

The Zonta Heart Beat

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Governor's message



It is with great pride and a little bit of sadness that I sit down to write my last Governor's message for the biennium. For the past 2 years, District 8 Zontians have been "Touching Lives/Touching Hearts" locally and globally through our Zonta projects. As Governor, I have had the opportunity to visit the majority of the clubs in our District. It has been a pleasure to meet and get to know so many of you and learn about your club projects.

You have all gone out of your way to make me feel welcome at club meetings, area workshops, club fundraisers, and our District meetings. I will cherish my memories of all of you and all the good we have accomplished in the name of Zonta.

It has been my honor to work with the 2006/2008 District board and committee chairs.

You have all helped make my job as governor a smooth ride and one I have thoroughly enjoyed.

As we move into the next biennium I know you will all open your arms and embrace Governor-elect Terri, along with the new District board members and committee chairs, as she "Dares us to Dream" for the next two years.

Thank you for all the "Lives and Hearts" you have touched, including mine. ♥ *Cindy*

Cindy Phillips, Governor

Dream big for Zonta

In the last two years, Zontians of District 8 have been very successful Touching Lives and Touching Hearts of women within our communities, our district and the world under the wonderful leadership of Governor Cindy Phillips. It's been a very busy and very meaningful two years! We should be very proud of all that we have accomplished!

As we move into the next biennium together, the strong framework built by Governor Cindy and the District Board is still in place providing continuity for the district's next leaders. I want to personally thank Cindy for her outstanding leadership and guidance, and most of all for her friendship. She is the consummate Zontian!

So, what's in store for the next two years? Well.....

District 8 belongs to all of you....the Zontians within it. What are **your** dreams for the upcoming biennium? Some of you had the opportunity to share your dreams with the incoming board by attending the Area workshops and completing the "Dream Sheets". Thank you for participating! We will be compiling those "dreams" and reviewing the results at a District Board retreat at the end of May to help establish the District's goals for 2008-2010. The "Dream Sheets" are also posted on our district website and I would love to hear from all of you! Please complete one and e-mail it to me at territ2@gte.net.

In 2008-2010, let's "Dare to Dream"! Let's dream **big**! Let's pursue those dreams with Zonta passion! Let's see that they really do come true! ♥ *Terri*

Terri Turi, Governor-elect



♥ *New Leadership* ♥

Rita Haggardt, Area 1 Director-elect

I was initiated in Zonta in 1989. I am currently finishing



my second year as President..I was honored to be recognized as Zontian of the Year by my club in 2005. I view my role as doing whatever is needed to assist in promoting the mission of the club.

Since my retirement from teaching, I have been employed as a University Supervisor for the College of Education. I also assist the ELS Program as Homestay Coordinator. In addition, in memory of my late husband's military service, I am affiliated with the American Legion Auxiliary and serve as Secretary.

Shelli Cutting, Area 2 Director-elect

I joined Zonta in 2002 when I attended a fundraiser held by the Zonta Club of Anchorage.

Little did I know then that Zonta would soon become a very important part of my life. Not only is the mission something that I



am extremely passionate about, my fellow Zontians are some of the most amazing people I have ever met. Constantly I am touched with the level of inspiration, bravery, education, talent, humor and love these people have for each other and those around the world that we serve. It is truly

awe inspiring. As we interact, I gain great insight and strength, not to mention friendships, which are irreplaceable to me.

I am very fortunate to have had an excellent role model in **Janet Granger** and I am very excited to be your Area Director for the next two years. I will be very ably assisted by **Jan Suess** from the Olympia club as your Vice Area Director and together we hope to do whatever we can to be strong liaisons for your club.

I have been fortunate to meet many of you as I have attended various district meetings, but for those that don't know me, I would only say that I am a small business owner in the medical field, working with the public on a daily basis. Technically minded, I have some ideas to bridge the distance using technology so that we can all stay in close communication. I look forward to visiting all of you in the near future and adding more experiences and friends to my life.

Bobbi Bullock, Area 4 Director-elect

Liz Humphrey, Vice Area Director, and I are dedicated to traveling together throughout the Area to visit and support all clubs during the 2008-10 biennium.

I am a past president of the Roseburg Club, and have served as District 8 Status of Women Chair and Vice Area Director. I have worked within my club chairing both Membership and PR, and have been an enthusiastic member encouraging my club to make



critical changes to stay up to date with the Zonta International objectives. My goal for this term is to be as hands on as possible, and available to all clubs as their needs occur. Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time.

Anita Mathur, Area 5 Director-elect

I used to say I collected Zonta inductions- since I'd been inducted into Zonta clubs in Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria. What I did learn is that each club is as unique as the varied individuals who comprise it. I am pleased to be asked to be Area Director for the coming biennium and have a chance to explore the differences amongst our clubs still further.



I began my career as an engineer in the oil business in Calgary: I had to accept that there may be many a raised eyebrow when I walked into a meeting room as the only woman. Through Zonta I learned that these raised eyebrows are fairly common—in many of our professions. Our varied professions, unique perspectives and diverse service projects, joining together to improve the status of women...it is the summation of all this that has kept me interested in Zonta.

It has been wonderful meeting my Vice Area Director, **Pat Allen**, and I look forward to working with her side-by-side over the next two years. My plans, at the moment, are quite general: just to lend support as needed to help our area and our clubs prosper.



District 8 has YWPA international winner

I am so excited to announce that Celia White (nominee from the Nanaimo Club) is the winner of the District 8 YWPA award and one of the 5 Zonta International winners!!! Congratulations! ♥ --Helen Garber, YWPA Chairman



Zonta Pulse

--mark your calendar--

♥ **International Convention**--The Zonta International Convention will be held June 27 - July 2 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. For more information, log on to www.zonta.org

♥ **Governor's Seminar**--Dare to Dream is the theme chosen by incoming Governor, Terri Turi for the District 8 Governor's Seminar set for **September 11-13** at the Embassy Suites in Lynnwood, Washington. Registration information will be distributed to the clubs in early July.

The District Board Meeting will be held 9am-4pm, Thursday, Sept.13 followed by a welcome reception at 6:30.

The conference runs from 9am-4pm Friday with an optional 'dinner out' at 6:00 pm at Buca De Beppo Italian Restaurant on Friday night. Clubs will be asked to bring raffle baskets, and the Zonta Store will be open all weekend.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 8:00 am, the conference then runs until 3:00pm with a closing banquet at 6:30.

Bring your ideas to our round table on "F"ive "F"abulous subjects: Forum, Foundation, Fundraising, Fellowship and Future. ♥ --Judith A. Strand, Governor's Seminar Chairman

Foundation Update

I am pleased to announce that District Eight has reached its goal of 100% Club Participation with every club making a donation to ZIF. This is great news!

This past year has been pretty exciting with some substantial donations made to ZIF by individual club members! Here are the top five single donations contributed by D-8 Zonta Members:

- \$10,000 Donation
- \$4,000 Donation
- \$2,655 Donation
- \$1,080 Donation
- \$945 Donation

As of March 2008, District 8 had contributed \$128,876.76 in club and personal contributions, a 12 percent increase over last biennium!

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of each of you – District Eight is making a difference! ♥

--Pete Bober Foundation Ambassador

Review Club By-Laws

Delegates to Zonta International Convention in Rotterdam will vote on a number of amendments to the Zonta Bylaws. Clubs can prepare for those changes by appointing a committee now to update local Bylaws.

If your Club hasn't updated local Bylaws in the past five or six years, you can begin the new Zonta year with an upgrade. A standard set of Club Bylaws is available on the website so help is only a click or two away. See Member Resources. Club Presidents will receive notice when the new amendments are available online at Zonta.org. A club Parliamentarian can help officers move smoothly through business.

On a personal note, it's been a pleasure serving as District 8 Parliamentarian 2006-08. I look forward to continued work with you on behalf of Zonta. ♥

--Caroline Wilkins, Parliamentarian

♥ *Area News* ♥

Area 2

♥ The Zonta Club of **Anchorage** enhanced their visibility in the community with multiple activities on March 8 for Zonta Rose Day and U.N. Day for Women's Rights and International Peace. Dimond High Z-Club put yellow roses in the front office and colorful notes in 150 staff mailboxes calling attention to status of women worldwide. **Shelli Cutting** delivered yellow rose corsages to staff at local hospitals with notes calling attention to violence, abuse, literacy and women's issues. At Border's, First Books presented Zonta Club of Anchorage with \$500 gift certificate to purchase books for girls and their babies at Booth Memorial residence.

♥ Four members of the Zonta Club of **Seattle** attended the Friday night reception and dinner prior to the April workshop. Zontians were able to meet with them and learn what their club has been doing.

♥ The Zonta Club of **South Puget Sound** continued their "New Books for Newborns" project and provided 755 books this year. The club works with South Sound Reading Foundation, who provided pamphlets, lent the use of their book discount, and supported their grant applications. Corporate partners include Ross Laboratories, who supplied a \$1000 grant and Scholastic Books and other publishers who allow purchase of books at a special rate. --**Janet Granger**, Area 2 Director.

Area 5

♥ The Zonta Club of **Everett** continues their monthly Books for Babies bag stuffing. The Club holds monthly socials and "Just Book It" girls night outs. In March, several members attended the Pearson College "One World Concert" in Victoria with an overnight stay at Chateau Victoria and Tea at the Empress. In April, members attended the Area 2/5 Workshop hosted by Anchorage but held in Seattle.

♥ The Zonta Club of **Nanaimo** held their very successful Annual Red Gala in February, with a silent auction, fashion show, raffle and door prizes. It's the club's main fundraiser and raises awareness of women's heart health issues. March 7, the Club held their International Women's Day/Zonta Yellow Rose Day Event at the Nanaimo Golf & Country Club. Guest speaker/author Leilah Nadir, spoke of her family's experiences in the Gulf War, living in Baghdad and refugee camps. The club also honoured their YWPA award recipient. Several members also attended Pearson College "One World Concert" in Victoria.

♥ The Zonta Club of **Victoria** held a very successful "Valentine Luncheon" hosted by member **Gwen Page**. February 21st the Club held it's Young Women in Public Affairs Awards banquet. The awards were presented by his Honour Steven Point, Lt. Governor of British Columbia and Her Honour Mrs. Gwendolyn Point. March 8th, International Women's Day event was a luncheon with the Five O Group, MLA Ida Chong was the guest speaker. Members attended Pearson College "One World Concert". April 10th the club celebrated their 40th anniversary with an Anniversary Tea at Government House.

--**Anna Reilly** Area 5 Director

Past District Governor dies

Jean Fish Gibbons died March 13, 2008, surrounded by her nephews, friends and caregivers. She was 96 years old. Jean was born September 16, 1911, in Portland, OR., and after graduating from the University of Oregon, moved to the Medford area.

She was twice president of the Medford chapter of Zonta, and a former Governor of District VIII. Jean will be remembered by her family and friends as a highly intelligent woman, a DUCK who followed the fortunes of the U of O, a successful career woman, an active member of her clubs, a charming hostess, and a much loved friend and a special aunt.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Medford Jazz Jubilee, PMB 201, 221 N. Central, Medford, OR 97501. Jean endowed a major scholarship fund in the name of her son, Fletcher David Fish for Phoenix High School students. ♥

ZISVAW grants

Good news of additional ZISVAW grants this biennium? The ZI and ZIF Boards have approved financial grant to the following projects:

UNIFEM - Preventing Trafficking in Women in Thailand by Addressing the Normative Dimensions of Demand - \$100,000
Development and Education Program for Daughters and Communities (DEPDC) - Preventing Trafficking in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region - \$63,500

UN Trust Fund - Combating Violence Against Women and Girls in Sierra Leone - \$50,000. ♥

♥ *Club News* ♥

Clubs honor women on Rose Day & at Year End

♥ The Zonta Club of Pocatello held our annual Women of Achievement Luncheon for our community. Thirty two women were honored. Two hundred and forty were in attendance. Yellow silk roses were given to all who attended. A brief History of International Womens Day and about our Zonta Rose were shared in the Welcome by our President. A huge bouquet of Yellow Roses to Carolyn Pirnell who has chaired this event the past 15 years. We work closely with the Anerson Women's Center at ISU during Women's History Month.

♥ Zonta Club of Corvallis had an excellent Rose Day, thanks to Penny York and Lorraine Sorenson, our status of women committee chairs. We delivered 68 roses recognizing

1.. A woman or man who promotes and/or advances women in leadership (ex.: promotes into leadership, works with women's advocacy groups, etc.)

2.. A women who provides substantial leadership in the community, thereby providing a role model for other women and girls.

Laurie Russell, our PR Chair, and Penny York worked with the local paper to have them join us in our early morning deliveries...and we got the TOP STORY: front page, entire top half of todays Corvallis paper. Couldn't ask for more.

♥ On April 24, 2008 the Zonta Club of Everett awarded the Virginia Gullikson "Woman of the Year" award to Connie Niva. Port of Everett Commissioner and Snohomish County Citizens Cabinet Co-Chair Connie Niva is a former Everett City Council member and served for 10 years on the Washington State Transportation Commission.

The Young Woman in Public Affairs was awarded to Marina Koneva.

Excellence in Community Service and recognition were given to Nancy Weis, a 25 year member of the Zonta Club of Everett.

See Nancy's information at http://www.snocoheritage.org/wlp_21WeisNancy.html



Katherine Cleland, President of Corvallis Zonta Club 2007-08, pins the heirloom Zonta pin on Whitney Olsen, President 2008-09. The gold Zonta pin belonged to the club's Charter President.

Zonta changes lives

South Puget Sound President Billie

Wayt shares this speech excerpt from their scholarship winner, Athena Vasquez.

"About six years ago, my family was living the ideal lifestyle. My father was in the military and we were a strong Christian family. Soon after...my father exited the military, we struggled financially for a while and became homeless. My family collapsed, my parents' marriage collapsed, and I was facing graduation with a very grim future.

"In the midst of this a beloved teacher approached me to discuss what was bothering me. After spilling my heart to her, she and my career counselor contacted the Zonta organization without my knowledge. Soon after...I received a letter telling me that I would be receiving a scholarship to South Puget Sound Community College. The fog began to lift. Once again, I felt God's blessings on my life through the helping hands of Zonta.

"My life as a student at SPSCC has not been easy. My family has come a long way since I began my education there. But recovery changed from simply trudging through desperate times to a hopeful, expectancy. I no longer look at my future as being an ending, but instead I see it as a beginning. In fact, thanks to the help that Zonta has given me, I sincerely feel that as far as my dreams and my future are concerned, the sky is the limit. Thank you so much." ♥