

ZONTA



INTERNATIONAL

February 2010

Zo-NoHo News

Newsletter of the Zonta Club of Northampton Area

District I, Area 2: Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the month

E-mail: northampton@zontadistrict1.org; Web: www.zontadistrict1.org/northampton_ma

President's Letter:

Dear Sister Zontians and Friends of Zonta,

We had a wonderful speaker at our January meeting, thanks go to Meg Gage and to Judy Luddy for organizing the program. For our February meeting, we are having a "members only" brainstorming session to discuss fundraising for our club, as well as an upcoming member recruitment program for this spring.

I know that all of us have been moved by the Haitian hurricane and the relief efforts that are occurring. Many of us have relationships with programs in Haiti. I have included a letter from Beryl Sten, Zonta International President, on what Zontians can do.

Finally, be sure to save the following dates: May 1st for the Area 2 meeting, organized by Jayma Hall, and the International Convention June 25-30 in San Antonio. We do have money in our Convention Fund for our Club delegate, if you are considering going. Let us have a great club turnout at both these events.

In Zonta love and service,
Verna Frasca, President

Verna Frasca, President 2008- 2010

 **Zonta Club of
Northampton Area**
Member of Zonta International

This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on **Wednesday February 10, 2010** at the home of Seren Derin in Amherst. Bring dish to share, dinner from 6-6:30, followed by brainstorming session. If needed there will be a brief business meeting. This is a "members only" meeting. **Call or email Verna Frasca by February 8, 2010 on status of attendance. Contact Verna or Seren if you need directions.**

Women of Haiti need our support – How will Zonta respond?

Relief organizations around the world have taken swift action to help the Haitian people recover from the devastating effects of the earthquake, providing rescue services and support for survivors. The infrastructure needs of the country – reconstruction of roads, peoples' homes, hospitals – are demanding, and the international community is providing the resources to meet these needs and the humanitarian needs of the people of Haiti.

Zonta International reiterates its sincere concern for the people of Haiti; however, Zonta is not a relief organization and is not set up to manage complex and strategic coordination efforts, nor do any funds exist to be used for disaster relief and emergencies.

The recovery and rebuilding process in Haiti will, however, be a long one. The Zonta International Board has begun discussions with UNIFEM about a project that will be in place after the immediate need for help has decreased. In the aftermath of the earthquake, when law and order is not functioning, women and girls are at risk to be victims of all kinds of violence, including adult crime, increased juvenile crime, trafficking into labor or sexual exploitation. As a strategic partner of UNIFEM, Zonta is working on a project which will both meet Zonta's mission and objects and address the issue of violence against women in the aftermath of the earthquake.

On this week's board agenda is, among many matters, the 2010 – 2012 ZISVAW proposals from the President-Elect. The Board has decided to recommend a ZISVAW project in support of the women of Haiti. This proposed project will be brought to the Convention in San Antonio for voting as laid out in the international bylaws.

For those Zontians or Zonta clubs who may wish to make a more immediate personal or club contribution to the relief efforts, we encourage you to support UNIFEM's efforts to provide urgently needed services for the protection of women and their families, specifically the rebuilding of women's shelters and the expanded provision of emergency services for women. Donations can be made online at https://secure.globalproblems-globalsolutions.org/site/Donation2?df_id=1960&1960.donation=form1.

If you make a donation to UNIFEM's relief efforts, please inform UNIFEM that the donation is from a Zontian or Zonta club and notify Zonta International Headquarters via e-mail at advocacy@zonta.org. All donations to UNIFEM will be counted as an action in the SAY NO – UNiTE to End Violence Against Women Campaign.

Beryl Sten
 Zonta International President



**2010 Convention
 San Antonio, Texas, USA
 June 25-30, 2010**

Preparation is underway for the 2010 Zonta International Convention in San Antonio, Texas!

The dates for the convention are Friday, June 25th (when district meetings, delegate training and open forums will take place) **through Wednesday, June 30th.**

Registration tables are expected to be open as early as Thursday, June 24. The opening ceremony will occur on Saturday, June 26th.

For more information, check:

<http://www.zonta2010.org/>



Mark Your Calendar

February 2010

Wed 10 **Regular meeting**, 5:30 – 8:30 PM, Home of Seren Derin, Amherst

March 2010

Wed 10 **Regular meeting**, 5:30 – 8:30 PM, Montana's, Northampton

April 2010

Wed 14 **Regular meeting**, 5:30 – 8:30 PM, Location TBA

May 2010

Sat 1 **Area 2 Spring Workshop**, Clarion Hotel, Northampton

Wed 12 **Regular meeting**, 5:30 – 8:30 PM, Location TBA

June 2010

Wed 9 **Annual meeting**, 5:30 – 8:30 PM, Location TBA

25-30 **International Convention**, San Antonio

Club Officers – 2009-2010

President: Verna Frasca **Vice President:** Megan Butow
Treasurer: Seren Derin **Secretary:** Joyce Twarog
Directors: Jayma Hall; Donna Sroka, and Judy Luddy

Committee Assignments 2009-2010

Status of Women/Service

Linda Gibbon, Co-Chair
Joyce Twarog, Co-Chair
Lynn Goodhue

Membership

Megan Butow, Chair
Kim Pisinski
Donna Sroka

Christine Arcese

Public Relations

Judy Luddy, Chair
Michele Kwatowski
Donna Sroka, Newsletter

Program

Jayma Hall, Chair
Linda Gibbon
Alexis Johnson
Judy Luddy

UN/Advocacy

Audrey Millgate, Chair
Lynn Goodhue

Finance

Seren Derin, Chair
Audrey Millgate
(poinsettias)

Golden Z Club

Judy Luddy liason

Zonta Web Sites

Zonta International: www.zonta.org

Zonta District 1: www.zontadistrict1.org