President’s Message

One of the images I always associate with Thanksgiving is the cornucopia, the Horn of Plenty. In Greek mythology, Amalthea, a nymph, owned the goat whose milk fed the infant Zues, principal god of the Greek pantheon. Zues, in gratitude, broke off one of the goat’s horns and gave it to her, promising that the possessor should always have an abundance of everything desired. Most dictionaries say that cornucopia means, “An overflowing supply; an abundance.”

This November offers a cornucopia of activities. Founder’s Day, November 2nd, where we will honor a very special Zontian who has tirelessly served the community and Zonta. November 7th we will have the opportunity to vote for which women fought the right and won the 19th amendment to the constitution in 1920 extending the right of suffrage to women. We celebrate blessings of home and hearth as we gather with family and friends on Thanksgiving, November 24. Then the International Day to Eliminate Violence Against Women on November 25, marks the first ten-day awareness campaign to educate global citizens about many kinds of violence perpetrated against women around the world.

Our mailboxes are a different kind of cornucopia these days, department store sale fliers and holiday catalogues, end-of-year appeals from local and national non-profits struggling to meet community needs, and special appeals for disaster relief support.

As we enter the holiday season, we think of many gifts we have received. We remember that, while those in disaster areas around the globe have extraordinary needs, our own community has needs that it is struggling to meet. We need not look far to see people hurting and in want...some of our neighbors, the abused, the homeless and destitute of Snohomish County. Their needs may seem less dramatic right now but they are no less pressing. They rely on us to support the agencies in the county which help them.

We all live privileged lives. One of the privileges we enjoy is the privilege of service. I am so thankful to have the opportunity to help provide service alongside like-minded women of the Zonta Club of Everett. We all have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. So whether it’s providing “sweat equity”, in preparation for the auction, to help local women and girls in need, cold hard cash for Zonta’s local and International service projects with our proceeds from our auction, we are there to provide.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Helen
SAVE THE DATE

We invite you to bring guests and join us from
Noon to 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 14, 2006
at the
ZONTA HOLIDAY AUCTION & LUNCHEON

Everett Golf and Country Club
1500 52nd Street SE: Everett, WA 98203
(Located at Colby Avenue and 52nd Street)
Cost: $15.00 per person

As we strive towards diversity in our local Zonta Club of Everett, we, as a club, are looking at new ways of being that include members of all faiths and backgrounds.

In keeping with this purpose, we are expanding the holiday ornament auction this year and ask that attendees bring a wrapped new item valued at $20.00 or more for this auction. Think about the holidays/traditions you and your family celebrate all year long. What do you use when you celebrate?

Champagne glasses, pretty party platters, place mats and napkins, etc.?

If you select an item that is for a specific holiday (Hanukah, Valentine’s Day, Christmas, Kwanza, etc.), please place a tag on your wrapped package identifying the holiday so that it can be announced before the item is auctioned off. (Do not put your name on the item.) Thank you for helping us celebrate all the traditions of this season!!

Reservations must be in to Paula Trimble (trimauln@aol.com or 425-876-1622) no later

November Meeting

ZONTA CLUB OF EVERETT
FOUNDER’S DAY
November 2, 2006
Breakfast, 7:30-9:00 AM
Everett Golf and Country Club

The Founder’s Day Award is presented to a current or past Everett Zontian. It is based on their service to Zonta and the community. Come for the breakfast meeting and congratulate the winner of the 2006 Founder’s Day Award. Past Recipients are listed in your 2006 roster. BRING GUESTS

RSVP: Chris Rommel, cerman01@aol.com

A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

Congratulations to the Co-Chairs of the 30th Annual Auction, “Sail Away With Zonta”.

Thanks to Isbell, Paula and Pat, the Zonta Club of Everett’s 30th Annual Auction’s proceeds is changing the world for women in Snohomish County and around the world. With their leadership, the club excelled in our endeavor to create a quality, fun and successful auction. We will hear more about the outcome of the auction at the November 2nd breakfast meeting.
Jodie Ray Kelley gave a report from the Fund Development Committee. They are exploring putting on a 5K Run/Walk to raise awareness/benefit Inflammatory Breast Cancer. It would tie us into a worthy cause, attract and inform new people about Zonta and generate enthusiasm while doing something fun. The members present unanimously agreed to accept the committee recommendation.

Margaret Bruland reported on the changes of meeting dates for the next two months. There will be no program meeting on November 16th and the Holiday Auction has been changed to December 14th at noon. The November 2nd breakfast meeting will also be our Founder’s Day Celebration.

Suzie reminded us that nominations for Founder’s day recipients are due by October 24th. She also reported that the IRS 990 has been sent and the audit report has been submitted.

Isbell gave an auction update and reminder of the next meeting October 10th at Jaime Berry’s home.

Carol Johnson discussed the women’s clothing drive, clothes and accessories will be collected at our January meetings. Clothes need to be cleaned and on hangers.

Therese Quinn reported that the Membership committee is considering several ideas for fellowship including a theater night and a luncheon for “Bring your daughter to work day”.

Pat Allen reported that all the announcements for PR are being sent out.

There was no raffle item

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Isbell Juntila

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MEMBER UPDATE & MEETING CHANGES

No Program Meeting November 16

December Holiday Auction changed to December 14th (from Dec. 7th)

No December 21st Meeting
CONGRATULATIONS
ZONTA CLUB OF EVERETT RECEIVES
NINE DISTRICT 8 AWARDS

At the Governor’s Seminar in Victoria, October 5-8, the Zonta Club of Everett received nine awards from District 8. They are as follows:

2006 Local Service Award for the focus of Homeless Women and Mothers, Women in Transition and displaced homemakers to Improve the Health, Education, Economic and Professional Status of Women

2005-2006 Donating the largest amount to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship from District 8

2005-2006 Rose Day/International Women’s Day Participation Award

2005-2006 Paula Bechtold Classification Diversity Award (classification diversity)

2005-2006 Honorable Mention for excellent website design

2005-2006 Jane M. Klausman Participation Award

2005-2006 Young Women in Public Affairs Participation Award and District Winner

2005-2006 ZISVAW Activities Award (for a project we designed or participated in that helped to end violence against women or children)

2005-2006 Harriette Yeckel Cultural Award (This award celebrates, acknowledges and strengthens cultural, racial/ethnic, religious, gender, age, etc. diversity in District 8 Zonta Clubs. Through this award we will be honoring and respecting our similarities and differences. It will be presented to the clubs with the most diversity excluding classification.)

Judith Stand receiving District 8 Award

Zlightful dollars

Carol Johnson: Announced the “Working Wardrobe” service project

Myrna Overstreet: For an absolutely amazing Governor’s Seminar in Victoria

Anna Marie Jenkins: Ditto to Myrna’s remarks on the seminar

Chris Rommel: Zlighted to complete 30 years of service in Zonta

Isbell Juntila: $2 thrilled with auction solicitation results

Janice Henning: $1 for the best District 8 seminar ever!

Darcy Sperry: $1 for my guest & friend Cathy Graf. Member of the Everett Yacht Club and she and her husband are the founders & owners of Glacier Bay Boats

Janet Jolley: $5 for the Governor’s conference – worth every penny!

Darlene Conklé: $5 Zlighted to be able to offer Poinsettias for sale from Kiwanis $10/6”pot.

Carol Dreyss: Quit my job and I am busier than ever. Great time at the Governor’s Seminar

Helen Kendall: For the excitement and great energy in our club. I love it!

Deborah Nedelman: For the “power point gods” in hopes of a smooth UN Day presentation and to Darlene for bringing the projector.

Nancy Weis: Granddaughter has moved in and so far okay!

Judy Gish: Enjoying life – Hiatus from working.

Paula Trimble: Granddaughter’s 2nd birthday – Maddie, Zonta Governor’s Seminar in Victoria and Zonta 10/28 auction and holiday auction

You will find as you look back upon your life, that the moments that stand out are the moments when you have done things for others.

Source Unknown
PARK/HISTORICAL MARKER PROJECT

Bayside Park

Here’s an update on the park/historical marker project.

1. EXISTING HISTORICAL MARKERS. My Park Dept. contact said he had some months ago instructed park maintenance people to repair/repaint the signs as needed. He’ll check to see if that has been done. He also is working on a better way of inspecting the park for maintenance and repairs.

2. ADDING HISTORICAL MARKERS TO THE NEW BAYSIDE PARK AND THE PROPOSED PARK ON HEWITT. Part of the Park’s strategic plan is new signage (recommended by a consultant), using new standards and new materials, and creating a consistent look with all park signs. I wondered what would happen to the signs Zonta provided, that we’re probably not prepared to pay for replacing all those signs, would we still have a presence, etc. He said our graphics would be used and our name and symbol would still be on the signs. In the meantime, it makes sense for the signs for the new parks to be put on hold to match the new sign design.

3. PROPOSED ZONTA PARK. The Park contact will be making a presentation to City Council (executive session) soon regarding a number of things to improve downtown parks. He wants an OK from the council to proceed; then we can talk further about Zonta’s stewardship of the proposed little park at the west end of Hewitt.

These things move slowly. I think that after the first of the year, things will be ready to move more quickly. It will be worth it!

Let’s keep the vision in front of us: Zonta Park, a tranquil place with grass, shade trees, yellow roses and other flowers, table, benches. Someone suggested a statue of a woman and child on a bench...so cool. What an opportunity for a physical presence in the community to enhance our image and mission.

Linda Senter

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DONCASTER Sample Sale

Norlonna Invites you to a Doncaster sample sale

Dates: December 4th & 5th

TIME: 10AM to 8 PM

Where: Jaime Berry’s Home

10% of sales will go to Charity of choice. So any Zonta member that buys during the 50% off sample sale, 10% of that sale will go to Zonta.

Check or cash accepted

Our January Club Service Project is collecting work appropriate women’s clothing for the YWCA Working Wardrobe.

You may bring your donations to Jaime Berry’s home when you come for the Doncaster Sale
Our January Club Service Project is collecting work appropriate women's clothing for the YWCA Working Wardrobe. The program provides free professional clothing to women who live in Snohomish County and are preparing for an interview or job. In 2005, 782 women seeking employment received interview appropriate clothing from the Working Wardrobe.

Items need to be currently-fashioned, work-appropriate women's clothing. They are in particular need of large sizes and need clothing so women can make complete outfits. Items need to be clean and on hangers.

Items Needed:
- Suits
- Dresses
- Blouses
- Sweaters
- Slacks
- Jackets
- Shoes
- Accessories

The items will be collected at the January meetings on the 4th and 18th!

We will load cars in the parking lot after each meeting and deliver to the Working Wardrobe.

This is a wonderful way to assist women seeking employment and to clean out those closets!!!

Please call Carol Johnson if you have any questions.
Women are drivers of global growth

By Aude Zieseniss de Thuin
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What do growth, expansion and prosperity have in common? In French grammar they are feminine and when it comes to facts and figures they are feminine as well. Forget China, India and even new technologies – for the past 10 years the number one vector for global growth has been women.

Since 1970, women have held two out of three new jobs. According to The Economist, which compiled studies from a number of research firms, the arrival of this new workforce has done more to encourage global growth than increases in capital investment and improvements in productivity. “Over the last 10 years the increase in women [in the workplace] in developed countries has made more of a contribution to global growth than China has,” concludes the British weekly.

Let us look at France and the US. The female workforce is growing at an increasingly rapid rate. At the beginning of the 1950s, 7m women held a paying job in France, or about a third of the working population. Today women make up 47 per cent of the workforce. A similar scenario applies to Sweden, the UK and the US, where a third of women of working age were employed in 1950 and two-thirds today.

The increased number of women in the working population compensates for the negative demographic effects of an aging population and lower birth rates. The same trend is now also visible in emerging countries. Southeast Asia’s economic success is due primarily to women, who hold two-thirds of the jobs in the export industry, the region’s most dynamic sector.

So, will the workplace, where women have long fought for their rightful place, become woman’s domain? One thing is certain: women’s rise in power, which is linked to the increase in wealth per capita, is happening in all domains and at all levels of society. Women are no longer content to provide efficient labor or to be consumers with rising budgets and more autonomy to spend. They are increasingly becoming directors, managers and entrepreneurs. Some studies have even shown a correlation between the presence of women in managerial positions and a company’s financial results.

This is just the beginning. The phenomenon will only grow as girls prove to be more successful than boys in the school system and enroll in higher numbers in universities. For a number of observers, we have already entered the age of “womenomics”, the economy as thought out and practiced by women. Those Chinese who desire that their only child be male may soon realize that a daughter could be a better investment. Bosses know full well that a team of both men and women is more creative and efficient than one comprised of only men.

But perhaps we are getting ahead of ourselves. Despite their irrevocable rise in power, women remain under-utilized and not only in emerging countries. In Italy, for example, the number of working women is still at only 40 per cent of the workforce. Even in countries where there are a large number of women doctors, lawyers and high-level executives, they represent only a small percentage of surgeons, partners and chief executives. It is true that the “glass ceiling” that prevents women from reaching the highest echelons is also, in part, in their heads. Indeed, women seek happiness and equilibrium in their activities more than men and often find themselves turning down responsibilities, citing the sacrifice it could mean for their family life.

We could say that the judicial progresses made, such as the recent French law-requiring equal pay for men and women in the workplace, and are merely an opener for the work to come. If society wants to benefit from women’s resources and if companies want to hold on to talent, they must create social protections to neutralize the effects of interruptions in the career path or offer the choice to accept fewer professional obligations than a male counterpart.

“Womenomics” is not, as some would claim, a passing fad, but rather a lasting trend. Women are on center stage when it comes to all vital issues: healthcare, education, the environment and demography. As women today are reaching positions of power in massive numbers, their responsibility towards the progress of society is growing. Women want to assume this role and they will.

Pictured Below: Representatives that attended the District 8 Seminar in Victoria, B.C. See “Reflections” following page.
REFLECTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO RECENTLY ATTENDED OUR DISTRICT 8 SEMINAR IN VICTORIA, BC

What a thrill it was to attend the recent Governor’s Seminar in Victoria. From the beginning of the trip via the Clipper where 9 of us were able to laugh, play cards and get to know each other better, to the final banquet where the Zonta Club of Everett received 9 awards was an extraordinary trip. Attending the seminar created “warm fuzzies” for me in every aspect of what we are doing to further the status of women locally and globally. Sharing ideas, experiences and fun with Zonta members from our district was inspiring and motivational. I am proud to be a member and even more proud that Cindy is Governor and Carol is treasurer. Pearson College is an amazing institution that is creating an environment of peace among all nations through its students, teachers and philosophy. The visit to the college was certainly a highlight of the trip. I understand now how much more we, as a club, can do to further the status of women living in our community by serving and advocating. We now need to search for new members and make sure that our club continues for eternity. We have a purpose!!
Fondly, Helen

This recent Governor’s Seminar was meaningful for me because I was born in Canada and enjoy those remembrances. I was impressed by Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services and Minister responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues. Now that my career has taken me in to the senior industry, her comments about the ‘mentoring workbook’ to prevent domestic violence struck a meaningful chord and I hope, with help from the Victoria club, to obtain a copy of those guidelines.
In every case, new club members (and we had one at the conference who had been in Zonta for only one week!) who go the next level and attend Area or District conferences invariably return full of enthusiasm for the international message and feeling of community in Zonta. It was personally exciting for me as past president to be on the receiving end of so many awards from the District. We are a fabulous club!
A presentation by the Zonta Club of Eugene - ‘Successful Fundraising Lunches' was inspiring to me on two levels. The luncheon speakers informed the public on women's issues and achieved the media attention Zonta so richly deserves. At our next Retreat, this would be a good topic for discussion to bring our club in to the public eye. It was fun meeting the members of the Victoria Club. The event was extremely well planned with inspiring speakers and comic relief throughout the conference. How else would we have learned the secret 'huddy huddy huddy' handshake, the Royal Wave or how to get rid of a nerd trying to drive the fire truck. Ah ha! Caught you. All these secrets can be revealed when members go the next level and attend an Area or District conference.
Great fun!
-Judith A. Strand

Pluses About Victoria

Butchart Gardens are absolutely beautiful and you should have them on your list of places to visit when you go to Victoria for a sunny day. The Grayline Combination Tour is an excellent way to see the city and the gardens. The begonias were absolutely beautiful and many begonia flowers were over 3 inches wide in diameter.

The Seminar took us on Friday to view the art gallery connected to the Wits Project on our way to Pearson College. It is a project that is a positive way to reach at risk children. It is a project that in many ways I would like to see duplicated in the US as it would encourage and support youth with positive art work plus behavior. There was no graffiti where the artwork was located in Victoria. Meydenbauer Park in Bellevue got a little $60,000.00 graffiti art with gang slogans this summer done we (police officer and I) assume by at risk youth.

The meals at Harbour Towers were excellent. I especially enjoyed the High Tea with the Queen, where we learned how to give a regal wave and the Thanksgiving Dinner with an especially moist turkey. The strawberries were very flavor able. One thing that needs to be considered by Conference programs in the future is that the facilities are wheelchair accessible and not spread out. There were steps at Harbor Towers and in Melbourne there were complaints about how spread out the Conference Venue was from some of the attendees with handicaps. Victoria is still a delightful city to visit.
Anna Marie Jenkins

What an introduction to the scope of all that Zonta does and to the wonderful women (and men) that Zontians are! I was simply awestruck by all the work that this organization does to make the lives of women and girls better.

The visit to Pearson College left me nearly in tears - but they were tears of joy and hope. This institution brings together remarkably talented young people who are our future leaders - the brightest and most committed. At Pearson they get an opportunity to live together in an atmosphere of harmony and creativity where each of them is free to learn and to teach. This is the way education should be! I will always remember my conversation with the young man from Zimbabwe who told me that at Pearson he had learned that “true leadership is really about service to others.” He is only 16! These students are wise beyond their years.

I learned about the WITS program from an amazing man who represents the best of Victoria’s police department. He taught us how to salute properly and how to ask for another beer after a hockey game (you had to be there!).

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I met the Queen and learned more than I ever wanted to know about how to drink tea and how to wear pearls. I learned a few Scottish country-dances and heard about a creative and successful effort to protect the Spirit Bear of British Columbia.

Oh yes, and I learned about many Zonta projects that are having tremendous impact on the status of women. I got inspired about the UN by Kladia and about advocacy efforts by Paula Bechtold. It was a great way to spend the Canadian Thanksgiving weekend, and it made me even more grateful to have become a member of Zonta.

Deborah Nedelman

By far, the most memorable part of the Seminar was meeting the students at Pearson College and visiting the campus. It made me realize what an incredible opportunity those students have been given, and how important it is for them to receive our support. One student stands out in my mind --- a girl from Afghanistan who learned to speak English in the Taliban camps as a child. Her family moved from Afghanistan to Pakistan and back again. She was selected to attend Pearson College because she knew English, and of course, because she is very bright. She will study Journalism in college because it was her mother’s dream to be a journalist, and daughter will live out her mother’s dream. Or the girl from Zambia who celebrated her 17th birthday on the day we visited. She was one of 4 children in her family, and is being given the gift of education --- something she will come to appreciate even more in the years ahead. Or, the Israeli student and the Palestinian student living in harmony on the same campus. They know Zonta, and have a great appreciation for the part that we play in their education. Keep up the good work Zontians!!!

Janet Jolley

The Governor’s Seminar was the most incredible opportunity to witness first hand the true meaning of Zonta. The four days together touched me on many levels. First of all it was an occasion that enabled me to spend time with my fellow Zontians from the Everett Club that goes way beyond the time that is spent at meetings. We not only spent a great deal of time discussing Zonta and how we can make it the best it can be for all concerned, we also were able to relate to each other on a more personal level. Sharing and caring is the way I look at it. I am surrounded by some truly amazing women. We shared stories and experiences—some serious-some light hearted, but all heartfelt. Zonta friends that come from very different backgrounds, relating on a deeper level, and at the same time recognizing many similarities. I must say that I did more laughing during this special time together, than I have in a very long time.

The Seminar was also an opportunity to share experiences and hear from other Clubs in our district. I was thrilled to hear about so many projects from so many outstanding individuals. Several members have incorporated what their business resources can bring to Zonta, which is fantastic. The programs and presentations that the Victoria Club provided were well thought out, and very demonstrative of what we as Zontians can achieve. It was also a chance for me to see many Zontians from other Clubs that I have not seen in a very long time. There was a tremendous amount of energy flowing and a grand vision of all we can do going forward. I am grateful to be a part of Zonta. I feel “renewed” if you will and able to move forward with restored energy and enthusiasm.

From the start of our trip, with 9 of us enjoying the Victoria Clipper, to the moment we said good bye at the conclusion of our trip, the experiences I had will forever be with me.

Fondly,
Marion Berry

"I have never been especially impressed by the heroics of people convinced they are about to change the world. I am more awed by those who struggle to make one small difference."

Ellen Goodman
Journalist

I think that Zonta should be nominated/AWARDED the Nobel Peace Prize!!!

So much fun! It was a wonderful opportunity to know each other better (even my sister!). I am so proud of Cindy and Carol - they are making such a difference in our District! The conference was so inspiring to me, and made me want to advocate even more for the women in our community with educational forums. I also am more inspired to donate to the Zonta Foundation to help change the lives of women (and thereby their families and communities) on a global basis. It also made me more interested in saving my pennies to attend the International Convention in Rotterdam in 2008.

(After seeing the Mystery of the Nile at IMAX I really truly want to visit Egypt!!) I also want to see the WITS program gain a foothold here in this county!

Mynra Overstreet

My thoughts............
I originally joined Zonta in 1991 and my first conference was in Victoria. At the time I was not
allowed to sit with the two Everett delegates (Cindy Phillips and Marion Berry) so I was “forced” to make friends on my own. I discovered that weekend what wonderful Zontians existed outside my own wonderful club. I also made my first visit to Pearson College on that trip and have been a Pearson fan ever since. I truly wish we could have every member of district 8 visit the college at least once. You get such a different perspective once you meet the students and hear about the great program they have at the college. The world would truly be a better place if we could all experience just a little of what these students experience in their two years of attendance. While the attendance was smaller at this governor’s seminar, the Everett club had a great showing and received well deserved recognition for the work they do. I think it’s important to "toot our horns" for the important work all the clubs in District 8 are doing. The Victoria club did a beautiful job with the seminar and they are a great bunch of Zontians and friends. Please put the District conference in Eugene in 2007 on your calendars now. It will be an experience you won't want to miss!!!!!

Carol D

I must say that I thought that the Victoria Club did a great job with the agenda and mixing up the sessions offered. The Sat. night entertainment was fabulous. When it comes to the speakers etc. personally I got the most out of the presentation from the Eugene Club on their Women's forums and Tom Woods on the Rock Solid program. I had known about Rock Solid but hearing him speak and getting more detailed information made me realize what a great program it was. Cindy Phillips

When I returned to my room Saturday night after the Thanksgiving Dinner and awards/closing ceremony, Bob asked me what the highlights of the conference were for me. Although it was really difficult to single out just a few, here is what I shared with him.

This was the first opportunity I have had in my 3 years as a Zontian to attend a Zonta event outside Everett. I had been told that attending these conferences would be very meaningful – To all of you who have been encouraging me to attend one – You were right!

The opportunity to become better acquainted with other members of the Everett Zonta Club who attended the seminar as well as talk with Zontians from other areas and learn what they are doing in the areas of fundraising, service, and advocacy was one of the highlights for me. We have a lot of capable women in our club and in our district. Every presentation or workshop I attended was very informative and professional.

Although I had been to Pearson College before, I decided to take the tour again and had the opportunity to visit with a young man at my table who is a first year student from Panama. I was pleasantly surprised to learn that he and his roommates are among the group of students the Everett club will be “adopting” this year.

The Victoria and Nanaimo clubs are fun groups to be around and were wonderful hostesses. The Eugene, OR, club shared their successful fundraising lunches and I am impressed with their creativity and willingness to take on some controversial subjects. The panel on human trafficking was very powerful, too, with a police officer from the Yakima club taking part. This presentation coupled with the WITS program and the powerful work they all do to help at-risk children is something I find myself wanting to share with everyone. I also came away learning more about the Zonta International Foundation and am determined to make a contribution to them this year.

The most moving part of the seminar for me, though, was the awards and closing ceremony where the Everett club sat together as a group and received awards and recognition galore. I am very proud to be a member of the Zonta Club of Everett.

Paula Trimble

Victoria was breathtaking as always! I was so impressed by several things, even though I have been to many of the district meetings! I was sooo proud of Cindy and her leadership of our district. She certainly handled everything like a pro, the efficient Zontian that she is! Carol D. also appeared to all to be calm and efficient, I can't say cool because we all know Carol is so enthusiastic and excited about anything having to do with Zonta, that nothing can hold her down!! The gorgeous gentleman from Rock Solid was extremely knowledgeable and certainly delivered his message with great flair! I have passed his info and brochures on to several people in the Seattle school system. Such a great weekend with so much info and fun--- the Victoria Club did an outstanding job! The closing dinner had me in tears as well as falling out of my chair in laughter. I really enjoyed it and look forward to the next occasion to get all of us together again! Pat Allen


Janice Henning
Profile of an Everett Zontian

I became a member of Irvine Saddleback Valley Club of Zonta International in 1983. The three most unique experiences with Irvine were:

1. Creating a Service Project that won top honors at the Zonta International Conference in Dallas and would later be mentioned and honored by the United Nations.

2. While a member of the Irvine Zonta Club I was taking the New Zealand Study Tour in 1993 honoring the 100th Anniversary of women getting the right to vote in New Zealand. When I was presented to her, at that time the Minister of Women's Affairs told me "That I was the lady who shook up New Zealand's Government that afternoon!" On my long flight down to Auckland in 1993, I read an article in the READER'S DIGEST about child prostitution in Bangkok and Manila. Reading the article upset me and I vowed that if there were no men present at the "Intelligence Briefing" put on by the senior aide to the Minister of Women's Affairs, I would bring up the problem of childhood prostitution. At the end of the briefing, I gave the aide my READER'S DIGEST copy and asked her to read the article and then ask her co-workers what they thought would be the best way to handle the problem. Jenny Shipley told me at the party that her aide said that I was one of the ten toughest people she had ever had to deal with and that she understood why I was upset after reading the magazine article. She took the article into Jenny. She told me that she read the article and got upset and walked into James Bolger, the Prime Minister of New Zealand's Office and asked him to stop his work and read the article as I had some valid questions as to how to solve the problem. James Bolger read the article and quietly wept over the story of a 8 year old girl in Bangkok, who had been sold into prostitution years earlier and now had full blown AIDS that she had received from one of her customers. No one will ever know how many customers she innocently infected. James Bolger told Jenny to tell me that he would personally take care of for bring up an ugly problem.

3. In 1994, I took critically ill in Brisbane Australia. I called my Zontian friend, Elaine Bermingham on the Gold Coast and told her I was in the hospital awaiting the results of tests and that my left eye was out of the socket. Elaine canceled a very important business meeting to come up to the hospital to be with me when I got the test results back. It is the only time that I have ever witnessed Elaine being speechless when she walked into my hospital room. Elaine had been a charter member of the Irvine Zonta Club. Elaine contacted the South Brisbane Club and one of the members visited me nightly at the hospital, then at my hotel suite and took me grocery shopping. When traveling, it is nice to be in a country that has Zonta Clubs. I think that this is one of nicest benefits of Zonta is all of the friends that we make around the world.

In 1999, I moved officially to Reno, Nevada and transferred my Zonta membership to Reno. In Reno, I was president one year and attended the Zonta International Conferences in Hawaii and Sweden. Reno's main fundraiser was selling tickets for a Harley Davison Motorcycle in the spring and then we added on a BMW Motorcycle for the fall. Reno raised enough money from the raffles to be able to fund their own community foundation.

I am now a member of the Everett Zonta Club. For any member who is not aware of it, I have a hearing disability and may request that you repeat what you said to me. My hearing is improving, so please bear with me.

Classification wise, I have had several through the years from data. Processing to writing to education. Perhaps having a birthday in May Under the sign of Gemini explains the multiple classifications.

Editor’s note: Anna Marie’s bio was edited due to its length and space constraints for the Zontagram. If you are interested in reading the full bio please contact Carol Dreyssse.