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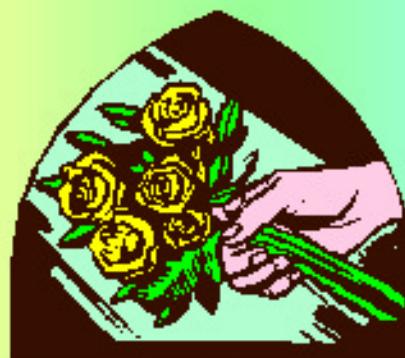
The Sparks

A Message from the President

This will be my last newsletter to you and I will miss writing to you but am sure I will be spending quality time with all of you in the near future. This is the end of our year so we (Marlene actually) will be handing out committee reports to all. Please make sure that you embrace your committee and try to do something before we start our new year to get us off to a great start.

As always we are only as strong as each and everyone of us puts time and effort into, so let's show Marlene how much we are supporting her for the next couple of years.

Take care,
Karen



Pam Fernsler Named Zontian of the Year

And The Award Goes To...*Pam Fernsler*

Pam was named Zontian of the Year at this year's annual installation luncheon held on May 14, 2009. Pam is the recently retired President of Michigan Moving Systems, a local moving company, which she and her husband owned for many, many years. Pam has been a member of Zonta Club of Flint I since November 19, 1998.

Pam is the immediate Past President of the Zonta Club of Flint I and is currently a member of the board of directors.

Pam has done a wonderful job this year of getting recognition for our club. She has gone above and beyond to ensure that our club's activities and accomplishments were advertised and recognized. Pam is always present at Zonta events and is always willing to lend a hand where needed.

Pam is truly an example of what "commitment" looks like.

Thanks Pam!!



Service Success!

The members of the Zonta Club of Flint I proved once again that they are committed to serving the community in which they live. A new area service was added to our repertoire: The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. This area of service served two purposes. The first purpose was to help the Food Bank in their quest to provide needed food to areas food pantries and homeless shelters. The second purpose of this area of service was to earn free food for our very own Zonta House. For each hour of time donated to the Food Bank by a Zontian, the Food Bank provided 5 pounds of food for free to Zonta House. This resulted in 645 pounds of free food for Zonta House. WOW!

The members of the Zonta Club of Flint I once again spent their holiday time working the kettles for the Salvation Army. A total of 30 service hours were donated to the Salvation Army which resulted in over \$4,000 in kettle donations. This was a new high for us and put us in first place for donations received from a service group. WOW!

At Zonta House, a small number of dedicated Zontians provided well over 100 hours of service to the girls and staff of Zonta House. Activities throughout the year included a pool party in July, walking in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K Walk in October, many birthday party celebrations, many craft activities, shoe shopping and dining out at Red Robin. A great Christmas was made possible for the girls when several Zontians went that extra mile to provide special gifts for the girls. The house was in need of a new refrigerator and a few Zontians pitched in and donated enough money to purchase a brand new 21 cubic foot refrigerator with a bottom freezer and automatic ice-cube maker. WOW WOW WOW!

Thanks to all who participated in these service projects and a special thanks to Pam Costabile for organizing all of these activities. Pam is the first to recognize the need and immediately begins trying to find ways to meet that need.

Thanks Pam!

District Lt. Governor Installs Officers

May 14, 2009 - Denise Quarles, District 15 Lt. Governor, joined the members of the Zonta Club of Flint I to officiate the installation of new officers and celebrate the successes of the Zonta year. The luncheon began with welcoming remarks by incoming President Marlene Morris and was immediately followed up by the installation of the new officers for the 2009/2010 fiscal year. The officers are: Marlene Morris - President; Jody Blackburn - Vice President; Karen Smith - Operating Treasurer; Karen Church - Charitable Treasurer; Sharon Rasmussen - Secretary; Chris Benson, Mary Houton, Pam Fernsler, Rhettah Hunyady, Terri Wilson, and Pam Costabile - Directors.

Karen Smith, the outgoing President, recognized some outstanding members of the club including "Zontian of the Year" Pam Fernsler.

The day was completed by a wonderful meal provided by the Ruggero's located in the Lincor Plaza in Flint Township. ~





Dance, dance, dance!

The Zonta Club of Flint I hosted the "Dance, dance, dance!" fundraiser on Saturday evening, May 9, 2008. The evening began with a wonderful social hour where guests were treated to wonderful hors d'oeuvres and decadent desserts served by the Temple Dining Room. The guests mingled and met up with friends and family during the social hour. The dance program began promptly at 7:30 with a wonderful number performed by dancers from Studio 10 in Clio including a very talented and graceful 12 year old girl. The guests were treated to an evening full of different dances from several dancers from the Michigan Society for Swing and Hustle Dancers and from the Studio 110 in Clio. Zonta Member, Pam Fernsler, did superb job as the mistress of ceremonies of the event showcasing her outgoing personality and wit as she introduced the dancers. During the program, two women were recognized as the scholarship recipients. The evening ended with the dance floor opening to everyone to "cut a rug" just enjoy dancing with family and friends.

The evening was definitely a time to sit back and relax and escape from the stresses of the week. Great job everyone.



Thank You To:

*Michigan Society for Swing
Hustle Dancers, Bob and Beverly
Budzinski*

and

Steve Reynolds, Studio 110



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