

## Zonta International Service Program

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### Issues and Projects

Taken from the Zonta  
International Website



Educating Girls

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 \$8 million US to projects benefitting millions of women and their families representing 34 countries.

Issues on which Zonta is currently focusing service and advocacy:

Improving Women's Lives in  
Afghanistan - Bolivia

Poverty and HIV/AIDS in Niger,  
the second poorest country in the  
world

Economic Self-Sufficiency in Sri  
Lanka following the tsunami and  
war

Since 1962, the International Service Program has supported training, education, health, sanitation, agricultural, and micro-credit assistance to women in more than 20 countries, primarily through the agencies of the United Nations.

Throughout this past Zonta year, Area Director Tammy Hagen has made us familiar with the agencies and programs within the United Nations. There is a vast amount of information on the Zonta International website that describes the work being done and benefits being realized involving our international service projects. Take some time to keep up to date on these critical women's issues.

## President's Comments

It's hard to believe that another year has gone by and that we will be wrapping up 2007-08 at our May meeting. What a year it has been! It does not seem that long ago that we were preparing for the Zonta District 6 Fall Conference.

Our membership can be very proud of its accomplishments this year. We welcomed District 6 Zontians last fall, expanded our silhouette advocacy project to two churches and raised at least \$1,000 more (more than \$10,000 total) than in our inaugural year of the Zonta Zing, just to name a few!

At our May membership meeting, committee chairpersons will be giving their annual reports except for the service committee and United Nations committee reports which were given in April.

We will also be installing new officers and initiating three new members to our club.

Keep in mind that if you have not yet paid your dues, please plan to do so at our May meeting. Bev Duncan will be preparing the paperwork and payment which needs to arrive at ZI headquarters by June 1.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President for the past two years. We have an outstanding club with committed, hard-working, and caring members!

See you soon!

*Barb Burchfield*

President, Zonta Club of Madison

## Meeting Reservations

by Bev Duncan

May's meeting is at Double Tree Hotel. Please contact **Fran Schultz** at 663-8842 by Friday, May 16, if you cannot attend and have previously signed up to attend or if you are bringing a guest.

Our menu is *Chicken Caesar Salad*.

## Shelter Needs

by Marge Hamann

**Angie Bass**, Shelter Living Specialist, suggests the following items as donations for May:

*Small Bath Sets, Journals, Mother's Day items*

Thank you for your

\$250

APRIL

contribution!

Our year-to-date

total is \$1,673.

## Zonta Dues are Due

by Bev Duncan

Our 2008-2009 international and district dues are due no later than June 1. Therefore it is important that we have your dues in hand at our **May 21** meeting to give us time to complete the paperwork and timely forward our funds.

**Thank you!**

## Nominations

The following members were elected at the April meeting and will be inducted at our May meeting:

### Foundation

Marge Hamann	Director
Lois Hindhede	Director
JoAnn Gruber-Hagen	Director
Kristin Versteegen	Director

### Club

Sylvia Armstrong	President
Pam Duane	Vice President
Fran Schultz	Secretary
Laura Noel	Director
Sandy Peterson	Director

### 2009 Nominating Committee

Barb Burchfield  
JoAnn Gruber-Hagen  
Carol Wiskowski

We thank these members for accepting these roles!

## District 6 2008 YWPA Winner

by Marge Hamann

**Jennifer Lynn Vorst** scored highest among the 2008 District 6 applicants for the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award. Ms. Vorst's application was submitted by the Zonta Club of Springfield, IL.

Jennifer is a goal-oriented young woman who aspires to earn a Doctorate in Anesthesiology and become an M.D. To attain her goal, she has adopted the philosophy, "Life is not about your destination, but how you get there." Jennifer expects to positively influence others' lives along her path to personal goal fulfillment.

She wants to leave a legacy that recognizes her dedication, caring and perseverance.

There is little doubt that Jennifer will attain her goals because she knows where she is heading and can visualize the steps and stopping off places along her path.

The YWPA Award(s) involve three phases. In **Phase I**, Zonta clubs publicize the award in their communities, distribute, receive and evaluate applications. Each club that has received applications selects one Award recipient's application and forwards it to the ZI District Governor by April 1.

In **Phase II** the District Evaluating Committee selects a District recipient from those applications submitted. The District Governor submits the recipient's application to ZI headquarters by May 1. ZI Foundation provides a \$500 US award and certificate to each of the 30 district YWPA Award recipients.

Finally, in **Phase III** the ZI YWPA Subcommittee selects five International Award recipients by June 30 from the District applications received. Those five individuals each receive \$1,000 US and a certificate from ZI Foundation.

## Service Clubs Olympics

Another year of Olympics is upon us. We have traditionally had a bowling team participate. It would be great if we could have additional participation.

On Monday, July 21, there's 8-ball pool, bowling and Texas Hold 'Em. Tuesday, July 22, there's an 11-mile bike race, 5K run, golf, swimming, tennis, ping pong, racquetball, bocce, horseshoes, euchre, bridge, scrabble, checkers, cribbage, an agility course, darts and bait casting. A banquet ends the events and honors a local man or woman who has played a significant role in sports-related volunteerism.

See Carol Wiskowski at the May meeting for more information.

## Upcoming Meetings

### Zonta Meetings

Double Tree Hotel  
525 W. Johnson Street  
251-5511

5:00 Board Meeting

5:45 Member Meeting

6:30 Dinner

7:00 Program

### 2008

### May

**21** Monthly Zonta Meeting

### June

**14** Produce third set of Purple Silhouettes  
JoAnn and Doug's

**25** DAIS Independence Day Luncheon

**28-3** International Convention  
Rotterdam, Netherlands

### July

**21-22** Service Clubs Olympics  
Contact Carol Wiskowski  
for information

### August

**20** Summer Get-together  
Church Basement Ladies  
Capitol Theater  
Overture Center

### October

**12** Literacy Network Run

**15-19** District Board Meeting  
and Fall Conference  
Fairview Heights, Illinois



## May 2008 UN Minute

The **Vienna Forum to Fight Human Trafficking** was held February 13-15, 2008, in Vienna, Austria. This Forum brought together 1,400 delegates from 116 countries to share knowledge and develop coordinated strategies to fight human trafficking.

Antonio Maria Costa, Executive Director of the **UN's Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)**, encouraged national governments, businesses, and civil society to implement practical measures to prevent trafficking, including: 1) implementation of self-certification by businesses to take slave-made products "off the shelves"; 2) develop technology to identify, monitor, and disrupt trafficking routes; 3) track and block credit card payment for internet trafficking transactions; and 4) develop codes of conduct to curb sex tourism.

A **Women Leaders' Council**, a unique coalition of political figures, diplomats, trade unionists, business leaders, campaigners, and entertainers from across the world, was launched at the Forum. Historically, women leaders have been key operators in bringing social issues, such as domestic violence, out of the "private realm" onto the political agenda. The aims of the Council are to highlight women's leadership role in the fight against trafficking by serving as a catalyst for strengthening the capacity and contributions of women leaders in preventing and punishing trafficking. Also, the Council will help to establish connections across sectors and regions to mobilize sustainable resources and knowledge in the battle against trafficking.

The Vienna Forum was convened by, and the Women Leaders' Council was formed by, the **United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT)**. This Initiative was established in March 2007 by the UN Office of Drugs and Crime in coordination with the International Labor Organization, the International Organization for Migration, the UN Children's Fund, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe with a grant from the United Arab Emirates.

The development of this Initiative is based on the simple principle: human trafficking is a crime of such magnitude and atrocity that it cannot be dealt with successfully by any one government alone. Therefore, the mission of UN.GIFT is to coordinate the global fight against Human Trafficking by providing a framework for, and activity by, all stakeholders so they can support each other and work in partnership. One of the main goals is to increase awareness of human trafficking.

Awareness is growing but in general remains very low. Here is where we as Zontians can make a substantial contribution. There are resources available to help with the process. In Wisconsin, the State Office of Justice Assistance just released a report titled "Hidden in Plain Sight: A Baseline Survey of Human Trafficking in Wisconsin." UN.GIFT website: [www.ungift.org](http://www.ungift.org) also provides useful information including downloadable audio/video public service announcements (PSA's) and links to other resources.