President’s Message for March

February may be the shortest month of the year, but for our Zonta club it is perhaps the most meaningful. February was the month we distributed our hard earned funds to community agencies. This was done at the February 17th meeting. Representatives from 9 agencies were present to receive nearly $39,000 in funding for programs they will administer in the coming year. Each representative gave a brief overview of the program being funded. Again, our Zonta club has been a blessing to the community we serve, touching the lives of many in need. Thank you to Carol Dreysse, Diane Lahti and their Service Committee for your tireless work and to all of the members for helping to raise the funds to make this possible.

The Nominating Committee has completed its work. The slate will be announced at the March 3rd meeting, listed in the April Zontagram and will be voted on at the April business meeting. Thank you to the Nominating Committee: Chris Rommel, Diane Wright and Darlene Conkle for their work on this.

The Awards luncheon will be held in April. The Program Committee is making final arrangements for the speaker. The Service Committee is taking nominations for the Virginia Gullikson Award and has also been reviewing applications for the Young Woman in Public Affairs Award.

Suzie Truglio, Pat Allen and Isbell Juntila have agreed to co-chair our auction to be held November 12th at the Everett Events Center. Please volunteer as auction committee subchairs and members to help make their job easier. The first auction meeting will be March 8th at 7:30 a.m. at Jobie’s Restaurant on 41st. We need every member to participate to make our auction a success. Remember it is not too early to start soliciting for items. (Joan Thomasson already has a room full of wonderful items!!). Also be sure to have your friends save the date.

Lastly, we had a great painting party on Feb 12th at the Tomorrows Hope Day Care for homeless children. This daycare is run by Housing Hope. Nine people (Zontians, husbands and Carol’s daughter, Kayla) painted a very long hallway and a large room. The painted area looked fresh and wonderful when we were done. Thank you to everyone who helped. The children now have a brighter place to gather because of you!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the March 3rd meeting and going to Victoria and the Pearson College of the Pacific with many of you on March 12 and 13.

Janice Henning

"One isn’t necessarily born with courage, but one is born with potential. Without courage, we cannot practice any other virtue with consistency. We can’t be kind, true, merciful, generous, or honest."

Maya Angelou

YWCA Pathways for Women Benefit Luncheon

YWCA Pathways for Women is having a benefit luncheon Thursday, April 21, 2005 from noon to 1:30 at the Everett Events Center.

The keynote speaker will be Mavis Leno. She will talk about her work in the middle east.

Table captains and sponsors are needed. The suggested donation is $150. For more information visit the Pathways for Women website at www.ywcaworks.org.
The Service Committee met January 18th at Nancy Weis’ home. Attending were Nancy, Chris Rommel, Carol Dreysee, Jody Kelly, Isbell Juntila, Dava Esman, Pat Allen and Diane Lahti.

Tsunami Relief was the first item discussed. The Club had voted to give the proceeds from the Ornament Auction ($4000) to the relief effort. The Service Committee was asked to recommend an agency/charity to receive the money. Several worthwhile organizations were mentioned. It was decided to recommend UNICEF due to their long-standing tradition of helping women and children. It was suggested that the PR Committee make an announcement about our donation.

The next items discussed were the timelines of the various scholarship applications. Isbell reported that YWPA applications were due back on February 1. Pat A. suggested the school counselors be called to remind them of the deadline. Women in Transition applications are due on March 31st and Jane Klausman applications have been sent out.

Our Hands On projects were on the agenda next. Peggy Stevenson has volunteered to co-ordinate these events. Our first project is painting at Housing Hope. Suggested dates are 2/12 or 3/5. Planting at Bethany is our second project. Late April, possibly the 30th was discussed. These dates will be confirmed with the agencies.

Carol distributed information packets for the trip to Victoria and went over the details.

The presentation of funding awards will be made at the February 17th program meeting.

Diane has sent out letters of invitation to the recipients. Carol will speak then have various committee members introduce the recipients.

Chris Rommel is spearheading the March 8th Rose Day event. She is taking nominations and looking for volunteers to put together vases, distribute, etc. Dava offered to make cards that will be handed out with the roses.

Carol is taking nominations for the Virginia Gullikson award. The nomination form will be updated and the deadline will be March 11th. It was discussed whether to make the presentation at the April awards meeting.

The next Service Committee meeting will be on February 15th. YWPA scholarship applications and Rose Day nominees will be reviewed.

Pat Allen gave a dollar for being here, her car is totaled, I guess I’m grateful.

Darlene Conkle’ had a delightful time visiting daughters in Portland last weekend.

Diane Lahti was able to sell for $100, our trailer to a woman who needed housing. She is removing it from our property this week and we will start to build in 30 days. She also gave a dollar for the success of the CBW Thrift Shoppe.

Myrna Overstreet had an absolutely marvelous time in Peru visiting the highlands including Machu Picchu and then up the Amazon to a fairly primitive lodge. We enjoyed visiting homes, villages, pirhana fishing and walking the high canopy—a great trip!

Carol Dreysee gave a big thanks to Jenny Antilla and her husband who have offered their home to Deb Crisman, our Area 4 Director, who is coming up from Oregon to attend the Pearson trip. Also, my thanks to Judith and Ray who have offered to pick up and return Deb before and after the trip. She also thanked everyone who painted at Housing Hope’s “Tomorrow Hope” Children’s Center.

Helen Kendall announced they’re expecting the arrival of their 8th grandchild.

Norlonna Funkhouser was happy to be at the giving of our funds away meeting.

Paula Trimble gave $2 for her guests Sherrie Ennis and Pam Spamponi.

Jodie Kelley was excited to present checks to the service agencies.

Cindy Phillips just returned from three sunny weeks in Maui.