

THE ZONTA ROSE - Zonta Club of Washington County Newsletter



August Meeting Information Wednesday, August 6, 2008

6 PM – 8 PM Meeting



Margaritas and Martinis!!

Our first Margaritas and Martinis informational event held on July 30th was a great success!! **Congratulations** go out to **Cheryl Hopper** and her Committee including **Monica Merrell** and **Lisa Pendergast** for such a great day!

The event was held at Grammy Rose's Bed & Breakfast in Washington, Pa. and 47 professional women from Washington County joined 14 members for the fun event, to hear about Zonta International and the Zonta Club of Washington County. The ladies refreshed themselves with Lemon or Pomegranate Martinis or Golden Margaritas while enjoying the delicious fare made by MaryBeth Kleseich. **Thank you MaryBeth for making all of the delectable delights!**

President Cheryl Hopper spoke about the work being done by Zonta International to advance the status of women worldwide through their many educational programs and the Zonta Foundation. She told the attendees about the Washington Club's way of helping women locally through programs such as contributions and support to the Washington Women's Shelter and to Interfaith Hospitality, through recognition of 15 high school junior girls for their community service at our Amelia Earhart dinner, our non traditional nursing scholarship and our Rose Day Nominees. And that we are also helping internationally through assembly of birthing kits to underdeveloped countries.

The event provided an opportunity to ask other women in the county to spread the word about Zonta, to consider membership and to provide support for our programs. Everyone was excited to hear about our fun events including the Sporting Clay Shoot and our Road Rally/Scavenger Hunt.

Besides hearing about Zonta, the attendees had the opportunity to tour Grammy Rose's Bed & Breakfast which proved to be a lovely experience. The home is filled with wonderful antiques and knick knacks and the grounds included a beautiful gazebo, fish pond and waterfall! The beautiful location added to the atmosphere and enjoyment of the event. We hope to have similar events through out the county to continue to spread the news about Zonta! Lorraine Gregus, writer for the Almanac, also attended the event and we hope she enjoyed the event and provides us with a great article!

August Meeting Information

The August Meeting will be held on August 6th at the home of our new member MaryBeth Kleseich, and she is graciously providing dinner!

Time: 6-8pm

This is a closed meeting to nonmembers

Gerry Johnson, our former area director will be the speaker. She will be presenting information from the International Convention that she just attended.

Directions are as follows:

Coming from Wash take Rt 40 east toward Scenery Hill.

At the blinking light, at Rt 40 and Rt 519 make a right onto the Brush Run Rd. (used to be Glyde). Go about 2.9 miles. There is a slight hill and 12 very large pine trees lining the right side of the road. Make an immediate right onto Ankrum Road. This is a very short dead end road. MaryBeth's house is 54. It is a white house/blue shutters. It is the last house, the 7th house on the right. Her number is 724-554-2791 if needed.

Road Rally Update

The Road Rally is scheduled for October 11th. The location will be the Stone Pavilion at Washington Park.

Baskets

Baskets will be auctioned as an added fund-raiser. Baskets are to be \$30 value at minimum and can be 'co-sponsored' by two Zonta members. We need about 10 baskets. You can build them with donated items* or with your personal contributions. If you are able to donate a basket, please let Lisa know and tell her what your 'theme' will be at the member event on July 30th, or email her by August 1st.

Completion and delivery date for Baskets is September 3rd – our monthly meeting date. You can bring them along with you, or they can be delivered to Cheryl's shop before then.

Please bring them fully assembled, wrapped, and labeled with the list of contents (and list of donors if applicable). We thought to make it a 'Geography' / "On-the-Go" theme:

Pittsburgh or Washington, PA – things city is known for Amusement Park

Camping - Cabela's items, Dick's Gift Card

The Library- Bookbags, books, bookmarks, reading light, etc..

Car wash- Gift Cert from a local Car Wash, auto bucket w/wash items, etc

Arts & Crafts Show- Michael's or Joann Fabric Store Gift Card, craft book, items

Sports event- Wildthings, Steelers, Penguins, Pirates tickets and memorabilia

The Zoo or Aviary- tickets, bird and animal items, etc

Back to School- kids items, can be for younger or older kids, Gift Card- Staples

Giant Eagle or WalMart, Reusable Shopping Bags with Gift cards

Restaurant basket- Gift Card and some items in the basket that are unique to that type of restaurant.

Picnic Basket- Grilling items, Giant Eagle Gift Card to purchase food items

Rates & Sponsorships/Donations:

We're charging a flat rate of \$100 per car for up to six people or \$25 per person. If someone doesn't have a car-full and needs to be teamed up we can put together a team for them.

We are also soliciting sponsorships. We will be placing Business Card Ads on each of the Rally Sheets, and are also accepting monetary and gift donations. All the details are available on the document "Road Rally Notice - 08" which you can find on the members section of our web page, www.zontaclubwashingtonpa.org. This form includes Information, a Registration and Sponsorship Form and a letter that explains a little about Zonta, if you need it.

All members should be spreading the word to family, friends, neighbors and associates. This has proven to be a great, fun event and we should be able to exceed last year's.





MEMORIALS

Three books were purchased in memory of member Mary Helen Jones; Helen Hallaway, Dee Hart's mother; and Joseph Sutor, Carole Babish's father.

The Memorial Books purchased were as follows:

Are we There Yet? Golden Age of American Family Vacations by Susan Rugh was donated to the Citizens Library, Washington, PA in memory of Helen Hallaway, Dee Hart's Mother.

Everything Cats Expect You to Know by Elizabeth Martyn was donated to Citizens Library, Washington PA in memory of Mary Helen Jones.

Italy's Sorrow: A Year of War, 1944—1945 by James Holland was donated to Jeannette Public Library in memory of Joseph E. Sutor, Carole Babish's father.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Place
August 6th	Regular Meeting	6:00 PM Meeting	MaryBeth's Home – dinner provided
September 3 rd	Regular Meeting	5:30 PM social 6:00 PM Meeting	Union Grille
October 1 st	Regular Meeting	5:30 PM social 6:00 PM Meeting	Union Grille
October 11th	Road Rally & Scavenger Hunt	TBD	Stone Pavillion, Washington Park

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Globally, gender-based violence is the most pervasive and least recognized human rights violation. It affects every race, class, culture, ethnicity, age and country. Women are potential victims of violence at every stage of their lives. Though gender-based violence takes many forms, it is deeply rooted in one source: >>>>**inequality**

Zonta International Programs Help to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls

In no country in the world are women safe from gender violence.

- Domestic violence is the major cause of death and disability for European women ages 16 to 44, and accounts for more death and ill-health than cancer or traffic accidents.
- In the US, a woman is raped every 6 minutes; a woman is battered every 15 seconds. 700,000 women are sexually assaulted annually; 14.8 percent of them are raped before the age of 17.
- In South Africa, more women are shot at home in acts of domestic violence than are shot by strangers on the streets or by intruders.
- The Russian government estimates 14,000 women were killed by relatives in 1999, yet the country still has no law specifically addressing domestic violence.
- In India, more than 7,000 women will be murdered by their families and in-laws in disputes over dowries.
- In Peru, a study of 12- to 16-year-old girls giving birth found that 90 percent of them were pregnant from rape, often incest.
- In Bangladesh, 200 women this year will be horribly disfigured when their spurned husbands or suitors burn them with acid.
- This year, more than 15,000 women will be sold into sexual slavery in China.

Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and, above all, confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something, and that this thing, at whatever cost, must be attained.

----Marie Curie