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Dear Zontians,

In this issue of the e-newsletter, you can read about our fundraising efforts to date and the importance of supporting the Foundation from Zonta International Foundation Development Committee Chairman Jackie Beaudry. You will also have an opportunity to learn more about the runners on the Zonta International Foundation Bank of America Chicago Marathon Team, working to raise awareness, as well as funds, for the Zonta International Foundation. We are very proud to have a team in this year's Bank of America Chicago Marathon and hope others are inspired by this wonderful group of people.

Please remember to turn in your Club Officer Contact Information forms and international membership dues renewals as soon as possible. It is imperative that Headquarters has this information to keep proper records and ensure communication with clubs. If your club is in the US, please be sure and read the article in this edition about the deadline for Form 990s.

Preparation for Zonta International's Centennial Anniversary is well under way. In this issue you will find information about how District 9 is providing historical information for this celebration as well as links to items on the website that will help your club or district get started in recording your history.

As always, thank you for your dedication to Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation.

Warm regards,

Dianne K. Curtis
Zonta International President
Zonta International Foundation President

Update on ZIF Fundraising

Dear Zontians,

I am pleased to share an update on our Zonta International Foundation fundraising efforts so far this biennium. Let me give you a brief overview of the challenges faced by women in science and business and why our scholarships are so vital to improving the status of women.

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Membership Goal

2010-2012 Goal: 33,000

23,738 Members
(as of 31 July 2011)

2011 Calendar

Since 1938, Zonta has supported the Amelia Earhart (AE) Fellowship awards in honor of the famed pilot and Zontian. We provide funding to deserving women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace sciences and engineering. Each year, 35 fellowships are awarded. The candidates are selected by fellow Zontians all of whom have been AE Fellowship recipients in the past.

The Jane M Klausman (JMK) Women in Business Scholarship program, initiated as a result of a member's bequest, helps women pursue undergraduate and Master's degrees in business management and overcome gender barriers. The program operates at the Zonta club, district and international levels. Zonta clubs provide awards for club recipients. Zonta International awards scholarships of US$1,000 each at the district level and twelve international scholarships in the amount of US$5,000 each.

Why is it so important to support these funds?

Here are some facts to consider:

- More women are in the sciences than ever but still only represent 10% of the professionals in the field.
- In 2009, women held only 15.2% of the board seats at Fortune 500 companies according to the Catalyst organization.
- Women have a more difficult time obtaining positions, grants, scholarships and fellowships.
- The number of applications received is increasing as more women are seeking to obtain support. Due to funding constraints, we continue providing the same number of fellowships at the same levels each year.

Read more of ZIF Development Committee Chairman Jackie Beaudry's message...

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Meet the Zonta International Foundation Marathon Team!

Zonta International Foundation is pleased to be participating in the 2011 Bank of America Chicago Marathon, one of the premier races in the world, on 9 October 2011. Click on a name below to read a team member's profile!

Jason Friske, Executive Director, Zonta International
Erika Kemp, Zonta Club of Sandusky, Ohio
Emily Kliethermes, Zonta Club of Jefferson City, Missouri
Laura Krishnan, Zonta Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota
Lorrie Parent, Zonta Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota
Konnie Rodeghier, Zonta Club of Ottawa, Illinois

Help our team reach its fundraising goal - donate now!

Are you running the Bank of America Chicago Marathon, or do you know someone who is? Join the Zonta International Foundation Team! You do not need to be a member of Zonta International to join the Team. Every mile ran and every dollar raised will help us advance the status of women worldwide. Please note that you must already be registered for the Marathon to join the ZIF Team.

Please contact us if your business or employer would like to learn more about company sponsorship opportunities.

26-28 August - District 17 Conference

1 September - JMK District Applications due to HQ

5 September - Headquarters Closed

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ZI Membership

Important Deadlines
Club Officers Contact Information Forms were due 1 May. It is imperative that the forms are returned to ensure accurate communication between ZI Headquarters and Zonta clubs. Please return this form to memberrecords@zonta.org if you have not already done so.

Membership Dues renewals were due 1 June. Please submit your forms and payment as soon as possible. The necessary forms can be found on the website. Instructional videos in English, French, German, Italian, Japanese and Spanish have been posted on the website to aid you in the process. If you still have not received an invoice, please email memberrecords@zonta.org.??

In August, clubs who have not paid or returned their club officer contact information form will be receiving notice from Headquarters. ??

Special Note about Dues Payments to Euro Account
Please note that if you are submitting dues to the new Zonta International Euro account, dues must be sent in Euros and not US dollars. European clubs can use the existing US accounts to send US dollars if their club chooses. Instructions can be found on the back of Form C. The three versions of Form C can be found on the website under Club Tools.

- European (uses Euros)
- North American (uses US dollars)
- Non-European/Non-North American (uses US dollars)

Membership Incentive Program
Recruit 2 or more new members before 31 May 2012 and receive special recognition at the Zonta International Convention in Torino in July 2012. More information and forms can be found on the ZI website. Thank you to those members who have already participated.

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Deadline for US Clubs Form 990s

Zonta International's fiscal year ended on 31 May 2011, which means Zonta clubs in the United States must now prepare and file annual returns for the IRS by 17 October 2011.

Clubs with total gross revenues of $50,000 or less are required by the IRS to file a Form 990-N (e-Postcard), which must be filed electronically on the IRS website.

Clubs with total gross revenues greater than $50,000 are required by the IRS to file a Form 990. The club has the choice of filing directly with the IRS or they may choose to file as part of the Zonta International group return. If a club wants to be included in the group return, they must complete the financial worksheet that can be found on the Zonta website and return to Margaret Ingram at mingram@zonta.org by 19 August 2011.

All districts must file as part of the group return.

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District 9 Acts on Archives

Great news! District 9 is leading the way with the production of a video

covering the district's rich history, as seen through the eyes of Past District Governor and Historian Evelyn Guenther.

The idea was suggested by Governor Laura Peters, and her company is sponsoring the editing costs. The resulting interview will be shown at District Conference in October.

Current District Historian, Chris Miller says "*I would think this could be a measure for all other clubs to follow if their districts have members of the same tenure and calibre as Evelyn.*" Chris also suggests that the video be shown at Conference first, to gain feedback, whether positive or negative, "*so that the end product which goes on the website makes everyone who was involved in the production very proud of it."*

With most district conferences coming up soon, district and club historians may wish to consider this practical concept from District 9.

If you go to the website, you will find a helpful document under Tools for the Centennial Anniversary Committee:
"How to record an Oral or Video History for your club or district archives."
While on the website, you can view brief videoclips with our videographer Katie Beer and District 24 Historian Olivia Sarah-Le Lacheur.

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New on the Zonta International Website

See what's new on the Zonta International website:

- 2012 YWPA materials
- New Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Tools
- July 2011 Issue of *The Zontian* magazine
- 2006-2008 UNIDO Sri Lanka Updated Project Report
- Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV and Gender-Based Violence in Rwanda human interest story
- Towards a Comprehensive Strategy to End Burns Violence Against Women in Cambodia, Nepal and Uganda human interest story
- New Centennial Anniversary Committee Tools

If you have problems or questions related to the Zonta International website, please contact webmaster@zonta.org.

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Member Profile

Lourdes Bautista Gaskell

Lourdes Bautista Gaskell has been a member of the Zonta Club of Baguio in the Philippines for more than 30 years. In that time, she has served in leadership roles at the club and district levels and has been the Editor of the Baguio Zonta Gazette since 1984. As president of her club from 1996 to 1998, Lourdes acquired a piece of land for free from the Baguio City Council to house the Senior Citizen Recreational Center of Baguio City, which she considers to be her greatest personal achievement.

An active Zontian, Lourdes has attended five international conventions, including Sydney, Australia (1984), Hong Kong (1992), St. Louis, Missouri (1996), Paris, France (1998) and New York (2004).?? Read more...

If you would like to nominate a Zontian to be profiled in a future e-newsletter, please send the member's name and a brief reason why they should be profiled to pr@zonta.org. Please note that depending upon the volume of submissions received, not all members may be profiled.

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