



Zonta News

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ZCC celebrates 88 years of service to the community

On Saturday, November 7, 2009, the Zonta Club of Cleveland joined to celebrate the Club's 88th birthday during a luncheon reception at the Church of the Savior in Cleveland Heights. Adrienne Bailey, representing the City of Cleveland, read a proclamation from Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson.

The event was also attended by members of the Sister to Sister Club, including Darial Sneed, Christina Harris, Gabriel Williams and Ciara Williams. Gabriel won the Zonta Club's service award when she graduated from Orange in June 2008.

A short presentation about Zonta was given, and a buffet lunch was enjoyed by those who attended.

Zonta of Cleveland's continued support for local domestic violence shelter

The ZCC kicked-off the 2009- 2010 year on Thursday, September 17th at the Orange Library. The meeting's speaker was Linda Dooley Johaneck, Executive Director of Cleveland's domestic violence shelter. Linda spoke about some of the encounters they face when working with people affected by domestic violence. Her team is working closely with area law enforcement to raise awareness about the services provided by the Domestic Violence Shelter.

Linda also spoke about the ways

November membership meeting wrap-up

On Thursday, November 19, 2009, ZCC held its monthly membership meeting and the Cleveland Heights Library. Guest speaker Karen Rosenberg was on hand to discuss how we can help women internationally without leaving home. Rosenberg discussed her experiences with the Mayan Women's Beading Cooperative on the Isla Mujeres in Mexico.

Rosenberg shared a beautiful slide show, and gave the Club an opportunity to browse some of the products made by the Cooperative. It was evident the women had spent countless hours beading to support their families basic needs and to provide educational opportunities for their children.

Rosenberg holds boutiques at her home, so there are more opportunities to contact Karen and support the Cooperative.

volunteers help the shelter, whether it's by cooking meals or helping staff the domestic violence hotline. If you are interested in volunteer, please contact the shelter since some training may be needed.

On Friday, November 13th, ZCC provided a 'Meal that Heals' at the Domestic Violence Shelter. Approximately 45 women and children residing at the shelter received a spaghetti dinner. As always, the women were thankful for the support received from ZCC.

ZCC's Upcoming Events

The Annual Mayor's Gift Basket Giveaway will take place this Saturday, December 12th. If you are interested in participating, please fill out a volunteer form and return it to the Mayor's office. Please contact Adrienne Bailey for more information.

The Annual Sister To Sister Club Holiday Breakfast will take place Wednesday, December 16th at 8:00 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet the 28 girls in the club, as well as school administrators, parents and Pepper Pike Police Office Todd.

Angela and her husband Gary plan to continue the tradition of providing a small gift to the girls. If you are interesting in supporting this tradition, please send her a donation of \$5. Your name will be added to her gift with a tag.

ZCC honored at District 5 Conference

Members from ZCC attended the Annual District 5 Conference in Perrysburg, Ohio Oct. 16th through Oct. 18th. ZCC was honored to receive a second place award for per capita service hours, as well as a certificate for the District 5 Jane M. Klausman Scholarship Nominee Caitlin Figaro.

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President's Message

Dear Zontians:

We had a good summer (cooler than usual, thus no watering was needed) and a fine fall (warmer than usual, with no frost until Thanksgiving evening). Thus, we were blessed with fine colors and mild weather.

At the successful District 5 Conference in Perrysburg in October 2009, we learned that Cleveland came in second with respect to service hours per capita! Germaine Gibian, our fine secretary, is in the process of clarifying the service definitions for us. I look forward to the new service form and easier recordkeeping. Until then, please continue to submit your hours to her.

And, thank you, Sandy Hommel, for another fine tri-fold display!

Our excellent October 22, 2009 meeting at the YWCA, chaired by Germaine, presented an important advocacy issue: Ageing out of foster care. It was like seeing an old friend, with speaker Dr. Barbara Danforth, a familiar name to some of us. Our November 20, 2009 meeting at the CH-UH Library on Lee Road, featured another excellent and Mexican-flavored topic, chaired by Anjali Rao: Mayan Women's Beading Cooperative on the Isla Mujeres. We were almost on vacation, and shopped the fine sampling of jewelry brought by speaker Karen Rosenberg, LISW.

Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland had a fine and successful event on November 14, 2009, with their 25th Promenade, at Windows on the River. Two newspapers, including The Plain Dealer, included a photo of the event's co-chairs, our Melinda Bilfield and Angela Wilkes, with the

November 24, 2009 print and on-line editions, and quotes with La Prensa, November 2009 issue.

The Spring Fundraiser Committee met twice in November and is off to a running start. I am pleased that seven Zontians joined the committee, right off the bat! The Saturday, April 17, 2010 event promises to become one of our favorites. Preliminary reports indicate that this will be an early evening event, with cocktails and music. We will have the opportunity to listen, watch and participate. And, as always, there will be delicious food and fun silent auction bidding for Cleveland's best baskets!

Thank you to those who helped to celebrate my 40th birthday! On my good days, I feel like I am still 35. On my bad days, I feel like 55+. But, it is fine Zontians like you and fine young ladies in Orange School's Sister to Sister Club that helps me to stay inspired and motivated.

The Area 3 Director, Angela Wilkes, and I look forward to sharing with you, at our quarterly full business meeting, on January 21, 2010. As always, thank you for your attention, and what you do for Zonta and the world to make it a better place! Stay warm and have a Happy New 2010!

Yours in Zonta,

'Sunny' Shellito, President



Zontian celebrates disability awareness program

Zontian Adrienne Bailey recently attended the City of Cleveland Disability Awareness Program. The breakfast reception honored 10 Cleveland agencies for their service in helping people with all types of disabilities. The event was held in the Mayor's Office Conference room. The Zonta Club of Cleveland donated a

centerpiece for the program and Mayor Frank Jackson presented certificates to each of the 10 agency representatives.



Floral centerpiece donated by ZCC

Zonta Club of Cleveland Photo Album



ZCC member Roji Rao (left) at the District 5 conference



Zontian Adrienne Bailey (far left) at the District 5 conference



ZCC member Sandy Hommel (far left) at the District 5 conference



A gift basket donated by the ZCC during the District 5 conference



Governor Amy Grubbe (left) is honored during ZCC's monthly membership meeting held at Cleveland's YWCA



ZCC members Angela Wilkes (left) and Adrienne Bailey at October's monthly membership meeting at the YWCA

Zontians in the community

On November 14, 2009, The Diabetes Associate of Greater Cleveland (DAGC) held the 25th Annual Promenade at Windows in the River. The event was co-chaired by Zontians **Melinda Bilfield** and **Angela Wilkes**.

The theme, 'Take Steps to Fight Diabetes,' featured a dance competition centered around the ballroom dancing craze. Community members paired-up with professional dancers for some exciting entertainment.

More than 300 guests attended the event which raised \$76,000. Congratulations to Melinda and Angela! E-mail Liz Leitch at EL206003@gmail.com so she can include your community involvement in the next newsletter.

Member Updates!

Zonta member **Liz Leitch** is excited to announce her engagement! As many of you remember, she was the winner of the complimentary stay at the Bertram Inn. Liz and her fiancé Rob enjoyed a fabulous dinner at the Leopard restaurant, and afterward he surprised her with a ring!

ZCC celebrates with Ashtabula Club

On November 15th, Area 3 Director and Club member Angela Wilkes visited Austinburg for the Zonta Club of Ashtabula's presentation of 2009 International Fair. It was a lovely way to spend time with our Zonta sisters while supporting a worthwhile charity.

Zonta Birthdays

November

6 *Angela Wilkes*

December

4 *Sunny Shellito*

January

7 *Adrienne Bailey*

31 *Mary Ann Freas*