

The Sparks

From the Zonta Club of Flint I

A Message from the President

Spring is so close I can almost feel it. And are we ready?

Free lunch was found by Katie Parker in February and Martica Thompson in March. It could be you at the next business meeting.

A couple of reminders, membership dues of \$125.00 are due by April 1st and tickets for the Genesee Regional Women's Hall of Fame have been printed and each member is responsible for, but not limited to, two tickets.

The success of this event rests with each of us. Encourage everyone you know to attend. Also, please know to which committee you have been assigned. We are expecting a large attendance and every member will be needed.

The selection committee has named this year's inductees after very careful consideration.

Those not selected this year are in for next year. The variety of candidates was impressive. I believe you will be pleased.

~Marlene



Mark Your Calendars

March 25th - Program Meeting

April 1st - Board Meeting

April 8th - Business Meeting

April 22nd - Genesee Regional

Women's Hall of Fame Awards

Banquet

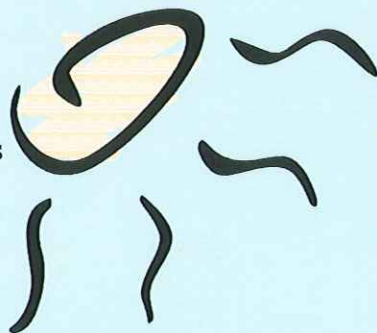
CALLING ALL ZONTIANS

Planning for the 2010 Spring Fundraiser is in full swing!

Please contact the chair of the committee that you have been assigned to and find out how you can help. We need all Zontians on deck.

The event is scheduled for April 22, 2010 and will be held at the Sloan Museum. The tentative start time is 6:00pm.

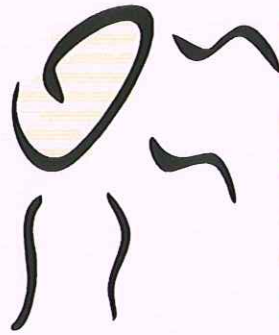
This event will no doubtedly prove to be a wonderful event of honoring women in Genesee County and will put Genesee County on notice that the Zonta Club of Flint I is committed to advancing the status of women in Genesee County.



Service Projects

The Scholarship Process is Underway!

The scholarship committee has once again been very busy preparing for the new slew of applicants vying for the wonderful scholarships that the Zonta Club of Flint I has to offer. The scholarship packets have been mailed out to the educational institutions and the updated application has been posted on the website - www.zontaflint1.org ~ If you know of any individual wishing to apply for a Zonta scholarship, please direct them to our website. The deadline for applications is April 28, 2009. Thank you to the committee for the excellent work and good luck with the selection process.



SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

Charitable Budget Meeting Scheduled

The meeting to determine the Charitable budget for the next fiscal year will be held, once again, at Kathy's Restaurant in Flushing. The date and time is April 30, 2009 at 6:00. The grant request deadline is April 28, 2009. Send grant requests to Chris Benson. Everyone's input is appreciated

From the Priceless Observations Department:

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress.

~Will Rogers~

2010 SPRING CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010

Area 4 Spring Workshop Information

Host: Zonta Club of Saginaw

Location: Hoyt Public Library

505 Janes Avenue

Saginaw, MI 48067

The workshop begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 2:30 p.m.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

The Cost is \$30.00 payable to the Zonta Club of Saginaw

Registration includes continental breakfast, lunch and workshop materials.



A LOOK AT INTERNATIONAL

International Service Program

Women's equality is not yet a reality. Women worldwide face systemized discrimination - they lack opportunities to live healthy lives, free from legal, social, economic and political inequality.

Zonta International empowers women to overcome barriers to their equal human rights through its International Service Projects funded by the Zonta International Foundation.

*Since 1923. Zonta has provided ...
more than US\$8 million to projects benefiting millions of
women and their families representing 34 countries.*

Safe Cities for Women Project in Guatemala City, Guatemala and San Salvador, El Salvador

As Latin America becomes an increasingly urbanized area, violence is escalating at an alarming rate. Recent civil wars, a lack of economic and employment opportunities, the repatriation of gang members and criminals and increased drug trafficking have led to a culture of violence. The homicide rate in the region is a staggering 114% above the world average, and is even higher in the especially dangerous countries of Guatemala and El Salvador. As conditions worsen and violence increases, women are especially vulnerable to becoming victims due to their traditionally subordinate role in Latin American society.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL'S RESPONSE:

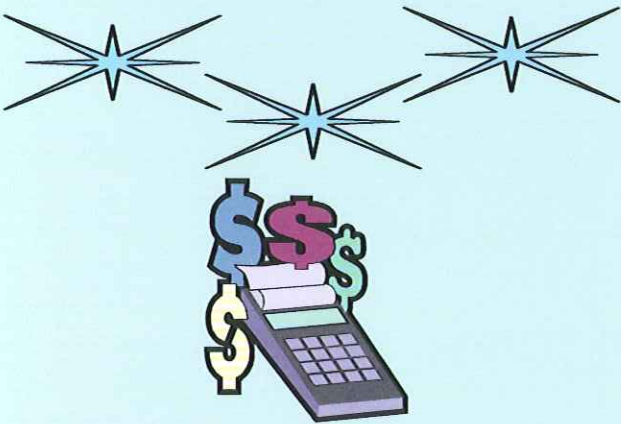
By focusing on urban violence as a gender issue and strengthening women's right to active citizenship, UNIFEM will work to make these dangerous cities safer for women. As women take on more active roles they will be empowered to more effectively combat the increasing violence in their neighborhoods and communities.

UNIFEM will work with established women's organizations in partnership with local authorities in order to develop and implement policies on urban violence that specifically address the needs of women and the prevalence of violence against women in this environment. The women's organizations will identify risks and potential solutions, advocate for more effective anti-violence policies and participate in urban planning aimed at making the cities safer. They will launch sensitization campaigns and stage local interventions in order to educate the public and to decrease violence against women.

ON THE BUSINESS FRONT

Annual Membership Dues

It is that time again to think about paying your annual dues to the Zonta Club of Flint I. Annual membership dues are payable on or before April 1, 2010 per Article VI Section 2 of the ByLaws of the club. The amount due is \$125.00 and this includes the dues for Zonta International, District 15, and our local club. Please make your check payable to the Zonta Club of Flint I and forward your check to Karen Smith, Operating Treasurer.



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.



Seeking Zontian of The Year Nominations

Once every year, the Zonta Club of Flint I recognizes one Zontian who is deserving of the title "Zontian of the Year". Every member of the club may submit a nomination for this award to the club president by the May business meeting. The nomination form can be found on page 4 of this newsletter publication. Please participate in this process and nominate a Zontian who truly has gone above and beyond this year.

ZONTIAN OF THE YEAR!

Nominee: _____

Number of years in our Club (refer to roster): _____

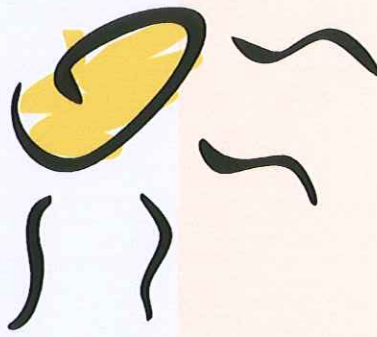
Services and activities performed this year on behalf of Zonta Club of Flint I:

Community services performed outside of the Club: _____

Why your nominee exemplifies the meaning of Zonta: _____



Please forward your nomination to
Marlene Morris for this year's
Zontian of the Year award by
April 8, 2010.



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