

THE ZONTA ROSE - Zonta Club of Washington County Newsletter



April Meeting Information

Wednesday, April 2, 2007

@ Union Grille

Washington, Pa.

5:30 PM Social

6 PM – 8 PM Meeting



ROSE DAY CELEBRATION & DINNER

The Annual Rose Day Celebration was held on March 5th at the Rolling Hills Country Club in McMurray, Pa.

Congratulations go out to **Rachel Lososky** and her Committee including **Monica Merrell, Jen White, Polly Musar and Kim Bevan** for such a wonderful evening! The beautiful setting and interesting program showed off their hard work and extra efforts!

During the evening, 3 deserving women from Washington County were honored for their achievements.

The 2008 Rose Day Honorees included:

- Jacqueline Moschetta, in the category of business
- Sandee Gertz Umbach, in the category of non-profit.
- Caitlin McKenna, in the category of education.

A thank you goes out to our speaker for the evening who was the Honorable Jesse J. White, State Representative for the 46th District., who also happens to be the husband of member Jennifer White. State Representative White spoke about the importance of getting involved with the State Legislature for issues important to women. If we don't get involved our voices won't be heard.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Public Relations/Communications

Monica reported that she is continuing to get the word out about Zonta to schools and newspapers. This has proven successful since a nice article about the Amelia winner from Peters Township was included in the Almanac and our Nursing scholarship winner was also included in an Almanac article about non-traditional students. **Great job Monica!**

Treasurer

Ria reported that the Amelia dinner stayed within the budgeted amount. Additionally, membership is currently at 22.

Scholarship

Jane suggests that to shorten the length of the evening festivities, that the service award be given during the dinner. Also that we state the guideline by which the recipient was selected in order that all honorees and guests know the process.

Amelia

Pat suggests that a standard introduction format be included in future presentations in order that all honorees are introduced the same way. She also suggests that we include the honorees accomplishments in the program.

WITH SADNESS

It is with sadness that we report the recent passing of Mary Helen Jones who was a longtime member of the Zonta Club of Washington. Mary Helen was a quiet, gentle woman who was always willing to volunteer and help where she could. Until her bout with cancer, in recent years she took responsibility for organizing the Scholarship Award Dinner for a non-traditional nursing student. Due to her willingness to always help where needed, our club honored Mary Helen with a Service Award at last year's Annual Joint Service Day Luncheon., an award that she justly deserved.

Mary Helen was a friend and club member who will sadly be missed by all of us. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

APRIL MEETING INFORMATION

The April Meeting will be held on April 2nd at the Union Grille in Washington, Pa. The meeting is a closed meeting.

The Agenda will include installation of officers and the Clay Shoot Progress Update. If you have a basket or other items for the Clay Shoot please bring them to the meeting or drop them off at Kaleidoscope. The deadline for the baskets/items is April 15th.

Additionally, the second collection for the Interfaith Hospitality Network will be made at this meeting. Items requested are cleaning supplies for the home, floor cleaners, dish liquid, paper towels, cleaning brushes, etc. Interfaith Hospitality Network helps local families when they are displaced and area churches provide shelter and food for them as well until they can get reestablished in a new home. This is the final collection.

CLAY SHOOT UPDATE

The Clay Shoot is on May 3rd and is fast approaching. We want this event to be even more successful than last year so please get the word out to as many people and businesses as possible. We will discuss sign ups and other logistics at the April meeting.

The committee for the event is as follows:

Cheryl Hopper ,chairman
Lisa Pendergast, baskets
Monica Merrell , publicity

Each member should've received a letter to be mailed to business women in the community and others that may be interested in supporting our event. The letter requests a donation, sponsorship or contribution.

Baskets for the clay shoot are to be brought to the April meeting or to Kaleidoscope by April 15th. Lisa will be assembling them there. Sponsors and Station Cart signs are due by April 1.



MEMBER NEWS

Janet Medlen has decided to take a leave of absence from Zonta for awhile as she focuses on her children, including a new daughter. We thank Janet for her contributions and look forward to when she can return.

A thank you goes out to Jeanine Rainone and Charlotte Herron who have decided to serve as club Historians.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the following members due to recent deaths in the family. To Carole Babish for the loss of her father, to Ramona Selvosky for the loss of her brother-in-law and to Lisa Pendergast for the loss of her grandmother.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Place
April 2 nd	Regular Meeting	5:30 PM social 6:00 PM Meeting	Union Grille
May 3 rd	Clay Shoot	9 AM	Hunting Hills Shooting Preserve
May 7 th	Regular Meeting	5:30 PM social 6:00 PM Meeting	Union Grille
TBD in May	Birthing Kit Assembly	TBD	TBD
June 4 th	Regular Meeting	5:30 PM social 6:00 PM Meeting	Union Grille

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL NEWS

If poverty, HIV/AIDs, illiteracy, violence and human trafficking had a face it would be female. The world's plagues are rooted in gender inequality, and the only common solution is the empowerment of women.

Zonta International is on the front lines of global and local efforts to help women overcome barriers to equal education, health care, legal rights, credit and employment through education, service and advocacy programs funded by the Zonta International Foundation.

Fast Facts

- 70 percent of the 1.3 billion poor are women.
- Two-thirds of illiterate adults are women and two-thirds of children not in school are girls.
- 60 million women are "missing" because of gender-based violence.
- Every year an estimated 4 million women and girls are bought and sold worldwide.
- Today, 7,000 women and girls will contract HIV.

DISTRICT NEWS

Spring Workshop:

The event is April 26th in Olean NY., and any member can attend. The event will help us to get to know Zonta better and will provide information about what is happening internationally,



HAPPY SPRING!!