



Zonta Club of Bonita Springs

Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide



President's Note

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Mission Statement:

*"The Zonta Club of
Bonita Springs is an
organization of
business and
professional women
dedicated to
improving the
circumstances of
women at all stages
of life, both locally
and globally."*

For more news and
information, visit our
Club web site:

www.ZontaBonitaSprings.org

Club 1482, Area 6,
District 11

What a fantastic General Meeting we had last month. Almost every one of our members was present as well as many guests. The deputies from the Sheriff's office were so inspiring and they did a remarkable job of explaining Human Trafficking. It is an eye-opener to learn that it is happening right in our own backyards! Our Club is always willing to learn how we can help with issues that affect women and this certainly fits.

Jane Roberts, one of the founders of 34 Million Friends, and featured speaker at the January 28th Intercity dinner, also hit home the message that women's equality and justice is a must if the world and economic and social structures are to improve and flourish.

It is wonderful and exciting that our new 1-800 number awareness project and service efforts discussed in the newsletter dovetail with these messages and will clearly help improve the lives of women right here in our own community!

On another important subject, have you responded to our Online Membership Survey yet? Many thanks to President-Elect Amy Scott for setting up the electronic format of the survey we are utilizing. Our effectiveness as a Club is only as good as the input that we get from our members and it's important to help keep our Club focused on our mission as well as interesting to each and every one of you.

Please always remember that I'm available to you for any questions, comments and/or suggestions that you may have about your membership. I am so proud to be a member of this amazing Zonta Club of Bonita Springs! We really do ROCK!

Amelia Earhart Luncheon – Linda Murphy

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A woman in our area could to be the next Einstein, the scientist who develops the rockets needed to send astronauts to Mars or the sharp entrepreneur ready to develop a business that becomes the country's



Y'Vonne Murray, Gaelle Colas, Patty Gift

With your help, our Club is going to assist such a woman reach her goal when we hold our 2nd annual Amelia Earhart Luncheon March 18th at the Bonita Bay Club. In the spirit of Amelia Earhart, the most famous Zonta member, the luncheon will raise funds to award a scholarship to an area woman seeking to continue her education in math, science or business, fields that mirror Ms. Earhart's career.

Tickets for the event are \$65 and sponsorships range from levels of \$150-\$650. Sponsors will be acknowledged on the Club's web site, in press releases pertaining to the event and at the luncheon. They will also receive a ticket (or tickets) depending upon the level of support. The sponsorship package and application for the scholarship are posted on the Club's web site, www.ZontaBonitaSprings.org. They also have been sent to members via email.

To make this fundraiser a success, we need each of you to ask your business contacts, friends and family to become a sponsor or buy a ticket. We also are looking for contributions for door prizes. Please ask businesses you frequent to donate a gift certificate or a prize.

The luncheon will be a most pleasant affair. Haley Webb of NBC2 will act as the emcee and Sally Matson of Massachusetts will portray the life of Susan B. Anthony, another pioneer for women's rights. Gaelle Colas, last year's scholarship winner, will be at the luncheon. Please come and meet her. She is a delight.



Susan B. Anthony

As a result of last year's inaugural luncheon, we were able to award a \$4,000 scholarship to Gaelle, an exceptional young woman who is pursuing a business degree at Smith College. This year we hope to build on that success and possibly award a larger scholarship or more than one scholarship. With the help of each member, we can make that happen!

We are very pleased that FineMark National Bank and Trust is donating \$250 to sponsor table and room decorations for the Luncheon. For more information, contact me at 239-216-0844 or lindarealtravel@aol.com.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Zonta International funds the Amelia Earhart Fellowship program as well as the Jane M. Klausman Women In Business Scholarships and the Young Women in Public Affairs Awards. Further information and application forms can be found on the Zonta International web site: www.Zonta.org. Click on the International Programs tab and then the Education, Leadership and Youth Development link.



Status of Women Committee Report – Amy Scott

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Our Zonta Service/UN Committee handles: Community Service Initiatives, United Nations Programs, and Advocacy. As the Committee Vice Chair, Claire McMahon will head up our Service Initiatives. They will consider, recommend to the Zonta Board and implement community service projects for our Club. Anyone interested in joining our Committee please VOLUNTEER, call or e-mail Claire at clairem@premiermail.net 239-405-2794 cell

We are excited to announce our current members:

Claire McMahon
Blanca Beauchamp
Sandi Blazina
Pat Calvert
Deborah Evans
Tina Harlan
Amanda Shipley

The Zonta Board of Directors has approved the following Service projects for our Club.

800 Number Poster Bonita Distribution, Claire McMahon, Project Leader, Service Initiatives Committee Group planning the project. We are currently planning the production and distribution process of a Club created poster providing the 800# for victims to reach either the Naples or Fort Myers shelter's for abuse victims. We will distribute information and request VOLUNTEERS as we proceed.

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children (Naples Shelter), Tina Harlan, Project Leader. We will be arranging a volunteer work session at the Naples shelter to help with a project to be determined. As Tina arranges details, we will keep you informed so that you may VOLUNTEER.

READY SET GO!!!!

Second Act Thrift Store, Abuse Counseling & Treatment, ACT (Fort Myers), Y'Vonne Murray
Project Leader

VOLUNTEER NOW!!! This project is all ready to go! Sign up now! March 7th from 10:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will (along with Jennifer Benton, ACT Director) run the Second Act Thrift Store for the day. You do not need training. The more the merrier because there is always plenty of work to be done! Sign up for all day or part time. Normally Sunday's are run by staff so we will be giving them a much deserved break as well as having fun together. E-mail Y'Vonne Murray at ymurrayinflorida@comcast.net to VOLUNTEER for this event.

On Saturday March 13 Susan G Komen, Race for the Cure, Coconut Point
VOLUNTEER NOW!!! LOOKING FOR A PROJECT LEADER!!!!!!

We have a choice of projects and time shifts. If you are interested in being Project Leader: PLEASE CALL CLAIRE NOW AT 239-405-2794. Very little work – Komen does the organizing- great cause – great presence for Zonta. You just choose the time and a job for the group and collect names. We could all volunteer together.

Heart Walk

Flo Rogers - Project Leader
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As someone who has worked hard the past few years to raise awareness of heart disease in women, I urge you to choose to be a leader. Inspire friends, family and coworkers to wear red and speak up about heart disease, our No. # 1 killer of women, on National Wear Red Day, February 5, 2010. More information about the day and the disease can be found at the Wear Red web site, <http://www.goredforwomen.org>.

At my urging, our Board has chosen February 17th as our Club's "Wear Red Day." At our next General Meeting that evening all Zonta members and guests are encouraged to wear red and to donate \$5 to the American Heart Association.

Given our Club's dedication to this cause, we participated in the 2009 Heart Walk on December 12th at Centennial Park in Fort Myers. It was a beautiful day to walk along the water. There was a huge walker turnout and almost \$255,000 was raised.

Our Zonta Club raised over \$1,300!! Thanks to all who supported this effort. Amy Scott arrived at 6:30 a.m. to help in one of the food booths with some of our Zonta sisters from Fort Myers. Patty Gift and I walked and had a great time.

It's not too late to make a donation. Just go to: <http://leecountyheartwalk.kintera.org> Click on the donate button, put in my name, Flo Rogers, hit return and up will pop my page. Donations go to the Club team.

Club Store - Denise Waszkowski

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As always don't forget our Zonta store is open at each meeting to sell Zonta items including the Avon Empowerment Necklace and Bracelet. The necklace costs \$10 with \$5 going to the Avon Foundation effort to raise funds for the UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women and \$5 going to help fund our own Club's Zero Tolerance Against Violence project. The bracelets cost \$5 with \$3 going to the Avon Foundation and \$2 to our local effort.

Remember these items can also be bought on our Club web site: www.ZontaBonitaSprings.org.



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL HISTORY

Founded in 1919 in Buffalo, New York, Zonta means "honest and trustworthy." It was one of the first professional women's service organizations. Today, nearly 33,000 members belong to more than 1,200 Zonta Clubs in 66 countries and geographic areas.



Empowerment Necklace





OUR HISTORY

The Zonta Club of Bonita Springs was chartered on July 1, 1994. Over the years, we have donated thousands of hours of service and made significant contributions to causes benefiting women. We are proud to follow the Zonta mission of working to improve the status of Women.

The Zonta Club of Bonita Springs meets the third Wednesday of the month from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Spanish Wells Golf & Country Club. If you would like to attend, RSVP our message line 239-434-5134 or email us at zonta@comcast.net

Social Committee – Melissa Keel

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The Social Committee has developed two February events for members to enjoy.

The City of Bonita Springs is hosting the following event. **"MOVIES IN THE PARK" are free and held at Riverside Park . On Saturday February 6, 2010, 7 p.m. "GREASE" (Original film version) will be shown.** Your hosts for the Movie Night in Riverside Park are **Bonnie and George Lowrey**. Zonta members and friends will meet at the Pavilion straight back from the center of the stage, near the refreshment stand, anytime after 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale include burgers, popcorn, candy and soft drinks. Proceeds from the food and beverage sales benefit the Bonita Assistance Office. At the January General Meeting, seven members signed up for this event. We hope more of you will decide to attend. Please bring family and friends and chairs or a blanket to sit on.

For those of you who like daytime events and shopping, we have planned a **Day of Consignment Shopping**. On **Saturday, February 13, 2010 we will meet in the Stein Mart parking lot at 11:30 a.m. and carpool to 3-4 stores along Bonita Beach Road. We will stop for lunch around 1 p.m. at the Survey Cafe.**

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR MARCH EVENT. "BONITA BLUES FESTIVAL" Saturday, March 13, 2010, Noon-9 p.m. at Riverside Park.

We are suggesting meeting at 4 p.m. so we can enjoy some of the better bands from 4-7pm. You can certainly come earlier and stay later.

There is a charge of \$15 to attend this event on Saturday. Proceeds help benefit the Bonita Assistance Office. Check future newsletters and emails from the Social Committee for more information. If you want to check out the events for Friday and Saturday visit <http://www.bonitablues.com>. Stay Tuned.

Come One Come All! Please email your reservations for the February events to Melissa Keel at thekeels@embarqmail.com. Come out and enjoy fun and fellowship with your Zonta Sisters!

Communication /PR Committee Report - **Bonnie Lowrey**

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The Communications/PR Committee focused its work this past month on promoting the upcoming Amelia Earhart Scholarship Luncheon set for March 18th at the Bonita Bay Club.

The Chair wrote and sent out a press release announcing the event and is making sure the Luncheon is posted on local media/internet community calendars and our Club's Facebook page.

Our web master, Tina Harlan, beat us all to the punch by posting a notice for the Scholarship Luncheon and a wonderful photo of Amelia Earhart on our web site in late December. Since then, she has put up a link to the sponsorship package, the scholarship application and with able assistance from our Treasurer, Flo Rogers, has put up a "PayPal" link for purchasing tickets or making a donation.

This month's newsletter photos were taken by the Chair. Last month, we failed to thank Melissa Keel, Shelly Gentile and Cam and Pat Calvert for the photos they took of the Holiday Resale Shop, the Club's Holiday Party and moving the leftover new household goods to the ACT shelter in Ft. Myers.

Remember getting our message out is important to our fundraising and membership growth and retention. If you know of any new media contacts or have ideas of how we can get our message out in a new or better fashion, please let us know!

Grants Committee Report – **Denese Mattrey**

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The Grants Committee will meet on Monday, February 1st to determine which grants will be funded. All the submitted grants are worthy, but the Board has determined the funds raised (\$13,000) should be allocated to programs that provide assistance to abused women and the trafficking of women. The Committee will review all the grants submitted and determine which ones follow the guidelines given by the Board. We will then propose allocating monies to these cause(s).

Club Calendar



February 6, 2010 - Movies in the Park, Riverside Park, 7 p.m.

February 7, 2010 - Concerts in the Park, Riverside Park, 2 p.m.

February 12, 2010 – Wear Red Day

February 17, 2010 - Membership Monthly Meeting, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Spanish Wells Golf & Country Club

March 18, 2010 - Scholarship Luncheon, Bonita Bay

April 17, 2010 – Area Meeting, Sarasota Club @ Manatee Community College, Lakewood Ranch

Area 6 Meeting – Patty Gift, Area 6 Director

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Save the date! Our Area 6 Meeting will be held April 17, 2010 – hosted by Sarasota Club @ Manatee Community College Lakewood Ranch. Details to follow, but I promise it is going to be action-packed. Our agenda uses the Team Zonta metaphor and includes sessions on everything from Tailgating (Registration and Breakfast) to Team Ownership (ZI/Foundation), Free Agency (Recruitment), Pep Rally (Public Relations) and Huddle (Club Management/Leadership). It will be great meeting and a wonderful way to learn more about Zonta.

Membership Report – Karen Berens

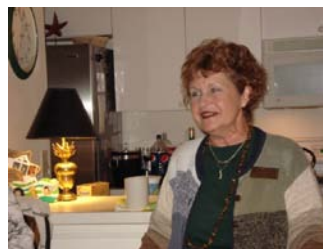
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Welcome to Donna Modugno, the newest member to our rapidly growing Club! We greeted seven guests at the January meeting and hope to have them attend another meeting.

Donna plus new members Blanca Beaucamp, Sandi Blazina and Deborah Evans attended the orientation session held at my home January 26th. All said they were drawn to our Club by the desire to perform service and support efforts that help women in our community lead better lives. As Blanca told us, “I have always felt that if you can’t donate money, than you should donate time. I firmly believe that one person can make a difference.”

Our President, Y’Vonne Murray, Treasurer Flo Rogers, Financial Development Chair Melanie Dehon, Communications/PR Chair Bonnie Lowrey, Social Chair Melissa Keel, Service/UN Committee Vice Chair Claire McMahan and I briefly outlined for the new members the functions and duties of our positions and Committees.

Our President’s closing words of wisdom were, “The more you put into the Club, the more you will get out of it.” That is the truth!



Intercity Dinner January 28, 2010 – Patty Gift, Area 6 Director

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“The whole world is coalescing around the idea that you have to take care of women if there is to be any hope for the future!” That was the message delivered by Jane Roberts, one of the founders of *34 Million Friends* and featured speaker at the January 28th Intercity Dinner in Ft, Myers.

Her organization, a worldwide grassroots movement began in 2002 with the idea of raising \$34 million-\$1 at a time—to replace a cut in funding for the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) made by the Bush Administration. To date, *34 Million Friends* has raised over \$4 million for UNFPA and its mission has evolved into a broader effort dedicated to ensuring the full humanity and individual rights of girls and women, particularly in poor, developing countries.

Jane, who has dedicated her life to this struggle the past seven years and was in town to speak at the Human Trafficking symposiums being held at FGCU, enthralled the Intercity Dinner audience with stories of the lives of women she as met who are experiencing horrific struggles each day yet clinging to the hope for a better future for themselves and their sisters in their countries. Jane said the world’s population will soon reach over nine billion and because the overwhelmingly majority are young, education and family planning assistance must be accessible to girls and women if the quality of their lives and the economic and social status of their countries are to have any hope of improving.

Our own Patty Gift, Area 6 Director, ably presided over the dinner program, graciously hosted by the Ft. Myers Club. Area Clubs reported their current projects and activities, giving everyone great ideas and tips for future fundraising and service efforts. Our President Y’Vonne Murray gave a glowing report on our Club’s doings especially our new 1-800 number awareness project to combat domestic violence and human trafficking in our community.

The food was wonderful, the setting overlooking the river beautiful and the chance to connect with other Zonta sisters, priceless.

Others attending the dinner included, Treasurer, Flo Rogers, Pat Calvert, Melanie Dehon, Amanda Shipley and Bonnie Lowrey.



Jane Roberts, Y’Vonne Murray, Patty Gift



Flo Rogers

January 2010 General Meeting Minutes- submitted by Shelly Gentile

Zonta Club of Bonita Springs General Meeting 1-20-10 Spanish Wells Golf and CC

President Y'Vonne Murray opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed the members and guests. The first order of business was to induct our newest member, Donna Modugno with the help of **Membership Chair, Karen Berens**. Karen announced that the next orientation of new members would be on 1-26-2010 at her house.

Officers and Chairs are expected to help with the information.

Claire McMahan introduced the speakers for the evening, Lt. Brad Hamilton who in turn presented Detective **Mike Zaleski from the Lee County Special Investigative Unit on Human Trafficking**. Officer Gillespie reported that we should all be vigilant and report suspicious activity in our neighborhoods. Children and foreign nationals are most at risk for kidnapping, prostitution, drug addiction, and slavery. They also brought fact cards to distribute to our neighbors, vendors and anyone who might be at risk.

Treasurer Flo Rogers reported that our money and paperwork has been filed for our 501 c 3 status for charitable donations. February is National Heart Month and Flo asked everyone to wear Red at next month's meeting and bring a \$5 donation for the Heart Association.

Financial Development Chair Melanie Dehon announced that from our \$17 k profit from the Glass Slipper Ball in November that the ad hoc committee budgeted \$13k for grant dispersal. **Denese Mattrey and her Grants Committee** will meet soon and discuss the recipients.

Linda Murphy, Scholarship Luncheon Project Leader, reminded us that the March 18th **Amelia Earhart Scholarship Event** would be held at Bonita Bay . Tickets are \$65. She is looking for Raffle Items and Sponsors. See Sponsor Packets on line.

Service/UN Chair Amy Scott asked Y'Vonne to read a thank you message accepting her new position as **President - Elect**. A formal election will take place in April. Committee member, **Noemi Creagan** highlighted the January events on Human Trafficking that we might volunteer to help and attend, free of charge. **Claire McMahan** shared the information that we are ready to print posters on **Domestic Violence Awareness** and Cards with 1-800 numbers. This will be an ongoing service project. The next meeting for this group will be on 1-25-2010 at Claire's Office in the Promenade. Look for an email announcement. Also, The Thrift Store, **Second Act**, at the Ft. Myers Shelter needs workers on Sunday, March 7, 2010. Contact Y'Vonne Murray if interested.

Communications Chair, Bonnie Lowrey said that articles for the newsletter would be due soon. **Past President Trish Leonard** provided us with new maps of the area, the first project tackled by her new consulting firm. **Tina Harlan** and Bonnie are helping out **Dawn Rocco-Babon, our newsletter editor**, since the arrival of her son, Eric. Congratulations. A baby shower will be coming.

Social Chair Melissa Keel reminded us of the February showing of "Grease" in the Riverside Park on 2-6-10 and the Consignment Shopping Spree for 2-13-10. A percentage of the Spree Proceeds will go to the Bonita Assistance Office.

Old Business: Shelly Gentile agreed to head the Sunshine Fund for the Club which covers flowers, cards etc...sent to members to mark special occasions and important life events.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

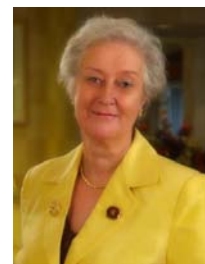
Submitted by Michele "Shelly" Gentile



Presidents Message January 2010

Dear Zontians,

Violence against women and girls is one of the most pervasive human rights violations today and has devastating effects not only on the victims of violence but on society as well. A major cause of death and disability for women ages 15 to 44, violence against women also has significant health and economic costs. Victims of violence are at a higher risk of HIV infection while the economic costs alone can impoverish individuals, families and communities, reducing the economic development of each nation.



I am pleased to report that our ZISVAW projects continue to produce real results and positive changes for women who have experienced the threat or reality of some form of violence in their lives while our international service projects are providing access to quality health services and opportunities for economic growth to women in need.

With Zonta's support, the Fistula Project in **Liberia** has performed surgeries on nearly 180 patients with an 89% success rate. After four months at the Rehabilitation Center, 33 women were reintegrated into their communities with support from Zonta.

The "Community-based Centre for Housing and Rehabilitation of Women Victims of Violence" in **Syria** has developed the capacity of staff and volunteers to provide quality services to survivors and has established a telephone hotline to reach women throughout Syria.

In **Egypt**, efforts continue to improve the provision of legal aid and medical and psychosocial support to women survivors of violence. Between July and November 2008, 50 women visited the "One-Stop Centre," 17 of which received legal counseling and aid.

The Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) of HIV program in **Rwanda** has provided services to more than 650 pregnant women. Those women found to be HIV positive received appropriate antiretroviral treatment for the prevention of transmission during pregnancy. Twenty-six of the forty-five babies born to HIV infected mothers were tested for HIV at six weeks, and all of the tests were negative.

In **Cambodia**, Gender and Development for Cambodia successfully reached out to more than 10,000 people during the first year of the project – mobilizing men and women to stop domestic violence in their communities and helping to raise awareness of existing laws regarding violence against women and the legal rights of victims of violence.

At the same time, our education programs continue to empower women and promote gender equality in education. This November, we announced the [12 recipients of the 2009 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships](#). This talented group of women, representing seven countries around the world, will receive US\$5,000 each for undergraduate business studies.

The recent release of "Amelia," has brought renewed interest in the life of famed aviatrix and legendary Zontian Amelia Earhart. Epitomizing the ideals of Zonta International, Amelia Earhart encouraged women to pursue careers in fields traditionally dominated by men. Today, a new generation of women is inspired to pursue studies in aerospace-related sciences and engineering. Watch the [official movie trailer](#), and learn more about the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Program.

I thank you for your continued support of all of our international programs, and I look forward to updating you on the future progress and results of all of our projects.

Beryl Sten

President Zonta International

Call to Convention, San Antonio, TX

We all should have received by email the official Call to Convention for Zonta's 60th International Convention being held June 25-30, 2010 in San Antonio Texas. Our President, Y'Vonne Murray, and a few other members are planning on attending and if you would like to go you can get more information from the Convention web site: <http://www.zonta2010.org/>



Alice Chick, the District 11 web master and treasurer, also sent us an email advising that you must use your membership number when registering. Either our treasurer, Flo Rogers, or Alice, can help you find the number if you don't know it.

Finally, District 11 is helping those who want to go find a roommate. For your convenience, the District will be setting up a file so that they can refer you to another Zontian. If you would like to be included in this listing please send your name, Club name, email address and telephone number to webmaster@zonta-district11.org.

January 2010 Membership Meeting Speakers

Lt. Hamilton praised Detective Zeleski for the energy and commitment he brings to the unit, thus far rescuing 24 victims in the last year. Detective Zeleski reinforced our efforts to fight violence against women with his description of trafficking in Lee County and the reality that it touches all levels of our community. His unit is recognized throughout Florida and Detective Zeleski said an important part of the effort is to outreach to as many groups as possible to enlighten citizens about what can be done to fight and prevent this horrific crime. While the assumption is that human trafficking involves foreigners and immigrants, the reality he said is that domestic trafficking, especially of children and teens, is growing and on any given day 200,000 minor children across the country are impacted. As the Club moves forward with its ant-violence project, it is clear both officers will provide important input and insight.



Lt. Hamilton



Detective Zeleski

Y'Vonne Murray, President
Donna Modugno, New Member
Karen Berens, Membership Chair

