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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I have been reading and hearing a lot about women who are striving and succeeding in making a difference in this world. I only know about a few of them and it makes me want to know more. They are truly amazing. I want to share with you some of what I have learned. You may well already know about these wonderful, beautiful and powerful women.

One of them is Kenyan ecologist Wangari Maathai who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004. She was the first African woman to be awarded the prize. She led a campaign beginning in the late 1970s called the Green Belt Movement to plant tens of millions of trees across Africa to slow deforestation. The movement grew to include projects to preserve biodiversity, educate people about their environment and promote the rights of women and girls. Mrs. Maathai is known as "The Tree Woman" in Kenya. She was the 12th woman peace laureate since the first award was made in 1901. It is worth noting that the year before, the award went to Iranian lawyer Shirin Ebadi for her work for the rights of women and children in Iran.

Another notable woman is Eve Ensler, award-winning playwright and creator of "The Vagina Monologues," which has been translated into over forty-five languages and is running in theatres all over the world. She is the creator of V-Day, a global movement to stop violence against women and girls. Eve Ensler and Congolese gynecologist, Dr. Denis Mukwege, founder of one of the only hospitals that treat victims of rape and mutilation in the Congo, are traveling throughout the United States and visiting universities this year. V-day will be visiting Evergreen State College later this year and I hope to be there. Tens of thousands of women have been brutally raped in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as part of an ongoing internal conflict and Eve and her supporters are building Congo's City of Joy center, which will heal and train a hundred rape survivors to become leaders through trauma therapy and education.

Then there are all the individual women who fight daily violence in their lives and continue to resist regardless of the danger to them. Crowds of women in Kabul are demonstrating this week to protest a new law that restricts their rights. There are the students from the Mirwais School for Girls in Kandahar who were sprayed with acid on their way to school last November. Within a few weeks, even the most cruelly disfigured girls returned to school. The Mirwais students demonstrate unbending courage and resolve for progress. Their greatest fear is that world won't support them. The governments of the world, including the United States, must promote and protect the ideals of democracy and human rights. So often, they do not. Last month, a 20 year jail sentence was given to a young journalist for printing a controversial article from the Internet that was critical of the role traditionally assigned to women in Islam. President Hamid Karzai signed a law affecting the country's Shiite minority that places restrictions on when a woman can leave her house and states the circumstances in which she is obliged to have sex with her husband. The Taliban interprets these events as a sign of the weakness of the Afghan government and its international allies. The Afghan public is no longer sure if a government that is reluctant to stand up for human rights deserves support. Unfortunately, Westerners cling to incorrect assumptions about Afghans which they use as excuses for abandoning democratization, such as, Afghans are a "tribal people" and don't want a say. Or, Afghanistan is a traditional Islamic society and will resent imposition of Western values, etc. In the first democratic elections, in October, 2004, 11 million Afghans - 41 percent of them women - registered to vote. In a 2008 survey by the Asia Foundation, 76 percent of Afghans responded that democracy was the best form of government. Democracy must happen, or women will continue to be oppressed.

I recently heard an interview with Jehan Sadat, widow of Anwar Sadat. She has written a book titled "My Hope for Peace." She has a plan to resolve the Middle Eastern conflict. She believes that Arabs and Israelis want peace for the most part; unfortunately, their leaders do not want peace. War and unrest are caused by economic greed and the lust for power. The majority of people just want to live their lives in peace. Just as her late husband negotiated peace between Egypt and Israel, she believes that peace can be achieved in Palestine. Let's hope that she is right.

Here's to the Women!

Ann

May 7th - Evening Meeting 6:00 pm
Installation of Officers at the new
Comfort Inn in Tumwater
1620 74th Avenue SW
Tumwater, WA 98501
(go south on I-5 to exit 101 Tumwater
Blvd/Airport. Get off the freeway and go left
over the freeway the Comfort Inn will be on your
right off 74th Ave.)

Price is \$25. Reservations a must by May 4th
to Mary Russell 438-5686
Plan to attend and give our new officers and
board all our support.

May 14th - Board Meeting Noon
Dirty Dave's

May 21st - Business Meeting Noon
Dirty Dave's

May 28th - Program Meeting - Noon
Dirty Dave's

AUCTION COMMITTEE

PLEASE come and help on the planning of
our 2009 auction. The next meeting will be on
May 11th 6:00 pm at Oneta's club house 706
Dennis St SE (enter through the second gate). If
you plan on attending, give Oneta a call (357-
7671) for the security code in case the gate is
closed. It is not required but if you would like to
bring a snack to share, it would be appreciated.
This is a trying time and all input will be greatly
appreciated in order to make our auction
successful and a fun experience for all.

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 15-19 - Lakefair
October 17, 2009 - Zonta 22nd Auction
October 2-4 -Governor's Conference in Walla
Walla, WA
June 24-30 2010 Zonta International Conv.
in San Antonia, TX

Through the balance and the chaos, we alone are
responsible for our own happiness and success—or
lack of it. It's up to us to design a life that works.
Cynthia Good, editor

CONGRATULATION NEW OFFICERS, BOARD & NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President	Ann Jackson
President Elect	no one nominated
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Judy Norton

Let us all commit to helping all those that have
agreed to serve and give freely of their time so
our club can prosper.

A NOTE FROM KIMYA

I received this note from Kimya and thought I would
share:

It's soooo nice to hear from you, I am glad that you had a
safe trip and arrived home well.

I came home to help out with my grandparents as their
health is failing and it is hard to have the sole
responsibility of two parents at the same time. I do hope
to move back to the lovely state of WA because I
absolutely loved it there and am terribly home sick. The
good thing about being here is that I get to see my
beautiful son regularly and he gets to eat home cooked
meals.

Always a Zontian
Kim

MAY OUR FRIENDSHIP NEVER COME APART
ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART!
MAY YOU ALWAYS HAVE A RAINBOW OF SMILES ON
YOUR FACE AND IN YOUR HEART FOREVER AND
EVER!

FRIENDS FOREVER!

TREASURER'S REPORT
APRIL 2009

General Fund	\$10,866.75
Service Foundation	24,546.04
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	\$35,412.79

DISTRICT WEBSITE at www.zontadistrict8.org
Missing an Inkling? They are posted on this site as well as other clubs

Women's Rights are Human Rights - WA
Legislature Sends Strong Message to U.S.
Senate

On April 9th 2009, the Washington State Legislature approved Senate Joint Memorial 8012 which urges the U.S. Senate to ratify the Convention for the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

Adopted by the United Nations in 1979, CEDAW provides an international standard for protecting and promoting women's human rights. It is the only comprehensive international instrument addressing women's rights within civil, political, cultural, economic and social life. President Jimmy Carter signed CEDAW in 1980 but the treaty has never been ratified by the US Senate.

Yesterday's passage of Senate Joint Memorial 8012 was a victory for a large coalition of grass-roots activists across Washington State. With leadership from the WA State Chapter of the National Organization for Women, Zonta International, and Amnesty International, women's rights activists worked together to encourage the Legislature to pass this significant legislation.

Representatives from Zonta International, an organization of professionals and executives whose mission is to enhance the status of women locally and globally, stated that they "would like to thank Senator Karen Fraser, a member of the Zonta Club of Olympia, Washington, for sponsoring SJM 8012".

CAN YOU HELP MEET OUR DISTRICT'S GOAL?
Cindy Phillips, Centurion, District 8, Zonta International, Stated that District 8's goal in 2009 is to form 3 new clubs in our area. They are asking for us to submit potential names and contact information of members in the Longview or Kelso area to Dee Winsman at email Dee@cowlitzrealestate.com or Michele Weber at miss_bette_boop@yahoo.com Do you know of someone that would qualify?

SPOTLIGHT OUR MEMBER
PATRICIA DUNSMORE

As women we are inspired by other women. For me, Myrle Poulos is that woman. She supported women in every facet of her life. She was a loyal friend, a devoted mother and a fine Zontian. She believed in the work this organization does. I was fortunate enough to call her my friend. When we lost her to cancer, her husband of 50+ years asked me to find a Zonta group some day to continue the work Myrle believed in. It took me a few years, but I found Zonta when I moved to Olympia 6 years ago. I teach because Myrle encouraged me to earn my Master's Degree. I live in Washington because Myrle told me to follow all my dreams. I devote myself to my two daughters and two granddaughters because Myrle showed me by example how important grandparents are to their grandchildren. My goal is to make Myrle proud to have been my friend.

EASY COME AND EASY GO

All money nowadays seems to be produced with a natural homing instinct for the Treasury.
Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

BUDGET

By now everyone should have a copy of the budget for 2009-2010. Be sure to look it over as we will be voting on it at the May business meeting.

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.

We are, all of us, molded and remolded by those who have loved us. No love, no friendship, can cross the path of our destiny without leaving some mark upon it forever,

-source unknown

There have been people who have thought we might not need so many meetings each week. So that we might get a better idea of the majority, please check one of the following sentences and either take it to the next Zonta meeting or mail it to our P.O. Box or e mail to: mhk16@comcast.net by May 15, 2009. If there is consensus for change, we will change the by-laws, hence the urgency. Please only mark one.

1. _____ Leave the meetings as they are.
2. _____ Drop the evening meetings except the special ones. i.e: holiday dinner, installation, etc.
3. _____ Drop the 4th meeting of the month
4. _____ Leave the special evening meetings (there are six) and, at the discretion of the program committee,
make the other six program meetings either evening or noon meetings.
5. _____ I'm not able to attend most meetings, therefore this won't affect me.

Name

Mark Your Calendar



- May
- 07: Evening Program Installation of Officers
Comfort Inn, Tumwater
 - 14: Board Meeting - Noon
Dirty Dave's
 - 21: Business Meeting - Noon
Dirty Dave's
 - 28: Program Meeting -Noon
Dirty Dave's-

May Birthdays

Dee Wolverton	5/01
Gail Dahlhoff	5/07
Madelin White	5/16
Jennifer Coolidge	5/26

Each day grow older, and learn something new



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**HAPPY
MOTHER'S DAY**
May 10th