President’s Message

It is always a pleasure to welcome new members like Sue Morgan and Darcy Sperry to the Zonta Club of Everett. We’re proud that you have chosen us. We look forward to a great new year and your contributions will be invaluable as our club grows ever stronger.

With the pressure of the auction is behind us, I again want to thank co-chairs, Suzie, Truglio, Isbell Juntila and Pat Allen for making it all look seamless. Now the "funtime" begins. When we can donate all the money! Funding recommendations will be presented by the Service Committee at the next business meeting January 5, 2006. Please attend as your vote is important in this process.

As we wrap up 2005 (where did it go!), we can feel grateful that all our members have remained secure and safe. It is regrettable that nature and war have taken such a frightening toll on the earth and on ourselves. The Tsunami, Katrina and Pakistan disasters combined with Iraq and global terrorism leaves us wondering how to cope with the scale of the devastation. Well, we cope by taking small, personal steps together, like we do with Zonta. We choose our charities carefully and take pride in each program that brings one more person up from poverty or out of despair.

I applaud you, dear members, for understanding the concept of teamwork.

T- together
E- everyone
A- achieves
M- more!

I truly believe our coming together at committee, program and business meetings makes us stronger as professional women, mentors, members and friends.

Thanksgiving for me is never over. When asked, I always say “my last meal would be a Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings” because it celebrates what is good and meaningful. Family. Friends. Sisterhood.

Yes, at times, service to our club can be a challenge. We all understand that. As I said at the auction, “the way to get things done is to ask the busiest woman in the room.” When you put a few good women together (like the new head of Liberia, or the new Chancellor of Germany, the CEO of e-bay or the Governor of Washington State..etc. etc.etc) it is my opinion that the world will become a more environmentally friendly and caring place. Together we can stem the flow of fear and violence. And that’s a good thing.

Eat all the cookies and make your dreams come true in the New Year.

Happy Holidays to all.
Judith A. Strand, President
Zonta Club of Everett

Welcome New Members:

Darcy Sperry (Ron) Birthday 8/07
Class #2535 Author Membership 12/05
Res: 1724 W. Marine View Dr PMB 900
Everett, WA 98201 (206) 914-2137
E-mail: yachtgirl45@yahoo.com

Susan Morgan Birthday 1/20
Class #1112 Business Owner
Bus: Morgan Sound, Inc.
2004 196th St SW Ste 2
Lynnwood, WA 98036 (425) 771-7257
Res: 1615 S Lake Stickney Dr
Lynnwood, WA 98037 (425) 918-1543
Fax (425) 670-1656
E-mail: susan@morgansound.com
ZONTA MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3, 2005

The meeting was brought to order by President Judith Strand who reminded us that Sister Georgette, a former Everett Zontian, has a birthday coming up and will be recognized by Providence Hospital.

Minutes: from our last meeting, published in the Zontagram, approved.

Treasurer's Report:
Carol Johnson said that $5,000 is going to District 10 for Hurricane Katrina relief. Treasurer's Foundation Report; approved. Club Report will be emailed to the membership.

Old Business:
The Founder's Day recipient will be honored and new members will be initiated at 7:30 a.m. at our Dec. 15 morning program meeting.
Z Club: Carol Dreysse said that her daughter Kayla will spearhead the first meeting of a Snohomish High School charter teen club, the Z Club; chartering ceremony will take place in two months at the high school. About 10 girls are confirmed; eight of them will be auction runners next week.
Zonta Retreat: Judith confirmed the time and date for our planning retreat will be 9 a.m to 3 p.m. Feb. 25, 2006.
There will be no business meetings in December.

New Business:
We discussed changes in the wording of the bylaws.
Chris Rommel had this recommendation: Page 6; "treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the finance committee." She recommends the wording be retained.
Margaret Bruland had this recommendation: Page. 9, article 12: 60 days to audit, not 45 days.
Carol Dreysse discussed standing committees and their duties.
There was also discussion of Zonta's 20 pages of job classifications and whether homemakers and retirees can belong and/or hold office. It was agreed they could.
Judith recapped changes to the by-laws:
Pages 1-5 stay as is.
Page 6: article 7-E.
Page 7: delete Section 5.
Page 8: As is.
Page 9: Article 7; change last line to "60 days."
Page 10, 11: As is.
Changes to the by-laws approved. Copies of revised By-Laws will be emailed to members.
Carol Dreysse raised the issue of email and other aspects of electronic media and policies and whether members can promote their businesses and organizations on line.
Judith suggested we who are members of other clubs share their policies for comparison; this topic will also be on the retreat agenda.
Susie Truglio announced a possible Jan. 14, 2006 club boat trip in Rockport; she is looking for interest among the group for the trip, which includes eagle-watching and a luncheon.

Committee Reports
Status of Women and Service: Isbell Juntila said the Service Committee went over applications, and committed to painting projects at Housing Hope as well as to Little Red Schoolhouse for their auction planning. The committee also has lists of other projects committee members can undertake on their own, either singly or in groups.
Program: Chris Rommel announced six months of programs. Our next program meeting is Nov. 17, with speaker Karen Shaw, director of economic development and human services for the city of Everett.
Ornament auction: Diane Lahti is taking reservations and said we need a couple of volunteers to show items. It will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Everett Golf and Country Club's Cascade Room; doors will open at 11:30 a.m. Cost is $15, and bring a wrapped ornament or holiday gift worth $20 or more. Guests are welcome. RSVP to Diane Lahti at 425-258-4428.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Wright, Secretary.
Committee Reports:

Membership Committee Minutes
November 30, 2005

The Zonta Club of Everett Membership Committee met at 4:00, November 30th at Providence Hospice and Homecare. Those in attendance were: Norlonna Funkhouser, Helen Kendall, Janet Jolley, Judy Gish, and Myrna Overstreet. Absent were: Janice Henning, Darlene Conklé and Suzie Truglio.

The following functions were discussed:
- Founder’s Day Orientation on Dec. 15th
- Eagle Float Trip on Jan. 21st arranged by Suzie Truglio
- New Members Orientation and Fellowship Jan 26th at Helen Kendall’s house
- Wine Tasting in February-Norlonna is arranging
- Happy Hour March 9th-Judy and Norlonna are arranging
- New Member Orientation and Fellowship April 27th at Myrna Overstreet’s house
- May installation and new member initiation-plan with Program Committee
- Annual Picnic August 19th at Norlonna Funkhouser’s house

Suzie is ordering all members new name tags
Brochure is at the printer-Janice is arranging
Chamber of Commerce contact is Judy Gish

Four prospects were proposed. All members need to be active in recruiting new members. Suzie will follow up with them.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Kendall

Service Committee

(Editor’s Note: We typically do not print service funding amounts so this report has been edited to delete that part. Final service committee recommendations will be presented at the January business meeting)

The service committee met on November 15, at the home of Nancy Weis. In attendance were Isbell Juntila, Linda Senter, Diane Wright, Nancy Weis and Jodie Kelley. Our main objective for the evening was to make a recommendation for how to allocate the service funds. Our effort was hampered by the fact that books are not yet closed on the auction, so we worked with the rough estimate of $34,000. The total requests from the agencies we agreed to support is $40,480.

Service committee made the following recommendations:
Reduce our scholarship budget and divide equally among YWPA, WIT and the Jane M. Klausman scholarship.

Linda Senter shared the progress on the Historical Marker project, and her efforts to add 2 new markers at the Everett’s 2 newest parks.

Sincerely, Jodie Ray Kelley
Service Committee Chair
From the Membership Committee

ZONTA CLUB OF EVERETT
October 6, 2005

Existing Member’s Occupations:

# 2533 Designer ( 4 members)
#1231 Manager Sales & Marketing (3 members)
#2211 Accountant (3 members)
#5994 Adjuster
#1112 Community Service Manager, Associations Mgr, Chief Executive, (4 members)
#1113 Mediator
#3311 Retail & Wholesale Mgr (3 members)
#1299 Public Relations
#2514 Education Psychologist
#3293 Real Estate Sales Person
#3911 Police Officer retired
#1193 Manufacturer
#1292 Health Services Mgr (2 members)
#2231 Computing Professionals
#1211 Finance Director
#2493 Education Officer
#2299 Business Researcher
#2512 Community Support/volunteer (3 members)
#5993 Insurance Agent
#3291 Office Mgr
#2222 Media Sales/Mgmt
#2399 Health Professional
#2534 Newspaper Writer
#2392 Veterinarian

SUGGESTED CLASSIFICATIONS
FOR FUTURE MEMBERS

Law, Arts, Banking, Medicine, Engineering/Aerospace, Dental, Education, Agriculture/Landscaping, Sciences, Child Care, Armed Services, Economist, Environmental, Firefighter/Safety Officer, Hotel Admin, Message Therapist, Politician, Athlete, Social work,

ALL women and men who believe in the mission of the Zonta Club of Everett are invited to become members as there is a classification for EVERYONE!!

Also, FYI we have:

15 members who have been members 15 years and longer

5 members who have been members 10-15 years

2 members who have been members 5-10 years

19 members who have been members for 0-5 years
Upcoming Programs:

December 15, 7:30am Founder’s Day Program, Guest Speaker is Jeanne Koruga, Owner/Builder of West Tier Construction Co will share her special approach to construction and design.

January 19, Noon Amelia Earhart Program, Guest Speaker is Sandy Ward, Marketing Director of the new Future of Flight Museum, will rollout information on this new attraction

Roster Changes:

Cindy Phillips: Change extension at work to 322
Judith Strand: Community Relations Director with Merrill Gardens at Stanwood (360) 629-3445
Sheila Countryman-Bean No longer with Dwayne Lane. Change e-mail to ricsheilarobert@msn.com
Darlene Conklé New e-mail is conkledar@yahoo.com
Mary Garvey New e-mail is mary206@gmail.com

Zlightful Dollars:

Cindy Thanks to our 3 auction co-chairs Suzie, Isbell and Pat for all their hard work on the auction
Myrna So Delighted to have Anne Marie Duffy as my guest today!!
Nancy W Too many commitments
Helen Sanken, Inc is going out of business in January
Diane W 1 dollar for Everett Gospel Men’s Mission in need of coats, shirts, pants, shoes @ 3711 Smith Ave. 8-5 daily.
Paula 90th birthday of my mother-in-law on Veterans Day
Judy Grandson Dylan Gish is 5 today. What a gift!
Janet J Celebrated 20 years with General/Providence, for Connie Wittren who just passed her CFRE exam and is now a Certified Fund Raising Executive!
Linda S One for granddaughter Kaitlin’s election as Secretary of the Student Council at Quil Ceda Elementary in Marysville and one for daughter Anne’s wonderful trip to South Africa for safari and a stay in Capetown.

District 8 News:

District 8 Conference Report
September 29-October 1, 2005

The District 8 Conference at the Red Lion Hotel in Yakima, Washington was attended by Everett Zontians Dava Esman, Judith Strand, Carol Dreysse, Cindy Phillips, Pat Allen, Helen Kendall and Janice Henning. Everett delegates Esman and Strand held the proxy vote for the Zonta Club of Seattle. The working theme of the conference was “Making Choices Making Change”.

Thursday, September 29th:
District Board members held a meeting from 9am-3pm, followed by a reception and registration. Some members enjoyed a trip to the Central Washington State Fair.

Friday, September 30th:
8:00 am: Pat Allen sets up the Everett store display to sell pins. Various members of our delegation took turns running the ‘store’ during breaks in the conference.
9:00 – 5:00 Business Session:
After the Invocation by Sister Bayless, the Flag Ceremony and singing of both national anthems, Governor Roz introduced the head table including Omatayo Morgan from Nigeria, our International Board Liaison. Yakima Mayor Paul George welcomed Zonta to his city and talked about the value of moving to the area, especially in terms of affordable real estate.
Credentials Chair Debbie Gunter announced 7 voting board members, 25 delegates, 1 proxy for a total of 33 voting delegates.
Governor Roz Mellander gave her welcome and 'state of the nation' speech regarding Making Choices and Making Change. She congratulated the Yakima club for its hard work on the conference. Highlights of her speech included: A) Of the 25 clubs in our district, 12 of them have less than 20 members. In this regard, increasing membership will be the focus for the remainder of the biennium, and she congratulated Cindy Phillips for her job on the Membership Manual: B) She asked Presidents to encourage their members to utilize the web and to use the marketplace. C) The Int'l Service Goal is $3,620,000 (US funds) and of that 52% has been raised; D) District 8 is 11th out of the 30 districts re: Int'l contributions. E) Being Innovative with fund raising such as the Nanaimo Club and its Red Dress Gala for the Heart Association.
Delegate Vote: Area realignments (details District 8 website) – passed. (Area 3 eliminated).
Resolution: Victoria/Nanaimo re: Polygamous marriage and trafficking young women across boarders was tabled for Saturday's session for re-wording the document.
The Treasurer's Report was given by Candi Broadfoot (copies on the Dist. 8 website).
The Nominating Committee Report was given by chair, Carolyn Wilkins. Governor, Cindy Phillips; Lt. Gov. Terri Turi; Treasurer: Carol Dreyssse; Director Area 1: Renee Richardson; Area 2: Janet Granger with Vice Area Director: Shelli L. Cutting: Area 4, Charlene B. Moore with Vice Area Director Bobbi Bullock; Director Area 5: Anna C. Reilly with Vice Area Director Anita Mathur. Election speeches followed.
After lunch, Area Directors conducted meetings. At the Area 5 meeting Janice Henning was given a dozen yellow roses in thanks for her company's contribution to the E-Project established by the Corvallis club. Area Director Carol Dreyssse led the introductions of each attendee and emphasized the importance of doing the Zonta Strategy (SWOT) for each club.
These meetings were followed by the Delegate vote at 2:00 p.m. The above roster was elected to office. The Everett Club's Cindy Phillips was voted as District 8 Governor, and Carol Dreyssse as Treasurer.
A video “Building Zonta in the 21st Century” was then shown. Omatayo Morgan read International President Mary Ellen Bittner's letter to our District Conference. President Bittner's letter harked back to the Membership Survey and how our organization can grow. She reaffirmed our work done with the Anti-Trafficking project in Bosnia and Herzegovina; the Afghan Institute of Learning and our new project in Niger “Women on the Move” all female micro credit programs. She wrote “Zonta should be the organization for those of us who appreciate our own success and who realize the importance of a helping hand, a listening ear, a thoughtful mind and a caring heart.”
Past Governor Debbie Arney spoke about the International Foundation and invited Presidents to take back brochures to their clubs.
Reports were given by Committee Chairs for Amelia Earhart, Jane Klausman and Lester B. Peason, College.
After a brief break, the Business Meeting was adjourned and visitors and Zontians enjoyed an evening at the Silver Lake Winery.

Saturday, October 1, 2005
Following breakfast, a Memorial Service was conducted for Zontians who are no longer with us. After introductions call to order and Roll Call of Pledges (monies pledged to International programs) credentials were read by Corene Jones-Litteer: Voting Board members 7, Delegates 24, Proxies 1 for a total of 32. Grant’s Pass and Everett were the two leading clubs in pledges in District 8 this year.
Vote: Delegates were asked to vote on the revised wording of the resolution to “discourage trafficking of young women across the American and Canadian border”. The resolution was passed.
Omatayo Morgan, a charter member of her club since 1970 in Nigeria, spoke eloquently about her country’s challenges and her work with Zonta. The “rainwater project” simply stated relies on rainwater harvesting at schools so girls (who need to wash, especially during their time of the month) can stay in school during 6 month periods of drought. Her club also established a “Zonta House” training project to make tie-dye cloth and do weaving. They have also established programs for market-gardening. She emphasized that challenges of membership can be overcome with enthusiasm, talking about Zonta and wearing our pins everywhere we go!

This was followed by the presentation of new officers and membership, organization and extension awards.

The Zonta Club of Everett received Membership Awards and a letter of congratulations to long-time member Jean Cooley for her 30 years of Service to Zonta.

Following the coffee break and more store sales, awards were given by ZISVAW Chair Judith Strand (Everett received an award for its Domestic Violence Summit and participation in the E-project) and by Service Chair Bobbi Bullock. The Everett Club also received a Lester B. Pearson award with thanks to Carol Dreysse for putting such a large group together for a trip to the college.

After an amusing “stretch to music” conducted by Debbie Arney, Friah Rogers gave an inspiring Public Relations report which included: A) Doing a group “hit” at your next Chamber of Commerce Meeting; B) Practicing your Zonta elevator speech C) Zonta buttons D) Radio commercials (scripts upon request) E) International Women’s Day forum and much more. She encouraged all Zontians to go to the International web site and copy off the PR instruction manual.

Lou Cram announced Zonta Rose Day projects and thanked clubs for their efforts.

Kladia Robbertsdater Lewis from Victoria gave an inspiring speech about International projects and how Zonta is involved with the United Nations.

A lunch, local Yakima police officers talked about the RAD kids project – a national leader in children’s safety education and mentoring group. This training empowers children (especially young women and girls) on how to utilize knowledge, skills and power to protect themselves from violence and harm.

Luncheon was followed by Breakout sessions on Membership, Fundraising, UN and Zonta Issues.

At 3:00 pm. Zontians were encouraged to go to a ‘head wrapping’ session with Omatayo – who illustrated how the African women create their headwear.

The general session was closed at 4:00 pm at which time Zontians were encouraged to go to the Zonta Store and to purchase raffle tickets for the lovely baskets displayed there.

The gala “Zonta Looks to the Future” banquet featured guest speaker ‘comedienne’ Sue Kirby for a look in to the many ways to “weave” family and work in to daily life. She spoke while making a beautiful wreath that was auctioned for Zonta’s benefit.

Gov. Roz “called” everyone to attend the International Conference in Melbourne, and then closed the District 8 Conference.

It was very inspiring meeting and greeting old friends from our district. The Zonta Store sold $360 of World Pins; all in all a very successful venture.

Respectfully submitted by Judith Strand, Delegate.

Also in the District 8 news:

I would like to congratulate your Club on sending an application for the Klausman award. Diann and her committee have chosen the following as outstanding applications. The District 8 has set aside $400.00 for the first recipient but I wanted to let you know that your Club’s candidate was also mentioned. From Diann: My committee finally chose the Jane Klausman Award

#1 Samantha Resare-Portland Club
#2 Ya-Han Brownlee-Chen Everett Club
#3 Njeri Njoora Eugene Club

I have submitted the name of Samantha Resare from the Portland Club to International.

Roz Mellander Governor
International News:

3 November 2005
Highlights of the ZI Board Meeting
17-20 October 2005

At the fourth meeting of the 2004-2006 biennium, the Zonta International Board took the following actions:

- considered the report of the joint Strategic Planning Taskforce for ZI and ZIF, adopted in principle a draft simplified plan, and agreed to consider the plan further at the next meeting.
- requested Governors to encourage incoming District Foundation Ambassadors (DFAs) to attend convention and DFA Orientation and Training, and noted that the District may choose to reimburse the DFA for a portion of the cost related to convention attendance.
- received a briefing on Board fiduciary responsibilities from Zonta’s legal counsel.
- adopted the audit report for the year ended 31 May 2005 as presented. *(A copy will be sent to all clubs in the November 2005 club mailing.)*
- adopted a budget for 2006-2008, with no dues increase but including a deficit for 2006-2008, while maintaining a one-year cash reserve.
- agreed to extend Zonta International into Romania and further agreed that the new club (when chartered) will be assigned to District 30.
- approved the action taken at the District 26 conference to divide the district into 3 districts as follows:
  - **District 26 consisting of the Zonta clubs in Japan;**
  - **District 31 consisting of the Zonta clubs in Taiwan; and**
  - **District 32 consisting of the Zonta clubs in South Korea.** *(The numbering of the new Districts is premised on the seniority of the oldest club in each.)*
- reviewed several possible bylaw amendment issues and referred them to the International Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.
- reviewed proposed procedures for the use of ZI funds to support district and club rejuvenation and extension efforts, and requested revised procedures prior to the formal announcement of the availability of the funds. *(When finalized Governors and OMC district chairmen will be advised and the procedures will be posted on the ZI Web site.)*
- adopted a procedure for approving Zonta participant attendance at the annual Commission on the Status of Women non-governmental organizations meeting at the United Nations.
- reviewed and adopted revisions to the Zonta District Manual and the Zonta International Manual. *(The revised District Manual will be available on the ZI Web site by March 2005.)*
- reviewed plans for Convention 2006, and approved preliminary arrangements for some aspects of the 2008 convention.
- agreed that Bangkok will be the venue of the 2010 Zonta International Convention, contingent upon reaching satisfactory agreements for the venue facilities.
- approved initial appointments to international committees for 2006-2008.
- received a preliminary report on the proposed 2006-2008 International Service Projects which will be included in the 2006-2008 proposed Biennial Goals for presentation at Convention.
Observed in 1988, World AIDS Day serves to strengthen the visibility and promote awareness of issues surrounding HIV/AIDS. First declared an annual campaign to encourage public support for and commitment to this cause, World AIDS Day is observed on 1 December.

Campaign Overview

Zonta International invites all Zonta Clubs, Zontians and friends of Zonta to join in the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign 2005 – 25 November through 10 December. Participants in this global campaign against gender violence have been instrumental in bringing issues of violence against women to the forefront in local, national, regional and global arenas since the first campaign originating from the first Women’s Global Leadership Institute sponsored by the Center for Women’s Global Leadership in 1991. The Campaign is an organizing strategy for individuals and groups around the world to call for the elimination of all forms of violence against women.

This year’s campaign emphasizes the connections between violence against women and women’s health and the detrimental consequences violence against women has on the well-being of the world as a whole. There is growing recognition that women and girls’ risk of and vulnerability to HIV infection is shaped by deep-rooted and pervasive gender inequalities, in particular violence against them. For millions of women, the experience or fear of violence is a daily reality and increasingly, so is HIV/AIDS.

Prevalence of violence against women and girls*

Violence against women is a universal problem and one of the most widespread violations of human rights. One in three women will suffer some form of violence in her lifetime, becoming part of an epidemic that devastates lives, fractures communities, and stunts development.

In no country in the world are women safe from domestic and intimate violence. In Cambodia, 16 percent of women are physically abused by their husbands; in the UK 30 percent are physically abused by partners or ex partners; this is 52 percent in the West Bank; 21 percent in Nicaragua; 29 percent in Canada; and 22 percent in the US. Half of the women who die from homicides are killed by their current or former husbands or partners. Although a majority of countries now have legislation that addresses domestic violence, high levels of violence still persist. There is a need for greater focus on implementation and enforcement of legislation, and an end to laws that emphasize family reunification over the rights of women and girls.

25 November – International Day Against Violence Against Women was declared in July 1981 in Bogota Colombia to commemorate the violent assassination of the Mirabal sisters (Patria, Minerva and Maria Teresa) on 25 November 1960 by the dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo in the Dominican Republic. In 1999, the United Nations officially recognized 25 November as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

1 December – World AIDS Day marks the beginning of an annual campaign to encourage public support for and development of programs to prevent the spread of HIV infection and promote awareness of issues surrounding HIV/AIDS. First observed in 1988, World AIDS Day serves to strengthen the global effort to face the challenges of the AIDS pandemic. This year, the theme of the UNAIDS World AIDS Campaign is “Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise,” and demands governments keep their policy commitments related to HIV/AIDS.

10 December – International Human Rights Day marks the celebration of the 1948 adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
In the US, 700,000 women are raped or sexually assaulted each year, with 14.8 percent of women reporting having been raped before the age of 17. In Peru, a study of 12 to 16 year old girls giving birth found that 90 percent of them were pregnant from rape, often incest.

Each year, roughly two million girls between the ages of 5 and 15 are trafficked, sold, or coerced into prostitution.

**Prevalence of violence against women and girls**

- In no country in the world are women safe from domestic and intimate violence.
- Domestic violence is the major cause of death and disability for European women ages 16 to 44, and accounts for more death and ill-health than cancer or traffic accidents.
- The Russian government estimates that 14,000 women were killed by relatives in 1999, yet the country still has no law specifically addressing domestic violence.
- In South Africa, more women are shot at home in acts of domestic violence than are shot by strangers on the streets or by intruders.
- In the US, a woman is raped every 6 minutes; a woman is battered every 15 seconds.
- This year, more than 15,000 women will be sold into sexual slavery in China.
- In Bangladesh, 200 women will be horribly disfigured when their spurned husbands or suitors burn them with acid.
- In India, more than 7,000 women will be murdered by their families and in-laws in disputes over dowries.

**Prevalence of HIV/AIDS among women and girls**

- Women’s inability to negotiate safe sex and refuse unwanted sex is closely linked to the high prevalence of HIV/AIDS. For many women, the fear of violence prevents them from declaring their HIV-positive status and seeking help and treatment. Young women are particularly vulnerable to coerced sex and are increasingly being infected with HIV/AIDS. Over half of new HIV infections world-wide are occurring among young people between the ages of 15 to 24, and over 60 percent of HIV-positive youth between the ages of 15 and 24 are women.

*Sources: UNIFEM; Broken Bodies, Shattered Minds: Torture and Ill Treatment of Women, Amnesty International, 2001; World Health Organization; UNAIDS; Center for Women’s Global Leadership

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**Join Zonta International in the international 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence! Campaign 2005**

Become part of existing activities or take action on your own. Use the resources found on the Zonta International Web site, www.zonta.org, to get started.

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The activities organized by Zonta Clubs during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign are unique and innovative. Please send documentation (or submit online at www.zonta.org) of your events – your posters, pictures, video footage, statements, reports, etc. – to us so that we can share them through the Zonta International Web site, and highlight Zonta’s collective action to **Advance the Status of Women Worldwide!**