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

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## December 10th Marks 60th Anniversary of the UN's adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

*"Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home - so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. Yet they are the world of the individual person; the neighbourhood s/he lives in; the school or college s/he attends; the factory, farm, or office where s/he works. Such are the places where every man, woman, and child seeks equal justice, equal opportunity, equal dignity without discrimination. Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerted citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world."*

—Eleanor Roosevelt, chair of the committee that adopted the UDHR

### Universal Declaration of Human Rights

**Preamble**

Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world, whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people,

Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law,

Whereas it is essential to promote the development of friendly relations between nations,

Whereas the peoples of the United Nations have in the Charter reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women and have determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

Whereas Member States have pledged themselves to achieve, in cooperation with the United Nations, the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Whereas a common understanding of these rights and freedoms is of the greatest importance for the full realization of this pledge,

Now, therefore,

The General Assembly,

Proclaims this Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this Declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of Member States themselves and among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction.

**Article 1**  
 All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another as a spirit of brotherhood.

**Article 2**  
 Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty.

**Article 3**  
 Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

**Article 4**  
 No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.

**Article 5**  
 No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

**Article 6**  
 Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law.

**Article 7**  
 All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration and against any such discrimination.

**Article 8**  
 Everyone has the right to an effective remedy to the competent national tribunals for acts violating the fundamental rights granted him by the constitution or by law.

**Article 9**  
 No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.

**Article 10**  
 Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal in the determination of his rights and obligations and of any criminal charge against him.

**Article 11**  
 1 Everyone charged with a penal offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law in a public trial at which he has had all the guarantees necessary for his defence.  
 2 No one shall be held guilty of any penal offence on account of any act or omission which did not constitute a penal offence under national or international law, at the time when it was committed. Nor shall a heavier penalty be imposed than the one that was applicable at the time the penal offence was committed.

**Article 12**  
 No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

**Article 13**  
 1 Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each State.  
 2 Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country.

**Article 14**  
 1 Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.  
 2 This right may not be invoked in the case of prosecutions genuinely arising from non-political crimes or from acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

**Article 15**  
 1 Everyone has the right to a nationality.  
 2 No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality nor denied the right to change his nationality.

**Article 16**  
 1 Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights in marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution.  
 2 Marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses.  
 3 The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.

**Article 17**  
 1 Everyone has the right to own property alone as well as in association with others.  
 2 No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property.

**Article 18**  
 Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.

**Article 19**  
 Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

**Article 20**  
 1 Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.  
 2 No one may be compelled to belong to an association.

**Article 21**  
 1 Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives.  
 2 Everyone has the right to equal access to public service in his country.  
 3 The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government; this will shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures.

**Article 22**  
 Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security and is entitled to realization, through national effort and international co-operation and in accordance with the organization and resources of each State, of the economic, social and cultural rights indispensable for his dignity and the free development of his personality.

**Article 23**  
 1 Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favourable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment.  
 2 Everyone, without any discrimination, has the right to equal pay for equal work.

**Article 24**  
 Everyone who works has the right to just and favourable remuneration ensuring for himself and his family an existence worthy of human dignity, and supplemented, if necessary, by other means of social protection.

**Article 25**  
 1 Everyone has the right to form and to join trade unions for the protection of his interests.  
 2 Everyone has the right to rest and leisure, including reasonable limitation of working hours and periodic holidays with pay.

**Article 26**  
 1 Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.  
 2 Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace.  
 3 Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children.

**Article 27**  
 1 Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of the community to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits.  
 2 Everyone has the right to the protection of the moral and material interests resulting from any scientific, literary or artistic production of which he is the author.

**Article 28**  
 Everyone is entitled to a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration can be fully realized.

**Article 29**  
 1 Everyone has duties to the community in which alone the free and full development of his personality is possible.  
 2 In the exercise of his rights and freedoms, everyone shall be subject only to such limitations as are determined by law solely for the purpose of securing due recognition and respect for the rights and freedoms of others and of meeting the just requirements of morality, public order and the general welfare in a democratic society.  
 3 These rights and freedoms may in no case be exercised contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

**Article 30**  
 Nothing in this Declaration shall be interpreted as implying for any State, group or person any right to engage in any activity or to perform any act aimed at the destruction of any of the rights and freedoms set forth herein.

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[www.knowyourrights2008.org](http://www.knowyourrights2008.org)

[www.ohchr.org](http://www.ohchr.org)



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# Service Committee

## Sewing Projects:

The next sewing date will be either 1/15/09 or 1/22/09 at 5:30pm at DA Blodgett. . The date will be announced at the 1/8/09 business meeting. We will again invite area middle and HS girls to attend and help us with the project.

There are several steps to complete each pad. No sewing skills are required. We will need lots of hands to make

this project successful. If you are available, please come and help. If you have a sewing machine, fabric scissors and/or butter yellow or cream thread, please bring them with you to the project night.



*“Begin doing what you want to do now. We are not living in eternity. We have only this moment, sparkling like a star in our hand — and melting like a snowflake.”*

*—Marie Beyon Ray*

# Membership Committee

## Guests:

Lisa Bonney from St. John’s Home will attend our January business meeting as a guest. Bonnie Cowles from GVSU Water Research Center attended the November meeting and the pad sewing night as Darcie’s guest and has accepted an invitation to join at the February business meeting. Colleen Cox who was one of

the two non-Zontians at the Voigt House who expressed membership interest has been invited to the January meeting. Please welcome them all.

## Lunch & Learns:

Our L&L at Miller Johnson went very well. There were 15 Miller Johnson employees in attendance and two expressed interest in attending a meeting to find out more. Both have

been invited to our January business meeting. In addition, the HR Manager who coordinated the meeting has given us a warm contact with Priority Health’s Diversity Learning Team which we will follow up to schedule a L&L. And, the HR intern who planned the meeting is interested in helping us start a Golden Z Club at GVSU if we are interested.

# Ways & Means Committee

## Poker Fundraiser:

Since we raised less money than budgeted at the October fundraiser, we scheduled a second poker night for the period of Thursday, January 1, 2009 through Sunday, January 4, 2009. The location is TJ’s Charity Card Room at 6211 S. Division in Grand Rapids. If

you are able to volunteer for a four hour shift, please contact Darcie Clapp ASAP. We need at least one Zontian at each shift.



# President's Message



The Voigt House ATNOZ event at the Voigt House annual holiday Sugar Plum Tea was enjoyed by all

and very well attended. We had 13 Zontians and 3 guests in attendance. There was even interest in membership from one of the two non-Zontians present.. Our next ATNOZ event will be a dinner theater with our very own Maggie Benjamin in one of the roles. Guests are welcome and encouraged. More details will be forthcoming at the January business meeting.

The January 8th business meeting should be very interesting. We are having a speaker from GROW and

will try to foster a deeper relationship and hopefully reschedule a L&L with their client base. We will also be hosting several prospects at the January meeting. The new year proves to be very exciting for our Club!

I will not be present at the February meeting as it is just after the scheduled birth of my new arrival. Allison Reuter, VP will preside in my place.

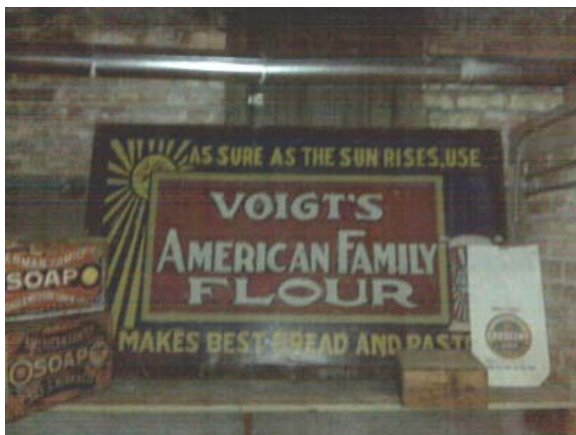
Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season to everyone!

-Darcie



## ATNOZ Newz

Fun was had by all at our holiday ATNOZ event at the Voigt House. We celebrated the season with a Christmas story, tea and crumpets and a tour of the mansion. Here are some photos from the tour. Additional photos can be found on our website.





# Zonta Club of Grand Rapids

## Member of Zonta International

*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

### Next Business Meeting:

**Thursday, January 8, 2009**

5:30pm Social

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Business Meeting

D.A. Blodgett Conference Room

805 Leonard St. N.E.

~Onsite Child Care provided~

Presenter: Deborah Roberts-Hanshue, Director of Development for GROW, Grand Rapids Opportunities for Women, a non-profit organization which provides women with opportunities to develop the skills and acquire the knowledge needed to achieve economic independence through self employment.

Dinner \$15.00, includes beverages—Please sign sheet by drinks so we can track for purchase and reimbursement. Thanks!

Menu: Baked lasagna, tossed salad, French bread, and dessert

Catered by: Catered Creations, Inc.

### Important Dates

- January 1-4, Poker Fundraiser at TJ's Charity Card Room located at 6211 S. Division
- January 15 or 22 (TBD at business meeting), Pad sewing night at DA Blodgett offices
- February ATNOZ, Dinner Theater, Guests welcome, Details TBA at January business meeting
- March 8, 2009, International Women's Day/Zonta Rose Day
- May 14, 2009, Zonta GR hosts girls learning day with focus on math and science

## HERstory

Kate Holbert has been a Grand Rapids Zontian since 1980. She currently holds the position of Secretary for the Club and does a marvelous job at it. She has three adult boys and one granddaughter who lives in Phoenix and is 4 1/2. She loves to snow and water ski, which she learned after she was 45, garden and enjoys listening to her husband Dan's big band. Kate wanted to be a nurse when she grew up. She ended being the manager of a data entry department at Michigan Bell and since retirement she has kept herself

occupied by working at day care centers and caretaking for her neighbor's mother.

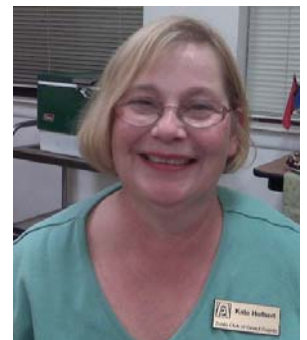
Outside of Zonta, she is very involved in her church and reads a lot.

Kate would spend the day with her mom who has passed if she had the chance.

Kate's most embarrassing moments was 20 years ago when she was at Charlie's Crab restaurant and came out of the bathroom with her skirt tucked into her underwear. She got all the way to the front hostess stand before anyone alerted her!

If Kate had a million dollars to spend, she would start a scholarships program to help people help themselves and also use it to get her sister out of the nursing home.

Kate is a great long term asset to our Club!



**Kate Holbert**