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Message from the D3 Governor, Ellen Karo

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Dear District 3 Zonta Members,

As Spring approaches, I hope that all of our members are weathering the difficult economic times we are having. As we look optimistically to the future and hope that things will improve, we know that there are many Zontians who are hurting.

Funding is being cut from programs, jobs are being lost and retirement funds have shriveled. While many of us

cannot do much to influence economics, we can do what Zontians do best, we support one another, especially those in distress.

We all know how well Zontians deal with adversity and how quick they are to lend a helping hand. Let's all do our part to lessen the burden by letting our members know they are not alone and that we care. As someone once said, the reason for falling down is so that we can learn to pick ourselves up. We are all masters of picking ourselves up.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Spring Workshops in April. Please note the dates and theme as outlined in this newsletter.

Not only will we give one another great ideas for improving our club's performance, but we will renew old friendships and make new ones.

Nothing helps chase the gloom and replace it with optimism like being with a group of Zontians. We know that together we can accomplish all we set out to do.

Yours in Zonta,

Ellen
Ellen Karo, District 3 Governor



NEW ZI HEADQUARTERS

The move to new headquarters for Zonta International has been accomplished. The new address is 1211 West 22 St., Suite 900, Oak Brook, Illinois 60523. The new telephone number is 630-928-1400 and the new fax number is 630-928-1559.

Please make a note of this new information which may also be found on the ZI website at www.zonta.org. All staff e-mail addresses will remain the same.

New Requirements for Chartering of New Clubs

At a recent ZI Board meeting, it was decided that in order for a new club to charter, the required number of members will be twenty-five (25). This makes a change from the previous requirement of 20.

So far this biennium, we have chartered one new club, the Zonta Club of Southern Ocean County and we are working on the Zonta Club of Ringwood, NJ.





Meet the District 3 Team

This biennium we have as
District 3 Board Members
 the following Zontians:

Governor, Ellen Karo,
 Zonta Club of New York

Lt. Governor, Lisa Fraser,
 Zonta Club of Hampton Roads

Secretary, Linda Butler Livesay,
 Zonta Club of Philadelphia

Treasurer, Cathy Paul,
 Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey

Area 1 Director, Leslie Wright,
 Zonta Club of New York

Area 2 Director, Paulette
 Chatman,
 Zonta Club of Essex County

Area 3 Director, Irma Dillon,
 Zonta Club of Baltimore

Area 4 Director, Marta Calderon,
 Zonta Club of Washington, D.C.

Parliamentarian, Judy Maietta,
 Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey



Zonta International Foundation – Still Alive and Well

As you should all be aware, the Zonta International Board is now acting as the Zonta International Foundation board as well. The ZI Board is well within its right to do so. The disagreements between the two boards had to do with the purchase of an office condo before selling the headquarters building, choosing a condo that did not have sufficient space to house both operations, taking out a loan at 6.5% interest when ZI could have made the loan more economically and pledging restricted assets of the Foundation.

The ZI board has announced that a solution was found. ZI has made a \$1,578,742.17 loan from its operating reserve fund to pay this mortgage debt. The Zonta International Foundation will then pay off this internal loan at a rate of 3.25%. The collateral for this loan is the real estate holdings at both Randolph St. and Wacker Drive. "The loan will be paid in full upon the sale of these real estate holdings of the Foundation. The ZI board considers this loan within the Zonta family to be short term."

This should put an end to speculation that the Foundation is in limbo. We want to assure all the clubs in District 3 that their usual contributions to the Foundation will go to the various funds the Foundation controls. The only difference is that the ZI Board will be controlling the Foundation.

Reminder of Zonta International Procedures

The "Circularization Rule of Procedure" prohibits Zontians from contacting other Zontians to sell services or products for personal, financial or political gain. This rule in its entirety can be found in the International Rules of Procedure of ZI which is in the Governing Documents 2008 on page 49.

While we do encourage networking at meetings and such, solicitations using Zonta membership lists (club rosters, Zonta International directories, district directories, or other lists including members' addresses and /or telecommunications numbers) are not to be used. These lists should also not to be made available to non-Zontians.

Scholarship Programs – International and Local

Recently an inquiry was made of ZI as to the legal ramifications that might ensue as a result of offering scholarships for women only.

Zonta International has received a legal review which has clarified that it is permissible to limit eligible applicants for scholarships to women.

Voluntary Dues

As of January 2009, ZI has received slightly more than \$84,000 in voluntary dues. The target amount is \$465,000. As one can see, the amount received is only 18% of the target. I would ask each club to reconsider its decision and to send in voluntary dues.

Many Zonta Clubs have used creative methods to raise funds earmarked for the voluntary dues. Some of the events have been internal such as potluck dinners, themed parties and a special brunch. The proceeds then go to ZI to help balance the budget for the first year of the biennium.

Please encourage your club members to consider a voluntary payment of \$15 or to host a gathering where any money raised will go to ZI.



Jackie Shapiro at recent Zonta UN Luncheon in New York City.

Zonta International District 3

United Nations Committee Update...by Jackie Shapiro

For fifty-two years the United Nations has held a Commission on the Status of Women to review progress made in implementing the UN's commitment to promoting women's rights and gender equality.

The priority theme for discussion is "The equal sharing of responsibilities between men and women, including care giving in the context of HIV/AIDS". There will also be a review of progress made in implementing the outcomes of the 2006 priority theme, "The equal participation of women and men in deci-

sion-making at all levels". An emerging issue "the gender perspectives of the financial crisis" will also be considered.

Women from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in consultative status with the United Nations attend these meetings to learn, to network, and to both advocate with their own government representatives to implement and expand commitments to advancing the status of women and to strengthen the collective commitment of the UN Member States to enact

policies and programs that benefit women and girls.

Zonta International President Beryl Sten, President-elect Dianne Curtis, International Service Chairman Dolly Dastoor and members of the Zonta International UN Committee; Jackie Shapiro, International UN Chairman, Karen Siegel and Mary Ann Tarantula, ZI UN representatives in New York and Simone Overt, ZI UN representative in Geneva are among the more than 2,000 women from around the world attending these meetings.

ABOUT THE TAP PROJECT



March 22nd is World Water Day

- 884 million people, lack access to safe water supplies, approximately one in eight people.
- Each year, 3.575 million people die from water-related disease.
- 2.5 billion people lack access to improved sanitation, including 1.2 billion people who have no facilities at all.
- Every 15 seconds, a child dies from a water-related disease.
- Millions of women and children spend several hours a day collecting water from distant, often polluted sources.
- At any given time, half of the world's hospital beds are occupied by patients suffering from a water-related disease.

What is the Tap Project?

In 2007, the Tap Project was born in New York City based on a simple concept: restaurants would ask their patrons to donate \$1 or more for the tap water they usually enjoy for free, and all funds raised would support UNICEF's efforts to bring clean and accessible water to millions of children around the world.

Growing from just 300 New York City restaurants in 2007 to over 2,300 across the country in 2008, the Tap Project has quickly grown into a national movement. Restaurants, corporations, volunteers, advertising agencies, community groups, local governments and everyday diners participated to save millions of children's lives.

During **World Water Week, March 22-28, 2009**, the Tap Project will once again raise vital donations and awareness for UNICEF's water and sanitation programs. For every dollar raised, a child will have clean drinking water for 40 days. All funds raised support UNICEF's efforts to bring clean and accessible water to millions of children around the world.

UNICEF's Role—UNICEF has saved more children's lives than any other humanitarian organization, and UNICEF is committed to doing whatever it takes to achieve the goal of reaching zero preventable deaths. Currently, UNICEF provides access to safe water and sanitation facilities while promoting safe hygiene practices in more than 90 countries. By 2015, UNICEF's goal is to reduce the number of people without safe water and basic sanitation by 50 percent.

Meet the District 3 Team

This biennium we have as
**District 3 Committee
Chairs**

the following Zontians:

Bobbee Cardillo, Status of Women/Service, Zonta Club of Fairfax

Lisa Fraser, Organization, Membership and Classification (OMC), Zonta Club of Hampton Roads

Cathy Paul, Finance, Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey

Brenda MacEoin, Legislative Awareness & Advocacy, Zonta Club of Loudoun Count

Catherine Kocur, Jane M. Klausman, Zonta Club of Westchester

Alice Kirchner, Young Women in Public Affairs, Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey

Donna Lane, Foundation Ambassador, Zonta Club of Frederick

Melissa MacKimm, Nominating Committee, Zonta Club of Loudoun County

Judy Maietta, Conflict Resolution, Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey

Jackie Shapiro, United Nations, Zonta Club of New York

Patricia Watts, Amelia Earhart, Zonta Club of Atlantic City

Barbara Taylor, Bylaws and Resolutions, Zonta Club of Annapolis

Georgia LaBlanc, Historian/Archivist, Zonta Club of Westchester

Andrea Pieper, Database, Zonta Club of Northern Valley, NJ

Nancy Patrissi, Public Relations/Communications/D3 Webmaster, Zonta Club of Northern Valley

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business and Young Women in Public Affairs

The guidelines and applications for the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship and the Young Women in Public Affairs Award may be found on the ZI website, www.zonta.org. All clubs planning to take part in either or both should be aware of the deadlines and should also be aware that when submitting your applications to the District 3 Chairs, the instructions on the applications should be strictly adhered to. For example, incomplete applications cannot be accepted nor can applications which contain answers that go over the maximum number of words as stated on the application.

The deadline for the Young Women in Public Affairs application is April 1st, a date that will soon be upon us. The applications should be sent to our District 3 Chair, Catherine Kocur at 168 Bedford Road, Pleasantville, NY 10570.

The deadline for the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship application is July 1st.

The applications should be sent to our District 3 Chair, Alice Kirchner, 6113 Somerton Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

District 3 Database

As most of you will recall, at our 2007 conference the delegates voted to develop a database of District 3 members that would be stored on the District 3 website in a "Members Only Access" area.

Our District 3 Database Coordinator, Andrea Pieper, has sent out information to each club member asking for verification of the information for their members. We need the help of each president so that the information on the website will be correct.

Please respond to Andrea's correspondence and thank you in advance for your cooperation. Once the database is up and running, it will be of great assistance to all of us.

D3 Members at recent Zonta UN Luncheon



Club Achievement Reports 2008-2009

The Club Achievement Reports 2008-2009 are now available on the District 3 website, www.zontadistrict3.org. Please keep in mind that clubs should be reporting on activities from June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009. Also, keep in mind that all reports should be sent to the individual district chairs as well as the governor. If possible, you may email the reports.

The deadline for all reports is June 30, 2009. Reports received by that date or postmarked June 30th will be considered. We urge all clubs to send in reports on their activities. We also urge club presidents to give copies of the achievement reports to their committee chairs so that they may begin the process.

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the following Zontians:

Barbara Lippa,
Zonta Club of Fairfax

Georgia LaBlanc,
Zonta Club of Westchester

Mary Lou Shippe,
Zonta Club of Howard County

Susan Halsey,
Zonta Club of Ocean County

Mary Ann Tarantula,
Zonta Club of Northern
Valley, NJ

SAVE THE DATES!

April 1, 2009
Deadline for applications
for Young Women in
Public Affairs to be sent
to District 3 Chair Alice
Kirchner

April 18, 2009
Areas 1 and 2 Workshop
Venue – Philips Beth
Israel School of Nursing,
777 Sixth Ave.,
2nd Floor, New York City
Cost: \$20 per person

April 24, 2009
Areas 3 and 4 Workshop
Venue – University of
Baltimore
William H. Thummel
Business Center Rm003
11 W. Mt. Royal Avenue,
Baltimore, MD
Cost: \$40 per person

July 1, 2009
Deadline for applications
for Jane M. Klausman
Women in Business
Scholarship to be sent to
District 3 Chair Catherine
Kocur

October 2– 4, 2009
District 3 Conference
Venue – Westin Hotel,
Alexandria, VA
Hosted by the Zonta Club
of Washington, D.C.

Our Spring Workshops will take place on April 18th (Areas 1&2) and April 24th (Areas 3&4). The venue for Areas 1&2 will be the Phillips Beth Israel School of Nursing, 776 Sixth Ave, 2nd Floor, New York City. The cost will be \$20 per person. The venue for Areas 3&4 will be the University of Baltimore, William H. Thummel Business Center, Room 003, 11 W. Mt. Royal Avenue, Baltimore. The cost will be \$40. per person.

Both workshops will explore the same theme – “What, Where, How—Back to Basics.”

- **WHAT** will explore the world around us and how clubs and members are affected by the economic downturn. Acting ZI executive director Judy Johnston will discuss how clubs and members are affected by recent developments within Zonta International.
- **WHERE** will explore best practices.
- **HOW** will explore new environments and new challenges and how to get our message out.

All attendees at the Areas 1&2 workshop are asked to bring new or gently used business attire, including coats, shoes, handbags and other accessories for donation to the Bottomless Closet, a 501(c)3 organization which promotes economic self sufficiency for disadvantaged women in NYC. Plus sizes are especially welcome.

2009 North American Inter-district Seminar

The 2009 North American Inter-district Seminar will take place from June 5th to June 7th in the Cleveland, Ohio area. Please put this important date on your calendar and in your newsletters.

emailed to past attendees and will be available on the District 5 and District 15 websites in March.

Save the date!

Registration forms will be

In Memory of Jane Garvey

We must, with sadness, report that Past Zonta International President and long-time Zontian, Jane Garvey, passed away on February 8, 2009. Jane, a past governor of District 3, was a member of the Suffolk County Area Club.

In the past few years, Jane has been living in Houston, Texas and, because of a debilitating illness, has not been active in Zonta. There are many of us, however, who remember her as being a kind, warm person who was especially fond of speaking to first timers at our area workshops. She will be missed.