



# DISTRICT 8 NEWS

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S MESSAGE – Carol Dreyse



As I sit here typing my governor’s message there are 8 inches of snow outside my window. It is a reminder that we are indeed in the middle of winter. For some of us winter has been slow to come.

Our clubs, however, have been hard at work. I know of at least 7 clubs that held vigils to end trafficking and violence against women. Members of the Olympia and Yakima clubs participated in the Washington Anti-Trafficking Engagement Day held at the Washington State capital in Olympia. Our district has many clubs active in LAA work and more are becoming involved each year. Many

thanks go out to our district LAA chair, Judy Norton, who put together a great resource manual for clubs to help guide them through the advocacy and legislative process.

Besides the many vigils and hands on projects we have also had fundraising events. The Everett and Corvallis club held auctions, and the Olympia and Anchorage clubs held murder mystery dinners and auctions. The Yakima club will be holding their murder mystery dinner the first Saturday in March, and the Coos Bay Area club will be holding their auction at the end of February. The Nanaimo club’s Red Gala will be in early February, and I’m sure there are other events happening as well!

And we have an anniversary! Congratulations to the Zonta Club of East King County on their one year anniversary. They have been a very active club from the start! They’ve had fundraisers and hands-on projects as well as being a sponsor of a table at the Genesis Project auction. The east side is very fortunate to have a Zonta club in their community and I know this club will continue to grow and support local causes for women. Please remember that they still need our mentoring and support!

What’s coming up the pipeline? Area Workshops!

Please mark your calendars for your area workshops:

Area 1: (TBA soon)

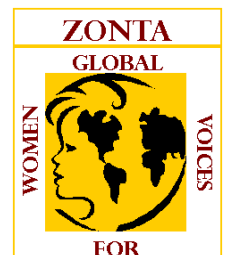
Area 2/5: April 14<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Victoria, B.C. club; Workshop at Pearson College; Workshop hotel is the Hotel Grand Pacific.

Area 4: April 21<sup>st</sup>, hosted by the Portland club; Workshop at the Holiday Inn Express in Wilsonville.

District 8 Board Meeting: April 20<sup>th</sup> in Portland at the Holiday Inn Express. More detailed information will be coming soon!

In February our governor elect, Shelli Cutting will be traveling to ZI headquarters in Oakbrook, IL, for governor’s training. There she will meet the other governors-elect from all 32 districts (we now actually have 1 regional and 31 district governors). She will also have an opportunity to talk with our president-elect, Lynn McKenzie, and her incoming committee chairs. I know that Shelli will do a great job as governor and representing District 8!

I hope that many of you will be able to attend the ZI convention in Turin, Italy. It promises to be an educational and fun event. Information and the link to the convention website are available at [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org).



## OMC REPORT – Shelli Cutting, Lt. Governor



### Will you be recognized at International Convention?

Zonta International is conducting a membership incentive program during the biennium and will be recognizing those who bring in two or more new members during the biennium at International Convention in Torino, Italy, in July. At this point we are aware of only a couple of people who may qualify for this honor. If you qualify, please have your president fill out the appropriate forms and get them to ZI by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Find the Forms and Instructions on the website, or contact me and I will get them to you.

#### To be Eligible:

- Member must have recruited 2 or more new members between 1 June 2010 and 31 May 2012
- Only one person can be listed as recruiting a new member; if a committee or several individuals were involved in the process, they need to nominate the person who has had the most to do with recruiting that member
- Newly chartered clubs started during this period are eligible - refer to “SOM form” and comments below for additional information
- The new member will have:
  - Been inducted during this period
  - Paid their club, area (if appropriate), district and international dues and new membership fees
- **Payment of new member fees and dues for the new members must have been received by Zonta International by 31 May 2012.**
- **HQ has *received* the completed forms from Club Presidents by 15 June 2012**

The district continues to make steps toward increasing our membership and currently we are at 621. We have a way to go to reach our goal of 700 members but it can be done. Challenge your members to recruit two new members and be recognized at convention. If every club recruited two that would immediately add 42 members to our roles. It can add up quickly.

Don't forget about people you know who live in other areas. We can refer potential members to other clubs in the district or in other districts for that matter. If you need help facilitating that, let me know.

International overall has seen some growth and they are up to 30,144 as of December 31. The goal to get back to our previous membership level of 33,000 is attainable if we can continue to recruit and retain our members.

#### 2010-2012 Membership Goal:

33,000 Members



30,144 Members

(as of 31 December 2011)

We need to continue to focus on our membership efforts diligently. As I stated at District Conference, if you are a club with less than 20 members, please consider suspending all other efforts and focus exclusively on membership. I think you will find that if you have more members, all the other things you try to do will be much easier to accomplish. Please let me know if I can be of assistance to you in any way.

Let's make the last five months of the biennium count, and keep working toward our membership goals.

Happy Recruiting!

"Make a career of humanity. Commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a greater person of yourself, a greater nation of your country and a finer world to live in."

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

## AREA 1 REPORT – Francie Jeffery

### Blackfoot & Pocatello Clubs report:



**Blackfoot:** Since the conference in Pocatello the Blackfoot club has been very active.

A yellow rose was presented monthly, except December, to a deserving lady who has contributed her time and talents in our community. An article describing her contributions and her picture were printed in the local paper.

An article describing Zonta's purposes and projects was submitted to the Blackfoot Morning News in October. Since the paper edited the portion on the International projects, another article is being planned.

Christmas cards and money were sent to four students at Pearson College in November. Cards and money were also sent in January to be used for Valentine's Day.

A Christmas tree was decorated and donated to the Blackfoot annual Christmas Tree Fantasy. Most of the members also donated hours to staffing the hostess positions during the Fantasy. The Zonta tree was raffled for \$400.00 which the Fantasy Board will donate to a charity in the community.

The Blackfoot Club joined the Blackfoot Chamber of Commerce.

A Christmas potluck party was held December 21.

Christmas gifts were purchased by individual members and donated to residents of the Extended Care Center who have no family in the area.

Items were donated for needy mothers to be included in the Elizabeth baskets to be distributed during the next twelve months.

A workshop is being planned with the Pocatello Club for early May.

The annual Women of Achievement luncheon is planned for the middle of May.

**Pocatello:** The Pocatello Zonta Club has been busy since hosting the District Conference in September. In October we held our annual silent auction which was very successful in raising funds for local service projects. Also during October we had our "nonevent" fundraiser. So far the donations have been

steadily coming in. We were pleasantly surprised with a \$3,000 donation from a distant friend of one of our members that will go towards our Families in Crisis program.

December was full of fellowship and service as we met for our annual Christmas ornament exchange while wrapping the Christmas gifts provided for area senior citizens. January 28<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Zonta brunch. We use this event to invite potential new members to meet our members. It also includes a short business meeting.

April 18<sup>th</sup> will be our annual "Girls Night Out" fashion show. This is our spring fundraiser. April 28<sup>th</sup> will be our Women of Achievement Luncheon where women from different organizations in the area honor a member. Zonta sponsors the event and really gets a lot of publicity in addition to helping improve the status of women locally.

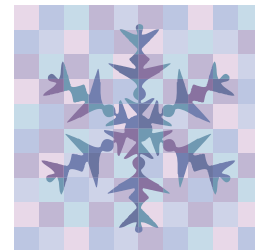
May will bring our installation dinner and our Area workshop with the Blackfoot club. We are proud to be sending at least one member to the Zonta International convention in Italy next summer.

## AREA 2 REPORT – Jan Suess



**Anchorage Club  
Centralia/Chehalis Club  
Olympia Club  
South Puget Sound Club  
Tacoma Club  
Yakima Valley Club**

*[Weather related power outages prevented Area 2 report from arriving.]*



## AREA 4 REPORT – Genelle Hanken



Area 4 Clubs have wholeheartedly embraced the Legislative, Awareness and Advocacy Committee with vigils, forums and seminars. Participating in candlelight vigils during the 18 Days of Gender Violence on World Anti-Slavery Day, Dec. 2, 2011, were

**Tualatin Valley, Corvallis, Grants Pass and Coos Bay.**

**Eugene-Springfield**, on Dec 7, and **Roseburg and Corvallis**, on Jan 11, held vigils to commemorate International Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Vigils are relatively easy to organize, provide visibility to clubs and help raise community awareness. Plus they help us feel pro-active about confronting this human rights problem.

**Coos Bay** held a “Women in Politics” Seminar Oct. 22, 2011, with over 50 participants. The daylong event featured Oregon State Senator Joanne Verger, former County Commissioner Bev Owen and our own Coos County Clerk Terri Turi. The seminar included the speakers’ personal stories on their road to elected office as well as explored the barriers which keep women from seeking elected office. Coos Bay members were pleased when one week after the seminar, one of the attendees filed for the office of State Representative.

Jan Maitland, auction chair, writes, “The Zonta Club of Corvallis hosted its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction, ***Mediterranean Magic. . . A Greek Island Adventure***, on Friday, November 18, 2011. Held at the CH2M Hill Alumni Center on the Oregon State University Campus, this elegant evening featured hors d’oeuvres, beverages, plated dinner, silent auction, and professionally directed live auction. We involved our two High School Z Clubs with selling raffle tickets, 25/25/25 mystery boxes, and, new this year to go with our theme, a Greek Island photo shoot ‘Wish-You-Were-Here’ postcard. This was a fun project for the Crescent Valley High School Z Club. Also very active in this year’s festivities was our newly formed Oregon State University Golden Z Club. Funds raised totaled over \$81,000. Monies will be used for our club scholarships, ZI and club service projects.” Congratulations Corvallis Zonta! Visit the Corvallis Club on Facebook.

President Denise Wilkinson, **Eugene-Springfield**, advises she was the invited speaker at a U of O student group meeting in October for Slavery Still Exists. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> the club led a Town Hall Meeting about Human Trafficking with local law enforcement, FBI, non-profit agencies, local community groups, and city council members which was videotaped and will be summarized for distribution. They also started a local email distribution list to get the human trafficking message out.

November 29<sup>th</sup> – Pres. Denise and member Liz Ness met with Eugene city councilman Pete Sorenson, to discuss proposed city legislation that could result in fines for various crimes which would provide funding for support services for victims.

December 17<sup>th</sup> – The club’s quarterly Service of time Project was Zontians staffing the gift wrapping booth at the Holiday Market as a fundraiser for Womanspace (Domestic Violence Center).

Upcoming: Planning the March 8 International Women’s Day Forum – Title: Homelessness and Trafficking, Keeping our Kids Safe.

The Eugene-Springfield club will share their knowledge about Human Trafficking in a break out session at the Area 4 Workshop April 21, 2012, in Wilsonville.

**Grants Pass** President Anna De Hoog writes, “Oct 14 we held a prescription drug summit titled, “Lock up Your Pills!” With prescription drug abuse on the rise among Jr. and Sr. High School students as well as women, this all day event gathered 60 community members including judges, prosecutors and social service workers together to discuss and bring awareness to this growing problem. A local attorney shared her story about her son, age 21, who died in 2008 due to prescription drug abuse.

“In December our club project was collecting food for children and teens in need, and we awarded Royal Family Kids Camp a \$5000 grant to mentor kids in foster care to build self-esteem.

“Our club is now gearing up for Feb 12-18, 2012, Human Trafficking Awareness week in Josephine County. We will participate in community events including showing the amazing documentary “Sex + Money”. See our December vigil photos on our club Facebook page.

“And we welcomed two new members to our club.”

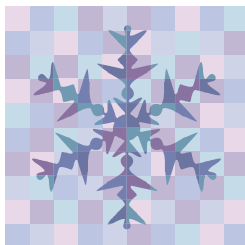
**Portland** is busy making plans to host the spring District 8 Board Meeting and Area 4 Workshop, "Zonta: Be the Change," at the Holiday Inn Portland South, Wilsonville on April 20-21, 2012. One of the workshop speakers Bev Fogel addressed the Portland Club on Jan 11<sup>th</sup>—Amelia Earhart Day. Club members were so impressed by Fogel's presentation she was asked to be a workshop presenter. Fogel is knowledgeable about the life of our most famous Zontian Amelia Earhart and will both enlighten and entertain us all.

President Muriel Richardson, **Roseburg**, writes, "The Roseburg Club Outreach Committee has been making infant and small children blankets. These will be given to the Hope Pregnancy Center. Our garage sale on November 5, 2011, earned \$500 and our Poinsettia Sale Fundraiser was a huge success, netting profits of \$2191.75. Our Christmas Party Auction made \$594.

"We made Christmas Cards to send to our assigned students at Pearson College. We began a Travel Gift program this year with proceeds going to purchase gift items and cards to be sent to Pearson students during the year. The idea is club members who travel to different states or countries bring back a small item costing anywhere between \$10 to \$15 and then that item is raffled off during a business or program meeting.

"We are now preparing for our Status of Women Dinner to include a Woman of Achievement and YWPA recipients. A High Tea fundraiser is planned for Mother's Day weekend."

**Tualatin Valley** held a Human Trafficking Awareness vigil Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be helping the Portland Club with the Area 4 workshop. Please visit and "like" the TV Club on Facebook.



## AREA 5 REPORT – Pat Allen



**Zonta Club of East King County**  
**Zonta Club of Everett**  
**Zonta Club of Victoria**

**Zonta Club of Nanaimo writes:** The club announces the 9th Annual Zonta **Red Gala** on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Coast Bastion Inn, Nanaimo. This event sells out and is a fund raiser for research for women's heart

health, as heart disease is the number one killer of women of all ages.

The club expects guests from the Montreal Zonta club and our Area Director Pat along with our Vice Area Director Judith at the festivities.

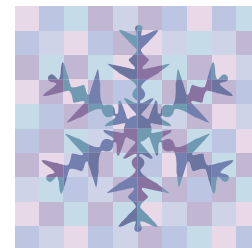


At the 2011 Red Gala

Strappy red shoes and snappy red frocks are the order of the day with many prizes and surprises along the way. And "Elvis" is the entertainment.

There are special Zonta rates at the hotel (\$99/ double; \$10 for the third person). For info: [info@zontanaimo.org](mailto:info@zontanaimo.org); or call: 1 250 753 1647 (Pat Morris) [See Flyer, p.8]

**International Women's Day** takes place in Nanaimo on Friday, March 9th, with a luncheon at the Nanaimo Golf Club. The speaker will be announced at a later date.



## **UNITED NATIONS REPORT – Corinne Stewart**



All District 8 club presidents or contact individuals receive information that has been regularly distributed by our Zonta International United Nations Chairman, MaryAnn Tarantula, out of the club in New York.

Along with those pertinent reports, club members are also encouraged to view the United Nations website as well as the Zonta International site for up-to-the-minute details on programs and projects.

Many of the events or situations do involve violence against women, the education of young women, the progress of Zonta programs, UN projects, and/or the abuse of women in war torn countries.

One District 8 Zonta member completed a five week project in Afghanistan in November which involved a United Nations agricultural focus on women and farming. Many Afghan women in the farming community were widowed by war or terrorism and left to run their own farms and become responsible for more than their immediate families.

The member was also a project director for CIDA, the Canadian International Development Agency for several years. She obtained the kites from Afghanistan for a fund raiser that was open to all District clubs two years ago.

In that same club another member will assist with the UN Committee as her family member is employed by the UN in New York in a professional capacity. We trust this will give us even greater understanding of the goals we have in common.

United Nations special dates are recognized in most clubs. Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific is an outstanding example of peoples of the world working together. All District 8 clubs should be proud of this unique District program that oversees education and tolerance and growth to young people from approximately 100 countries, all in residence, in an outstanding setting on southern Vancouver Island. District 8 deserves recognition for its support and vision regarding this “mini UN” in its midst.

These past two years have been inspiring for us in terms of working towards a greater understanding of people throughout the world.

When we receive video information, media releases, updated news and changes in legislation, these items are sent on to District 8 presidents and interested members.

Chairing the District 8 United Nations Committee has been a very rewarding experience.

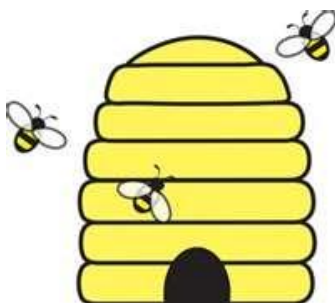
# Save the Date!

## Zonta Club of Portland

Hosts the Zonta International / District 8

Area 4 Workshop

April 21, 2012 at Holiday Inn Portland South,  
25425 SW 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Wilsonville, OR



### ZONTA: Be the Change!

Friday, April 20, 2012 – District 8 Board meeting 9-4:00 PM

Friday April 20 BYOB Hospitality Zocial Holiday Inn 7:00-9:30 PM

(Dinner on your own, restaurant on site)

Saturday, April 21, 2012 - Workshop and ZONTA Store 8:30- 4:00 PM

\$50.00 workshop registration fee

#### Saturday's workshop includes:

- ❖ Keynote speaker: Oregon Secretary of State Kate Brown – Addressing the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Right to Vote for Women in Oregon 1912-2012
- ❖ Bev Fogel, Columbia Cascade Chapter of the 99's, International Organization of Women Pilots
- ❖ Club officer training: President, Treasurer, Membership
- ❖ Cross-Pollination Café: Conversations that Matter
- ❖ Breakouts: Advocacy: Conversation with Legislators, Human Trafficking update, Public Relations & Social Media, Fundraising Do's & Don'ts, Making Friends with your Cell Phone, Travel in Italy, & more
- ❖ Networking - New Ideas - Get your juices flowing- Visit longtime friends & make new - Be the Change!

Make hotel reservations by March 30, 2012. by calling the Holiday Inn at (503) 682-2211 or 1 (877) 410-6667. Please state you are with Zonta to receive the special group rate of \$89.00 per night plus tax. Group rate includes breakfast.

We have left time for leisure dining, shopping – Bridgeport Village, Woodburn Outlet Mall and Washington Square are close by – and optional Karaoke in the lounge to round out the night.

## REGISTRATION TO FOLLOW SOON!

9th  
Annual

# Zonta Red Gala

Silent Auction  
Raffles  
50/50 Draw

ENTERTAINMENT:  
Steve Elliot's  
TRIBUTE TO ELVIS!!



Friday, February 3rd, 2012

Coast Bastion Inn, Nanaimo

\$70 (includes \$30 HSF donation receipt)

MC: Mira Laurence - CTV News

6pm - Social

7pm - Buffet Dinner

Tickets: 250 753-1647

Proceeds to:  
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