are 355 events planned in 30 countries. There will be more added. In 2008, there were 684 events in 56 countries. I was not surprised to see that there are many events planned in Australia (59), Canada (58), the United States (73) and the United Kingdom (119). Those account for 309 of the 355 events planned at this time. What surprised me was the diversity of the other countries that celebrate the day. They include, among others, Albania, Bangladesh, Botswana, China, Faeroe Islands, Fiji, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Russia, Singapore and Zambia. Many of these countries only have one event scheduled. The events are quite interesting. In Albania, traditions include remembering women's achievements and giving flowers and sweets to the special females in your life. Botswana has an event called Basadi ba Botswana which is a weekend of the arts which celebrates the achievements and talents of women, young and old. Kenya has four events. One of them is a Family Fun Day featuring top local and international artists who will raise their voices in a musical concert to celebrate, entertain and inspire African women.

Wouldn't it be great to attend some of these events in far-flung countries? And, of course, we have a terrific event of our own planned. It will be on March 5th, not March 8th. But, the spirit will be the same, regardless of the date. I hope that many of you will be able to attend. A poster of the event appears elsewhere in this newsletter. I hope to see you there. I wouldn't miss it, for the world.

Best Wishes, Ann

March 5th - Evening Program Meeting 6:00 pm
Dirty Dave's

March 12th - Board Meeting Noon
Dirty Dave's

March 19th - Business Meeting Noon
Dirty Dave's

March 26th - Program Meeting - Noon
Dirty Dave's - Barry Diseth, board member for the
Neighborhood Free Medical Clinic (NFMC) which is in
it's 5th year of operation.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 17, 2009 - Zonta 22nd Auction

April 3 & 4 2009 - Area 2 and 5 Workshop: Nanaimo,
BC Canada. Workshop cost is \$70. Room price at
Dorchester Hotel is \$119 a night, twin or double.
More details to come later.

REMEMBER OUR MEMBERS

Gail and Leatta Dahlhoff -Keep your prayers and
thoughts with Gail and Leatta as Roland has passed
away.

Paulette Homann - is still having breathing problems.
Shelly Willis - Keep her in your thoughts as she
continues her cancer treatment.

Kinship Family

Fred age 65 birthday 7/28
Arlene age 70 birthday 6/9
Samatha age 12 birthday 6/15
Daniel age 9 birthday 2/3

Contact Shelly to see how you can help with their needs.
Remember when the bank goes around, to put something
in it as it helps when we need to get something for them.

Jane Chapman's new address is 6002 Red Oak Court,
Kernersville, NC 27284. Her phone number is 336-996-2608.
Her e-mail is janie.chapman@gmail.com

Soroptimist International of Olympia presents their 11th Annual
Luncheon and Style show at Indian Summer Golf and Country Club on
Saturday, March 14th at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35 a person. Call
Cathy at 701-5065 for reservations.

The district 8 webmistress has created a photo op to highlight
club activities. You can send her a photo or two of the club's
activities, programs, etc. with a brief explanation of the event
and the names of the persons in the pictures and she will
publish it in the District 8 newsletter.

The webmistress is Trish. Her address is atnoz@live.com. The
website address is www.zontadistrict8.org.

The message Ann received from Terri Turi said that Trish has
created a link to a new page on the website for the submission of
the photos, etc. However, when she went to the website to look
at it, she couldn't figure it out. However, if you try to do this and
can't, you can always e-mail Trish for instructions.

**Before anything is submitted, it should be cleared with the
club members first.**

ZIFL Report by Judy Norton

The attached information was sent District 8 Club
Presidents and ZIFLS. I felt that it was important
information that should be sent out to all of our members
so they understand more about Zonta International (ZI)
and the Zonta International Foundation (ZIF). If you have
any questions, please ask me and I should be able to either
answer them or do some research and then answer them.
- Judy

Pete's Letter:

Wow, So much has happened in the world in such a short
time. Change, uncertainty, more change - a new
president, the worst recession in most people's lifetime and
much a do in the ZIF world as well. So many things
swirling around it is sometimes hard to grasp where we are
at, where we are going and what we should do to get there.

A few thoughts on the changes in the world of ZIF. As
most of you know in December of 2008 the ZIF Board of
Directors was dissolved by Zonta International (see Zonta
website for details). When I first heard about the changes
at ZIF, I was very surprised! Like most Zontians, Zonta
International and Zonta International Foundation are a
long-time and important part of my world. The two
organizations are touchstones for me, something I just
assume are stable and to be counted on to do the good
work that they do. ZI and ZIF help very much to shape
and guide our directions as districts, clubs and members.
When these two compass-like organizations' directional
finders fluttered a bit, I just didn't know what to think.

Like many Zontians, it took a while to sort out my thoughts
and feelings and determine as the ZIF Ambassador what
my next steps should be. Although I still had a strong
belief in the work of ZIF, it was important for me to be
assured that things were okay, and that ZIF would
continue to do the good work it has funded over the years.
This was especially true it I was to encourage others to
support and fund the work of ZIF.

Initially, information was slow in coming and it was
somewhat difficult to know just what to think. In my effort
to secure clarity and direction, I had several conversations
with Governor Terri, I re-read the Zonta By-laws and the
ZIF By-laws, scoured the Zonta web site and sought out
the opinions of other Zontians, most who had been in
Zonta much longer than me and whose opinions I value a
great deal.

One such long-time Zontian offered to put me in touch with President-Elect Dianne Curtis. After a brief e-mail exchange, President-Elect Dianne invited me to contact her via phone and speak with her directly about ZIF. I took her up on the offer because I needed to hear from her that the issues surrounding ZIF were being worked on and equally important ZIF's good work would continue! After a lengthy and engaging discussion I came away from the conversation with my two concerns addressed - ZIF resources would continue to flow to worthwhile good projects and ZIF was on a path to ensuring ZIF's long-term stability. Diane was very approachable and personable and she asked me to me to assure Zontians in District Eight . . . "that everything is going to be okay!" I think she is right!

After a hiatus over the holidays, I am eager to get back to work supporting ZIF. Maybe that means I might find myself making another twelve hour round trip to speak for a half-hour to a group of Zontians about ZIF as I did with the Yakima Club in October! What a great group of folks and the weather was perfect!

Despite the challenging economy, contributions are still up at ZIF. Here are some highlights from Cathe Woods, Director of Development at ZIF:

Contribution Highlights:

- Total contributions, 1 June 2008 - 31 December 2008 of US\$723,148. This compares to US\$705,456 in December 2006, or an increase of US\$17,691 (2.5%).
- Excluding the Endowment Fund and looking at only the Annual Funds, this Biennium we are at US\$679,454 compared to US\$529,897 this same time last Biennium, or an increase of US\$149,557 (28%).
- The Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund, Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Fund, Young Women in Public Affairs Fund, ZISVAW Fund, Rose Fund and WHPPPI Fund are ahead of this same time last Biennium. The International Service Fund and the Endowment Fund are behind this same time last Biennium.
- Districts 10, 8, 15 29 and 21 are leading in overall contributions.

As you can see we continue to do a great job in District Eight! Since June of 2008 we have raised \$53,925.27 in club and personal contributions. In December we had an individual who made a \$4,000 contribution!!! WOW!!

TREASURER'S REPORT NOVEMBER, 2008

General Fund	\$11,585.38
Service Foundation	17,649.54
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DISTRICT WEBSITE at www.zontadistrict8.org
Missing an Inklings? They are posted on this site as well as other clubs

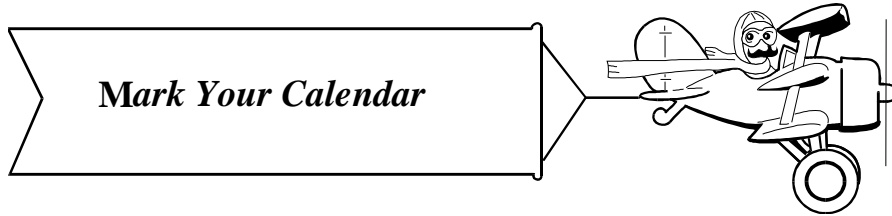
EDITOR IS ON VACATION

I will be gone until just before Easter and my office gal, Lisa, will be filling in for me. Please help her by getting information for the April Inklings to her early so she can get the Inklings finished on time (no later than 3/19).

Her phone number is 943-4340 or
e-mail her at lmfollmer@comcast.net

Thank you for your help in helping her out.

Glenda



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March Birthdays

Paulette Homann

3/13

Each day grow older, and learn something new



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