



OUR ZONTA NEWS

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An Afternoon for Tea

Joyce Burch



The plans made by **Angela Wilkes**, Membership Chair, and her Membership Committee for the "Fun in the Sun 2010 Activities" took a group on a very pleasant journey to Medina for a luncheon at Miss Molly's Tea Room on Saturday, July 17, 2010.

The beautiful summer day, the tea room's lovely, feminine antique décor, the fellowship, delicious meal and browsing in the gift shop made for a delightful afternoon. Hopefully another trip to Miss Molly's will be planned in the future.

Zontians enjoying this event were: Adrienne Bailey, Melinda Bilfield, Joyce Burch, Sandy Hommel and Angela Wilkes. It was a pleasure to also be joined by guests Jane and Monique Pinesi, mother and sister of Melinda.



*The ladies at Miss Molly's Tea Room:
Sandy Hommel, Melinda Bilfield, Joyce Burch,
Angela Wilkes, Monique Pinesi, Jane Pinesi, and
Adrienne Bailey*

'Team Zonta' Runs for The Gathering Place

Angela Wilkes

A chance glance at a display in Lowe's hardware by Membership Chair **Angela Wilkes** led to Cleveland Zontians supporting the Gathering Place in a fun-filled "Race for the Place" on June 6th. Braving early morning thunderstorms and water puddles, walkers and runners were a joyful bunch working together to celebrate the good works of The Gathering Place, a center to support cancer patients, survivors and their families.

Zontians Adrienne Bailey, Melinda Bilfield, Lenore Buford, Germaine Gibian, Sandy Hommel, Angela Wilkes, Sharon Citron Elman, Roji Rao and mascot "Blue" participated as donors and walkers in the 1 mile and 5k categories. Our lone 5k runner, Sharon Elman, showed fortitude and style in crossing the finish line. Family and community members supported Team Zonta Club of Cleveland as we raised \$720 to provide free cancer support services for families affected by cancer. A significant portion of the funds raised were in memory of Dr. Gloria Freire, a friend of Zonta Cleveland.

Team Zonta Members: Melinda Bilfield, Roji Rao, Angela Wilkes, Sandy Hommel, Germaine Gibian, Adrienne Bailey, Sharon Citron Elman and our mascot, "Blue"



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President's Message



Sandra 'Sandy' Hommel

I think we are all are looking forward to some cooler autumn weather and the beautiful fall colors and delicious harvest. We should also be looking forward to a bright future for our club as we approach our landmark 90th anniversary next year.

As I said in my installation talk, I propose some continued and some new goals for our club this year. A major goal, of course, is to increase our membership numbers as we are at a critical all-time low. We should also continue working on our usual projects for scholarships and our charitable works. Four new goals include the following:

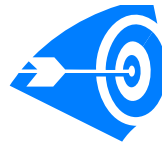
- To "share friendships and fellowship through a local and global network" as stated by ZI by supporting each other and enjoying each other's company while we work together. In other words, have fun and be friends!
- To develop more hands-on service projects that can perhaps be completed at our regular meetings in addition to continuing to support our other programs like Rainey Institute and the Sister to Sister program.
- To discover some new profitable fundraising methods requiring less work than events in the past.
- To have **all** members involved in improving our club and following our mission. Remember: **this club belongs to all of us!**

I know this sounds like a great deal to achieve in light of our small numbers, but if **we all work together**, we can do it. We are small but mighty! Let's keep the club in Cleveland for another 90 years!

Zonta Birthdays

August – January, 2010-2011

September 30	Christopher 'Chris' Shellito
October	Athena Sevastos
November 6	Angela Wilkes
December 4	Sonia 'Sunny' Shellito
January 7	Adrienne Bailey



Items of Interest:

- The Sunshine Committee has been reinstated to send messages to our members for happy or trying occasions. **Penny Carpenter** is in charge. Send any information to Sandy Hommel, so she can forward it.
- **Alanna Arnold** of ABC Zonta is our Area 3 Director.
- **Pat Roby** is our District 5 Governor.
- September 24 is our club meet and greet for prospective members at Paladar's at Eaton Square on Chagrin Blvd. **Please attend and bring a guest!**

Our Mystery Member

A new feature is being added to our newsletter. Little known information will be shared about one of our members. At the next meeting (October) you will have a chance to guess who it is. A small prize will be awarded for all correct answers.

10 little known facts about **Member X**: I...

1. Was sickly as a child until 3 years of age
2. Was cared for by my grandmother
3. Was the eldest of my siblings
4. Used to sleep on the school bus
5. Has visited or passed through 42 of the 50 US states
6. Like red wine
7. Like a good cold beer on a warm day
8. Am in touch with 5 of my school-mates and 2 of my college mates
9. Love a good joke
10. Love a good book

Good luck!!!!!!

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ZCC Celebrates In May

Our May, 2010, meeting was held at Schula's Doubletree Restaurant. A very good attendance included our Area 3 Director **Angela Wilkes** and District 5 Governor **Amy Grubbe**. Numerous gifts were exchanged to thank members for their hard work including a personal gift for each member from out-going President **Sonia Shellito**.

After a delicious dinner, a beautiful installation took place for our officers and board members. Each was presented with a long stemmed yellow rose. We were especially happy to welcome back **Lenore Buford** as a member after a 2 year leave of absence. We are glad to again enjoy her enthusiasm and dedication. **Ruth Siegel** was also recognized for her years of dedication to Zonta International.



Zonta Club of Cleveland's Officers and Dignitaries

An Exciting Invitation!



Saturday, November 13th, will see the dedication event for Rainey kids, families and community. The Rainey kids plan to march with the Mayor from the old building at Superior and down East 55th Street to the new building on Payne Avenue. There will also be another dedication event Wednesday afternoon, November 17th, for funders, dignitaries and other guests. Rainey will begin classes at the old building and then transfer all activity to the new building January 1st.

Zontians are welcome at all the opening festivities!

Read Any Good Books?

While stealing a few minutes to read, **Sunny Shellito** has been enjoying the book, *Stones into Schools* by Greg Mortenson. This is a sequel to *Three Cups of Tea*. She says it is "very inspiring – a should-read for everyone. The author operates by going into the hardest/worst areas that stand to benefit the most from help."

AAUW Seminar on Human Trafficking

Lenore Buford

Saturday, August 14th, **Germaine Gibian** and **Lenore Buford**, wearing their blue and gold Zonta shirts, represented Zonta Cleveland at the Human Trafficking Program presented at Ohio Wesleyan University. The keynote speaker was Ohio Senator Teresa Fedor who is a leader in the movement to abolish human trafficking in Ohio. Ohio is the fourth worst state in trafficking and lagging behind other states in this matter. Samar Ahmad, Executive Director for the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence, also spoke. The statistics cited by the speakers were alarming. For example, in all of the 50 states, there are only 29 residences for children rescued from the traffickers.

For those interested in writing to their representative to second Senator Fedor's bill, SB 235, Zonta's representatives brought back materials regarding this bill and other initiatives important to this movement. Germaine and Lenore will be most happy to share them with club members.

What I Did This Summer...



Sandy Hommel did a lot of travelling including trips to Pittsburgh and Marceline, MO, with old friends. She also visited Little Paw Paw Lake, MI, with her dog, Blue, and her mother, **Penny Carpenter**. This summer, Sandy worked on her art and crafts. She and Penny also spent time gardening and reading. Both mother and daughter are planning a trip to England in September to visit family.

Sonia Shellito spent a busy summer job hunting, doing a little reading and working around her home. She worked for the AAUW/Ohio compiling financial statements for the fiscal years of 2006-2010. She also takes her grandmother every week to visit her grandfather in a nursing home.

ChrisShellito was also busy around their home and as Master of his Blue Lodge of the Masons in Parma with meetings and taking charge of functions such as the lodge picnic. Actually when asked about his summer vacation, Chris replied, "What vacation?"

Besides rejoining the club in May, **Lenore Buford** has been recovering from 3 fabulous back-to-back cruises on her favorite ship, the Crystal Serenity. Ports of call on this 51 day adventure included Barbados, Devil's Island, Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo, Buenos Aires, Capetown, Port Elizabeth, Zanzibar, Mombasa, Cochin and Mumbai.

Angela Wilkes had a busy summer with celebrations and travel. Her oldest son, Stephen, is now a doctor after graduating from Ohio State and is doing his residency in Cincinnati. Son David was honored with a position working for an investment firm in New York City for the summer. She and Gary also managed to slip away for a "hot" trip to the Marriot Ocean Point Palm Beach Shores in Florida where she enjoyed the shopping, movies, restaurants and exploring the beautiful grounds while trying to avoid the high temperatures.

Melinda Bilfield has been busy, as usual, with her family. Her boys have been attending and working at summer camps and continuing their Tai Kwon Do. She celebrated her birthday at a safari park on a rainy day and is looking forward to serving as her youngest son's class room mother this year. She is also working on organizing an art show.

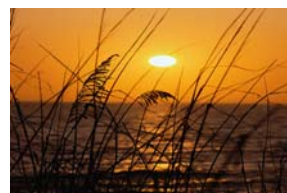
Exciting events are being planned by **Sharon Citron Elman**. Her son Noah is graduating from Universal Technical Institute in Chicago in September and her daughter Emily is beginning her third year of law school at NYU. Sharon celebrated her birthday in NYC with her daughter and is busy shopping for and planning for her daughter's wedding in Aruba in August, 2011.

Germaine Gibian has also been active continuing her work with Rainey Institute where she is on their board. She had a great time representing the club in San Antonio at the Zonta International Convention and "hanging out" with members of the ABC and Ashtabula clubs. Ask her about "things being germane."

Our members are certainly active! The highlight for **Roji Rao** was the family reunion last July. Twenty-five members of her husband's mother's side of the family gathered in the Great Smokie National Park in Tennessee for a week and spent the time socializing, eating good food and having fun. The most special part of it all was the four days Roji spent with her "little one," her grandson, Dashiell!

Our newest member, **Alison Smith**, had an amazing experience in the Susan G. Koman 3 Day Walk for the Cure walking with her team to personally raise \$3000. They met survivors and people remembering loved ones and learning their moving stories. Along the way they were cheered on by the fans and sprayed with water by firemen and children. Alison and her husband also enjoyed a trip to Glasgow, Scotland for her cousin's (and best friend) son's graduation from medical school and wedding. She regularly visits her "home."

Adrienne Bailey has been busy with added responsibilities at work. She has enjoyed the warm summer with her family and friends and working for Zonta.



DON'T FORGET!

**District 5 Conference,
October 15-17 in Akron** 4

ZCC welcomes you, Alison!

Mark Your

Calendar!



September 11, 2010

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

September 24

ZCC Meet and Greet at Paladar's

October 15-17

District 5 Conference – Zonta of ABC

October 30

Travel and Treasure auction and pot-luck

November 1

89th Anniversary of the Zonta Club of Cleveland

November 5

Zonta of Ashtabula's Art Sale

November 8

Zonta International Day

November 13

Rainey Institute Dedication

December 8

Cleveland Mayor's Holiday Food

Basket Assemblage and Giveaway

January 11, 2011

Amelia Earhart Day

Meet Our Newest Member -

Dr. Alison Smith and her family immigrated to the United States from Scotland in 1957 when she was 5 years old. Her father was a gardener and her mother a secretary and wanted to provide an increased opportunity to Alison and her sister for a better education. Alison became the first of her family to attend university and went on to attend medical school at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo. She did her residency and fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic. As a neuroradiologist, she has worked both in academics and private practice. She returned to Cleveland Clinic Main Campus four years ago focusing on clinical work. Her resume included over five pages of appointments, honors and articles she has published. In 1963 she became a citizen.

Outside work, she enjoys being outdoors, hiking and biking with her husband. They also enjoy volunteering for Habitat for Humanity Restore. She is an avid knitter and amateur genealogist. Travelling is also one of her loves, sometimes combined with medical volunteerism. She returns to Scotland to visit family every year. She met Roji Rao through the Fossil Club and loves meeting people. She was a great dancer at "Cocktails and Cabaret," too.

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A Cool End to a Hot Summer



On August 28th, Zonta Club of Cleveland said "good-bye" to summer with a cool and delicious ice cream social hosted by **Angela Wilkes** and the membership committee in the park behind Orange City Hall. With 5 different ice creams, numerous gooey toppings, whipped cream, nuts, beverages and other munchies, members and guests spent a lovely afternoon socializing. Members in attendance included **Adrienne Bailey, Joyce Burch, Penny Carpenter, Germaine Gibian, Roji Rao, Alison Smith, Angela Wilkes, Chis and Sunny Shellito** and **Melinda Bilfield** with her mother and 2 sons. Also in attendance were Barb Long and Robin Bonner and her daughter.



Melinda Bilfield and Alison Smith enjoy a sweet treat.

Any News?????



The club newsletter will be published 3 times a year and is always in need of news. If you have any items such as things you've done, book recommendations or interesting news, please contact **Sandy Hommel** at sehommel@aol.com or at 440-942-3445.



Our Yellow Rose in Texas

*Germaine Gibian shares her thoughts
and memories from the ZI Convention*

It's the people that make the convention inspiring: 1,418 Zontians representing 632 clubs and 480 more clubs by proxy. This was the 60th Zonta International Convention and was held in San Antonio, Texas, in June of 2010. Just being in the hall with all those women and men focused on promoting Zonta's mission made me proud to be part of this multi-cultural organization. Then came the Parade of Flags! We were all supposed to hold our applause for the end, but sometimes it was just spontaneous, as when the gentleman from Togo strode down the aisle in his African cloth robe in Zonta colors complete with the Zonta emblem on his back! That drew a standing ovation.

In business, the most heartening news was on the financial and organizational front. Administrative expenses that were being absorbed by the Zonta Foundation have been brought back to ZI, where they belong. The difference will be evident in Zonta's ratings on websites such as Charity Navigator. Meanwhile, the tight budget has helped turn the International Headquarters into a much leaner and more efficient organization. While at mid biennium, the estimated red ink was over \$800,000. Now the current figure has come down to \$100,509. On Sunday we voted for a \$15 a year dues increase to take effect the second year of the 2010-2012 biennium. Money will still be tight. Members are asked to cooperate by using the website and sending questions to their areas and districts before calling ZI Headquarters.

Zontians handle business efficiently but thoroughly, listening to each candidate's presentation, considering each bylaw change and resolution. There were no surprises, but the work kept delegates locked in the hall until after 8 p.m.!

Tuesday was spent enjoying the fruits of ZI activities, hearing from the wonderful people carrying out our service goals and meeting the amazing girls and women who have received

our awards. It all makes you want to empty your purse and give every penny you have. Please check you July *Zontian* for descriptions of all these programs and the biennium goals. This issue is now our guide for the next two years. I was especially pleased to see Zonta sponsoring a program to address obstetric fistula (a project long supported by Cleveland) and the addition of a program for women in Haiti that focuses on gender-based violence.

The Texas hospitality was on display from the moment we arrived. For business it was evident in the comfortable and well-run meetings and sumptuous cookies at coffee break. In the evenings we mingled with Zontians from around the world, once at a ranch deep in the surprisingly green hills around San Antonio. I especially enjoyed an evening in the rich San Antonio Museum of Art.

What stays in my mind are two ideas from the candidates: President-elect Lynn Mckenzie of New Zealand said she sought out Zonta because she wanted to work to improve life chances of girls and women. That puts it succinctly! Annette Binder of Hamburg, Germany, reminded us that our clubs should be a pleasure, not a burden, where we respect and appreciate each other.

I appreciate all the Zontians I have met: past, present and future, and I love my Cleveland Zontians. Thank you so much for the privilege of attending the International Convention.

**Germaine has the wording of all the bylaws and resolutions with the vote count. Adrienne Bailey emailed you a review of the bylaws changes affecting the club.*



****The next ZI Convention will
be in Italy. Begin saving and
planning for it now!***

********Remember: ZCC meeting
Sept. 16th - Orange Library* ********