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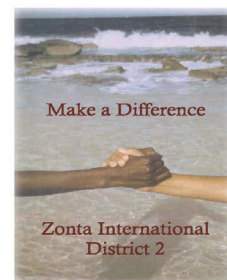
Greetings from your District Governor!



Marg, Busy at Work!



ZD2 2008-2010 Theme



Make a Difference!

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of the first year of our Biennium! Where has the time gone? As I reflect back on the wonderful accomplishments of the Zonta District 2 Board and Zonta District 2 Committee Chairmen, we have much to celebrate. As I learn more about the work being done in each of the clubs from our dedicated Area Directors, as well as reading your newsletters and visiting your clubs, I'm impressed! Congratulations everyone for your fine efforts!

Yet, that doesn't mean there isn't more work to be done in advancing the status of women as we honour Zonta's Mission! We need to continue focusing on increasing our membership, contributing to the \$15.00 Voluntary Dues Campaign, helping to develop programs that reflect 'Service' and 'Advocacy' in our communities and globally, as well as encouraging more dynamic young women to apply for the Zonta awards.

Let me pose these questions to each of you as we reflect on motivating ourselves for continued success and progress in the coming year while focusing on our *Goals*.

1. What are you doing to increase *Membership* in your clubs? Have you read the Lt. Governor's Messages in the different issues of *The Fulcrum* or contacted her, ZD2 OMC Chairman, Sue Ann Cunliffe, sueann@dlaadspecialties.com? She is available to help you, especially our smaller clubs.
2. Has your club committed *one third* of your club fundraising efforts to the Zonta International Foundation for our projects in Rwanda-(Mother-to-Child transmission of HIV), Guatemala City/San Salvador-(Safe Cities for Women) and Liberia-(Reduction of Obstetric Fistula), as well as our *ZISVAW* projects in Cambodia, Egypt and Syria? Each club president or representative was given a CD describing these projects at the ZD2 Workshop-Retreat hosted by the Zonta Club of Oneida.
3. What exciting programs are you planning for the second year of your Biennium that relate to advancing the status of women? Feel free to contact:

ZD2 *Service* Chairman, Barbara Allen, ballen7@twcny.rr.com

ZD2 *Foundation Ambassador*, Jane McEwen, janemce@aol.com

ZD2 *UN/L.A.&A.* Chairman, Marjorie Lavin, marjorielavin@nycap.rr.com

**Barb, our Service Chair!****Wam Bam ZD2 F Jane!****Our Advocate, Marjorie!**

Please use the excellent information found in the *Tips of the Month* and the *Electronic Tool Box* in your deliberations. They can be retrieved from the Zonta District 2 website: www.zontadistrict2.org. Karen Macier and Rita Cousino, Zonta District 2 *Leadership Institute* Co-Chairmen are available and are more than willing to help you in your club planning and leadership training sessions. Their emails are: kmacier@aol.com or rcousino@verizon.net.

On behalf of the ZD2 Board and ZD2 Membership, we offer our sincere congratulations to Maureen Powers, newly appointed ZI Executive Director and Jason Friske, newly elected ZI Deputy Executive Director. We wish them every success in their new challenges and also thank Judith Johnston for her service as Zonta International Interim Executive Director.

Happy '*Wellness*' Wishes to everyone in your planning! Remember to take some time in the warmer months of summer and fall to rest, reformulate, reflect, relax and rejuvenate as we strive for balance in keeping ourselves focused on Zonta's Mission. We need **YOU!**

Yours in Zonta Service, ***"We must become the change we want to see". –Mahatma Gandhi***

Margaret

Farewell to ZI Director Ragna with Deepest Appreciation!



***Ragna on Top of
the Norway World!***

It is with deepest gratitude that District 2 thanks Zonta International Representative, Ragna Karlsdottir for her guidance and service. She will always be an *Honorary Member* of District 2 and wants us to know that Z D2 Zontians are dedicated and doing our absolute best for Zonta. She has been following our work through the newsletters and Board reports. She sends her warmest regards and thanks us with all of her heart for *Greeting* her so graciously at the ZD2 Conference in the City of Albany in 2007. She concluded by sharing that nothing beats the personal touch!

Feedback from ZI Rep re ZI and ZIF Liaison Points

Summary of the ZI Board Meeting from Ragna Karlsdottir, ZI Director for District 2

1. The dates for the 2010 Convention in San Antonio are June 25-30, 2010. Ragna hopes to see Zonta District 2 members there.
2. A Zonta 90th Birthday Logo was designed for clubs' and Districts' use as we celebrate Zonta's 90th birthday.
3. District 15 has been authorized to develop a US postage stamp to celebrate Zonta's 100th anniversary and will be available to other Districts to advertise 100 years of dedication in helping women throughout the world.
4. There will be an update on the *ZISVAW* and International Service projects offered on the ZI website.
5. The ZI Board identified countries needing intensified effort re membership and will be working with the Governors in Districts: D1-13, D15-USA/Canada, D14-Greece, D21-Sweden, D26-Japan, D29-Spain, D31-Taiwan and D32-Korea. Countries of concern include: D17-Malaysia & Singapore, D19-India,
6. The minimum size of District membership will be 300 members by May 31, 2010.
7. Updates of the District and International manuals are currently being undertaken and will be available for the 2010 Governors' training.
8. The minimum number for charter clubs is now 25 members which should help to diminish the significant number of newly chartered clubs losing members in their first year.

First Zonta District 2 Brunch

Co-Hosts, Susie Smith, President, Ottawa Club and Margaret Mitchell, Governor, were delighted with the Zonta District 2 members who attended the 1st District Brunch on Sagastaweka Island. It was a memorable occasion for everyone who attended.



**A Table of Delicious
Food for All!**



**ZD2 Sec. Pat (2nd left) &
AD Anita (right) & Past**



**The Day Ended
too Soon!**

Zonta District 2 Spring Workshop-Retreat, April 18-19, 2009

Memories of a Great Workshop-Retreat

The *Zonta District 2 Workshop-Retreat*, held at Vernon Verona Sherrill Central High School, Verona, New York, was the first such undertaking in a high school setting in District 2's history. It was a tremendous success with a record 75 registrants attending. The 'dynamite' ZD2 Co-Chairmen of the workshop, Marilyn Dealing and Connie MacDonald, and their enthusiastic team are to be congratulated for their extraordinary fine work in making it such a memorable experience. Everything was organized with such care and precision. The feedback from the evaluation forms was very reassuring.



Co-Chair Marilyn



'Dyno' Trio Team



Co-Chair Connie

Some of the highlights of the day included the insightful and powerful messages of the guest workshop presenters. Dolly Dastoor, Barbara Allen, Marjorie Lavin, and Wanda Turner focused on the following topics: *Service*, *Advocacy* and *Technology*. Their multimedia presentations set an informative, yet, true learning atmosphere for the entire day's events. Zontians were given a variety of nourishing experiences.



Infamous Marjorie



Our Team of Speakers!



The Experienced Dolly

Other Activities of the Day!

- a humorous '*Welcome*' by the infamous Co-Chairmen, Marilyn Dealing and Connie MacDonald and Team at the ZD2 Spring Workshop-Retreat



Time to Set Up!



Let's See!



Feeding the 5000!

- a delicious 'welcoming' breakfast, especially for those who drove from afar, with a variety of nutritious homemade goodies that comforted all Zontian participants ready to begin the fully-scheduled day



Munchies for All!



Preparations for the Workshop!



Delicious Food!

- educational, informative and relevant workshop sessions on the pertinent topics of *Service* and *Advocacy and Technology*



Our 'IT' Whiz, Wanda



Betsy, the Teacher!



Really, I See It!

- an old fashioned 'homemade' luncheon in the open, spacious cafeteria surroundings of Vernon Verona Sherrill Central School with **Z** place mats



Yummy Brown-Bag Lunch!



Zonta Table Setting!



What's in Yours?

- the fun 'Raffle' picking with everyone going home with a special prize



Number What...?



1 for 1 & 1 for All!



What Fun!

- the '*Club of the Year*' presentation by Governor Margaret, on behalf of Debbie Abel, to the Elmira Club and its members who are described as the District 2's "*silently strong jewels*"



Congrats to the Elmira Club!



85 Years of Service to Oneida!

- a *Certificate of Congratulations* presented by Governor Margaret to the President of the Oneida Club, Mary Manfredo, for their club's 85 years of dedicated service in advancing the status of women
- the moving presentation of Lt. Governor, Sue Ann's inspiring talk using Boyle's life as an example of having a dream and fulfilling it

ZD2 F Chair Jane with
AD2 Mary Lynne

Lt. Gov's Inspiring Talk

ZD2 F Chair, Jane's 60th!

- the invigorating ZD2 Foundation Ambassador, the reliable "BAM" Jane McEwen for consistently helping us realize the importance of our financial commitments to the ZI projects by helping women through working with the United Nation in advancing the status of women worldwide
- Governor Margaret presented the Zonta Club of Glens Falls with the *Governor's Silver Bowl* and congratulated them for their fine efforts.



Gov Marg & President Meta



Congrats to Glens Falls!

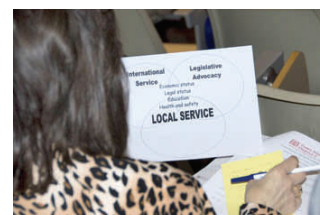
- a review of the 2008-2010 ZD2 Goals and Vision given by Governor Margaret



Zonta Wisdom!



Let's Take a Peak!



Service, UN & L.A.&A.

- those fortunate Zontians who stayed for the retreat had the time of their lives enjoying a delicious buffet supper at the *Race Tracks* while solving *Zonta* problems and enjoying each other's company

**I Bet We Won...****The Winner Is!****No, We Did!**

So concluded a wonderful day with everyone returning home with happy memories, except for the daring 'Horse Race' Zontians, who stayed over and enjoyed a buffet supper and leisurely sharing time together. Many thanks are extended, again, to Marilyn Dealing, Connie MacDonald and their planning committee for such an original workshop venue. Almost everyone graduated and was presented with a 'special' *Graduation Certificate* for filling out the assessment forms!

**Thanks to Everyone!****Hurray to the Oneida Team!****The Oneida Chairmen!**

Feedback from the Zonta District 2 Assessment Sheets

The **Rating Scale** used: 1-2 (Excellent), 3-4 (Average), 5-6 (Poor).

1. The quality of the room and its accessibility: 98%-Excellent, 2%-Average
2. The appearance/lighting/comfort level of the facilities: 98%-Excellent, 2%-Average
3. The quality of the luncheon and food service: 97%-Excellent, 3%-Average
4. The cleanliness/housekeeping service of the building: 98%-Excellent, 2%-Average.
5. The ***Service 101-Technology Brings it to You!*** Session: 99%-Excellent, 1%-Average
6. The ***Advocacy 101-Advocacy & ZI UN Collaboration in the Age of Technology*** Session:
99%-Excellent, 1%-Average
7. The ***Technology 101-Going on Line with Technology*** Session: 93% Excellent, 7% Average
8. The ***Technology 102-Exploring the Use & Importance of Technology*** Session:
91 % Excellent, 9% Average

9. The *Foundation 101-ZD2 Foundation Update & Report* Session: 93% Excellent, 7% Average

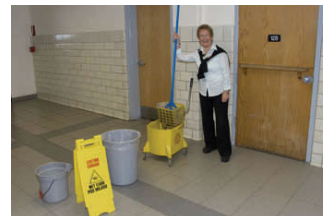
10. The *Membership 101-Is ZD2 Membership Growth Flying?* Session: 94% Excellent, 6% Average



Great Saleswoman!



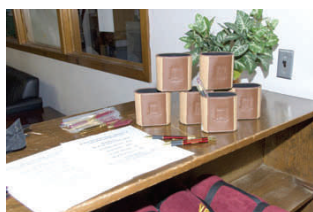
Co-Chairman in Action!



Multi-Task Co-Chairman!

Samples of Anecdotal Feedback:

- excellent workshop, very original and great information, delicious refreshments, with meaningful gifts complimenting the theme
- *Advocacy 101* was an excellent presentation going after *CEDAW*, wonderful!
- these topics are long overdue...Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
- best workshop ever!
- loved that the 'food' was homemade, congratulations to the chief (s), *Cold* items were *Cold!* *Hot* items were *Hot!*
- having this really well organized event, gave us better attendance and better opportunities for networking
- this is the best workshop that I've been to and I've been to many!
- wonderfully organized – Great fun! Lovely networking! with everyone
- Lt. Sue Ann gave an inspiring talk using Boyle's life as an example of having a dream and fulfilling it
- liked the "school" theme throughout everything-very innovative!
- good venue-technology-learned a lot from 'hands-on' approach to websites
- congratulations to the Zonta Club of Oneida members-super organized, gifted facilitators, all did a great job and thanks for Gov Marg's vision!
- appreciated *ALL* of the signs and direction charts
- these great programs always stimulate the wider focus of Zonta!



ZD2's Mobile Store



Powerful Zonta Minds!



What's your Last Name?

Come to the Zonta District 2 Conference

October 16-18, 2009

Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls, New York

The ZD2 Conference Planning Committee, better known as the Lumberjanes, has been working very diligently to prepare for the upcoming conference. The theme is: *Building Bridges for the Equality of Women, Locally and Globally*. The group has been guided under the capable leadership of Conference Chairman, Irene Consolagio and Conference Co-Chairman, Debra Grobe Searles.

Chairman Irene Consolagio shares these words of warm welcome: "As chairman of this year's Zonta District 2 Conference, along with my fellow Glens Falls Zontians, we are excited to welcome you to Glens Falls and showcase our little Adirondack town. We are both proud and excited because just last year we celebrated our 100th Anniversary and the City of Glens Falls has been undergoing a very sophisticated "face lift". In 1944, Glens Falls was voted *Hometown USA* by *LOOK* Magazine and we are very proud of that distinction as a part of our history.

The city offers many options for everyone. We house a fine art museum, historical museum as well as a children's museum, a civic center, newly renovated public library, 300 seat theatre, and many fine shops and restaurants. The Glens Falls Hospital has undergone several expansions to better serve the needs of the community, another example of how sophisticated we are in the North Country. If you have an opportunity, please stop by The Troy Shirt factory on Cooper & Lawrence Streets. It has been converted to over 50 galleries and shops for all mediums of art. An artist's and shopper's delight!

The Zonta District 2 Board has prepared a very informative and powerful program for all Zontians coming to this conference. We, the *Lumberjanes*, along with the City of Glens Falls, can't wait to welcome you with open arms! Please come to our town!"



**Oops, Overloaded with
Conference Materials!**



The Irene & Debra Team!

Zonta District 2 Conference

“Special” Entertainment

There's going to be an evening like none other, as the Zonta Club of Glens Falls brings the following talent for our pleasure and enjoyment. They are:

Queensbury Madrigals

Glens Falls Strolling Strings

Fabulous Flying Fingers

Flowers from BOCES students

Phil Jenssen – Abe Lincoln

You won't want to miss this evening of diversified talent and amusement. We are in for an amazing treat! We are so appreciative to Zonta District 2 Conference Chairman, Irene Consolagio, for coordinating this wonderful smorgasbord of entertainment for all Zontians attending the District 2 conference.

Zonta District 2 Conference Workshops

At the conference, we welcome Guest Facilitator, Carol Pasanen, from Minnesota, who will be facilitating the session on *Making the Best of our Differences* as well as guiding the workshop on *Embracing Change*. Carol is a highly skilled leader and a Past Governor who has presented at international conferences, national associations and diversified events. She will be focusing on leadership development and how it embraces change. In her warm and inclusive manner, she will help us have a better sense of using each others' strengths and a deeper appreciation of our differences.

In the 2nd workshop, a team from international, ZI Director, Ingeborg Geyer, ZI Treasurer, Gloria Wristen and ZI Service Chairman, Dolly Dastoor will lead us in an interesting panel discussion on *Celebrating Zonta's Past and Developing Zonta's Future through Service and Advocacy*. You will have the opportunity to work in small groups and dialogue with fellow Zontians in assessing the work done in your clubs. Through sharing and listening, everyone will be enriched by different perspectives of *Service and Advocacy*. We are so appreciative to the animators who have offered to help us.

Everyone will have the opportunity of attending both workshops because we will break you into two groups and then, flip flop the workshops. You won't want to miss either session.

Zonta District 2 Conference
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Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ratna Ghosh

Ratna Ghosh, PhD, is a James McGill Professor and William C. Macdonald Professor of Education from McGill University, Montreal, Quebec. She was Dean of the Faculty of Education and appointed Member of the Order of Canada, Officer of the Order of Quebec, a Member Titulaire of the European Academy of Science, Arts & Humanities, and elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. She was featured in *Time* magazine in an article, *Canada's Best in Education*. Her publications reflect her varied research interests that encompass international and multicultural education, feminist pedagogy, and development studies. Her most recent book is *Education and the Politics of Difference*, 2004. She was born in Shillong, a hill station in eastern India and she did her undergraduate work at Loretta College, Calcutta. Her MA and PhD degrees in Comparative and International Education were completed at the University of Calgary, Alberta. It is indeed a privilege to have her with us at this conference.



Zonta International Representative: Dr. Ingeborg Geyer

Ingeborg Geyer, PhD, born in Austria, is a specialist in lexicography. She studied German, English and Ethnography at the University of Vienna. Her doctorate studies described a German dialect of a language minority in Italy. Ingeborg's work has offered her many opportunities to visit isolated communities throughout the world. Her latest endeavour was a field excursion in the Rainforests of Brazil. Her work entails the supervision of scientific projects at the Institute for Lexicography of Austrian Dialects and Names, where she serves as Director. She leads the publishing team at the Austrian Academy of Sciences where she is a representative on the Commission for Equal Treatment for Female Employees for the Austrian Government. A very committed Zontian for many years, some of her activities included the organization of the 65th anniversary of the Zonta Club of Vienna, and coordination of three Viennese clubs celebrating 75 years of Zonta in Europe. She also served as Vienna's UN representative. We are so honoured to welcome her to our conference.

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Guest Facilitator: Dr. Carol Pasanen

Carol Pasanen, EdD, is an exemplary educator from Breezy Point, Minnesota, USA. Her varied career has included being an administrator, dean of students, adjunct instructor as well as a data director. As a forerunner in her field, she has presented at many international conferences, national associations and diversified events focusing on leadership development and how it embraces change. Her emphasis has been in the field of determining the effectiveness of integrating technology into classrooms and communities by linking and increasing connectivity through technology and community collaboration. She was awarded the *Woman of Excellence Award* for preparing women for the future. Her background, education and vision are special assets that have been embraced by the Zonta world. As a past Governor for District 7, she ‘walked the walk’ in offering her dedication and commitment to help build bridges for the equality of women.



Photographer: Steven Campbell

Cheryl Braganza, *Montreal Woman of the Year* Recipient, 2008

Cheryl is a Montreal artist, poet, writer and musician who is actively involved with organizations that focus on human rights. She was born in Bombay, India and studied in Lahore, Rome and London where she began to paint in 1965. Since then, she has lived in Montreal where regular solo exhibitions of her work have been held. In 2008, Cheryl was presented with the prestigious *Montreal Woman of the Year Award*. She said this award has helped her look deeper into “the path of immigrant women”. To quote Cheryl, “There are no shortcuts to the rainbow for us women. Yet, in embracing my *ART*, which comes not from the mind, but from the places we dare to dream, it simmers in the expansive oceans of our souls lighting up dark corners of our worlds as it celebrates, heals and renews us.” Her art is magic and so is Cheryl, as she lights up women’s lives! Her topic for the conference will be: *Bridges I have Crossed*.

Zonta District 2 Conference
Hosted by the Zonta Club of Glens Falls
October 16-18, 2009

The Chairman for the 54th Zonta District 2 Conference being held in Glens Falls is the gentle and gracious Irene Consolagio. She has been an active member of her Zonta club since 1994 chairing several committees. Her work has included being a member of the Board 3 times, named *Zontian of the Year* in 1998 and currently Vice-President. She believes in Zonta's Mission and is proud to be a Zontian. Professionally, she has been an educator for about 25 years working as an aide in special education, as a Principal's secretary for 8 years. She is currently a high school teacher for young adults helping them in their work experience in the community, as well as teaching mathematics, science and English. Her joy and pride are her three married daughters, five grandchildren and a husband of 42 years. They live on about 10 acres of land on the crest of West Mountain which allows her to pursue some of her passions of oil painting, gardening, kayaking, reading and golfing. We are indeed blessed to have her gifted leadership in guiding her club to host this conference.



Chairman Irene Consolagio



Co-Chairman Debra Grobe Searles

The conference's Co-Chairman is the dynamic Debra Grobe Searles who has been an active Zontian since 1997. She has taken various leadership roles including serving on the Board. We truly appreciate her grassroots involvement in helping to build bridges to independence, literacy and freedom for many women, locally and internationally. Professionally, she completed a MSc degree having received an academic scholarship at Albany State University. She has been an educator for 25 years with experience and responsibilities working with severe and profound developmentally delayed youth to very gifted students. She has spear headed many valuable programs and her colleagues label her the "special events" coordinator. In her younger days, she traveled down the Amazon River and bicycled in New Zealand. Her hobbies include visits to the NYC ballet, gardening, pickling, bike riding, ice skating, skate boarding and her commitment to her faith. She is extremely proud of her three daughters as they move into adulthood. We are delighted that Debra is working closely with Irene to help host this conference at the Queensbury Hotel.



Timing is Everything!

I've had the pleasure of visiting six clubs in the past four weeks, and I heard a common phrase: "We thought we were going to get two new members, but they didn't join."

How about this phrase: "We are working on two new members and they haven't joined yet."

Any good salesperson will tell you that a 'no' just means 'no today.' Whether making a major purchase or joining a club that is part of an international network, the smart approach is to make sure the timing is right and it feels right.

In the past few months, the Zonta Club of Watkins Glen brought in three new members. I asked President Rose Ann Simkins what they did, and she said, "We just kept asking."

Many of our clubs are on summer and fall hiatus. Let's not put recruitment on hiatus. As you go about your summer and fall activities, keep an open eye for a potential new member. Invite that person to the September or October meeting, so there's a connection from the beginning of the year. It sends a message that the person is special and the meeting is special.

And just keep asking!

Sue Ann Cunliffe, Zonta District 2, Lt. Governor, sueann@dlspecialties.com

P.S. Increased Membership is **Key** to Zonta's progress...Let's invite a new member to our next meeting!

Healthy Lifestyle Tip!

Peace in Our Daily Lives

Peace doesn't necessarily mean being in a place where there's no noise or trouble; rather, it means that in the turmoil, we can still find calm. Taking time to reflect on the gifts of this marvelous world helps us refocus our mindset of *Peace*, based on the present moment, which is the only real there is for us. We will not escape that feeling that our **Zonta** work involves something much greater than our individual lives as it works within and around us, giving us a sense of *Peace* as we serve our sisters less fortunate than ourselves.



Points to Ponder...

by: Elaine M. Jachim

ZI District 2 Parliamentarian

Here are some points to consider when choosing a Parliamentarian for your club...

If you're like most clubs, you naturally think about appointing a long-time member because she's *sure* to know what to do. That's not always the best idea. It's not that long-time members aren't often a good choice, because many of them have had years to build up a data bank of rules that are helpful in your business meetings. BUT, longevity should not be your main concern.

Seek out someone who has the best interest of the group at heart and who is level-headed. Look for someone who doesn't have a personal agenda and who is not argumentative. It definitely should not be the person who constantly pops up at your meetings, waving her arm and insisting that you're doing everything wrong because it's against Robert's Rules. That's disruptive and not the kind of advice you need.

Your Parliamentarian should be someone who is willing to study not only your club's bylaws, but those of Zonta International because you need to know where everything fits. She doesn't have to be an expert in Robert's Rules, but she should be familiar with the parts that concern you and should know how to find things when needed. Keep in mind what you need to operate effectively will be found in your own bylaws and rules.

The person you choose should be familiar with Protocol so she can give you advice of proper seating, invitations, and the like. Very often there is one member who always seems to know just the right thing to say or do – look to her – she is probably a good choice.

Your Parliamentarian should be familiar enough with your bylaws that she can steer you in the right direction at meetings or when planning meetings or events. However, your Parliamentarian never interrupts or disrupts meetings. The parliamentarian may try to head off a situation that is getting out of hand or going in the wrong direction – she does not have to sit by passively and say nothing as previously thought. However, the Parliamentarian would always do this as inconspicuously as possible. She may speak directly to members if instructed to by the president. The president is always in control and is the decision-maker. The Parliamentarian may advise, but the president still has the final say and may choose to ignore the advice.

Skills to look for in your Parliamentarian:

- Able to locate needed information in your bylaws
- Diplomatic and tactful
- Reliable and keeps commitments
- Discreet and maintains confidentiality
- Impartial, fair ethical and objective.
- Advisor to the president, officers, committees, and members, but has no power.

Remember, that the member who is your parliamentarian should not vote when there are issues on which she has given advice.



Zonta District 2 Members

Welcome ZI Director, Beryl McMillan!

It will be an honour and pleasure to welcome Zonta International Director Beryl McMillan to District 2 who lives in Australia. She will be working with us and offering support and guidance.

This amazing leader joined Zonta International in 1988 and is a member of the Zonta Club of Melbourne. Since joining Zonta, she has served as the District 23rd Governor, International 2006 Convention Committee Vice Chairman and President of her former club, the Zonta Club of Melbourne. Beryl is serving as a member of the Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation Board of Directors from 2009-2012. In the 2008-2010 Biennium, she is District 23 Foundation Ambassador.

In addition to her involvement with Zonta International, Beryl is a fellow of the Australian Council for Educational Leaders, and of the Association of Development and Alumni Professionals in Education, a member of the Breast Cancer Network of Australia and UNIFEM Australia. She is an ambassador for Club Melbourne, invited to membership and sponsored by the City of Melbourne and the Victorian State Government to promote the city to interstate and international education and business groups.

Professionally, Beryl is Director of Community Relations for St Leonard's College. In her position, she is responsible for the College's marketing, media and public relations, publications, admissions, student records, alumni, archives, donor development and liaison with parents and other support and community groups.

Beryl's undergraduate degree in education is from Deakin University, and she holds a Bachelor of Education and Masters in Educational Studies from Monash University.

Her interests include theatre, walking, good food and wine, and friends and family. With immediate family of her Dad, two loving sons and a wonderful daughter in law, she is looking forward to the arrival of her first grandchild, a little girl, at the end of September. Darling baby Kobi has arrived!

We are delighted that Beryl will be working with us and we extend a warm welcome to our new Zonta friend from 'Down Under'.

Margaret Mitchell, Governor, Zonta District 2, mcm@videotron.ca

Zonta District 2 Spring Workshop-Retreat

Mark Saturday, April 17, 2010 on your calendar. The Zonta Club of Schenectady is hosting the Zonta District 2 Spring Workshop-Retreat. The theme is going to be: ***Preserving Zonta's Past, Designing Zonta's Future***. Details to follow soon.

Zonta District 2 Remembers Jan Bowman, 1942-2009



**Zonta Queen Jan &
Zonta Princess Dolly**



**I think I'll stay
the winter!**



**Gov Marg (Past ZCM Pres,
2005) with ZI Director Jan**

It was with sincere sadness that we recently learned of Jan Bowman's passing in Auckland, New Zealand. She served Zonta International as ZI Director (2003-2005), was Past Governor of District 16 and held many offices in her District. Those of us who attended the Gothenburg and Melbourne Zonta International Conventions will remember the moving Memorial Services she delivered. Jan was a very special Zontian and her warm smile, deep friendship and unbelievable commitment to the ideals of Zonta will be truly remembered. I know that you join me as we convey our heartfelt condolences to her family and Zonta friends. She will forever have a special place in the hearts of the Zonta District 2 members.

Zonta District 2 was most fortunate to have Jan join us at the 51st Zonta District 2 Conference in Montreal, Quebec with Governor Dolly Dastoor presiding. Everyone was so appreciative of Jan's leadership, guidance and sense of presence. There are many fond memories of her visit to our conference. She happened to stay in the suite that was reserved for the Queen of England or the President of the USA. Dressed for the part, it was fit for Jan Bowman and she was fit for it. One of our most memorable moments was when she kicked off her shoes and placed her feet on the table as we gathered around the grand piano while our musician friend, Cheryl, played. We sang our hearts out into the 'wee' small hours of the night as we enjoyed the breathtaking lights of Montreal.

Zonta District 2 Award Winners

Amelia Earhart – Melissa Rice

Jane M. Klausman – Jessica Roy

Young Women in Public Affairs – Kaitlyn Hensler

Jean M. Coon – Jessica Magonet

News from the Area Directors and their Clubs

Zonta Club of Canton

Twice a year the Canton Area Zonta Club collects and donates personal items for Renewal House, an agency which serves victims of domestic violence. Counselling, safe housing, information and referral as well as help during crisis are offered. Multitudes of personal items are collected and placed in laundry baskets and dish pans so clients may move them from emergency to permanent housing. The club is recognized in the community newspaper for their fine efforts.

Canton's Membership Recruitment Project was very successful and the club welcomed three new members. Membership Chairman Brad Mintener officially inducted Sharon Lawrence, Stacey Tarbox and Carol Roche in a special ceremony at the Best Western University Inn. The club warmly welcomed the new members. ZD2 YWPA Committee Chairman, ZD2 IT Coordinator and ZD2 Newsletter Editor, Penny Pitts was presented with the *Zontian of the Year Award* by President Sigie Barr for her extraordinary work and time given to the District. Congratulations Penny!



**Brad & President Sigie
with the new members**



**President Sigie
honouring Penny**



**New members: Carol,
Sharon, Stacey**

Zonta Club of Albany & Zonta Club of Glens Falls

Both these clubs had exceptional evening programs on Human Trafficking with Guest Speaker Andra Ackerman, Director of Human Trafficking Prevention and Policy. The main focus was to educate about the prevention of human trafficking as it is a Zonta International priority. She pointed out that it could occur anywhere so education is the key. Zontians need to become more informed of this type of modern day slavery and the methods used to recognize, prevent, intercept and adjudicate human trafficking. She emphasized the importance of increasing community awareness in providing safe shelters for anyone needing protection, especially those willing to testify against an abuser. The Glens Falls program involved a panel of other speakers who work in the areas of domestic violence, also. One of our own members, Jane McEwen, Executive Director, NYSCASA and a Past ZD2 Governor, now ZD2 Foundation Ambassador, has become a certified member of the Task Force. These events were a true educational experience for all participants.



**Guest Andra
Ackerman**



**Human
Trafficking**



**ZC UHV Pres Betty with
Zontians at Membership Picnic**

Upper Hudson Valley Club

The Zonta Club of Upper Hudson Valley works closely with a domestic violence shelter and supports them. This is their main club project and is in line with Zonta International's Mission. Their work at the *Healing Hearts Shelter* involves presenting theme related surprises and supplies to the home each month. They've purchased sturdy dining room chairs for their kitchen and a variety of toys for the children's play area. Their dedication to this project is deeply appreciated by the community and Zonta. At the end of each year they celebrate a Summer Membership Social to welcome prospective members.

Zonta Club of Schenectady

The grand re-opening and official ribbon cutting ceremony of the Empire State Aero- science Museum took place on May 2, 2009 sponsored by the Zonta Schenectady Club. There were on-going tours and SVR rides with a real highlight of the day being a Lunar Exhibit of the Mars Rover Project with NASA. Featured guest was Melissa Rice, recipient of the Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowship. Area 1 Director Chris Legg and Betsy Lucci kindly represented the Zonta District 2 Board. Joyce Newkirk, past Zonta District 2 Treasurer and member of the Schenectady Club, was honoured for her extraordinary work and promotion of the museum. The Zonta District 2 Board is looking forward to working with the Schenectady Club in the upcoming ZD2 Spring Workshop-Retreat on April 17, 2009, the theme being *Preserving Zonta's Past, Designing Zonta's Future*. Mark the date!



**ZD2 Amelia Earhart Chair
Cathy Lewis with Melissa Rice**



**Past Pres Donna Partridge of
Glens Falls & Service Chair**



Zonta International's 90th Birthday

A Gift from Australia!

by Past International President, Val Sarah, AM

International President 1998-2000

“ZONTA – YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW”

I want you to come with me in our imagination to the city of Buffalo in upstate N.Y. It's December 1918, and we're guests at a Christmas holiday party hosted by the Kiwanis Club, an exclusive men's service organization with a very strict system of classification which admits only executives in business and the professions.

We're standing to one side, and we see a well-known local celebrity, Marian de Forest, newspaper woman and playwright. We follow her as she joins 4 other women, and they are seen talking animatedly for quite some time.

We can imagine their conversation: “why don't we have a club for executive women? The World War has really changed things for us. There are a significant number of executive women in the workforce *now* who could well qualify for membership. As executive women, we could offer service to *other* women in society who don't share our good fortune” ...

Well, eventually the party ends, but the idea doesn't. It flourishes, and in March the next year – 1919 - Marian becomes the first President, and her four friends the first officers, of a newly-chartered club for executive women.

But the club they form isn't *Zonta*, its *Quota*.

Using the Kiwanis Club as a model, they draw up a skeleton classification system—and employ an organizer to encourage membership. Their *goal* is to unite women at the executive level, to use their expertise in *service to the community*.

They are successful beyond their wildest dreams. In no time at all, there are over 600 members in 9 clubs in the States of New York, Michigan, and Pennsylvania.

But something goes wrong. In the rush to sign up women for membership, the classification system isn't strictly adhered to, and *social status* rather than *professional expertise* become the most important credential for recruitment: *social engagement* is the focus, rather than *service to the community*.

What happens next is our moment in history. More than a hundred women defect from Quota – including Marian de Forest—and meet at the Hotel Statler in Buffalo, New York State, to discuss plans for a new organization, one which will adhere more rigorously to the classification system. And so, the Confederation of Zonta Clubs is born on November 8, 1919.

Its very first Object is “*to encourage, promote, and supervise the organization of Zonta Clubs in all commercial centers of the world*”—a very brave statement, but the essential message is that there will be no paid Organisers. Zontians will be responsible for organizing new clubs, inspiring *potential Zontians*, based on the lived Zonta experience”.

It means much slower growth in the number of new clubs, but ensures ‘quality rather than quantity’ in its membership.

Unlike other women’s groups of the time, Zonta’s professional and business classification system requires Zontians to be gainfully employed at least 50% of the time, at executive and decision-making levels. What must have provided a real challenge was the fact that only *one* member per club was allowed under *each* classification! Thank goodness the rules are a little more flexible today!

As the first generation of women employed at the executive level, Zonta’s early members were carving a place for themselves in what was still the tightly woven network of a male-dominated domain.

The fellowship that Zonta emphasized undoubtedly helped members to deal with the societal prejudice and pressure they must have faced.

But our friend Marian, writing in 1925, stressed the search for ‘*cooperation rather than competition*’, what we might today term, ‘gender equity’.

Wait - I’m getting ahead of myself. Do you remember that first Zonta Object—to organize Zonta Clubs “in all commercial centers of the world”? What a HUGE statement to make! How on earth were they going to do it! Well, as early as May 1921, at Zonta’s very first Convention, a “*National Committee on Organization*” was established to fund and facilitate the founding of new clubs. They were on their way!

It wasn’t going to be easy.

In districts where there were small towns and one or two key cities, clubs were close together and enjoyed a common background. Their Intercity gatherings were easy, and they had *neighbours* with whom to discuss their problems.

But in places like Detroit, for example—in the words of one of its members at the time - “we were separated by the Great Lakes, and back in those days distances were greater. Fifteen miles per hour was speeding if you were affluent enough to own a car and enough of a mechanic to service its breakdown”.

In 1923, the Zonta Club of Seattle was chartered, extending the Confederation’s boundaries from ‘sea to shining sea’, or coast to coast, in the United States. It was the first women’s classified service club in that city, yet the Seattle club - isolated like Detroit- found extending Zonta, difficult. Letters from Seattle on the *West* coast to the then headquarters in New York on the *East* coast could take as long as 5 weeks to arrive (if they arrived at all). Three years later, when a few more clubs had been added to the region, the nearest club might still be separated by 3 days of train travel!

So organizing new clubs was then-as it is today—a grassroots effort performed entirely by members using personal and business contacts to forge the connections.

And here is our friend Marian once again, teaming up with Dr. Rosalie Slaughter-Morton of the New York Club – whom she had met in Serbia during the War—to undertake an organizing campaign far a field, wherever they had friends, at home or abroad.

In 1929, International President Olivia Johnson used her complimentary pass as an employee of the Great Northern Railway Company to visit 74 Zonta Clubs, traveling more than 31,000 miles throughout the North American continent.

A few years later, in the early 1930's, Katherine Maddux managed to visit every club from Chicago to the Pacific Coast during her term as International President, traveling by what was then still a *novel* mode of transportation—a two-seater *plane*. Elected during a worldwide economic depression, Maddux describes her 'most memorable trip' traveling free of charge "*behind a pile of mail bags*".

You'll be pleased to hear that, in addition to member commitment and presidential visits, there was another major achievement—the establishment of a permanent headquarters building. This was an important factor because it provided a stable focus both for communication, and Zonta activity.

Hitherto, during its *first* 5 years of existence, Zonta operated *without* an official headquarters; headquarters was wherever the executive secretary happened to live. With no money for office rent, Harriet Richards worked out of her own home. She describes it as working "*with a desk, files in the library, and supplies in the attic.*"

I think we can all relate to that!

So Zonta opened its first business office in *New York* in 1926 and its first *permanent* headquarters in *Chicago* in January 1928.

These moves were to prove highly beneficial to the process of organization and extension.

Importantly, at the annual Convention in 1926, the Confederation passed a bylaw providing for the organization of Zonta Clubs outside North America, and established an International Relations Committee to work toward this goal.

Zonta's first international club was established in 1927, with the first all-Canadian Club in Toronto. Then, in 1928, Zonta chartered clubs in Auckland, New Zealand and Sydney, Australia.

Dorothea McKellar, the Australian poet best known for "*I love a sunburnt country*", was Secretary of the Sydney Club. We hear about it from time to time, but it appears to have disbanded in the mid 1930's, probably due to isolation and the tyranny of distance. We don't know what happened in New Zealand.

In 1930, Vienna Austria became Zonta's first European club, and the Confederation changed its name to Zonta International.

It seemed that nothing could stop the momentum of Zonta's ambitions for global expansion.

But the world was changing. Years of depression, and the imminence of a second global conflict would take their toll on such plans. However, new clubs *were* formed – most often when a Zontian with a determined commitment and a healthy bank balance or expense account, passed through a country for a personal vacation, or on a professional visit.

Dora Townsend, who was Zonta's first chairman of that International Relations Committee we mentioned a moment ago, spent *her* summers conducting a university travel club throughout Europe. Delivering lectures on the history, art and literature of the continent, she attempted to forge connections for future Zonta Clubs in Romania, Spain, Serbia, France, Czecho-Slovakia and England – all part of her summer travels.

Similarly Dr. Rosalie Slaughter-Morton – remember her? Marion's friend-who was married to an Australian, was largely responsible for chartering afresh the first Sydney and Auckland Clubs during personal vacations to her husband's home country.

Before high-speed travel, forging international connections across such distances was extremely difficult. International correspondence was slow, overseas; travel expensive and delegates were rarely able to attend conventions personally.

The situation became even more difficult between 1938 and 1945. In Germany, all independent women's organizations were outlawed, including Zonta. War restrictions disallowed European attendance at conventions. In 1945, travel even in the *United States* was restricted to government employees and appointees, and the convention was cancelled altogether, so elections and resolutions had to be conducted by mail.

And yet – while Zonta's *European* expansion came to a standstill during the war- *international growth* wasn't entirely neglected; *new* clubs were chartered in *Scandinavian* Europe, and Chile became the first post-war Zonta Club in *Latin America*.

By 1949, 30 years after Zonta was born, there were more than 7,000 members in 200 clubs in *North America*, *South America* and *Europe*. Fast-forward to 1996, almost 50 years later again, and we can compare those figures with just *one* District - District 14 - with 7,000 members in 240 clubs but this time from 20 countries speaking 16 languages!

And what of our friend, Marian de Forest? I wonder how she would feel about all this, if she were alive today?

She is *remembered* today. The 4th President of the Confederation in 1924, she used her contacts in “musical, literary and dramatic circles” to begin new clubs throughout the United States.

At her death in 1935, after 15 years of Zonta membership, she had helped Zonta grow from 9 to 124 clubs in North America and Europe. Her memory is enshrined in the Marian de Forest Fund supporting organization of new clubs, encouraging growth in existing clubs, and spreading the Zonta spirit worldwide.

There have been remarkable organizers down through the years in Zonta, whose passion for introducing the concept of Zonta friendship and service to women in new communities in Asia, the Far East, Oceania, Africa, Eastern Europe and South Africa resulted in a Zonta presence in 71 countries at the dawn of the new Millennium.

One of the most revered is Dorothy Thompson, from the Zonta Club of Toronto in Canada who formed the first twelve clubs in Australia and New Zealand when she was in her late 60's, and who died at the tender age of 103. Well, we've looked back over the **past**.

As far as the **present** is concerned, our most significant challenge is to target younger executive women for Zonta membership – women who are savvy with today's rapidly changing technology. The advent of email in the 1990's changed the way we do business and the way we communicate worldwide. People of my generation sometimes struggle to come to terms with things like ipods, blogs, skype and wikkies, and we dread to think what the next innovation will be ... young people seem to take all these advances in their stride, and they will keep us healthy and modern in our thinking.

As for the **future**, we'll need to use our special skills and experience in both service and *advocacy*. It's high time that women's voices and viewpoints were heard, sought, recognized and acted upon, in all phases of budgeting, programming and policy-making. Women perceive and respond differently to men, and it would be beneficial to our nation as a whole if we could get the balance of outcomes, right.

I believe that women are the new-age *philanthropists*, and that increasingly we will 'give while we live'; that we will give to women *internationally* through the Zonta International Foundation, and *locally* through Community Foundations.

During my term as International President-Elect and President, I worked with a very small group of Zontians on a History of Zonta from 1919 to 1999. The author was a young woman who was *completing her doctoral dissertation at the University of Illinois in Chicago, Theresa de Langis*.

In the foreword to that History, I wrote a few words that come with best wishes to members of Zonta in District 2:

“...individual Zontians and their work to advance the status of women
provide rich threads in the tapestry of our history. Never before
has there been such a need for our service, advocacy, and compassion.

The will, the skills, the drive, the desire, the vision to succeed in our Mission to advance the status of women in local and global communities lie with every Zontian, everywhere, now and in the future.”

This is based on a presentation given in Australia, December 2007

Zonta District 2 Calendar of Events, 2009

| Date | Activities |
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| Oct. 15, 2009 | Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships: International Recipient's Announcement |
| Oct. 16-18, 2009 | Zonta District 2 Conference |
| Oct. 24, 2009 | United Nations Day |
| Nov. 8, 2009 | Zonta International 90 th Anniversary |
| Nov. 15, 2009 | Amelia Earhart Fellowships: Applications due |
| Nov. 25, 2009 | International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women |
| Nov. 25-Dec. 10 | Sixteen Days of Activism Against Gender Violence |
| Dec. 1, 2009 | World AIDS Day |
| Dec. 10, 2009 | International Human Rights Day |

Why are We Zontians?

May we remember, as committed Zontians, the Zonta International Foundation needs our support in order to provide the funding for our Zonta International *Service* projects in Rwanda, Guatemala City & San Salvador, Liberia and our ZISVAW projects in Cambodia, Egypt and Syria.

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