



Greetings



The Zonta Club of Cleveland continues to advance the status of women through our successful 2013-2014 projects.

In 2013, the members volunteered with the Gathering Place Race for the Place for breast cancer awareness.

Several members also volunteered to assist at the Cleveland Food Bank. In December, members assisted with The City of Cleveland Mayor’s Food Basket Give Away. The 37th Annual Cleveland International Film Festival provided the Club with an opportunity to share the purpose of Zonta International with the audience. The documentary “Throw Away Women” enlightened our audience about widows in India as outcasts from their communities.

Zonta International embarked on a mission with the United Nations to eradicate violence against women using the motto “ZONTA SAYS NO”. The Cleveland Club challenged its local community to advocate against violence, with a forum. Judge Ronald Adrine of the Cleveland Municipal Court and Sondra Miller, President and CEO of the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center spoke on the legal and physical experiences of the survivors.

At the District 5 Conference in Cincinnati, the Cleveland Club won the award for Membership Recruitment. As we conclude the 2014 program years in May, we will continue our advocacy for women in nontraditional roles, and provide educational opportunities for women veterans. The Area 3 Meeting will be held in Cleveland in May 2014. The theme is The Strategic Plan of Leadership.

Adrienne Bailey
President

Upcoming Dates

March 2014

Thursday, 3/13
5:30 pm
Meet & Greet Prospective Zontians

Thursday, 3/20
6:30 pm
Scholarship Committee
“Women Veterans: Their Journey through CSU & Beyond “

Friday, 3/21
1:45 pm
Cleveland International Film Festival
“Border”

April 2014

Thursday, 4/3
Club Board Meeting

Saturday, 4/12
5:30 pm
Spring Fundraiser
“A Night of Magic”

Thursday, 4/17
Club Election Meeting

May 2014

Saturday, 5/3
District 5 Area 3 Meeting

Thursday 5/15
Annual Meeting & Installation Ceremony

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The First Annual Flora Award

May 21, 2013

Adrienne attended the first Annual Flora Awards at the Western Reserve Historical Society. Prior to her retirement, Dr. Dorothy Miller of the Flora Stone Mather Center for Women gave remarks and the awards to the recipients. The award recognizes women who are making a difference in the lives of women and children. In the 19th century, Flora Stone Mather supported women and children in need with her time and philanthropy. The first recipient was Priscilla Cooper, the founder and President of the Family Connection Center. Ms. Cooper has personally counseled and empowered women. Terri T. Davis of the Family Health at Beech Brook was the second recipient. She is a facilitator of family anger management. She is the creator of the Family Drop-In Center that advocates for women and children.



(Photo: from the left Adrienne, Ms. Cooper Director Miller & Ms. Cooper)

Sister to Sister Program

Submitted by Angela Wilkes, Founder
May 25, 2013

The Sister to Sister program continues to be a viable student organization at Orange High School. The young ladies

represent the diversity of the school district with students of all ethnic backgrounds. The junior and senior student mentors assist freshmen and sophomore girls in their adjustment to the high school setting. Club sessions focus upon developing strong study habits, maximizing the academic experience through challenging courses, extra-curricular activities, and service to their community.

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The Sister to Sister Club provides volunteer service to the Open Door program for young children of working parents who are in extended day activities. The young ladies read stories, play games

and indoor sports to ease the students into their early school day. The Sister to Sister Club also assists in anti-bullying activities to maintain a respectful school environment. Recognized as student leaders, the Sister to Sister Club has grown into a well-known and respected student organization.



Angela Wilkes and Adrienne Bailey presented six academic achievement awards to the Sister to Sister students at the Orange High School Seniors Award for their outstanding accomplishments.

Race for the Place

June 2, 2013

Zonta Club of Cleveland Participates in Race for the Place. Submitted by Sharon Citron.

On June 2nd, 2013 several Zonta members' family and friends met at Beachwood Mall for the annual Race for the Place, sponsored by the Gathering Place, a nonprofit support center for cancer patients and families affected by cancer. The mission of the Gathering Place is to support educate and empower patients and families touched by cancer through programs and services. Participants in the race provide much of the funding for this worthwhile organization.

The Zonta Club of Cleveland was comprised of eight club members, two family members and one friend. All participants were given the option of running 3.1 miles, walking 3.1 miles or walking one mile. Team captain Sharon Citron Elman, her son Noah and family friend Mackenzie Volpe ran 3.1 miles. Zontians Angela Wilkes, Carolyn Anderson, Mary Long and Roji Rao walked 3.1 mile. Our remaining members and family members walked one mile. They were Germaine Gibian, Adrienne Bailey, and Lenore Buford who was escorted by Barnett Elman.

Zontian Carolyn Cirincione could not join us the morning of the race, but deserves recognition for soliciting the most money of any team member.



As a team, Zonta Club of Cleveland exceeded their financial goal. We hope to do better and have more attendees at next year's race.

Please join us on June 1st, 2014 for fun, camaraderie, great exercise and a fabulous cause.

Unitarian Universalist Society of Cleveland

Submitted by Roji Rao
June 23, 2013

For the second year in a row, Roji was invited to speak about Zonta to the congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Cleveland. On Sunday, June 23rd, she did that by telling the members about Zonta Club of Cleveland, its mission and its service projects. In return, Unitarian Universalist Society of Cleveland donated its Sunday offerings to ZCC. This is not only a great PR opportunity, it is also a small fundraiser. We are grateful to Unitarian Universalist Society of Cleveland for giving us this opportunity.



New Members.

July 28, 2013





Angela Wilkes, Chairman and the membership committee organized the installation ceremony of Carolyn Anderson, Denise Rucker-Burton and Marsha Garrett at the ThornCreek Winery and Garden. Governor Rae Arnold and Area 3 Director Marielle Hoffman performed the installation ceremony.

Zontian Angela Visits Alaska

September 9, 2013



Angela and Gary Wilkes spent part of their summer on a cruise to the inner passage of Alaska.

Excursions highlighted the beauty of Alaskan First Nations Peoples lodges, totems and art

work. Celebrations by Clan Chiefs included days of feasting and gifts for all in attendance. The tour guide stated the word "Potlatch" may have been the basis of "potluck". A Chief or family add a ring to their totem signifying a potlatch was held. Multiple rings on a clan's totem indicates their prosperity. Potlatch Park in Kitchikan featured the life of the people in the 19th and early 20th century. A tour in Sitka of the Jackson Museum displayed photographs, baskets, beadwork, toys, fishing and hunting equipment of the clan.

Historical photograph of the Alaskan women shows them at work creating the beautiful baskets used in their daily lives.



Race for the Cure:

September 21, 2013

For many years now, Roji has been an active member of the planning committee of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. On Race Day - September 21st - she volunteered in the Pre-Registration tent from 5:00 AM to 9:45 AM and then walked the 5K in memory of a dear friend and colleague who lost her life to breast cancer several years ago.

The 40th Heights Heritage & Garden Tour

September 22, 2013

The members volunteered to be guides at a home in Cleveland Heights for the visitors to tour the property. The 40th Heights Heritage and Garden Tour is a public relations project to expose the club to the community. Carolyn Anderson (her guest),



Germaine Gibian, Sarojini Rao, Christopher Shellito, Cindy Wiley and Angela Wilkes.



Zonta Says No

Submitted by Adrienne Bailey
October 9, 2013

Zonta Club of Cleveland participated in the Zonta Says No campaign to end

violence against women with a community forum on October 9, 2013. Judge Ronald Adrine of the Cleveland Municipal Court and Sondra Miller, the President and CEO of the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center were the keynote speakers and Governor Rae Arnold provided the history of Zonta International.

The speakers provided the reality of violence against women. Judge Adrine, the co-authored the Ohio Domestic Violence Law and is the Co-Chairman of the Advisory Board of the National Judicial Institute on

Domestic Violence indicated that survivors frequently dropped the charges against their abusers because of the reaction of the abusers.

Ms. Miller indicated that a woman does not leave her abuser or report the crime immediately. She mentioned that 1 in 4 women experience violence. The Cleveland Rape Crisis Center provides comprehensive 24 hour services to survivors of sexual violence and sex trafficking. The center concentrates on the healing of children, teens and adults

The display of the shoes represented women killed by domestic violence impressed the



guests. The Zonta Club of Cleveland Foundation contributed to the ZISVAW, Cleveland Rape Crisis Center and Family Without Violence on the behalf of Governor Arnold, Ms. Miller and Judge Adrine.

The Club thanks everyone for attending the Zonta Says No forum. The members worked tirelessly for the success of forum.



A JOB WELL DONE MEMBERS!

Zonta International posted the Cleveland Zonta Says No story on-line.

[Zonta International WebSite](#)

The 43rd District 5 Governor Annual Fall Conference

October 18 – 19, 2013

The 43rd District 5 Governor Annual Fall Conference was at the beautiful 1931 French Art Deco Hilton Cincinnati



Netherland. It was a combination of the election of the 2014-2016 District Officers, speakers, reports from the Area Directors, awards and Governor Rae Arnold's report. The Zonta International Board of Director Gabrielle Samara Paphitis of Cyprus-District 14 attended the conference to answer questions from the presidents and relay information about the Zonta Intentional Board.



Melinda Bilfield, Lenore Buford, Marsha Garrett, Germaine Gibian, Sonia Shellito, Sarojini Rao, Angela Wilkes and Cindy Wiley attended the conference.

The Cleveland Club had the largest attendance among the Area 3 clubs. Congratulation! Cleveland. The club won first place for recruiting 15% of the total membership from September 2012 to September 2013.



Congratulation! Sonia was elected the 2014-2014 Area 3 Director-Elect by the Area 3 Delegates.

Over \$12,000 was collected for the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Award by the end of the conference. Individual Cleveland members and the Club donated on behalf of the late Dr. Shirley Schneider, the Past International President.



The Ashtabula members did a skit on Alice the Wonderland for the next District 5 conference.

Mark your calendar for the next District 5 Conference from October 17-19, 2014 at Geneva on the Lake, the Ohio Wine County Resort.

City of Cleveland Disability Awareness Program

October 30, 2013

The Club donated 24 centerpieces to the City of Cleveland Disability Awareness program.



The centerpieces were created by Adrienne Bailey with Autumn color flowers in glass vases. The centerpieces were raffled for free to the audience. Sarojini Rao and Sonia Shellito attended.

The Throw Away Women

November 21, 2013

The United Nations Committee presented a video called 'The Throw Away Women' by Oprah Winfrey. The mistreatment of widows in Vrindavan, India was appalling. Women are expelled from their homes, mostly by family members because they are widows. These women are left homeless, with no monetary for survivorship. Sarojini mentioned that it is a tradition that widows do not remarry, leaving the women vulnerable.



Zonta International recognized The Zonta Club of Cleveland's participation in the 37th Cleveland International Film Festival. [Zonta International Recognizes Zonta Club of Cleveland](#)