PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

There must be such a thing as Zonta-Good-Food-Karma. I am always so impressed with the smorgasbord at our annual picnic, especially the desserts! Many thanks go to Paul and Nancy Kneist for allowing us to share the colossal view of mountains, sea and radiant sunset from their gracious Harbor Lane hilltop. And, another kudo goes to Nancy who has kindly volunteered to be co-Treasurer with Carol Johnson for the remainder of this year. What great team work!

August has been vacation time for most, but we have important issues to discuss at the Sept. 1 meeting and I encourage all members to be present.

If you have not already done so, PLEASE make one extra phone call or visit one more store for your auction solicitations. Our mailbox does not floodeth over! As an interesting side note, our auction emcee Liz Loomis, Mayor of Snohomish, may be wearing a different hat this year. In a recent Herald article, Liz is facing a formidable challenger on the Nov.8th election just 3 days before our event!

Our club member, Lt. Governor Cindy Phillips was part of the Inter-District membership seminar in Denver. In our last Zontagram she wrote about clubs preparing their strategic plan. Since then, I have talked to our Board and with membership approval I will be actively pursuing a date and time in the new year for a Zonta Retreat to conduct a S.W.O.T (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) exercise to help facilitate that strategic plan. What a wonderful way to pursue new ideas and enlightenment for the future of the Zonta Club of Everett. Besides, we’ll probably bring some more of that Zonta-Good-Food-Karma to the table.

Have you ever wondered “Where on earth is Timbuktu?” It’s about 160k from Niger, where millions are walking the sharpest knife-edge between drought and widespread malnutrition. ZI sponsors Micro-Credit and Health Education for HIV/AIDS affected women in Niger, but we have no clubs there. The closest clubs are in Lagos and Ibadan in Nigeria. What this information does for me is confirm how fortunate we are in this country of excess. We cannot control climate or natural disasters, but we can rely on the International Red Cross to organize food distribution during this crisis.

Zonta-Good- Food-Karma? Perhaps we should be reflecting on a day in the life of a Niger woman, and her children. Every little bit we do..helps.

Respectfully submitted
Judith A. Strand, President
Zonta Club of Everett

Please see the attached Zonta Calendar for important meeting dates in September
Auction Committee Report

I hope you have all had a great summer and now are looking forward to fall and the Zonta auction which is scheduled for NOVEMBER 12. It is truly right around the corner and the committees had been working on getting decorations planned, wine purchased, and volunteers in place.

If you have not contributed to the wine cellar, please take a moment to fill out a solicitation form for either wine you have purchased from another country or send in your check ($20.00) so the wine committee can purchase the wine to go into the wine cellar. They are planning on doing the buying in September so it would be very helpful if they had an idea what has been collected by the club members.

Also, please continue to collect items for the various “country” themed baskets. You are not limited to items in your team country so if you see something that would work for Asia and you are on the Europe team go ahead and get it. We are going to be auctioning off these baskets during the live auction.

As always, the entire club is expected to be at the Everett Event Center the morning of the auction to help setup, and are needed to stay and help clean up at the end. Many hands certainly make work light.

Invitations will be going out September 23 so if you have names and addresses that need to be added to our list please send them to suzie.truglio@proforma.com. New members please check your address books and send me over their names and addresses.

The auction is a fun event for our club. It always amazes the chairpersons how everyone comes together to pull off this very profitable event and I know this year will be no different. So, ladies, get in your items, contribute to the team baskets, and round up everyone you know to attend this year’s auction. We have big shoes to fill after last year’s all time record breaking affair.

Isbell, Pat, & Suzie

Solicitations
In the lead is the busy Europe team with $4,522.32, in a closing second and third is Australia with $3,928.97 and Asia with $3,864.54. Africa is over the $1,000 hump with $1,132.00. North and South America, well I think they must still be on vacation, they are on the map with $424.00 and I expect loads and loads of solicitation forms from them soon! Our grand total is $13,871.83. As you can see we have a long way to go and I know we are up to the challenge. Please send in your forms now!

The membership committee is planning an orientation meeting at the home of Myrna Overstreet 1220 Grand Avenue, Everett on September 29 at 5:30. This event is especially for new members and their sponsors, but all interested members are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Myrna at myrogers@earthlink.net by the 27th (so we have plenty of nibbles and liquid refreshments for you!)

Raffle Sign ups:
September 1st Nancy Weis
September 15th Suzie Truglio
Diane Lahti  -$1 for the Herald article on our Shoppe Volunteers.
Margaret Bruland – Thank everyone for your cards and comments regarding my sisters passing away.
Cindy Phillips – Enjoyed a 3 day trip to Denver for Zonta, a week in Eastern WA & 4 days in Reno. I’m leaving tomorrow for a family surprise party in eastern WA. We are surprising my youngest brother on his 40th birthday.
Diane Wright - $1 for a successful 9,500 round trip to Martinique in the Caribbean to visit my husband Greg who was working there. Wonderful weather.
Helen – Bill and I returned safely after a month on our boat to glorious northern Canada.
Judy Gish - $1 to celebrate “LIFE” – our fabulous PNW.
Paula Trimble - $5 for Bob’s birthday yesterday, road trip (3 wks) with granddaughter who will be 17 on the 17th and she passed the drivers test last week, celebrated my parents 65th wedding anniversary in KS. My son proposed to his girlfriend at a dinner that weekend with help of my sister, a magician. Celebrated mother-in-laws 90th year in MO, wonderful to have all our children & grandchildren together from all over the world.
Carol D – Cindy and I visited the Nanaimo club.
Janice Henning – My husband and I spent a week in Montana, staying 5 days at Susan Z & Barb H’s condo on Whitefish Lake. We went to Glacier National Park and then to Chico Hot Springs for a wedding.

District News

The following was taken from the International website. Amandeep is one of the International YWPA Award winners. Her application was submitted by the Vancouver club. I had the opportunity to read her essay questions from her application and she is a most impressive young lady.

Amandeep Saini (Canada) was chosen as one of two young people to represent her country at the Ban Landmines International Children’s Conference in Japan in 2004. Though she learned much about landmines, which she intensely works to educate others about, Amandeep said the most important insights were gained from discussions with other teenagers from around the world.

“During the conference, Rosemary, a 19-year-old from Kigali, Rwanda and I were talking about the rights of women. We concluded that a critical problem limiting the status of women worldwide is a lack of education,” she said. “Many people believe the right place for women and girls is in the house. I argue that the right place for girls is at school.”

Amandeep plans to help make the advancement of women in education a reality by studying political science and international relations. She would like to become Canada’s Minister of Foreign Affairs, working with other countries to achieve a better world for women.
International News

International Membership Survey (excerpts from the International website)

Introduction
The member survey conducted in February 2005 was a first in many respects. It was the first time every Zontian was invited to participate in a member survey. It was also our first member survey conducted primarily online. Automatic tabulation of online responses made it practical to invite such a large group to participate. A total of 2,785 surveys were submitted by the deadline. Of these, 2,605 were submitted online and 180 were mailed, faxed or E-mailed. Not all respondents answered all questions, so responses to specific questions do not always total 2,785.

The response rate was 8% of the Zonta membership. This sample is statistically significant. The highest number of responses came from the 50-59 year age group (40%) and from Zontians with membership of 5-15 years (41%), but there was also a large number of responses from Zontians with less than 5 years of membership (29%).

The results were helpful in guiding the planning process being carried out jointly by the ZI and ZIF Boards with the assistance of a special strategic planning task force.

Membership

- In terms of fulfilling members’ interaction expectations well or very well, social activities and friendship were ranked highest (80% of respondents), followed by access to other members for expertise and information sharing (64%).

- 75% of respondents said that Zonta fulfills their expectations well or very well with respect to advancing the status of women.

- 73% said that club projects fulfill their expectations well or very well.

- 71% said that Zonta’s international programs as a whole fulfill their expectations well or very well.

Operations

- With respect to Zonta’s leadership fulfilling expectations well or very well, responses were 76% for club leadership, 70% for district and area leadership, and 52% for ZI and ZIF leadership (with 24% indicating they did not have enough information to answer at the ZI/ZIF level).

- In terms of obtaining some or very much information from particular sources, club meetings ranked highest (94%), followed by The Zontian magazine (88%) and the ZI Web site (78%).
Programs

- Regarding the importance of current ZI programs, following are the percentages of those who rated the program very important (i.e., the top rating):

ZISVAW 66%
International Service Program (biennial projects) 56%
YWPA 36%
Amelia Earhart 31%
Klausman 23%
Z & Golden Z Clubs 15%
(24% were not familiar with this program)

- In the four suggested broad areas of service, Improving Women’s Access to Education and Literacy received the most #1 rankings. Within that category, Girls’ Access to Education ranked highest.

- The broad category of service that received the next highest #1 rankings was Reducing and Preventing Violence against Women. Within that category, Preventing Domestic Violence ranked highest.

See the full membership survey results on the International Website
www.zonta.org

Ever wonder where District 8 ranks in International service funds donated?

For the period June 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005

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Total Donated $60,954.17

What does this all mean? We have less than 800 members in our district. We are a smaller district but we have HUGE hearts and wonderful communities that support our goal to improve the status of women worldwide. We have much to be proud of.
Photo Gallery

Zonta Picnic

Smile Joan, you're on candid camera!!

Ah, the relaxing days of summer.
In Nancy’s beautiful kitchen