

Zonta Club of
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15th year!

Zonta Club of Berkshire County Newsletter December 2009 & January 2010

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Message from our President:

Dear Berkshire Zontians,

Well, we did it one more time. Another successful poinsettia sale prepped and guided by our wonderful fundraising chair, Mary O'Brien. She was calm, cool and collected as usual. The weekend just before November 30th my mind went to Mary as I realized if it had been me in charge of this I would have been a wreck worrying about the last minutes details. There is so much work to this fundraiser that most of us do not see. So, when you do see Mary, give her a hi-five for another great job! Also give yourselves congratulations for your selflessness at this time of year supporting all the fundraisers and families in need in our community and beyond. Many of you are involved in other groups outside of Zonta and this season was one where the need was great and you all came through. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and I offer wishes for a new year filled with lots of blessings as we go forward and do our work. *Patty*

- district one
- —area two

Members:

Jackie Benham
Millie Blum
Kim Boland
Judy Burbank
Marge Caesar
Debbie Dwyer
Toni Fontana
Rosanne Frieri
Barbara Greenfeld
Fran Hearon
Keye Hollister
Elaine Hunter
Carole Ireland
Rita Kane
Sheila Keator
Janet Kroboth
Mary Tyer Kelly
Jennifer Kerwood
Melissa Mazzeo
Anne Meczywor
Tina Monteleone
Karen Norton
Mary O'Brien
Debbie O'Neill
Vicky Palardy
Carla Prendergast
Pam Roberts
Ellen Ruberto
Patty Simonetta
Janet Taylor
Mary Tierney
Cheryl Nolan-
Wallah



Ready for delivery the Monday after Thanksgiving! Patty Simonetta and Carla Prendergast survey a truck full of poinsettia plants!

Events: Our December meeting was very well attended as members organized two long tables of wrapping paper, tags and tape to wrap the many wonderful gifts that we brought to Girls' Inc. We thank Vicky Palardy for selecting families for us to assist and sending along updates as members signed up for items. Karen Norton, service co-chair coordinated the pizza dinner and brought along a selection of delicious cookies. It was a fun evening which ended with our semi-annual fun(d) raiser auction. Mary Tyer Kelly reported that the spirited bidding raised a whopping \$245! Bargains were plentiful and everyone went home with something! Probably the best bargain was a never-used bread maker that was picked up for \$5.00. Many items were in gift boxes and ready for gifting and the ever-popular books on cd's were big sellers. Proceeds raised will help offset conference and seminar expenses for our members.

Fundraising: For those of you who were not in attendance at the December meeting, Mary gave us the excellent results of this year's sale. Your efforts resulted in the following: 179 "small" poinsettias that cost us \$10.00 each and we sold for \$20.00 resulted in \$3580 gross revenue. We sold 124 of the "large" plants that cost us \$17.00 each and resulted in \$3720 gross revenue. Adding to this was one large tub of poinsettias at \$45.00/ sold for \$65.00 and 42 cyclamen cost \$10.00 brought in \$840.00. The totals were: 346 plants sold, total costs of \$4358.00, total revenues of \$8205.00 and a final net profit of \$3847.00!!! Super job—we sold fewer plants, but kept retail prices the same while our costs were actually less—thus we achieved a nice profit to support the upcoming scholarships. Mary thanked all the plant sellers and deliverers who helped make the sale such a success!

Debbie Dwyer, Anne Meczywor, Mary O'Brien and Jenn Kerwood with Kate getting some of the family's gifts organized at Girl's Inc.



Upcoming Meetings and Announcements: Our January meeting will feature Janis Broderick, Executive Director of the Elizabeth Freeman Center. Mary Tierney is collecting toiletries so remember to bring them along to the monthly meetings!



Jenn Smith of the Berkshire Eagle was the speaker at the November meeting. She addresses our club at Patrick's.

Birthdays: Happy (belated) December Birthdays to: Toni Fontana (15th), Barbara Greenfeld (16th), Jan Kroboth (21st) and Mary Tyer Kelly(30th).

Happy January Birthdays to: Carole Ireland(3rd), Rita Kane (7th) and Pam Roberts (26th)

Next Meetings: Club meeting January 11th at Patrick's; Board on January 8th 7:45AM at Dottie's

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