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MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday to:

Linda Berlin, Sept. 2

Jean Schrader, Sept. 10

Congratulations to Cheryl Feather on receiving her Bachelor's degree .

Upcoming wedding—Marsha Anderson's son will be married on September 6th.

FELLOWSHIP :

Mary Riolo is recuperating from hip replacement surgery.

Verla Bly is happily back in her own home.

Condolences to Paula Falvey on the death of her father.

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REPORT ON THE ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The 60th Zonta International Convention in San Antonio, Texas was from June 25 to the 30th. Paula Falvey, Mary Lou Costanzo and Marcia Bliss attended from our club. One of the first things that we learned at the District meeting on Friday was that there was a proposal to increase International dues by \$15 effective for the year 2011-2012. Although not totally surprised, I didn't know about that ahead of the meeting. On Monday, when we voted on the proposal; it passed rather easily.

On Saturday, the Opening Ceremony with flag procession was stunning and emotional. Vivian Cody carried the flag from Mongolia and dressed in a traditional costume which they had provided her with. She was much honored to represent them in the flag ceremony. The evening was spent at the Knibbe Ranch for festivities including food, dancing, and rodeo.

Elections were held on Monday for the new Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation board, which is now one and the same. The new International President is Dianne Curtis from Santa Clarita, California, where she runs her own trucking company. Our President-Elect is Lynn McKenzie of New Zealand, Vice President

is Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard of Copenhagen, Denmark and the new Treasurer/Secretary is Ellen Karo of New York City. We have four new International Directors: Susanne von Bassewitz (Germany), Jacqueline Beaudry (Milwaukee, USA), Kikuko Hara (Japan), and our own Kathleen Douglass of Brampton-Caledon, Canada.

The proposal to change the bylaw regarding membership qualifications failed to get the required 2/3 approval to pass. The vote in favor was only 32%. The bylaw proposal to change the number of required committees of all clubs passed with a 94% approval. The wording is now: "There shall be an Organization, Membership and Classification Committee, a Service Committee, a Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Committee and such other committees as the club board may authorize to achieve biennium goals." Also, a resolution passed that will allow non-delegate Zontians and guests to register for a single day of the International Convention.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we heard many inspiring talks from the winners of YWPA, Klausman, and Amelia Fellowships. We also heard the great results of our past International Service Projects

and the proposals for the next biennium. The total fundraising goal for this biennium 2010-2012 is \$3,758,000.

Lastly, the gavel was passed to all the new governors and board members. Congratulations in our District 4 to Bonnie Crogan-Mazur, our new Governor; to Jill Colburn, our continuing District Treasurer; and to Sylvia Stenander, our Area 5 Director.

We had a lot of fun, met great Zontians from around the Zonta world, collected more pins, learned more about Zonta, worked our buns off at the Zonta store, had great food on the River Walk, explored San Antonio, and have great memories of another International Convention.

Yours reporting,

Marcia Bliss, Delegate to the International Convention



A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT LILY

September is coming up very fast and that means that the children go back to school. And that means that summer vacation is over for the Zontians of Jamestown. I don't think that we think of it as a chore, it's something that we want to do to help our fellow women. And our Zonta Club of Jamestown does it so well.

Some of our committees have already met and made some exciting plans for the coming year!

As you know we have been working to outfit a room at WCA hospital for women un-

dergoing chemo therapy for cancer to receive free wigs from Zonta. It came to our attention last year these women from Jamestown were sent to Williamsville to get wigs. We felt that, that was too far for women who are weak and not feeling well to travel. WCA has found a lovely room for us to outfit and use for this purpose. Lynn Jordan has been collaborating with WCA's decorator and a paint colour has been chosen. WCA will buy the paint and do the painting. Lynn has also found a cabinet at a household sale and it was picked up and delivered to WCA by

Marcia Bliss's husband & Cheryl Feather's friend. Not only do Zontians work well together, we also drag in our family and friends.

We are now searching for 6 matching chairs (they must have arms), three-way mirrors, and hand held mirrors, 3 lamps and some pretty scarves. And money donations will always be appreciated to help buy the wigs. Sylvia Stenander has agreed to be the person to accept donations.



ZONTA DAY AT CHAUTAUQUA

Zonta Day at Chautauqua was, once again, a great success. Approximately 40 women joined us on a beautiful, although very hot, July day.

The morning lecture platform brought us a presentation by Vali Nasr, senior adviser to U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan. His insights about the people in these two countries were very enlightening.

A delicious buffet lunch was served in the beautiful Athenaeum parlor room.

Following lunch, we heard from our keynote speaker, Dr. Sakena Yacoobi, Executive Director of the Afghan Institute of Learning. Dr. Yacoobi, through her organization, has led efforts to educate women and children in Afghanistan, and to provide teacher training, as well as health education. She spoke about the im-

provements in the availability of education for women and children and the impact these changes have had on the people of Afghanistan. Dr. Yacoobi also spoke at the 2:00 lecture at the Hall of Philosophy.

Bonnie Crogan-Mazur, our new governor for District 4 also addressed the group.

A basket raffle, always a favorite activity, ended the afternoon.

Labor Day Festival Food Concession

It's not too late to volunteer cookies, brownies, your time or all of the above for our booth. Contact Marcia Bliss or Ann Rizzo for details.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM - GENERATIONAL DIFFERENCES

In our increasingly diverse world, one of the differences we see is that of the generations. When we were born, the times we were raised in, the significant events in the world we grew up in and the values of those around

us shaped our outlook. This affects how we communicate, our attitudes, how we approach our work, our values, how we like to be recognized for our efforts, how we learn and how we respond to

authority - plus more! We'll be discussing Generational Differences and its impact on us, the world around us and Zonta. Come prepared to participate, have fun and learn some things along the way!



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Zonta International is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women. Nearly 33,000 members belong to more than 1200 clubs in 67 countries and geographic areas.

The Zonta Club of Jamestown, formed in 1921, was the twelfth club to be created. We support international activities as well as local projects that are within the mission of Zonta. Service projects include support of missions to Honduras and Haiti to assist women, the local domestic violence prevention program and the awarding of four scholarships of \$1000 each to deserving women every year.

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COMMITTEE NEWS**From the PR Committee**

Welcome back, Zontians! The Public Relations Committee has been busy this summer promoting not only our new members, but our new Area Director, our scholarship winners and our Zonta Day at Chautauqua. We hope you've been able to catch those articles in the Chautauqua Star and/or the Post Journal and hear them on the radio. Upcoming for the PR Committee: rolling out the word on our Zonta WIG program, our birthing kits and, in the spring, our 90th Anniversary! What an exciting year we have ahead! We wel-

come any other news or thoughts you have on increasing our visibility to the public and answering that all important question asked to us: "What is Zonta?" Please email Rosie at rosanna.papalia@twcable.com with your committee or PSA information and let's get the word out!

Cheers!

Rosie Papalia, Chair

Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Committee

This committee was identified at convention as one of the three committees that each club is required to have. By identifying this committee as es-

sential, International acknowledges the key role that is played by Zontians working within their country's governmental structure to affect changes that benefit women. It is our responsibility in our local club to be aware of current legislation that merits our support, to identify needs that could be addressed by new legislation and work with our legislators to advocate for changes that improve the status of women. Be thinking of ways in which our club can be involved on the legislative and advocacy front—locally, on a state-wide level and nationally.