



ZONTA CLUB OF FLINT I

# THE SPARKS

DECEMBER 2008 EDITION




**Mark your Calendar**  
 Jan. 1 - New Years Day  
 - No Meeting  
 Jan. 8 - Board Mtg.  
 Jan 15 - Business Mtg.  
 Jan. 29- Program Mtg.

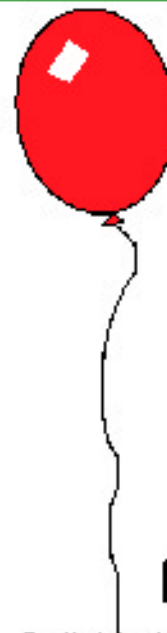
**PLEASE make note of the January meeting schedule as we do not meet on the first Thursday!**

## A message from the President

Thank you one and all for such a great turn out in a very difficult time to our Christmas auction. As I attend several other functions I am amazed how down the numbers are and also the dollars. That hasn't proved true with us, wow what a great group of women!!! Also thanks for all the participation on the Salvation Army service hours. This is a big deal for many people and for us to take our time during one of our busiest times of the year really says a lot about us.

I hope all of you have a great holiday season and enjoy your brief reprieve from meetings. When we adjourn in January I hope all are ready to move up and forward. Also please remember the change in the January meetings.

Take care,  
 Karen



There are many local agencies in need of help this Holiday Season. They are in need of financial help, and volunteer help. If you or your church group or other group are seeking an organization to help this holiday season please review this list and give one of them a call to find out how you can help.

\* **Genesee County Free Medical Clinic (810) 235-4211**

\* **SafeHouse - YWCA of Greater Flint (810) 238-7621**

\* **Shelter of Flint (810) 238-4711**

\* **Food Bank of Eastern Michigan (810) 239-4441**

\* **Genesee County Habitat for Humanity (810) 603-1366**

\* **Fair Winds Girls Scout Council (810) 720-9063**

## REMEMBER!!

Call Marlene before 10 AM on Wednesday if you will not be able to attend the Thursday meeting. PLEASE note that if your absence is not excused ahead of time, you will be charged for the lunch at the next meeting.



## A DAY OF FUN AND FESTIVITIES

The Zonta Club of Flint One's Annual Holiday Luncheon and Fundraiser was held December 11, 2008. The luncheon began at 12:00 noon at the Sarvis Center in Flint.

The day began with sales of tickets for a "Chinese Style" auction and a cash raffle. It was followed up with fun and fellowship with fellow Zontians and important guests.

At one point in during the event, the President of the Zonta Club of Flint I, Karen Smith, made a presentation to Pat Smith of the Girl Scouts Fair Winds Council and awarded the organization with a gift for \$1,500. The gift will be used to provide scholarships to girls in our community to attend summer camp. The Zonta Club of Flint has supported the programs and services of the Girl Scouts Fair Winds Council for many years and has provided funding for many, many young girls attend summer camp; girls that would otherwise not be able to attend.

Lunch was served at around 12:30. The menu included Prime Rib, baked potato, asparagus, and an ice cream bar and was simply delicious.

Lunch was followed by drawing of the winning tickets for the Chinese Raffle items and then the drawing of the tickets for the cash prizes. Congratulations to Mary H., Becky W., and Mandy S. on their winnings.

The day was a great success for our fundraising efforts and a proved to be a fun and exciting day. The staff of the Sarvis Center Conference Center did a wonderful job preparing a delicious meal and a festive atmosphere.

### **Thank You to the Sarvis Center.**

Thanks to all Zontians for your donations and help. You all made it possible.



# Happy Holidays



# Will Work For Food

The Zonta Club of Flint I continues to participate in the Free Food Credit program at the **Food Bank of Eastern Michigan**. Our club is slated to work one Saturday morning each month. For each hour that we work, we will earn FIVE pounds of food credit for the Zonta House. So far, our Zonta Club has earned an estimated 350 pounds of food credit for Zonta House.

Please be on the look out for a sign up sheet at the Thursday meetings or contact Pam Costabile for more details.

The work is extremely rewarding and you will enjoy working with other members of the community toward a common goal - the elimination of hunger in our community. We are working to earn credit for the Zonta House but please be aware that our hard work at the Food Bank helps the entire community that we serve. Please join us if you can. You will not be disappointed.

Our club will plan to work in the Food Bank on several Saturdays this year and the dates will be announced at the Thursday meetings as they are established. Be watching for those dates.

# You Can Ring My Bell...

On Saturday, December 13, 2008 the wonderful women from the Zonta Club of Flint I showed their Holiday spirit by ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. We staffed the kettles and rang the bells in Genesee Valley Mall at Macy's, Burlington Coat Factory, and Sears for the entire day, from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The girls from the Zonta House also helped staff the kettles and raise money for the Salvation Army.

**Remember - The money raised in our local kettles stays within our community.**

*To the right - Rhettah Hunyady and Eileen Roth outside of Burlington Coat Factory.*

**"Doing The Most Good"**





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