President’s Report

September! The time to reflect back over warm summer days and to look forward to fall and all the things it brings.

We owe a great big THANK YOU to Steve and Darlene Conkle for hosting the summer picnic at their home and to the membership committee for organizing it. Steve and Darlene came through for our club (again!). You are much appreciated for all you have done.

We are looking forward to two events this month. The District 8 Governor’s Conference has been changed to September 23-25 at the Doubletree Hotel at Sea Tac Airport. Registration forms have been sent to everyone via email. Price breaks are available if you register by September 2nd. All members are encouraged to attend. The other event is our trip on September 24th to the KOMO TV Northwest Afternoon Show from 2-4 p.m. Regretfully, this now conflicts with the Governor’s Seminar. Suzan Thompson Forest is handling the arrangements with KOMO. We need at least 15 people to attend so that we get a free PSA. We would be part of the audience. Please let Suzan know ASAP if you can go to this fun event.

The Center for Battered Women Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Summit is October 1st. This is a full day educational summit at the Everett Events Center. Our club has committed to help staff that day. Carol Dreysse has a sign up sheet. Please contact her if you can help for part of the day. This is also an opportunity for us to become more informed about domestic violence. The keynote speaker is Jackson Katz, one of America’s leading anti-sexist male activists. He is widely recognized for his groundbreaking work in the field of gender violence prevention education with men and boys.

The auction is quickly approaching. Now that summer is over, it is time to make those solicitation calls you have put off and to inform your friends of the November 6th auction date so they will save the date. The next auction meeting is September 9th at O’Donnell’s.

I would again like to thank the club for sending me as your delegate to the Zonta International Convention in New York City in July. It was a wonderful experience for me. My fairly detailed report on the Convention can be found elsewhere in this Zontagram. If you would like more information, please go to Zonta International’s web site: www.zonta.org.

Janice Henning, President

Zlightful Dollars

Janice Henning gave two zlightful dollars for her guests, Heather Camps and Lydia Edwards from Comp U Pay.

Dava Esman was zlighted to have her daughter home after being gone for a month.

Myrna Overstreet gave a dollar for life, good health and love!

Suzan Thompson Forest is patiently awaiting the birth of her 12th grandson, Callum Thomas Bell.

Diane Wright gave two dollars, one for Cindy Phillips in getting her a replacement Zonta pin and for her husband, Greg, for weathering the first named storm of the season, Hurricane Alex, in Charleston, South Carolina.

Barb Hantsman gave a thank you for everyone that’s helped with the beer garden and also was zlighted to introduce her guest Mary McShane. She also congratulated Joan and Ed on their August 10th wedding.

Nancy Weis was zlighted that she had to turn on her windshield wipers-rain!

Suzie Truglio congratulated Joan and Ed on their wedding.

Cindy Phillips was zlighted to attend International Convention in New York in July and then spent 10 days enjoying the sunshine at Lake Conconally.

Isbell Juntila celebrated her 23rd wedding anniversary.

Janet Jolley was zlighted for her good test results.

Carol Dreysse gave a Happy Birthday dollar to her daughter, Kayla, who turned 15 on August 18th.

Zlightful dollars help pay for guests meals and members are encouraged to share personal or business news!
I want to express my appreciation to the Zonta Club of Everett for choosing me as your delegate to the 57th Zonta International Convention in New York City July 1-9, 2004. I also carried the proxy vote for the Zonta Club of Bellingham. Attending the convention was an extremely invigorating experience for me. Interacting with professional women from 70 countries around the world was one of the highlights. Being part of the decision making process of Zonta International with bylaw changes and approving international projects and programs for the 2003-2006 biennium was a meaningful experience. I loved experiencing New York City for the first time with seven other Everett Zontians: Carol Dreysse, Helen Kendall, Darlene Conkle, Dreanna Bruggren, Judith Strand, Pat Allen and Cindy Phillips.

Attendance Breakdown:

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General Report:

**Friday, July 2**

Members got settled in the Marriott Marquis on Time Square in the heart of Manhattan. We registered and had the day for site seeing. Many of us toured the UN, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Some members also took in the METS/Yankees Baseball Game while others took in a Broadway show.

**Saturday, July 3**

Those of us who had not attended an International Convention previously attended the First Timer’s Orientation which was followed by a District 8 meeting led by District 8 Governor Deby Arney. During the meeting, Deby turned the gavel over to incoming District 8 Governor Roz Mellander. I then attended the delegates’ orientation. The afternoon was spent having lunch at Tavern on the Green and walking Central Park. Saturday evening eight of us had a very special dinner at Daniel Restaurant. Helen had arranged the dinner for us. We each took home souvenir menus especially printed with our club name and prearranged dinner items.

**Sunday, July 4**

Everett Zontians were first in line (at 7:30 a.m.) for the 9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies. This was a very colorful and impressive affair as women from 70 countries, dressed in their country’s native dress, carried their flags forward one at a time for presentation to the assembly. Helen’s husband, Bill Sanford, was recruited to help the flag bearers up and down the stairs and did a great job. (We were so proud of him!) The keynote speaker for the convention, Noelean Heyzer, then gave her address. She is the Executive Director of the UN fund for Women (UNIFEM), the leading operational agency within the UN to promote women’s empowerment and gender equality. Under Ms. Heyzer’s leadership, UNIFEM has doubled its resources, vastly expanded its field presence, and successfully advocated to put gender equality high on the agenda of the UN system. Ms. Heyzer has transformed UNIFEM from a grant provider into a learning and advocacy organization that provides strategic, financial and technical support to governments, NGO’s and the UN system to promote women’s human rights, economic security and political participation. A video of her outstanding address will be shown at our program on international relations in October.

Sunday evening was spent on a dinner cruise on the Hudson River viewing the spectacular fireworks which are the largest in the world.

**Monday, July 5**

Part of the morning was spent working out the glitches in the new electronic voting devices being used for the first time at a Zonta International Convention. This took a long time as there were many glitches!

We then heard the 2002-2004 biennial report from Zonta International President Margit Webjorn of Sweden. She outlined the goals set at the beginning of the biennium and brought the convention attendees up to date.

The first goal was to Focus on Our Mission —as an international organization, we decided to address global issues. That was done through our international service program carried out by the ZI Foundation. Total contributions were about 2.65 million US dollars, the highest amount in Zonta history, exceeding our goals. To encourage young women, we gave awards at different levels of study through YWPA, Jane M. Klausman Women in Business, and Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards. We had four International Service Projects this biennium. Projects addressed violence against women in India, trafficking in Bosnia-Herzegovina and women’s health and education in Afghanistan. Seven grants were given to Zonta clubs through our ZISVAW program.

The Second Biennium Goal was to combine Service and Advocacy —“Gender equality does not exist in any country.” While we may be limited in fund raising, we are unlimited with respect to advocacy. By combining service and advocacy, addressing the same major issues, we can increase the impact of our work. This has started to happen. Our Advocacy Policy was revised and a Protocol for Advocacy was developed.
President Webjorn continued her report saying that the UN gives us the best opportunities for advocacy at an international level. She suggests we integrate our advocacy efforts into all our programs.

The Third Biennium Goal was to Recruit, Retain, Rejuvenate – We were successful in recruiting new clubs and we added two new countries – Mongolia and the Republic of Macedonia. We welcomed 52 new clubs, 2/3 of them in Europe. However, we lost four countries.

Good Governance and Management are essential for Zonta, as is planning for the future. “A Course for the Future”, which was adopted at Convention 2002 has been revised and will be presented for approval. Important decisions for the future of Zonta will be made by this Convention. Together we have made a difference, and we have taken a few steps toward a better world for women.

The Nominating Committee report followed Margit’s speech. Each candidate for International office, director and nominating committee gave a speech.

Monday evening, Carol and I attended a ZI Foundation reception at the Tavern on the Green. This reception was by invitation only. Our club was one of four clubs recognized for our donations to the ZI Foundation in the past biennium. Our club had given $20,000. It was a great honor to be there to be recognized. Some District 8 Zontians also met Monday night for a district dinner at La Rivista Restaurant, while others enjoyed participating in the Dine Around New York Program.

**Tuesday, July 6**

Voting for ZI Officers, International Directors and International Nominating Committee took place early Tuesday a.m. I will list here only the new ZI Officers. They are:

- President Elect: Olivia Ferry
- Vice President: Beryl Sten
- Treasurer/Secretary: Darlene Kurtz

The elected Directors and Nominating Committee may be found on the Zonta International website [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org).

The business meeting included a video “Friendship Across Borders:, a copy of which has been ordered for our club. We then heard a presentation by Alexandra Ruperti, the 2003 YWPA International recipient who plans to spend her YWPA award money on the education of a 16 year old African woman. Ms Ruperti is passionate about improving the lives of African women her age.

Our next speaker was Barbara Fiorito, the Chair of the Board of Oxfam America and Deputy Chair of the Board of Oxfam International. As a woman leading an international development and social justice organization, she has helped transform Oxfam International from a small grants-based non-profit into an influential campaigning and advocacy brand with global reach.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Kathy Hughes, chair of the Finance Committee. Among other things, she reported a revenue for the past biennium of $3,482,636 with expenses of #3,330,043. The allocations of each member’s dues to ZI is as follows:

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The new budget projects a loss of $89,000. If membership does not increase, an increase in dues will be requested in Melbourne in 2006.

Much time was spent on presentation and voting on proposed bylaws. Highlights of the bylaw changes are available at the ZI website. New wording for bylaws which affect our club on a local level are these:

“Eligible for membership are executives and professionals, or others in decision making capacity who are willing to support and implement the Objects of ZI. Membership candidates should be sought among community leaders in a variety of activities.” (Note: To be invited to membership, candidates must still be “actively engaged in a recognized business or profession”.

A change was made in Officer qualifications. The qualification requirement of “actively engaged” was replaced with “experience in a decision-making capacity” for club, district and International officers and International board members.

**Wednesday, July 7**

The morning business session included a report by the ZI Foundation and donor recognition. Our club was again one of four clubs worldwide to receive a beautiful plaque in front of the entire assembly in recognition of our donations to the Foundation in the past biennium.

Outstanding speeches were then given by WeiYingZang, the 2003 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Recipient and Terry Von Thaden, the 2003-2004 Amelia Earhart Fellow, who said “To me the award means freedom. Flight is yesterday’s yearnings, the fulfillment of today’s dreams, tomorrow’s promises.”

The UN Luncheon took place Wednesday. We celebrated the over 30 year partnership with the US fund for UNICEF. Introductions were made by ZI UN Committee Chair Jackie Shapiro and Meg Gardinier, Director, NGO’s, US Fund for UNICEF. A vido presentation thanking Zonta for all its efforts was shown and was followed by the three speakers for the afternoon, Jan Goodwin, Karin Sham Poo and Francois Gasse, M.D. Literature was given out outlining the UNICEF program update on Afghanistan, Nepal and Burkina Faso. For more information, go to the UNICEF website at unicefusa.org/ngo.

The afternoon business meeting included a report on the 2002-2004 International Service Projects, and the 2002-2004 program goals and objectives. An International Honorary Members presentation to Dame Margaret Anstee, from the UK was given. She is a diplomat, UN Under-Secretary General and the first woman to head a UN peacekeeping mission (Angola).

**Thursday, July 8**

The morning business meeting included presentation of the 2004-2006 Program and Project Goals.

Continuing Projects are:

**Star Network Anti-trafficking Project in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Phase II.** Funding: $300,000.

Afghanistan: Improving Women’s Lives. Funding: $100,160 to include:
Afghanistan Institute of Learning ($50,160)
UNICEF ($50,000) to help eliminate Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus

New Project
CARE International: Mata Masu Dubara “Women on the Move”. Funding $297,393
Micro Credit and Health Education for HIV/AIDS-affected women in Niger.

Resolutions were then adopted for the coming biennium. Here is a summary:

Resolution to promote the Awareness, Prevention and Treatment of HIV/AIDS –
Zonta International supports the efforts of the UN to halt and begin to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS and encourages Zonta Clubs and Zontians to:
(1) Inform themselves about HIV/AIDS and its prevention and treatment;
(2) Increase awareness of HIV/AIDS and its impact on women in their communities;
(3) Advocate for improved programs to prevent and treat HIV/AIDS in their communities;
(4) Support efforts to end stigmatization of HIV/AIDS infected persons;
(5) In all actions, emphasize the importance of serious efforts to prevent HIV/AIDS.

Resolution on Umbilical Cord Blood, Stemcells and the Involvement of Women –
Zonta clubs and members are encouraged
(1) to inform themselves on this issue;
(2) to provide information to women (particularly pregnant women), nurses, doctors, teachers, politicians, ethnic communities and all those who can be interested in this subject;
(3) to take steps to improve the information and education of young girls and training of young women on this issue; and
(4) to contact interested and appropriate organizations and/or NGO’s to share concerns and exchange information, knowledge, and experience.

The last business meeting closed with an invitation to the 2006 ZI Convention by the Melbourne, Australia club.
The closing banquet and closing ceremonies were held Thursday evening. It was an evening of fun and entertainment. We closed the evening with toast to our new District 8 Governor, Roz Mellander in former Governor Deby Arney’s room.

For more details of the convention, please go to the ZI website www.zonta.org.

Thank you, again, for this wonderful experience. I thoroughly enjoyed representing you!

Janice Henning
Membership meeting minutes August 12, 2004

Cindy Phillips called the meeting to order. Committee members present were Margaret B, Paula T., Linda S., Dreana B., Darlene C., Judith S., and Cindy P.

Since the last meeting Margaret has agreed to work with Janet on Orientation and Nancy has agreed to work with Linda on initiations this year. The Birthday List was updated with all new members and given to Linda.

The status of prospective and new members were reviewed. Since our last meeting Dottie Krzyzanowski has become a new member. Cindy is waiting to hear from Sheila regarding the status of Lori Cummings and Judith will follow up with Dava regarding Lori Kloes. Carol D. has referred Judy Colliers she is the office mgr for Dr. DeLorm. Paula is mailing her a new member packet. Judith will be getting us information on a possible new member Jenny A.

Roster – The roster is completed and has been distributed at the last few meetings. We will bring the balance to the picnic and for those members that have not picked up their roster after the picnic Cindy will mail to them. Cindy will check with Carol D on the status of the Quick Roster and see if it will be available at the picnic.

Picnic- we have 43 people confirmed for the picnic at the home of Darlene & Steve Conklé on August 19th.

The following Goals were set for 2004-2005

1. A net of 5 members for the year.
2. Emphasize member retention
   a. Through Fun fellowship events which promote membership retention
3. Monthly attendance at the Everett Chamber of Commerce meetings
4. Evaluate and update the script for initiating new members

Orientations were discussed, it had been suggested by the PR committee that we hold them every 2 months and make them a celebration and invite the public. This was discussed by the committee and decided that we will hold orientations as needed and that the best setting has been with a smaller group that can informally sit and discuss Zonta’s purpose, history, goals etc. All members are invited to these meetings and are usually held at a member’s home.

Hands on Service Project for Center for Battered Women

The Zonta Club of Everett has volunteered to help staff the CBW Summit on October 1, 2004. The event will be held at the Everett Events Center and volunteers are needed from 7am to 6pm. We have offered to help with registration, pass out pre and post evaluations, staff the resource tables and take photos at the event.

We have also volunteered to put together the registration packets prior to the summit.

Zonta Program Committee Report

The Program Committee will hold a brief meeting following the regularly scheduled breakfast meeting on September 2nd. If you have ideas for a program you would like, please contact any member of the program committee. Upcoming programs are:

September 16-To recognize Domestic Violence month in October, we have two speakers from the Center For Battered Women, Vicci Hilty and Scott Santoro.

October 21-International Relations Day-We will view a video featuring Noeleen Heyzer, one of the keynote speakers at the recent Zonta International meeting in New York. Noeleen is the Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM).

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SOLICITATIONS REPORT

Well ladies, summer is about over. I hope it has been great for everyone. The solicitations deadline is October 16, so that is only about 6 weeks away and solicitations are very slow. So it is time to hit solicitations hard and heavy!

In you auction information you will find a list of “AUCTION DONATION IDEAS” that is very helpful for new and established members. Don’t be afraid to seek out new donors. What’s the worst they can tell you, “NO”? Try for a “Dinner Experiences” which is a complete package including a basket for the successful bidder to take home. Work on a themed event where the guests come dressed in costume, the location is decorated, theme drinks and guests take home a memento of the theme country, holiday, event, etc.

How about cooking lessons from a gourmet cooking school or a chef that comes to your home and cooks for you and a few friends? Other great ideas include: flowers for a year, wine storage units, techno toys including laptops, flat screen TV’s, Palm Pilots, etc., sports packages that would include hotel, event tickets and dinner.

Check out business publications and search out the new businesses in Snohomish County for the past six months. These businesses are probably looking for more exposure and haven’t been tapped by too many organizations yet. Check the Everett Business Journal and Snohomish County Business Journal for a listing of these businesses.

If you know of a business that could help with one of the above items, contact them immediately. Send in your forms to Carol Johnson and, if you still need help or ideas, please contact me a 425-787-0250 or 425-353-5625.

Also, don’t forget that we need two bottles (or more) of wine from each member for the wine cellar. We will gladly accept cash and do the shopping for you.

Thanks,
Joan Thomasson
Solicitations Chair