President’s Message

Dear Zontians,

March bustles in on windy feet
And sweeps my doorstep and my street.
She washes and cleans with pounding rains,
Scrubbing the earth of winter stains.
She shakes the grime from carpet green
Till naught but fresh new blades are seen.
Then, house in order, all neat as a pin,
She ushers gentle springtime in.

Author: Susan Reiner

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual Strategic Thinking Retreat at Nancy Kniest’s beautiful home. Judith and Jean Ann planned an exceptional day for all members of the Zonta Club of Everett to be able to get “our house in order, all neat as a pin”. Our membership continues to grow and our enthusiasm is creating an energy that is making the Zonta Club of Everett the number one organization improving the lives of women and girls in Snohomish County. What an exciting time it is with the club because of each and every one of you and your passion for what you are doing. Each day I am filled with excitement and anticipation of what this club will do next to make a difference locally and globally.

Keep up the GREAT work!

Fondly,
Helen

IMPORANT DATES:

- Program Meeting, March 1, 7:30 AM, EGCC
- International Women’s Day/Rose Day, March 8th
- Program Meeting, March 15, 12:00 Noon, EGCC
- Books for Babies, March 19, downtown, Everett Public Library 5:00
- Bunco Night/Social, March 22, 6:00 PM, Jaime Berry’s home
- Board Meeting, March 27, 5:30, Holiday Inn
- Area 2 and 5 Workshop, April 13-14, hosted by the Zonta Club of Tacoma
- District 8 Conference 2007, October 18-20, Eugene, Oregon
Call to Order: The business meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. at EG&CC by President Helen Kendall.

Those in attendance were: Pat Allen, Marion Berry, Margaret Bruland, Darlene Conkle, Jean Ann French, Norlonna Funkhouser, Judy Gish, Anna Marie Jenkins, Carol Johnson, Janet Jolley, Isbell Juntila, Helen Kendall, Dottie Krzyzanoski, Susan Morgan, Deborah Nedelman, Myrna Overstreet, Dr. Suzanne Poppema, Therese Quinn, Judith Strand, Suzie Truglio, Nancy Weis, Diane Wright, and Dr. Susan Zakos.

Those absent were: Jaime Berry, Pat Chambers, Carol Dreysse, Mary Garvey, Barb Hantsman, Janice Henning, Sandy Kaduce, Jodie Ray Kelley, Nancy Kniest, Diane Lahti, Jean McKay, Jan Parker, Cindy Phillips, Chris Rommel, Linda Senter, Peggy Stevenson, Miriam Temple, Joan Thomasson, and Paula Trimble.

Opening Thought: President Helen presented the opening thought which was authored by John Wooden, former UCLA basketball coach: “It’s amazing what you can accomplish when you don’t care about who gets the credit.”

Self introductions and Z-lightful Dollars: Members introduced themselves and gave Z-lightful dollars to celebrate/share important events in their lives. Jean Ann French introduced her guests, Susan Hoyne and Michelle Wilson. Nancy Weis called attention to the Snohomish County Human Services Survey-Area Plan on Aging and passed out copies of the survey.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Diane Wright and seconded by Marion Berry to approve the Minutes of the January 4, 2007 meeting as written. The motion passed.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report: President Helen gave the Treasurer’s Report for the end of January, as Treasurer Nancy Kniest was unable to attend the meeting.

Dottie Krzyzanoski moved and Myrna Overstreet seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. The motion passed Approval of Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Committee: The Board has recommended this committee become a standing sub-committee of Service/Status of Women/Literacy Committee. This is keeping in line with international. After a brief discussion as to how international works these components together, it was determined to seek more information from them, and Deborah Nedelman volunteered to do this. The recommendation was approved.

County Inclusion Committee: Deborah Nedelman explained that the Community Inclusion manager is a new position under consideration and requested a letter of support for this be sent by Zonta. Therese Quinn added that the County Council has considered it twice previously, and that some misunderstandings exist. The purpose is to reach out to various culture communities to keep them informed and involved in such things as openings in County positions—the purpose essentially being that “smaller voices” be heard. Deborah Nedelman moved and Suzanne Poppema seconded the motion to send the letter of support for this position to the County Council. The motion passed. Myrna Overstreet suggested and it was agreed we write a letter to the editor of “The Herald” showing our support. Therese Quinn will write the letter.

Court Watch: Margaret Bruland explained the need for the County to live up to the Proclamation for Violence Against Women, which has been signed by signed by Aaron Reardon. Currently the family courts are not set up for hearing violence against women, so repeat offenders go before the same judge. Aaron Reardon needs support/evidence to promote this. To gather evidence, volunteers are needed to be trained to go to court and take notes, strictly as an observer/recorder. The protection orders are slated at 1 p.m. daily. Hand-outs were given to Zonta members with contact information to volunteer for this cause.

Aaron plans to put this in the budget in approximately one year. President Helen pointed out if we adopt this as a project, it would be in keeping with the Old Business:

International Membership Survey: Helen will need all completed surveys by March 31st in order to meet the deadline.

Retreat in February: Jean Ann French reminded the members the retreat is scheduled to be held in the home of Nancy Kniest, an all day event, on February 24th (8:30-4:00). Jean Ann will supply the lunch with
an enticing menu that includes two kinds of Panini Sandwiches with a vegetarian Minestrone soup. The main speaker, “The Motorcycle Lady” will focus on developing our inner passions to live fully. Helen urged all members to attend if possible, as this is our opportunity to give our club focus, direction, and become even better in serving our Mission.

Business arising from the Minutes or unfinished business: Janice has brochures, Judy and Norlonna have information packets, Pat has Zonta emery boards and world pins.

Presented for Club Information/Discussion:

Auction Report: Carol Johnson reported the Lynnmood Convention Center will be the site of our next Auction, to be held on October 27, 2007. The chairs searched hard and could not find anything suitable in the Everett area for that date. A vote of confidence/ approval was asked for and received by the membership. Carol explained that members who attended the post-2006 Auction meeting were given the opportunity to sign up for committees for next year at that time. Members who have not yet signed up for a committee, can do so online.

Sunshine Report: Norlonna reported that a card and flowers had been sent to Chris Rommel’s husband, Mike Norman who had shoulder surgery.

Rose Day: The deadline for nominations is February 15th. There are only two to date. Forms can be obtained at the Everett Zonta web site, and are to be turned into Marion Berry. For new members and guests, it was explained the yellow roses are a symbol of Zonta, given to women in the community who exemplify our Mission with dedication and excellence.

Serving of Tea in May: Carol Johnson reported that the “Tea Bags and Rags” fashion show being held by Washington Vocational Services for the Disabled has been postponed until Fall. It could mean we will need to develop a new hands-on service project and forego this one.

Membership: Therese Quinn reported on the Edmond’s Women’s Conference that will be held on March 17th, in Edmonds. It was approved by the membership to have a booth at the conference, and to finance the $50. entry fee. There will be a sign-up sheet for members to man the booth in shifts. We will offer information about Zonta and answer questions.

Program: Margaret reported that Carol Whitehead (Supt. Of Schools/Everett) will be our featured speaker on March 15th. Our April 19th Program Meeting (VIP/Gullikson Award YWPA) dinner, has been changed to April 26th, due to a scheduling error by EG&CC. May 17th will mark the Installation of new officers.

Advocacy: Isbell explained that the safety cards can now have the stickers with contact information put on them. It is imperative that permission be granted from businesses before leaving them at chosen sites. Cardholders are being purchased by PR/Helen and should be available soon. Deborah and the committee are welcoming suggestions for possible topics that could be included in future Forums that Zonta Everett would host. Jean Ann brought up the suggestion of connections with radio stations could bring visibility to the public of Zonta and our services/Mission.

The raffle was won by Dottie Krzyzanowski and she graciously donated the money back to Zonta.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Gish, for Janice Henning, Secretary

Nomination Committee Report
Slate of Officers for 2007-2008

President: Isbell Juntila
Vice President: Paula Trimble
Secretary: Judy Gish
Treasurer: Nancy Kniest
Immediate Past President: Helen Kendall
Directors:
Term May 2006– May 2008:
Norlonna Funkhouser
Janet Jolley
Term May 2007 – May 2009
Carol Dreysee
Deborah Nedelman
Zlightful Dollars

January 18th

Helen Kendall – For a great 2007. Let us be healthy!

Deborah Nedelman – To welcome Suzanne Poppema to Zonta!

Chris Rommel – To celebrate our 3 new Auction chairs, Mary Garvey, Carol Johnson, and Joan Thomasson. It will be fantastic!

Paula Trimble - $2 Trip to Oregon Coast with Bob - In memory of my oldest daughter friend, Gretchen, killed in an Oregon car accident Dec. 28, a very special person who will be missed.

Darlene – Zlighted to have Sandy Kaduce join Zonta!

Nancy Kniest – Happy Mom’s tumor is gone

Suzie Truglio – Zlighted to have Julie Stedman at meeting.

Myra Overstreet - Has so much fun on a family Cruise over Christmas! - So delighted Nancy Kneist will co-chair Campfire Capital Campaign

Zlightful Dollars - February 15

Judith – Love Zonta – all my Valentines

Marion Bruland – Delighted to be going to the Zonta Retreat Feb. 24

Cindy Phillips – Spent 3 wonderful weeks in Maui

Janice Henning – Zlighted to have my wonderful niece Jill Overstreet-McKinnie here today

Isbell Juntila - $5 Erickson Sale

Jean Ann French - $4 Guest Paula McManus and 1st year anniversary trip to Maui in March

Helen - $2 for having Darcy Sperry as my guest for lunch - $2 for all our agencies who are doing wonderful work with programs improving the status of women

Darcy - $5 for my new home and new granddaughter on the way who is being named after my departed mother.

Carol D. – Kayla qualified both in her debate events for State. - Plus, she got her first real job!

Pictured: Vince with Helen Kendall, Zonta President

We wished Vince, staff member at the Everett Golf & Country Club, belated Holiday Wishes and a hugh “Thank You” for taking such good care of us at our breakfast and luncheon meetings.

Raffle List

Cindy Phillips March 1
Margaret Bruland March 15
Janice Henning April 5
The Zonta Club of Everett awarded grants totaling more than $40,000, from funds raised at last year’s auction, to eight programs in Snohomish County that improve the status of women and girls. Agency representatives who received the gifts are:

Standing left to right:
Mary Ellen Wood - Interfaith Association for the Family Shelter
Eileen Hinds - Housing Hope for New Century Village Program for Teen Mothers
Sue Patterson - Center for Battered Women
Dating Violence Public Relations -A Preventative Education Program for Youth
Sylvia Anderson - Everett Gospel Mission
Women’s Shelter transportation funds
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Amy Schneidmiller - Providence Intervention Center
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This will be a GIRLS’ NIGHT MIXER, a “Getting to Know You” opportunity, and guests are welcome.

No experience necessary.
A great mixer and
great way to have fun!

Date: March 22nd
Place: Jaime Berry’s Home
Time: 6:00 PM

Bring: A bottle of wine and a favorite appetizer to share. A donated prize is not mandatory, but can enhance the fun.

Directions: From Mukilteo Blvd., turn NORTH on Gardner Ave. Jaime’s house is near the end of the block and is a Spanish style home, which will be on your RIGHT. Her address is: 4709 Gardner Avenue, Everett, WA 98203

RSVP: Please respond to Jaime if you can attend. Her phone is: 425.347.3470. E-mail is: jaimeberry27@aol.com.

March Birthdays
Janice Henning March 6
Darlene Conklé March 9
Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Co-chairman Norlonna Funkhouser at 5:30 p.m. at the Pine Street Grille, Holiday Inn-Everett.

In attendance were Norlonna Funkhouser, Jaime Berry, Sandy Kaduce, Myrna Overstreet, Diane Wright and Judy Gish.

Those absent were Therese Quinn, Jan Parker, and Jean McKay. Nancy Tornquist has moved to Colorado and Darcy Sperry is on Leave of Absence.

OLD BUSINESS:

Z Club: (1) The status of the Snohomish chapter of Z Club was discussed and it was decided to continue to develop a solid framework and plan to keep the chapter going. (2) Jaime Berry and Sandy Kaduce will begin to network with counselor and others at Kamiak High School in Mukilteo, in an effort to develop a Z Club there, and will work on establishing a game plan for all possible Z Club structures. It was suggested that having a pamphlet or brochure to explain the purpose/intent of Z Club, and what it involves to belong, would be a good idea. Jaime and Sandy will talk with those involved with the Snohomish club and also will begin communications at Kamiak. Sandy presented an idea based on her affiliation with Habitat for Humanity. There is a 6 weeks class offered through Edmonds C. C., "Cornerstone Service Learning Project" where students learn some basic skills to enable them to be helpful with actual projects for the organization. Her thinking is something like that; an ongoing service project could be a good component for Z Clubs. This class meets on Saturdays.

Socials and Activities: Two more events were planned for the remainder of this year. (1) There will be a BUNCO NIGHT at Jaime Berry’s on March 22nd, at her home. This will be a GIRLS’ NIGHT MIXER, a “Getting to Know You” opportunity, and guests will be welcome. The format will include each person bringing a bottle of wine...hence the fun. For those who do not know about BUNKO, it is a simple game, based on throwing dice. The play is with partners at a table of four, and you rotate both partners and tables after each game. BUNKO is an easy game, and can be learned quickly as you play. This allows for real “mixing”. Details on the game will be sent with a future flyer. (2) Jaime Berry will also host the this year, at her home on Hat Island. The date has been set for Saturday, August 18th. The ferry schedule has trips leaving at 9 a.m. and again at 11 a.m. for the island, from the 10th street dock. The cost for the ferry is $6. each way. Return trips that day will be at 5 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. Jaime explained that there should be no problem getting to or from the island on that day, as most week-enders go on Friday and return on Sunday. Once on the island, it is possible to walk the beach to Jaime’s home, tide permitting, or, those choosing to ride to Jaime’s will be picked up at the dock. More information on this event will follow.

Norlonna reported she delivered a box of chocolates to Erickson Furniture to express gratitude for hosting the last Social for Zonta.

Women’s Conference in Edmonds: The Women’s Conference in Edmonds on March 17th will offer a great networking and participation opportunity for women of Zonta. With the leadership of Therese Quinn, we will have a booth there that features information about Zonta and we’ll have a rotation of members to man the booth, to answer questions and explain our club to interested attendees. The $50 registration fee for our booth will be paid by PR, which we appreciate. Therese will create a sign-up sheet for the booth, and be the coordinator for this event.

Membership Packets: We reviewed how our efforts to make the packets readily available are going, and acknowledged we need to produce more. Jaime agreed to print up 50 more. Myrna agreed to proofread the contents of the packet and make adjustments for accuracy, as some of the information included may be outdated. We also are assigning Jaime the task of making up 50 more ABC of Zonta books to give to new members. The goal is have the packets at all functions and upon demand.

Budget: Norlonna reported that our $600 budget for this year has been sufficient, and we still have close to $300. in reserves. She is going to advise the same amount for next year’s budget.

Membership Growth: We recognize our membership numbers are not where they need to be at this point, in accordance with the goals set (net 5 new members from beginning of the year, to increase membership to at least 49 members). Discussion centered on continuing to determine how to draw members who