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Dear Zontians,

September is here! I hope that you all enjoyed your summer and our abbreviated meeting schedule over the last few months. With the arrival of the fall, Zonta ramps back up into full gear and there are many activities for us to get ready for.

Right now we are collecting items for AWAIC and Covenant House (see item list below) for the District Service Project. There is a lot of need and we can help, so please check out that list and see what you can do. You can bring items to the September dinner meeting or make arrangements with Sarah Short to drop them by her house.

The Anchorage Women’s Show will be held the 26th – 28th of September and this year, thanks to Bovey Trophies, we have a booth! Over the summer the board has spent a lot of time getting together collateral items and making plans to have a great showing. Patty Billingsley will be asking for sign-ups to help in the booth. Please consider a two hour slot or more, we can really use your help as some of our members will be out of town at the Governor’s Seminar.

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November will find us with Advocacy projects to do in conjunction with the “Sixteen Days of Activism”. More details about that to come.

It’s going to be a busy but fun and fulfilling time for our club. I am looking forward to all the great things we can and will do!

In Zonta Service,

Shelli

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DISTRICT SERVICE PROJECT

AWAIC is in need of gift cards to stores like Fred Meyer, Wal-Mart and Target to support the ongoing needs of shelter residents and other program participants. Gift cards allow AWAIC the flexibility to purchase items as the need arises and choose items specifically suited to individuals in need. They also always need the following:

- Women's underwear, sports bras and socks
- Children's shoes and sneakers
- Baby teething rings, medicines, diaper wipes
- Vacuums in good working condition
- Pajamas for women and children
- Diapers and formula
- Large bottles of shampoo and conditioner
- First Aid Supplies such as band-aids, neosporin, etc
- Winter coats, boots, hats, and gloves for women and children
- Fresh Produce
- Milk and eggs with at least one week until the expiration date
- Old cell phones, tablets, chargers, cell phone batteries and accessories (they recycle these and receive money to use at the shelter)

Covenant House is for homeless men, women and children. Covenant House is having a clothing drive. They are looking for casual and professional clothing for the youth such as blouses, skirts, suits, shirts, belts, accessories, undergarments and shoes.

Spring / Summer and Fall / Winter

Professional attire for both men and women

- Adult sizes (especially sizes XS, XXL, XXL+)
- Blouses, skirts, suits, shirts, ties, belts, accessories
- New undergarments (especially bras)
- Professional shoes

- Gym / Running clothes
- Shorts, t-shirts, active wear, sports bras

Warm Gear / Outerwear

- Sweaters, hoodies, sweat shirts/pants
- Warm socks / Long johns
- Jackets / Coats, Hats, scarves, gloves
- Boots

Please remember only gently used items are to be donated.

Covenant House also has a program called **Passage House**. It is for women who are pregnant or a new mom who is homeless and trying to get back on their feet. Most of them are moms with young babies. They could really use baby items such as: diapers, bottles, formula, wipes and baby clothing. Gift cards are the best for them so they don't have to store them. They also use the gift cards as a reward or incentive for the women who are trying hard to make a difference in their lives.

We need to keep in mind Christmas is just around the corner and new or very gently used toys are good for them to give as gifts to the children.

Bus Passes are a HUGE help with these women also, a lot of them work but have no transportation to get to work. The women also could use items such as make-up and jewelry so they can look nice for interviews. If you can't get a bus pass without a name on it we can donate cash and designate it for bus passes.

A representative from Covenant House will be our dinner speaker in October at which time we will present the items we have collected on their behalf.



Alice Ramsay is hosting Book Club, Thursday September 18th. She is making Spaghetti, please bring a side to go with it.

This month's book is titled, "Carsick: John Waters Hitchhikes Across America" by John Waters.

It is a departure from our normal readings, but everyone was ready for something light and easy to read.



THE ALASKA
WOMEN'S
SHOW IS THE
PLACE TO BE!

September 26-28th, Sullivan Arena

Please sign-up to staff the Zonta Club of Anchorage Booth. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Dinner Meeting, September 17th. An electronic invitation was also sent via "Volunteer Spot".

SUMMER SOCIAL



August 6 was a lovely warm summer evening for Zontians and their guests attending the Summer Social at the home of Rita and Bob Metcalfe. President Shelli Cutting donned her chef's cap to provide delicious pulled pork on Hawaiian buns with Ginger Peach, Spicy Blackberry Barbecue and basic barbecue condiments. In addition to Dianne's baked beans, Rita's Napa Salad and Lemon Apricot Cake and Debbie's Strawberry Rhubarb Punch, members brought lots of appetizers, salads and desserts. Joerene provided the wine and the cooler was filled with beer and soft drinks. Tables were set inside and on the deck for an evening dedicated to relaxing and enjoying one another. Dianne Davis brought her amazing collection of pins collected from Zontians around the world who attended the 62nd Zonta International Convention in Orlando, FL in late June. Member donations exceeded \$500 for the operating budget of Zonta Club of Anchorage. Hostess Rita sincerely thanks all who helped with food, set-up and clean-up.

Members and guests were: Vera Almon; Virginia and Al Augestad; Joanne Bibbins and her mother Georgia Bibbins from Woodinville, WA; Patty and Rob Billingsley; Shelli Cutting and Brad Davis; Dianne and Randy Davis, Kelly Droop with Paris and Gigi; Debbie and Larry Graham; Melanie Hancock; Harriet and Darrell Harris; Laura Heavrin; Pat and Dewey Jarrett; Betty Linnemann with guests Kelly Smith and Joseph Linnemann; Monica Lowman; Rita and Bob Metcalfe; Alice Ramsey; Nannette Reed; Kara and Daniel Yancey; Sheila Woodhouse.

Pat Jarrett's prospective member guests were Diann Rasmussen, Realty Specialist with Bureau of Land Management, and Kim Campbell from Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility. Martha Dunn air traffic specialist with Macdonald Douglas and President of Alaska Gymnastics Association was the guest of Rita Metcalfe.



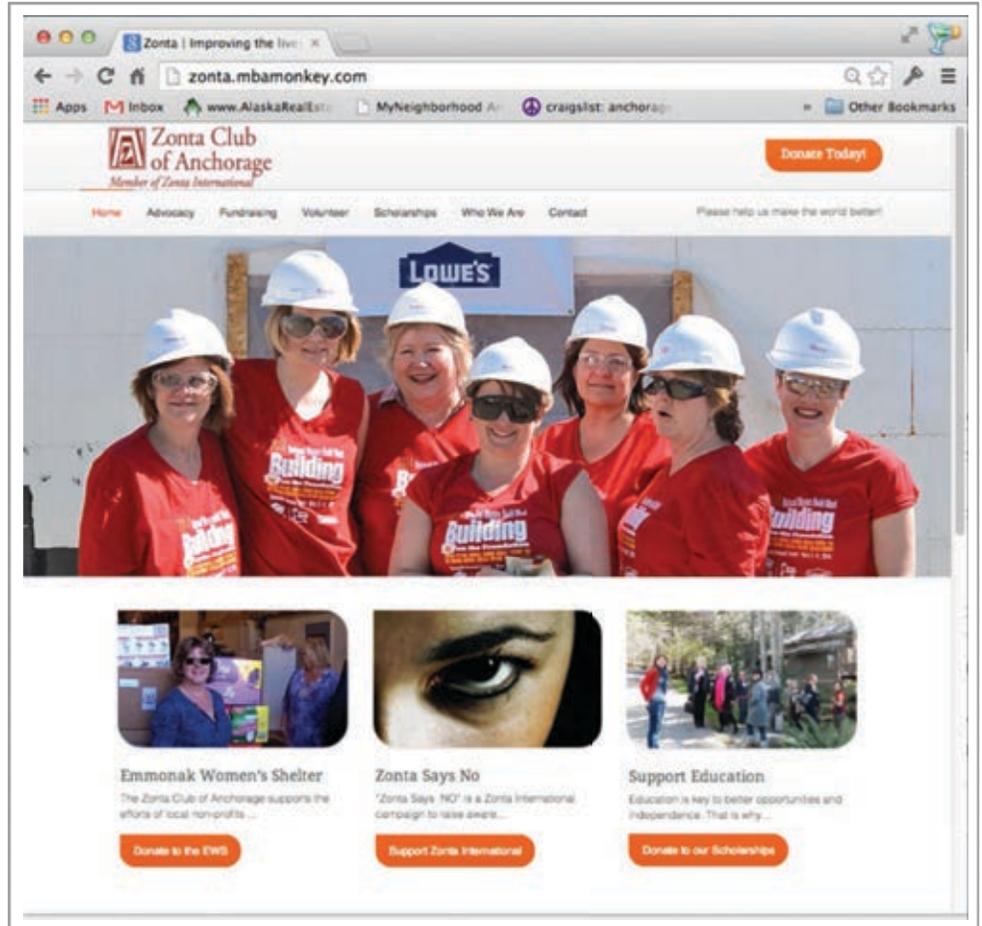
Dinner Meeting Topics

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September	YWCA, Alaska Veterans Administration for Women
October	Covenant House
November	Suicide Prevention
December	Holiday Party
January	Amelia Earhart Event
February	TBD
March	Rose Day - Recognition Event
April	Retreat
May	TBD

Check out our new web site!

Preview the new Zonta Club of Anchorage website. We've worked hard to create an easy to navigate site that highlights all the work our club has done in the community. The new site will debut at the women's show on Sept. 27th. The site is temporarily located at www.zonta.mbamonkey.com. It will go live at www.zonta-ak.org on Sept. 15th.



Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Winner

Neka Bender is a student at UAA working on an MBA with an emphasis on ethics/social entrepreneurship. She is interested in helping children and teens in a totally supportive orphanage system so they can escape lifelong the effects of abuse and neglect. She has had her artwork displayed statewide in galleries for the last four years and has sold her art through the Anchorage Museum of Art for the last three. She hopes to include art and creativeness in her quest to better children's lives.



Newz from Zonta Girlz

SHEILA WOODHOUSE: Get well and feel better soon wishes can be sent to Past President, Sheila, who is at home recovering from Breast Cancer Surgery. Volunteers will be welcome for transportation to medical appointments, shopping and assistance in her home.

PATTY BILLINGSLEY: Please use e-mail pbillingsley@alaska.net for all Zonta Correspondence and cell phone 575-2245 as she transitions to a new job.

LAURA HEAVRIN: Shopping for a new apartment on ground floor (no steps) – must move within a month due to her sister's ankle tendon surgery.

JOANNE BIBBINS: Thank you note from her mother, Georgia Bibbins, who attended our Summer Social, and always tries to be here for our Holiday Party – “By now I’m feeling like I’m connecting with old friends!”

ELE RONEY: Long time member and chair of the Z-Club committee celebrated her 95th birthday on August 31 at home in Lake Oswego, OR. Though her macular degeneration makes using her computer nearly impossible and cursive handwriting is unreadable, she has sent us historical Z-Club photos, Zonta pins collected when she attended the Zonta International Convention in Finland with G. Helen Brown and Margaret Green and a very special “Z” pin held by a cherub (a gift from G. Helen Brown). Treasures for our archives.

VERA ALMON: Welcome home from Seattle where she attended a family reunion.

RITA METCALFE: A wee bit more Irish after her memorable trip to the Emerald Isle in June with her sister Ruth from Kansas – shared her photo book of the Irish Treasures Tour, thanks to all the expertise help from Alice Ramsay.

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