



OUR ZONTA NEWS

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Cleveland Makes a Great Showing at District 5 Confernece

Zonta Club of ABC hosted the District 5 Conference at the Firestone Country Club in Akron on October 15-17, 2010. Informative workshop topics included treasurers' reports, technology, fundraising and helping the needy. The banquet attendee's were entertained by a very talented school choir. The silent auction to support the district was very successful. Cleveland donated a lemon drop martini basket which was very popular.

We were proud to have 9 of our members in attendance. This was about 63% of our membership. 25% is the goal for each club. Our attendees included **Angela Wilkes, Adrienne Bailey, Lenore Buford, Germaine Gibian, Roji Rao, Sunny Shellito, Ruth Siegel, Melinda Bilfield and Sandy Hommel** who are all in the photo below.

A highlight of the weekend was when District 5 Governor **Pat Roby** announced **Caitlin Figaro**, our nominee, had won a Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Scholarship. Our cheers echoed around the room! We are looking forward to honoring her at the January 20th meeting.



Meet Our JMK Winner

Zonta Club of Cleveland was proud to submit **Caitlin Figaro** as our candidate for the Jane M. Klausman Scholarship in 2009. We were thrilled when she won for District 5. We again submitted her to District 5 in 2010 and she again won. At the District 5 Conference in October, we were elated to receive the news that she had won one of the 10 Zonta International Jane M. Klausman scholarships for \$5000. The 10 international winners were selected from 30 district winners.

Caitlin is a resident of Parma, Ohio. She is in her third year at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, where she is majoring in business marketing and is on the Dean's List. She has won numerous awards including Cap Scholar Awards, 2007 Outstanding Business Student from Parma Chamber of Commerce and multiple awards from marketing organizations. She studied abroad in Melbourne, Australia, in spring of 2010. Caitlin is also a busy volunteer. Her activities include co-founding the Students of Latino Affinity at Capital University, working at the Michael Zone Rec Center with inner city youths and working at a day care center at St. Alban's Church. Her dream is to "become a successful business leader and entrepreneur with service and advocacy for women and minorities."

The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship was begun in 1998 with a bequest from Jane Klausman who served as Zonta International Parliamentarian 1990-1995. It is awarded to "women pursuing undergraduate or Master's degrees in business management."



Caitlin Figaro, Zonta International
Jane M. Klausman Scholarship winner for 2010

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President's Message



Sandra 'Sandy' Hommel

What a busy and successful time we have had beginning this new term!

In my July through November, 2010, report to District 5, I reported on our club's activities. This included a total of 295 volunteer hours, 13 public relations activities, 2 new members, 7 legislative/advocacy awareness activities, 2 guest speakers, 9 membership and retention activities and 690 hours spent on fundraising.

We had 9 members attend the District 5 Conference, the approval of 2 more new members to our club, 3 very successful fundraisers with the Travel and Treasure silent auction, an arts and crafts fair and a raffle to benefit the scholarship fund. We also ran a very large Zonta Store at the district conference. We embarked on 3 new fundraising activities with the sale of chocolate rose suckers, Zonta magnets designed by **Adrienne Bailey** and delicious coffee. We have also had 2 visits each from our District 5 Governor, **Pat Roby**, and our Area 3 Director, **Alanna Arnold**.

The rest of this year is looking equally exciting. Our membership numbers and prospects continue to grow. A fabulous spring fundraiser in April, our Area 3 Meeting in May and more activities for fun (possibly including a "party" to create our own ceramics) are being planned. Of course we can also look forward to more enlightening and enjoyable meetings and hands-on service projects along with the presentation of our Women in History essay contest and college scholarship awards.

Thank you all and keep up the great work!

Zonta Birthdays

February – April, 2011

February 28	Sarojini "Roji" Rao
March 4	Joyce Burch
April 4	Margaret Patrick (emeritae)
April 20	Sandra "Sandy" Hommel



Mark Your Calendar!

February 17, 2011	Club Meeting/Service Committee
February 19	Deadline for Women in History Essay Contest
March 17	Club Meeting attended by Dist. 5 Gov. Pat Roby and our essay contest winner/Scholarship Committee
April 9	Rainey Institute Glissando
April 16	Our club's Scholarship Spring Fundraiser
April 21	Club Meeting and Election of Officers
May 14	Cleveland Hosts Area 3 Meeting
November	Cleveland's 90 th Birthday

What's the Value of One Member?

Ten little members standing in a line. One disliked the president, then there were nine.

Nine ambitious members offered to work late. One forgot her promise, then there were eight.

Eight creative members had ideas good as heaven. One lost enthusiasm then there were seven.

Seven loyal members got into a fix. They quarreled over programs, and then there were six.

Six members remained with spirit and drive. One moved away, then there were five.

Five steadfast members wished there were more. One became indifferent, then there were four.

Four cheerful members who never disagree -- 'Til one complained of meetings, then there were three.

Three eager members! What do they do? One got discouraged, then there were two.

Two lonely members, our rhyme is nearly done. One joined the bridge club, then there was one.

One faithful member was feeling rather blue -- Met with a neighbor, then there were two.

Two earnest members, each enrolled one more -- Doubling their number, and then there were four.

Four determined members just couldn't wait -- 'Til each won another, and then there were eight!

Eight excited members signed up 16 more. In another six verses, there'll be a thousand twenty-four!

-Anonymous (Poem courtesy of Joyce Seymour, Louisville Zonta Club)-reprinted from Spring, 2006

Let us all be the one member who made the club grow!!!!



Travel and Treasure Delights

Germaine Gibian

Delicious! That's the best word for the Zonta Cleveland Travel and Treasure silent auction, member-prepared luncheon and art and craft fair, a new fundraising endeavor for our club, all at the Church of the Savior on October 30.

Guests and members enjoyed the varied auction treasures, bid generously and then added a bit more for scholarships after hearing the appeal from scholarship chair, **Sharon Elman**. The club also was pleased to welcome District 5 Governor **Pat Roby** who participated enthusiastically and brought the broader Zonta picture to us in her message. She also participated with club president, **Sandy Hommel**, and the rest of the club in celebrating our 89th birthday.

Every member contributed with time, great food, decorations by **Joyce Burch**, good auction items and bringing friends, family and guests. Altogether, the event went a long way to closing our scholarship gap for this year.

Thank you everyone and congratulations to our Travel and Treasure chair, **Germaine Gibian** and Art Fair chair, **Melinda Bilfield!**



Melinda Bilfield, Art Fair chair

Gov. Pat Roby with our 89th birthday cake



THIS YEAR IS OUR 90TH BIRTHDAY!!!!

24 People 4 Iris

Lenore Buford

After President **Sandra Hommel** welcomed everyone to the meeting of November 18 at Restaurant Europa and explained the UN/International Relations Committee's process for selecting a signature international project, **Sharon Citron** explained the "stove project" with the aid of photos provided by **Sarojini Rao**. **Chris Shellito** then led the Zonta blessing to begin the seven-course dinner. This culminated with the Zonta Club of Cleveland and its guests being totally enchanted by the person and message of exemplary philanthropist **Iris November**.

This remarkable lady explained the origin and work of "WOMEN 4 WOMEN-WOMEN 4 PEACE." A Peace Pod is a group of women knitting or crocheting shawls, scarves and dolls for women and children in other countries. Shawls and scarves are given to women as a reward for seeking medical treatment, and the dolls are given to children who are ill. Iris passed around beautiful items produced by her Peace Pod. Attendees had difficulty returning the lovely items as everyone present wanted one of them for themselves.

When Iris realized there were knitters and crocheters (as well as wanna-bes) in the group, she invited us to form our own Peace Pod or join an existing one. **Alison Smith** had even brought guests from her knitting guild. Iris passed out copies of some of the patterns for the projects. An animated Q & A period followed.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the service project presentation and the excellent program by the UN/International Relations Committee and chair, **Lenore Buford**.



Iris November



Chris Shellito models a project shawl



Carmel Whiting, Penny Carpenter, Sandy Hommel, Sharon Citron, Evelyn Sallee, Ruth Siegel



Curl Up With A Good Book!

What could be nicer than curling up with a nice book and a cup of hot chocolate? This would be especially nice if the book includes recipes for good food and your hobby of working with yarn. Author **Maggie Sefton** has written a series of mysteries set in Colorado and centered around the House of Lambspun shop. This light reading includes interesting information about making and working with yarn as well as patterns for projects involved in the plot.

Joan L. Hrubec Aviation Education Center

Germaine Gibian

The International Women's Air and Space Museum celebrated the opening of the Joan L. Hrubec Aviation Education Center on October 8, 2010, at Burke Lakefront Airport. Joan's sister and niece were both in attendance as well as **Germaine Gibian** and former Zontian **Rose Kundermueller** to honor the late **Joan Hrubec** who was a member of Zonta Club of Cleveland. Everyone reminisced about Joan, the exciting adventures they had flying with her and her tireless efforts to form the museum.

The new room houses a permanent exhibit about Joan and is full of interactive aviation exhibits for children, including information on careers as well as costumes and props to allow children to imagine themselves in the worlds of flight and space. The Hrubec Center will be open regularly on Saturdays and other days for prearranged tour groups. Joan was indeed a very special Zontian.



The Joan Hrubec Center



No Esta' Sola.



Amanda Ruiviejo-Pastor

You Are Not Alone.

This was the theme for our domestic violence awareness program at the October 21, 2010, meeting at the Hilton East Hotel. It was organized by the Membership Committee and chair **Angela Wilkes** and was very well attended by members and guests. The evening began with the induction of 2 new members, **Alison Smith** and **Josalyn Murray** by our Area 3 Director, **Alanna Arnold**. After a delicious dinner, our guest speaker, **Amanda Ruiviejo-Pastor** who is the coordinator of the Latina Project for the Domestic Violence Center, spoke about the unique problems faced by immigrant women who are victims of domestic violence. Often there is a language barrier as well as cultural or religious differences that hinder their seeking and receiving assistance. A very informative Q&A period followed.

May your new year be a bed of roses!

This was the sentiment expressed at the Zonta Club of Cleveland's holiday party on December 16th. It was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Independence. The evening began welcoming guests and friends including **Anjali Rao**. Our newest member, **Julie Gilliland**, was installed by Past District Governor **Ruth Siegel**. Everyone then enjoyed the wine, appetizer and a delicious dinner served by the very attentive Crowne Plaza staff. We also enjoyed AD **Alanna Arnold's** company. It was a lovely evening with the silver and gold decorations in the glow of candlelight and a very pleasant way to mark the holiday season.



*UNIRCOM NOTES: Meet Her Excellency

Lenore Buford

Brasilia, January 1, 2011

Her Excellency Dilma Rousseff was sworn in as the 36th and first female president of Brazil. Her father was a Bulgarian immigrant and her mother was a teacher. After the 1964 coup d'etat created the military dictatorship that tore the country asunder, Dilma Rousseff became a Marxist urban guerrilla. She was on the "most wanted" list of subversives. She was severely tortured during the two years she spent in prison and survived to become one of the founders of the Democratic Labor Party.

From her post as Secretary of State of Porto Alegre, she was first appointed Minister of Energy under President Luis da Silva and, later, was his Chief of Staff. She is the first president of Brazil who is an economist. Her Excellency is cited as number 16 on the Forbes' list of the most powerful people in the world.

For the fascinating story of the heroine's life, see the list of articles about her in Wikipedia. Her life story is awe-inspiring.

*UNIRCOM NOTES is a new feature for our newsletter with international news from the **United Nations/International Relations Committee**.



The flag of Brazil



DON'T FORGET:

*If you have any news, ideas for articles or book reviews, contact **Sandy Hommel** at sechommel@aol.com anytime.

*Begin thinking about organizing our Peace Pod to knit or crochet for women 4 women - knitting 4 peace.

Meet Our New Members:

Josalyn Murray was installed into the Zonta Club of Cleveland at the October 21, 2010, meeting. She has worked for Merrill Lynch for 4 years as a portfolio and financial advisor, CFM, in downtown Cleveland. She is a life long resident of Ohio. She attended St. Joseph Academy and now serves on their Alumnae Board. She graduated with a BS in Economics and a BA in Finance from John Carroll University. Josalyn also has been a member of the Solon Chamber of Commerce and the League of Women Voters.

Josalyn brings a passion to Zonta for service and is especially interested in assisting young women and scholarship. In her reason for seeking membership, she said she wants to "participate in the advancement of young women through volunteering my time and commitment to advising as well as raising money for scholarship." WE WELCOME YOU, JOSALYN!



Josalyn Murray receives a gift from Angela Wilkes as Alison Smith and Roji Rao look on

Julie Gilliland was installed at our holiday party on December 16, 2010. She is a strategic partnerships manager for The Cleveland Playhouse. She holds a BS in Theater from Texas Women's University and is very active in numerous and varied organizations including the Rotary Club, Beachwood Chamber of Commerce, Benefit Planning Committee for Young Audiences of NE Ohio and the Rotary Committee Youth Empowered to Succeed Through Sailing (YESS).

Julie lives in Medina with her husband of 16 years and her 2 cats. Her husband works in the theater department of Tri-C West. She grew up in Texas and then moved to Denver for 9 years. She moved to Ohio in 2003 where she has worked for Playhouse Square, the Cleveland Orchestra and, now, The Playhouse. She is looking forward to the Playhouse's move to the renovated Allen Theatre in fall of 2011.

Her hobbies include crocheting, and she is attempting to learn to knit. Julie says, "I love the varied backgrounds of my sisters in the Zonta Club of Cleveland and appreciate the warm welcome." WE WELCOME YOU, JULIE!



Julie Gilliland and Roji Rao set up for the November 1st orientation

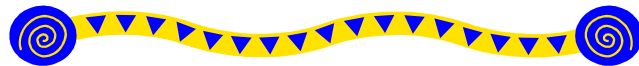
What Have Members And Friends Been Up To?

Penny Carpenter is enjoying improved vision after completing her second cataract surgery. It truly is an amazing procedure!

Angela Wilkes just returned from a lovely and warm cruise celebrating her husband's birthday. On the ship, she participated in a walk for Susan Komen Race for the Cure. Zontians are busy even on vacation! Our best wishes go with her for her eye surgery in February.

Busy! Busy! Busy! That best describes our vice president, **Melinda Bilfield**. Besides being a busy mother and wife, she serves on the board for many organizations besides Zonta. 8 years ago she began running the Dreidel Shop for Park Synagogue, a holiday shop for children K through 9th grade. Children can purchase gifts for family and friends and proceeds benefit the school. She recently added an art show at which teenagers and adults can do their holiday shopping. Beginning in 2003 to the present, she conducts a Traditions Class at her son's elementary school to "teach understanding and tolerance for differences in people. The class includes discussion of family/friend/school traditions (religious or not). The use of food, music, stories, etc. gives children concrete examples of the similarities we all have in traditions which make us all the same and, hopefully, creates that understanding that we are all family." Melinda is often making potato latkes or cookies late at night to deliver early the next morning, rain or snow. This will be her last year conducting the class since her youngest son will be moving to the middle school next year.

The month of March and beginning of April will find **Sarojini "Roji" Rao** in India with her family to memorialize her late father. Have a safe trip, Roji! Hurry back for the fundraiser!



Our club's traveling display by Roji Rao