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# Zonta NewZ



Helping improve the legal, political, economic, health, education and professional status of women and girls locally and internationally.

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## The Girl Effect

*The Girl Effect*, n. The powerful social and economic change brought about when girls have the opportunity to participate in their society.

Zonta isn't the only organization focusing on improving the status of women and girls worldwide. girleffect.org has been created by the Nike Foundation, a non-profit organization supported by Nike, Inc. that is dedicated to investing in adolescent girls as the most powerful force of change in the developing world. girleffect.org tells the story of girls creating a ripple impact on their families, communities and nations. It provides the tools for girl champions to spread the word.

Our new reusable sanitary napkin

project does just that: It gives African girls the tools they need to stay in school after the onset of puberty.

Your Board is in the process of



girleffect.org

soliciting partnerships with The Snap Source, Troy, MI and The Warm Company, Lynnwood,

WA to minimize the cost of producing the pads, enable us to supply a greater number of pads and garner wider recognition of the project. In addition, we are working on teaming up with a local school to give high school aged girls the opportunity to work with us on this service project and help them learn the value of volunteer service to others.

Our goal is to start this project this fall. More details will be forthcoming.

There is a phenomenal video on the [girleffect.org](http://girleffect.org) website. I encourage all of you to check it out. I also forwarded the information to Sandra Vosper, District 15 Governor, for dissemination **throughout the District.**

## Zonta "GoodSearch" for websurfing

Zonta International will benefit from Zontians and friends using [www.GoodSearch.com](http://www.GoodSearch.com) as their search engine. ZI will get \$0.01 for each search. It may seem trivial, but it is free money for Zonta.

How does it work?

1. Go to [www.GoodSearch.com](http://www.GoodSearch.com)
2. When the home page comes up, go to the center of the screen under the

GoodSearch  
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question "Who do you GoodSearch for?" and enter Zonta International. Click the name ZI and it will be there whenever you use GoodSearch to surf the web.

3. Make [www.GoodSearch.com](http://www.GoodSearch.com) your homepage by clicking on Tools then select Internet Options. In the homepage box click on the Use Current button. GoodSearch will populate in the field. Click Apply and OK.

# Service Committee

Scarves



**Cancer Scarves:**

Thursday, September 25th will be the next sewing date. Location will be announced at the September 4th membership meeting. We will be sewing cancer scarves and anyone with or without sewing skills is welcome. This is a great opportunity to do some valuable service for the community while socializing with your fellow Zontians. Bring a snack to share. Contact Lisa Sostecke if you plan on attend-

ing.

**Girls Learning Day:**

The Board is researching opportunities for hosting a girls learning day in the Spring. The Board is recommending the day focus on girls in science and math. This would possibly include a on water science experience through GVSU Annis Water Resources Institute and some kind of aeronautical experience to link our Amelia Earhart connection. In addition, this would give us an

opportunity for making contacts with GVSU for future lunch & learns.



[www.gvsu.edu/wri](http://www.gvsu.edu/wri)

*“Women hold up  
half the sky”  
Mao Tse-Tung  
Of China*

# Membership Committee

**Lunch & Learns:**

Our summer lunch & learn initiative produced positive results: we will be initiating two new members in November; we have two additional I&L's scheduled (Progressive AE & GROW); we are in the process of scheduling one additional (Altacor); and we have names of eight additional prospects from various

sources which we have invited to the Progressive AE L&L. We did learn; however, that it is essential to have a warm contact at the target business. Our strategy going forward will be to gather warm contacts and our goal will be to schedule one L&L per month. Please forward any warm contacts to Darcie Clapp.

We have a draft of the “In the News” cards that we will be sending to women in the news as prospective members. It will be available for review/comment at the September meeting and go to print thereafter. If you see an article of a woman in the news that should receive a card from Zonta, please clip it and forward it to Kate Holbert.

**In the News Cards:**



# Ways & Means Committee

**Book Event Fundraiser:**

Our \$3,000 donation to the Lang Lodge Capital Campaign at Camp Newaygo was presented on August 19th at the Annual Board meeting for NCCS Camp Newaygo. Ground

breaking will be this fall. Many thanks were extended to Zonta for our efforts.

**Poker Fundraiser:**

Where: Eastbrook Lanes  
When: October 2008

Volunteers will be solicited at the membership meetings prior to the event. We need

everyone's participation in order to make this event a success.



# President's Message



I hope you all have enjoyed the summer break! One of the highlights for me was the ATNOZ party hosted by Maggie Benjamin.

We had such a great turnout and lots of good food and fun was had by all. Thanks Maggie!

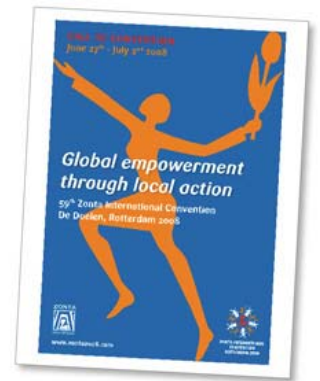
I would like to extend a warm Zonta welcome to our two new members to be initiated in November, Judy Wyman and Gini Gordon. If you attended the ATNOZ party you have already met them, if not, you will at the September business meeting.

Another highlight was my trip to the Netherlands as your delegate to the International Convention in Rotterdam. The weather was fabu-

lous and I was able to tour Amsterdam, the Anne Frank House, Rotterdam and Breda. I will post photos of the trip on our website once I get them developed. More details follow in the article below.

I have a happy announcement to make: I am expecting baby #2 on January 20th. The pregnancy is going smoothly and we are eagerly awaiting the new arrival.

I look forward to another fulfilled, successful Zonta year.



## International Convention NewZ

As usual, the International Convention was a show stopper. The speakers and workshops were excellent, the business sessions were informative and fun was had by all at the social events. I will be posting photos on the zontagr.org website once they arrive (I purchased the official photo CD from the Convention to ensure quality and save space in my luggage!) There are two business items to note:

1. The bylaw change to include those who are actively engaged in or have experience in a position with decision-making capacity PASSED! This means that our pool of qualified prospective members

grows exponentially.

2. The proposed International Membership Dues increase of \$15 PASSED but it will not be effective until June 2009 (instead of retroactive to June 2008 as proposed). As such, your Board is recommending that we amend our recently changed dues structure effective June 2009 to be new member \$75 and renewal \$115 (up from \$100).

In your 2008-2010 Biennial Zontian Issue, International President, Beryl Sten introduces biennial goals and service projects. One of which, I want to bring to your attention due to a current event. That is

\$450,000 to Reduce Obstetric Fistula in Liberia, a project in cooperation with UNFPA. There is a NOVA program titled "A Walk to Beautiful" currently airing on WGUV that deals with this issue and brings it to light. You can view this excellent program online at <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/beautiful/program.html>. I have requested permission from WGUV for Zonta to host a public viewing of the program as an advocacy project.

For more Convention details, I highly recommend visiting the website at [www.zonta2008.com](http://www.zonta2008.com). It includes all convention newsletters and speeches. There you can attend Convention without the price tag! Mark your calendars for San Antonio 2010!





# Zonta Club of Grand Rapids

## Member of Zonta International

*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

### Next Business Meeting:

**Thursday, September 4, 2008**

5:30pm Social

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Business Meeting

D.A. Blogett Conference Room

805 Leonard St. N.E.

~Onsite Child Care provided~

Speaker: Dan Holbert, VP Strategy &

Finance for Hope Network. Dan is part of a

9 member leadership team (which includes

fellow Zontian Allison Reuter, General

Counsel) for the 2,200 employee company

whose mission is to empower people with

disadvantages or disabilities to achieve their

highest level of independence.

Dinner \$15.00, includes beverages

Menu: Chicken topped with mushrooms

and bacon in honey mustard sauce, house

salad, garlic mashed potatoes, sugar snap

peas, and dessert.

Catered by: Catered Creations, Inc.

### Important Dates

- Saturday, September 13th, 6:00pm, Governor's Reception honoring Sandra Vosper, Sault Ste. Marie, Canada, \$40. Contact Darcie Clapp if you want to attend and carpool.
- Thursday, September 25th, Sewing Project, Details TBA
- Friday, September 26th, 12-1pm, L&L @ Progressive AE
- October 2008, Poker Fundraiser, Eastbrook Lanes, Details TBA
- October 17-19th, D15 Fall Conference, Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankemuth, MI
- Thursday, January 8th will be our January business meeting since the first Thursday falls on a holiday.
- Friday, January 30th, L&L, 12-1pm, @ GROW

## HERstory

Dr. Judith Meyer has been a Grand Rapids Zontian since 1997. She thought she would become a doctor or a professional violinist when she grew up and she was right! She retired as an OB/GYN with MMPC and is an avid violinist—she has played since she was eight years old. Musically inclined, she also sings in the choir. In addition to Zonta, Judith has been a member of the Women's City Club and many medical societies.

The biggest lesson she has learned from life is to stay flexible. She couldn't pick just one bad habit,

she says there are too many to list. The best day of the past year for Judith was any day that she is enjoying music. If she could go back in time and spend a day with someone she would spend it with Ingrid Bergman and get to know her first hand. A unique item she carries with her in her purse is plastic bags for her beloved dog. If she had a million dollars and 24 hours to spend it she would buy a brand spanking new Mercedes Benz with a driver and repair man! If she were to choose a new name for herself, it would be Remy.

The object she claims to be most like in Meijer's is a jar of nuts!

Judith is a great asset to Zonta and we are proud to have her as a long standing member.



**Judith Meyer, M.D.**