

## WOMEN AND GIRLS IN EL SALVADOR

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### Orphan Helpers



Judi Kessler

Our March program will be presented by two women who are connected by faith and mission.

**Judi Kessler** is a REALTOR®, Broker/Owner for CENTURY 21 Affiliated. She has been a sales associate since 1986. Judi's career objective is to cause value-based housing and life decisions through counseling and interaction with others.

CENTURY 21 Affiliated is part of a dynamic global network that includes more than 8,000 independently owned and operated real estate offices and over 147,000 sales professionals in 45 countries. It is part of the largest real estate referral network in the world, connecting potential buyers and sellers and real estate professionals around the globe.



Brenda Goble

**Brenda Goble** has been the Director of Children's, Youth and Family Ministries at Midvale Community Lutheran Church for the past eight years.

Goble graduated from Edgewood College in May 2000 with a B.A. in Religious Studies. She received her certification from the Center for Youth Ministries at Wartburg Seminary in September 2000.

Brenda describes herself as "a child of God who is passionate about living out her faith." She is called to serve the poor and oppressed and to empower others to do the same. She encourages her church members of all ages to get educated and then get involved in service ministries.

Brenda's passion is to travel and experience new cultures, foods and people. She states El Salvador was an amazing experience for her that she loves to share with others.

On March 18 we will learn about the experiences of these women as they traveled to El Salvador in June 2008

with an organization called *Orphan Helpers* and a message of faith, hope and charity, along with lots of love and hugs.

Orphan Helpers' mission is to serve and minister to the physical, spiritual, emotional and educational needs of orphaned, abused and incarcerated children by effectively partnering with individuals, churches, businesses, organizations and governments.

Judi and Brenda will share their insights about Orphan Helpers, learning about the Salvadoran government's "assistance" and the struggles the young women have with gangs, incest, rape and becoming a mother at much too young an age.

*Worldwide, there are 148 million orphans. Only 1 percent of these are ever adopted.*

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## President's Column

March is a busy Zonta month, as we present our third annual Zonta Zing, attend events sponsored by other Wisconsin Zonta clubs, and celebrate the nomination of two Madison Zontians for the prestigious ATHENA Award. Let's also find time to take a few deep breaths and enjoy the signs of approaching spring.

Another important March happening is International Women's Day (IWD) on March 8<sup>th</sup>. It is the occasion of Zonta Rose Day and our annual presentation of yellow roses to the ATHENA nominees. It is also a good day to remind ourselves of why we do what we do as Zontians.

Let me meditate a bit on IWD. (*My information comes from the IWD web site.*) Women's Day has been

celebrated since the early 1900s. In 1908, 15,000 women marched through New York City to protest women's oppression and inequality. Since those days, Women's Day has grown into a worldwide celebration in developed and developing countries. The United Nations holds an annual IWD conference focused on women's rights. This year the UN's theme is women and men united to end violence against women and girls. It resonates with our Zonta purposes.

As we all know, there remains much, much to be done to improve women's status here and around the world. A gender fact on the IWD website: "Females in developing countries on average carry 20 liters (5.25 gallons) of water per day over 6 km (3.6 miles.)" Here at home, we wonder how today's stressful economic climate will increase domestic violence, girls dropping out of school and the trafficking of women.

At our March 18th meeting, our program will focus internationally on girls and women in El Salvador. We will also celebrate the success of the Zing, and, perhaps, of a Zontian ATHENA Award winner! It's a good month to bring a prospective member and introduce her to Zonta. See you there.

*Sylvia*

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## Zing Setup

by JoAnn Gruber-Hagen

Plan to meet at **3 PM** at the West Side Club on **Saturday, March 7**, to create our St. Pat's tropical atmosphere and assemble raffle and silent auction tables for the Zing.

## Community Anti-Human Trafficking Education

by JoAnn Gruber-Hagen

There currently are 22 people signed up for the Madison-area Coalition for a Community Anti-Human Trafficking Educational Campaign. This includes 14 community members plus eight Zonta Club of Madison members.

The group looks to be the nice blend of backgrounds and affiliations that we had hoped for.

First meeting of the Coalition will be Monday, April 27. It will be devoted to getting acquainted and getting our expectations for the Coalition onto the same page. Future meetings will go from there. Few details for the group have been pre-determined so that we can jointly establish our own goals and work plan.

*Here we go!!*

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## Meeting Reservations

by Bev Duncan

Our next meeting will be March 18 at the DoubleTree Hotel and we'll be having a Fiesta Buffet, consisting of tacos, Mexican rice, refried beans, chips and salsa, plus our cookie, of course.

If you have previously made a reservation, please remember to cancel by the Thursday prior to our meeting or you will owe for the meal. Also, if you have not made a reservation but wish to attend, you may contact me by Sunday evening, March 15, as it is possible to add an additional dinner Monday morning. Contact me at [rabedunc@tds.net](mailto:rabedunc@tds.net) or 836-7762.

## Shelter Needs

by Marge Hamann

Angie Bass, DAIS Shelter Living Specialist, suggests March donations

### *Cleaning Supplies - Spring Cleaning!*

Thank you for your  
\$73

FEBRUARY  
contribution!

Cumulative-to-date total for  
fiscal year 2008-2009 is  
\$1,102.

## Hold the Date!

At our February meeting, we agreed to host the 2010 Zonta District 6 Area 2 Spring Workshop.

Our preferred dates of April 17 or 24 were already spoken for, so we are scheduled for **Saturday, April 10.**

## Dues Increase

by Bev Duncan

Members approved an annual dues increase to \$130 for 2009/2010. They need to be paid to Zonta International by June 1, 2009; therefore, I must have them by or at our May 20 meeting. They may be paid in two increments. Dues invoices will be emailed soon.

Members also approved a meal increase for 2009/2010 to \$22.

A related item is the funds generated by the monthly raffles. Members contribute items to be raffled and the funds have been going to the Zonta

Madison Foundation. Members voted to use future raffle funds for operating expenses.

## Welcome to Zonta!

New members installed in February are **Mary Ales**, Executive Director, Continuing Medical Education at Interstate Post Graduate Medical Association, and **Rachell Morley**, Project Manager, Epic Systems.

We are excited to have these women among us and look forward to getting to know them better as we introduce them to Zonta International's mission, ideals and service projects and show them how our club projects align themselves to Zonta International.

They are certain to bring fresh, new ideas on how we can enhance our work for women and children worldwide.

## Spring Workshop

Calls have been mailed for Zonta District 6 Area 2 Spring Workshop ~ Focusing On The Future ~ Zontians Making a World of Difference.

The workshop will be held at The Beloit Inn in Beloit, Wisconsin, on Saturday, March 21, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Topics to be covered:

- **Branding Zonta**
- **Thailand Update**
- **Focusing on the Future**
- **Zonta International Service**
- **Roundtable Discussions**
  - Recipes for Growing Membership
  - Sharing Successful Service Projects
  - Sharing our "Areas" of Expertise
  - ZI Tools and 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

### March

6 Janesville International Women's Day Luncheon  
7 Zonta Zing  
8 Zonta Rose Day International Women's Day  
10 Athena Awards® Program Monona Terrace  
14 Milwaukee Fashion Show  
18 Monthly Zonta Meeting  
21 Area 2 Workshop, Beloit, WI

### April

27 Madison-area Coalition for a Community Anti-Human Trafficking Educational Campaign  
28 Beloit Tribute to Women

### October

4 Literacy Network Run  
9-11 Fall Conference Indianapolis, IN

## Celebrating a Special Day This Month



March 18 - **Sandy Peterson**

*Make it a fun, relaxing day!*