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Zonta International: Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

The Fulcrum

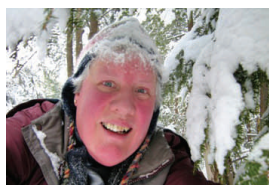
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Greetings from your District Governor!

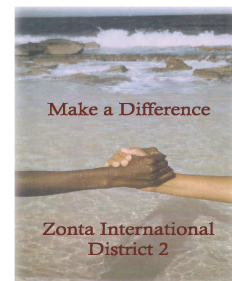


Happy New Year!

Zonta District 2 Theme

2008-2010

Make a Difference!



We welcome you to the 2nd issue of Zonta District 2's Newsletter, *The Fulcrum*. As we enter the **Winter Solstice** in this part of the world, we join cultures that have held a high recognition of rebirth, involving holidays, festivals, gatherings, rituals or other celebrations at this time of year. We encourage you to continue striving for balance and focus while dedicating your lives to your families, professional work, Zonta commitments and leisure time. I know that I speak on behalf of all of the ZD2 Board members, when we offer our sincere congratulations for the fine work each club has embarked on during this part of the Biennium. Your Area Directors reported, glowingly, at our last ZD2 Board meeting, the unique and creative work you are doing as you give of your time, talent and leadership in helping to enhance the advancement of women in many different ways.

Our ZI President, Beryl Sten, reminded us that we have celebrated **89** years of service on November 8, 2008! We look back with gratitude and humility and forward to the accomplishments of today, as well as the future, in helping women in our communities and worldwide. May I share with you the direction of Zonta International's goals for 2008-2010! I know you will agree with me that **Service** and **Advocacy** are the keys of Zonta. The Zonta International Projects have been carefully chosen this Biennium with our Zonta International team working directly with United Nations representatives. These projects are in Rwanda, Guatemala & El Salvador, Liberia, as well as our ZISVAW program in Cambodia, Egypt and Syria. Please read and educate yourselves about them in The Zontian, Issue One, July 2008 or on the www.zonta.org website. Both Zonta International's and District's goal are to encourage each club to continue giving 1/3 of its service funds to the Zonta International

Foundation. This is our focus this Biennium! It is not necessary for any club to choose or develop an International project. It is the responsibility of every club and member to honour these projects selected by our International team and fund raise to support them through our Zonta International Foundation. There seemed to be a misunderstanding about this in the past. Our representatives screen these projects comprehensively and discreetly. We will not enter countries that do not adhere to the ZI and the United Nations policies. Our ZD2 Foundation Chairman, Jane McEwen, janemcw@aol.com, our ZD2 Service Chairman, Barbara Allen, ballen7@twcny.com and our Legislative, Awareness and Advocacy Chairman, Gloria Bolesh, jgbolesh@verizon.net are available to speak to your clubs about these projects.

It is important that Zonta members realize that they are not only a valued member of a club but are an integral part and connection to the Zonta International chain of approximately 70 000 Zontians, striving to advance the status of women together. That is what makes this organization so special, unique and exciting! Your local **Service** and **Advocacy** projects should be very carefully selected to directly enhance opportunities for women. Let's continue to reassess our work and make sure we are following Zonta's Mission as we each **Make a Difference!**

Information from our ZI President, Beryl Sten and the ZI Board, informed us of organizational changes that have taken place at the staff level. I know that you join me in wishing our former ZI Executive Director, Janet Halstead, our very best wishes in her future endeavours. We thank her for her many years of dedicated service to the Zonta organization.

On behalf of the ZD2 Board, I thank you again for your support. I feel very privileged to serve as your Governor this Biennium. May I wish each of you and your families Season's Greetings and Best Wishes in 2009! These are challenging times for all of us at every level of the organization. Please don't hesitate to contact your Area Directors, Lt. Governor or myself at any time. The great irony about life is that the only constant is change.

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

Margaret

Zonta International District 2 Centurions

It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of the following past Governors as **Centurions** for District 2 for the 2008-2010 Biennium. They are Rita Cousino, Zonta Club of Albany, Karen Macier, Zonta Club of Auburn, Jane McEwen, Zonta Club of Glens Falls and Valerie Hume, Zonta Club of Ottawa. These people have in-depth knowledge of the procedures of Zonta with extensive experience, as well as being active participants at the District level. They'll work with me as advisors on such topics as long range planning, raising interest and enthusiasm for sponsoring, organizing and mentoring activities and developing strategies to recruit new members. I am delighted to have their guidance and assistance.

Margaret Mitchell, Governor, Zonta International District 2

Memories of a Great Zonta District 2 Seminar

Our **Zonta District 2 Seminar**, held at The Radisson in Utica, New York, was a resounding success with a record 101 registrants and 9 guests attending. The ZD2 Chairman of the Seminar, Linda Czerkies, and her 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 93 evaluation forms was very positive and reassuring.



Governor Margaret and
ZD2 Seminar Chairman Linda!



Flags of the Countries with
Zonta International Clubs!

Some of the highlights of the day included the impact and powerful messages of our guest speakers. Teresa Huggins, author and international speaker, with her daughter, Tara, spoke very passionately about awakening the power within each of us, as Zontians, through Service and Advocacy. They encouraged and guided us in exploring ways to discover possibilities within problem situations by focusing on and living in the 'present' moment. Our Karen Macier, past Governor, followed up in the afternoon by discussing ways of creating stronger and sustaining Zonta clubs through a variety of useful and meaningful strategies. Her focus included volunteer trends, and leadership as well as suggestions for planning and building more secure clubs in the future. Both of the sessions were well received by the participants.



From Dreams to Reality!



Keen Zontians!

Other Activities of the Day!

-the formal Induction of the ZD2 Board for 2008-2010 by past Governor, Val Hume and the introduction of the ZD2 Chairmen by Governor Margaret Mitchell

-a hilarious 'Welcoming' Presentation from the **Lumberjanes** from Glens Fall, New York, inviting us to the ZD2 Fall Conference, Oct. 16-18, 2009 and congratulations were in order to them for winning the **Governor's Silver Bowl** for the greatest number of members registered at the seminar



Past Governor, Valerie Hume
inducting Governor Margaret Mitchell



The **Lumberjanes**
from Glens Falls, New York!

-a humorous, yet powerful message, to clubs and members in emphasizing our responsibilities to the Zonta International Foundation, from our Zonta District 2 Ambassador Chairman, Jane McEwen

-a book launching and signing time, opportunities for Zonta shopping in the lobby, as well as lots of anxiety and anticipation before the door prize fun

-the observance of the “**Stand Up Against Poverty**” campaign by the participants, so beautifully organized and lead by ZD2 UN Chairman, Marjorie Lavin



Marjorie Lavin leading us in a moment of reflection

- a presentation of the **Evelyn Dewitt Membership Tray** was made by Debbie Abel, ZD2 Treasurer, to the Mid Hudson Valley Club for the largest percentage of increase in members in the past year
- a concise summary of 2008-2010 ZD2 **Goals** and **Vision** was given by Governor Margaret
- a 'surprise' acknowledgement and recognition was made by Governor Margaret to a most gracious and committed Zontian, our ZD2 Archivist, Betsy Lucci, for her many, many years of dedication and hard work to the District
- delicious 'Food' for thought and 'Food' to eat throughout the day's proceedings around the celebration of ZD2's **Award** winners
- the **Immediate Past Governor's Tray** was presented to incoming Governor Margaret Mitchell from outgoing Governor Debbie Abel for her extraordinary work done in the past Biennium, particularly relating to the District's membership increase



Betsy Lucci, ZD2 Archivist, being honoured and sincerely thanked for her many years of dedicated service!



Amelia Earhart recipient, Melissa Rice, with ZD2 Amelia Earhart Chairman, Cathy Lewis and Governor Margaret Mitchell

So ended a wonderful day with everyone returning home with happy memories. Many thanks are extended, again, to Linda Czerkies and her planning committee for their fine seminar. Almost everyone was presented with a 'special' treat after filling out the evaluation forms!

Zonta International District 2 Seminar

A Picture Says a 1000 Words!



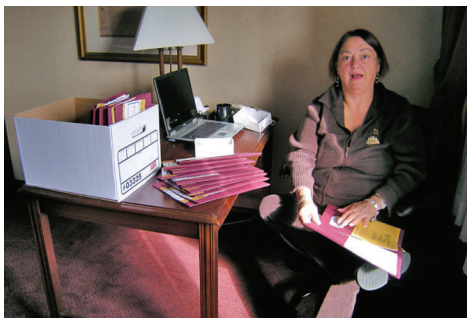
Two hardworking ZD2 Chairmen,
from the ZD2 Finance and
PR/Communication Committees,
Susan Waterschoot and Kathy Kotz



Two terrific past ZD2 Governors,
Jane McEwen, ZD2 Foundation Ambassador
and Dolly Dastoor, ZI Service Chairman



Governor Margaret and Area 2 Director Mary Lynne
welcoming Gloria, Past ZD2 Governor
and now ZI Treasurer/Secretary



A most dedicated Zontian, Penny Pitts.
ZD2 YWPA Chairman, and
ZD2 Editor of the ZD2 Newsletter,
preparing the kits for the ZD2 Seminar



Two enthusiastic and determined Zontians,
Sigie Barr, President of the Canton Club
and Anita Crowe, ZD2 Area 4 Director



Zonta ZD2 Lt. Governor's Message!

My apologies in the error that was made in the tabulation of the **Governor's Silver Bowl** that relates to the number of members who attended the fall ZD2 Seminar, as well as the distance traveled. There were 3 registered members and 1 guest from the Zonta Club of Ottawa, not 4 registered Zontians. The Rules of Procedure state that..."the club with the greatest number of members fully registered at the seminar multiplied by distance traveled..." Unfortunately, when the number was dropped to 3, the Ottawa club was not the winner. The Governor's Silver Bowl was actually won by the Zonta Club of Glens Falls. Apologies to the Ottawa club and congratulations to Zonta Club of Glens Falls.

District 2 is continuing to grow with congratulations and a warm welcome to the following new members: **Albany Club** - Katherine Breitenbach, **Montreal Club** - Cheryl Braganza and transfer, Judith Ainsworth, **Oswego Club** - Carol Alnutt, Ann Gilpin, Katherine Loomis, **Rome Club** - Dee Moerman, **Syracuse Club** - Mary Earl, Donna Walter and **Watkins Glen/Montour Falls Club** - Betty Lorenzo, Carinne Wolford.

Travel Plans: Travel is unpredictable during the winter months in District 2. Driving through two serious ice storms in November with speaking engagements at the Oneida/Rome clubs and then at the Syracuse club, was a challenge! Since it's my goal to try and visit EVERY club in the District, please look at your future program calendar and let me know when it would be appropriate to visit your club. Looking forward to getting "on the road again soon!"

Using the Membership Tools: ZI Membership Chairman, Bea Weaver, has developed helpful means to communicate membership news. Information can be found under **Membership Matters** on the ZI website, www.zonta.org; log in, click on *Member Resources* and then on *Tools for Clubs* on the left side, then click on *Membership Recruitment and Retention* and then click on *Membership Matters for Zonta Clubs* on the right. While providing a status of Zonta membership worldwide, Bea also shares useful membership tools to help in clubs' growth.

The ZI website is overflowing with information, ranging from position papers on international goals to club programming ideas. The site presents ZI very concisely and professionally, and is, particularly, useful for potential new members, as well as current members.

Here's to a New Year's Resolution: "Let's work smarter, not harder, and use the great tools that are at our fingertips." Happy New Year to all!

-Lt. Governor, Sue Ann Cunliffe, sueann@dlaadspecialties.com

Points to Ponder...



Zonta District 2 Parliamentarian

Elaine M. Jachim

Have you looked lately? Looked at what, you might ask. Have you looked at your club's bylaws to make sure they are updated and in compliance with Zonta International's bylaws and guidelines for clubs? A complete bylaws revision should be done every few years. Fortunately, Zonta makes this task easy for our clubs. Every two years after the International Convention we receive complete details on the changes that affect our club bylaws and they should be incorporated at that time. These changes can easily be found on our District 2 website. Ninety days after convention each club receives a new Club Manual. There is a section entitled "Club Bylaws," and in this section you will find sample club bylaws which will have the newest changes. These should be followed as written, but Zonta gives you several options in certain areas, such as the month of your annual meeting, the number required for a quorum, date of your monthly meetings, etc.

The committee reviewing your bylaws should meet and make recommendations regarding the options your club prefers. Those options are then voted on and incorporated into your bylaws. You do not need to vote on the changes made by ZI at the convention, but you should inform your members of those changes and how they affect your club. Remember, bylaws are your structure and order-nothing else goes in that document. Other items having to do with additional duties of officers, committees, internal procedures, etc. should be part of your Rules of Procedure (more commonly known as Standing Rules). If you have not updated your bylaws in several years, *NOW* is the time to do it.

Our Zonta District 2 Bylaws & Resolutions Committee is in the capable hands of Jan McGraw. If you have any specific questions about your own club's bylaws, you can contact her at the District website: www.zontadistrict2.org. If I can be of any help to you with parliamentary questions, procedures or protocol, please contact me either through the District 2 website or at elaineJ821@gmail.com.

News from the Zonta International District 2 Foundation Ambassador

The **Zonta International Foundation** is the pulse of the Zonta organization. Each club is encouraged to donate 33% of its Service funds raised locally to Zonta International for its projects. These are chosen in conjunction with the United Nations projects throughout the world because we have Category 1 Status with the UN. As dedicated Zontians in District 2, we are really encouraging at least 50% (300) of us to make an individual financial gift to Zonta during each year of this Biennium. This worthwhile organization needs our financial support to help meet the needs of the women in Zonta International's projects throughout the world. These are described in detail in the last Zontian magazine. We can do it and really **Make a Difference!**

Thank you for your generosity at the Fall Seminar in Utica, NY. We raised over \$1200. We truly appreciated your support! I continue to request invites to your club meetings to share our Zonta story. We do amazing work for women all over the world. Micro grants are in the news everyday, now. We have been doing this form of economic support since buying pigs for women in the Philippines many years ago. So, please remember the Zonta International Foundation at this time of year and send your donations to me directly or to the ZIF. I wish you all a safe and productive Holiday and hope for us to reach many more thousands of needy women around the world during this Season of Giving, as well as throughout the year. Stay well and feel free to contact me for individual advice, guidance and/or a speaking engagement. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Jane McEwen

ZD2 Foundation Ambassador

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Zonta International District 2 Campaign for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

The ZID2 campaign for the annual *International Day to End Violence Against Women* was launched on Nov. 25, 2008, at the 80th Anniversary celebrations of the Zonta Club of Montreal, held at the St. James' Club in Montreal, Quebec. This project began in 1961, after three political activists, siblings Minerva, Patria and Maria-Teresa of the Dominican Republic, were taken to a sugar cane field and shot. November 25th, known as **White Ribbon Day**, was designated by the United Nations to raise public awareness after this tragedy. This date was also chosen as a day of activism and remembrance by a group of men in Canada after 14 women were massacred at Ecole Polytechnique, Montreal, Quebec, by a lone gunman on Dec. 6, 1989. It's the largest effort by men around the world, working in partnership with women.

The period from Nov. 25 until Dec.10, has been declared *16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence!* Governor Margaret Mitchell prepared white ribbons for everyone to wear at the Zonta Club of Montreal Awards Ceremony. Other clubs in District 2 initiated a variety of concrete actions to prevent violence against women. As statistics regarding incidences of domestic violence are still staggering, our observance is important as we must do what we can to support a major societal shift towards worldwide gender equality and respect.

During this period, District 2 Zontians joined many other Zontians around the world to participate with the *United Nations Development Fund for Women* (UNIFEM) group. The goal was to present over one million signatures to the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon from the *Say No to Violence Against Women* campaign launched a year ago by UNIFEM's Goodwill Ambassador, Nicole Kidman. The online petition demanded that world leaders make ending violence against women a top priority on their global agenda. It is important to note that the former Executive Director of UNIFEM, Noeleen Heyzer, is now the Under-Secretary-General heading the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. She was made an Honorary Member of Zonta International at the recent ZI Convention in Rotterdam, Netherlands.

Edye Benson from the Zonta Club of Albany, District 2, reported from a study by the World Economic Forum, Reuters, Geneva. It said that women lag behind men in top political decision-making roles, though their access to education and health care is nearly equal. This substantiates the United Nations data that found girls and women around the world had generally reached near-parity with male peers in literacy, access to education and health and survival. In terms of economics and politics, including access to executive government and corporate posts, the gap still between the sexes remains too large. The Reuters' report concluded that "A nation's competitiveness depends significantly on whether and how it educates and utilizes its female talent. To maximize its competitiveness and development potential, each country should strive for gender equality".



Zonta is associated with developing strategies to promote and protect human rights, particularly with women and girls. The ZISVAW projects (*Zonta International Strategies to Prevent Violence Against Women*) are being supported by Zonta through grants to UNIFEM, UNICEF, UNFPA and other organizations. Detailed information about these projects may be found on ZI's website. Also, go to the White Ribbon Day website, www.whiteribbonday.org for more ideas as to how your club can increase awareness of the need to help women. Each year the Status of Women - Canada produces an important information kit that helps women by promoting awareness and that suggests actions that may be taken against gender violence. Feel free to consult the following website: www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/dates/dec6/index_e.html. Please remember to wear a **White Ribbon** during this campaign period. It ended on *Human Rights Day*, Dec. 10th marking the 60th Anniversary of the United Nations adoption of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*.

Congratulations!

80th Anniversary Celebrations of the Zonta Club of Montreal



(Left to Right) Governor Margaret Mitchell, Julie Mathieu, (Marjorie Smith Nursing Bursary Winner), Maya Johnson, (MC of the Ceremonies & past YWPA Winner), Susan Young, (Jean M. Coon Winner), Anita Crowe, (ZD2 Area 4 Director), Yvonne. Quintyn, (Zonta Club of Montreal President), **In absentia**, YWPA Winner, Anna Rotman

Zonta International District 2 Honours the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

A resolution was passed at the Zonta International Convention, Rotterdam, Netherlands in honour of the **60th Anniversary** of the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**. Zontians affirmed our support of this landmark achievement. It was a time for Zonta International members to renew our shared commitment to achieving the status of women and promoting the rights of women throughout the world in our global and local service and advocacy activities.

Did you know that it is the most translated document in the world, now available in more than 360 languages? It is as relevant and pertinent now, as it was on the day that it was adopted. Yet, we know that the basic fundamental freedoms imbedded and enshrined in the document are still not a reality for everyone!

The Zonta clubs in District 2 have joined other clubs in showing solidarity with women worldwide in working 'arm in arm' to help eliminate violence against women and girls. The actual day of the **60th Anniversary** of the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights** was Dec. 10, 2008. If you haven't examined this very important document, please go to the United Nations website page and examine it at: www.un.org/events/humanrights/udhr60/index.shtml.

The High Commissioner of Human Rights, Louise Arbour, (Canadian) stated, *"In the course of this year, unprecedented efforts must be made to ensure that every person in the world can rely on just laws for his or her protection"*. The theme of the campaign is **"Dignity and Justice for All of Us"**.

There is an online quiz to 'test' our knowledge. Here are some sample questions:

When was the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted?

Where was this important document adopted?

How many articles are in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights document?

How many people live on less than 1US dollar per day?

When was the office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights established?

How many countries are members of the Human Rights Council?

Who is the current High Commissioner for Human Rights?

Name the UN High Commissioner who was killed in a terrorist attack?

What percentage of the world's women are poor?

Which country was the first to grant women full voting rights in 1893?

The answers can be found on the next page.

Zonta International Withdraws from Project Five-0

Some of you in District 2 might not be aware that Zonta International found it necessary to withdraw from Project Five-0, an international coalition of five women's organizations, which included Zonta International, International Business and Professional Women, International Council of Women, International Federation of University Women and Soroptomist International, working together to enhance and empower women and girls worldwide. For more detailed information, go to their website: www.project-five-o.org.

The Zonta International Board decided to withdraw its participation for several reasons. Since Project Five-0 no longer receives funding from UNESCO for its small service projects, that constituted a fundraising conflict with Zonta's service projects because Project Five-0 is not a legal entity. Zonta International tried to make joint advocacy a main purpose of Project Five-0 at the international level but that proved difficult with poor results; and after thorough consideration, investigation and evaluation, the Zonta International Board decided that it was necessary to withdraw because it wasn't a positive way to use our time, money and energy. ZI will continue to develop strategies of cooperation with similar organizations, and this could include different members of Project Five-0. The Policy on Affiliation of Zonta with other organizations adopted in February of 2004 by the ZI Board is under review.



News from our Zonta International Liaison, Ragna Karlsdottir

(Icelanders are a very humble, genuine folk who welcome people who visit their island of tranquility and peace with kindness and generosity. – Margaret Mitchell)

Happy memories of hiking in the mountains of Iceland in the summer!

Even though our dear ZI Icelandic Representative, Ragna, hibernates in darkness at this time of year, she still communicates to me by email. She sends her love to "all you good people in District 2". I have kept her updated of the wonderful work being done by the ZD2 Board, ZD2 Committee Chairmen, ZD2 Club Presidents and, especially, all of our dedicated Club Members this Biennium! She has been very helpful in guiding and supporting me. There are items from her that I will share with the ZD2 Board. Of course, she strongly encourages us to continue supporting our 'smaller' clubs and take them, as she says, into our "intensive care" through healthy membership drives and activities! She also asked me to remind members to keep our email boxes cleared and acknowledge messages with a short answer. She sends her very best wishes for the New Year!

Answers to the Quiz on Page 13

1. 1984, 2. Palais de Chaillot, Paris, France, 3. 30, 4. 1.3 billion, 5. 1993, 6. 47, 7. Louise Arbour, 8. Sergio Vieira de Mello, 9. 70%, 10. New Zealand. **Your Score:** _____

The Dynamite Duo behind the Scenes!

Zonta District 2 members are fortunate to have Wanda Turner, ZD2 IT/Webmaster Committee Chairman and Penny Pitts, ZD2 Newsletter Editor and ZD2 YWPA Committee Chairman working behind the scenes this Biennium. They have worked diligently to keep the website updated and the Zonta District 2 Newsletter, *The Fulcrum*, available for us. These are important communication tools for the District in the 21st century. If you haven't been receiving the ZD2 email, go to www.zontadistrict2.org, click on '**Z-mail Sign up**', fill out your email address and it will be added to ZD2 list. Also, if you need help in updating your club's website on the District website, contact Penny Pitts at ppitts1@twcnny.rr.com. On behalf of all of us, we offer our sincere thanks to both of them for a job well done!



Wanda and Penny Busy at Work!

Zonta District 2 Store

This is a reminder to Zonta members that Lt. Governor, Sue Ann Cunliffe, kindly coordinates the Zonta District 2 Store for us. For more information about the items and how to purchase them, go to www.zontadistrict2.org, click on **Shop the Zonta Store** picture that's on the ZD2 front website page.

Healthy Lifestyle Tip

The '**Art of Hugging**' reveals healthy benefits of relief from pain, stress and depression, as it helps build the immune system. Medical studies have shown that there are a multitude of positive results from hugging. The body releases endorphins which calms the system and reduces blood pressure. So, reach out for a Zonta hug!

ZD2 Board and Committee Chairmen's Email Addresses

A list of the ZD2 Board & Committee Chairmen's email are enclosed in this newsletter. They may also be retrieved by going to : www.zontadistrict2.org, click on the word, **Contacts**; then click on **District Officers**; read the ZD2 Leaders' **Bios**. They want to hear from you!

News from the Area Directors

Zonta Club of Ottawa

The **Zonta Club of Ottawa** was asked to host a Round Table at a special evening at Parliament Hill, Ottawa on 'Human Trafficking in the European Union' by Canadian Senator, Mobina Jaffer on November 26, 2008. She had arranged a series of meetings for Patsy Sorenson, a member of the *European Commission Committee of Experts on Human Trafficking* and Current Director of the *NGO Payoke* and former Member of the European Parliament while touring Canada. Also, joining the group on Parliament Hill was PACT, Persons Against Crimes of Trafficking. There were approximately 75 people in attendance, including members of the Canadian legislature and several directors of Canadian NGOs. The Zonta membership was led by Tracy Bellefontaine, Cindy O'Neill and Elizabeth Gibbs. Senator Jaffer asked the Zonta Club of Ottawa to plan a major Round Table Day on the Hill to address Human Trafficking in Canada next year.



Human Trafficking!



Parliament Hill welcomes the Zonta Club of Ottawa.

Zonta Club of Montreal

Anita Crowe, Zonta District 2 Area 4 Director, journeyed to Montreal by train to join Governor Margaret Mitchell at the 80th Anniversary Awards Dinner at the St. James Club. The Montreal Club was chartered 80 years ago and is one of the oldest clubs outside USA. The actual charter was on display as friends from other associations gathered for the 'Special' celebration with the presentation of different 'Service' awards as well as the recognition of the excellent work being done in a number of shelters. One recipient of a women's shelter service, a young petite woman from Romania, spoke about how the attendants in the shelter assisted her when her life became a nightmare. She was now able to walk down the street without being afraid as she embarked in a new job.

Although it was a rainy night in the city, the warm friendliness pervaded as the club's legacy was captured during the evening. Best wishes were sent from ZI Director, Ragna Karlsdottir and various District Governors from around the world. A past president of the club, Mona Tobgi from Ottawa, joined in the celebrations. President Yvonne Quintyn led the proceedings while the MC Hostess for the Awards' banquet was Mayo Johnson, Journalist and former YWPA recipient. Area Director, Anita Crowe thanked President Yvonne Quintyn, Governor Margaret Mitchell, Past Governor Dolly Dastoor and Secretary Beverly Colquhoun and other Zontians for such a memorable evening!



**President Yvonne Quintyn
with MC Mayo Johnson**



**Governor Margaret
holding the charter!**



**Past Presidents with
present President, Yvonne**

Zonta Club of Syracuse

The Zonta Club of Syracuse celebrated an Amelia Earhart Dinner with a very special guest speaker from Denver, Colorado, Amelia Rose Earhart. Jeannine Cilani, Amelia Earhart Co-Chairman welcomed everyone and Club President Pat Buckley introduced the distinguished guests. The evening proceeded with the Senior Troop 662 of the F-M Service Unit of the Central NY Girl Scout Council leading the Flag Ceremony followed with the pledge of allegiance. A group of students from Nottingham High School also attended the event. After an enjoyable dinner, the guest speaker was introduced by Co-Chairmen, Jeannine Cilani and Anne Tindall. Amelia is a direct descendant and name sake of Amelia Mary Earhart. She is a helicopter reporter and photographer of breaking news while running a high definition camera attached to the front of a helicopter. The delightful and dynamic speaker warmed our hearts with her powerful message. Her impassioned talk reflected on setting positive goals and reminding us to strive for what we want in life. Her personable and infectious manner motivated all of us to explore new ways of reaching our life ambitions. She was kindly thanked by Candice Edwards, member of the Amelia Earhart Committee. It was truly an exciting experience to be in the presence of Amelia Rose Earhart.



**Governor Margaret Mitchell with the
Amelia Earhart Planning Committee
and Amelia Rose Earhart.**



**Governor Margaret Mitchell,
Amelia Rose Earhart and
President Pat Buckley**

Zonta International District 2 Award Winners

Zonta International Amelia Earhart Recipient



Amelia Earhart

District 2 honoured Melissa Rice from Cornell University, our Amelia recipient for 2008. Cathy Lewis, ZD2 Amelia Earhart Chairman, introduced Melissa in her engaging and humorous manner. The young winner gave a vivid account of her research in a few minutes. She explained how she was engaged in the study of rocks on the surface of Mars by means of a robot. Unfortunately, the vehicle was damaged and began to move backwards digging up ground under the outer layer. That rock appeared to have similar formations to Iceland's rocks. We can't wait to hear her speak again at the ZD2 Conference, Oct. 16-18, 2009 in Glens Falls, New York.

This is a reminder that January is Amelia Earhart month. Clubs are encouraged to promote the Amelia Earhart Fellowship grants by informing universities. You might consider inviting a female pilot to speak at your January meeting. Perhaps, you could organize a joint event with other professional women's organizations by focusing on science and engineering. It would be very worthwhile to have an Amelia Earhart Fellow to share her experiences.



Left to Right: Margaret Mitchell, Governor, Melissa Rice, Amelia Earhart Recipient, Cathy Lewis ZD2 Amelia Earhart Chairman, Shannon Kemp, YWPA Winner, Penny Pitts, ZD2 YWPA Chairman, Caryn Espy, Jane M. Klausman Winner, Debbie Otlowksi, ZD2 Jane M. Klausman Chairman,

In absentia: Tracie Kroger, ZD2 Jean M. Coon Chairman, Alexandria Rappazzo, ZD2 Jean M. Coon Winner

Young Woman in Public Affairs Winner

Zonta District 2's 2008 YWPA winner is Shannon Kemp from Waterville, New York and was nominated by the Zonta Club of Utica. She is a terrific athlete excelling in a variety of sports. Her school activities included mentoring a young girl who has difficulty learning through the VOCES program. She participated in the Lead USA, whose philosophy is treating others the way we want to be treated. She also took a leadership role in the yearbook project for her school. These are samples of this fine young leader's commitments who is a wonderful role model. Well done Shannon!

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Winner

Zonta District 2's Jane M. Klausman winner is Caryn Espy from Syracuse University and was nominated by the Zonta Club of Syracuse. She is a delightful person with an endless promise. She possesses natural leadership abilities as evidenced by her campus activities and community service projects such as Executive Vice-President for Habitat for Humanity, Project Leader and Vice-President of Finances for Students in Free Enterprise and Martin J. Whitman School of Management Peer Facilitator Leader, to name a few. She is a wonderful role model for other students and has a bright future in whatever field she chooses to enter. Congratulations Caryn!

Jean M. Coon Humanitarian Award Winner

The Jean M. Coon Winner for 2008 is Alexandria Rappazzo from Castleton, New York and was nominated by the Zonta Club of Albany. She has won many awards. Examples of these include the Principal's Leadership Award to the President's Volunteer Gold Service Award to the prestigious Exemplary Community Service Award. She was honoured at the Awkuzu Cultural Association at USA's National Meeting in Boston for her work in delivering a truck load of school supplies to Nigeria. Due to the large number of books delivered, the Awkuzu community has purchased land to build a new library. She is an extraordinary young ambassador!

Zonta District 2 Leadership Institute

The Leadership Institute has a group of Zontians with a variety of skills working with the ZD2 Board ready to facilitate clubs in many areas. Their goals are to help increase member retention by perfecting efficiency and professionalism, facilitate growth in the clubs and ensure a legacy of strong clubs and District leadership. Beginning in January 2009, the **Tip of the Month** will be on the ZD2 website: www.zontadistrict2.org, by clicking on **Committees**, then, click on **Leadership Institute**.

The ZD2 Leadership Institute Group has developed an **Electronic Toolbox** for memberships' use. The items in the **Toolbox** provide sources from which you can obtain help in the organization and administration of your club. Items will be added periodically. The first ones focus on areas identified in the Survey conducted at the ZD2 Fall Seminar. For further information or if you have sources that you found helpful, please advise the Leadership Institute, kmacier@aol.com.

Sharing Your Club's Exciting Activities!

Please take a moment and write about your 'special' event (s) by preparing a summary with a photo for the next ZD2 Newsletter. Send it to our Zonta District 2 PR/Communication Chairman, Kathy Kotz, kathy@kathybuilder.com. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact her at the following phone number: 315-449-0312.

ZD2 Parliamentarian, Elaine Jachim's Treat!

Our parliamentarian for Zonta District 2 is Elaine Jachim. She has kindly offered to prepare a **Tip of the Month** to help clubs in their deliberations. This information will be placed on the ZD2 website: www.zontadistrict2.org by clicking on **Committees** at the top of the front webpage, then, click on **Educational Tips**. We thank Elaine for her new initiative!

Zonta's communication tool in the 21st century is the computer. Make sure you have registered on the **ZI** website, zonta.org and updated necessary information, as well as on the **Zonta District 2** website, zonta.district2.org by clicking on **Z-mail Sign Up** on the front page of the website, so you'll be included in all of the mailings.

IMPORTANT NEWS!

Zonta International's New Address

After February 1, 2009, the new address of the Zonta International Headquarters will be:
1211 West 22nd Street 900, Oak Brook, Illinois,
60523, USA.

.Zonta International Convention 2008 Evaluation Report!

Those of us who attended the Zonta International Convention in Rotterdam, Netherlands are still reminiscing over the memorable experience that was offered by the Zonta International Convention Committee chaired by the infamous, Ingeborg van't Hoogerhuijs. The evaluation report is now available by going to www.zonta2008.com, all 62 pages! Those of us who had the privilege of attending the convention were so impressed with the compassionate and patient attending to **ALL** 2000 of us. We hope that many more of you will plan to attend the Zonta International 2010 Convention in San Antonio, Texas, **June 24-30, 2010**. Mark those dates on your calendar now!



The Zonta International Chairman of the **59th Zonta International Convention**, Ingeborg van't Hoogerhuijs, better known as Inge, sends her very warm wishes to members of District 2. Those of us who had the privilege of attending the convention, whose theme was, **Global Empowerment through Local Action**, were honoured in getting to know her. She has become a dear friend to many of us and I know that the Zontians in District 2 who attended, would agree with me that she was an extraordinary chairman, chairwoman, chair. She teased us that she'd been called every name and so be it. As Governor of District 2, I know that everyone who went to the marvelous convention in Rotterdam, joins me in making her an **Honorary Member** of District 2. She wishes us all the best in our endeavours in 2009 and encourages us to register for the next convention in San Antonio, Texas.

The Use of the Word, Chairman

A number of Zonta District 2 Zontians voiced concern about the use of the word, **Chairman**, in our deliberations and documentation. Please be advised that a Resolution was put forward at the Zonta International Convention in Rotterdam, Netherlands, June 2008, to change the word, Chairman. It was defeated by a small margin. Zonta District 2 respects the decision of the majority.

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Zonta District 2 Board
asks you to reserve these dates!

Zonta District 2 Workshop

Saturday, April 18, 2009

'Service' in the Age of Technology

Hosted: Zonta Club of Oneida

DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

Zonta International District 2 Conference

October 16-18, 2009

Building Bridges for the Equality of Women

-Locally and Globally-

Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls, NY

Hosted: Zonta Club of Glens Falls

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“Awaken the Zonta Power”

by Teresa D. Huggins

Zonta Women Dream, Believe and Create
Touch the World with Service and Dedication
Believe in a World Filled with Solutions and Possibility

Zonta Women Commit to Causes~
Possess Hope for Tomorrow~
Advocate for Freedom and Justice,
Give without Thought of Return,
Dare to Believe when Others may just Wonder...

Zonta Women Lead from their Hearts,
Donate Time and Talents,
Care Passionately about their Causes,
For People they may never meet,
yet feel Committed to Reach.

Zonta Women Share, Connect and Give,
Willingly and without need for Praise,
They reach out to others, share their mission-
Creating a Ripple of Service Throughout the World

Zonta Women Dream of What Can BE,
Generate Creative Solutions, Support Unconditionally,
And Believe EVERY Woman Deserves a Life Worth Living!

Zonta Women Awaken the Power Within by
Creating a World Filled with Peace, Hope and Education,
Empowering Women Today,
Transforming Generations of Tomorrow and
Enhancing the Vision of Life for All Woman, Worldwide,
Yearning to Be Free, Be Healthy and Be Supported.

Zonta Women Risk for Others, Serve Passionately,
and Savor the Moment~
When ALL Women, ALL Women Worldwide
will be Educated and Empowered;
Safe and Free to BE...
Women Awakened, Alive and Liberated~