

THE ZONTA ROSE - Zonta Club of Washington County Newsletter



November Meeting Information

Wednesday, November 7, 2007
Union Grille, Washington. Pa.

5:30 - 6:00 PM Social
6:00 - 8:00 PM Meeting



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Wow!!! What a month. I sincerely want to thank all of you, especially Lisa, who did so much to nominate me for the Athena Award. The day of the presentation was just lovely. I never quite imagined myself as a nominee let alone a finalist. It was a great honor. When I heard of all the others contributions I was in awe of these women. We are blessed here in Washington Co., with so many wonderful and dedicated women. I THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS HONOR. It was and incredible experience.

Then the AWARD OF EXCELLANCE from Governor Sandy Travis is something we all can be very, very proud. I spoke with the Governor and she felt there was no other club more deserving. I will hand out to you at the next meeting Jerry's recommendation to the Governor. Once you read this you will be very proud of our club and what we have accomplished. I think we just continue doing and we don't step back and reflect on what we have achieved. Charlotte laid the basis for the growth and now we have continued and will continue because we need good quality women to help do our work. Please be on the lookout for women who can join us. There are so many women in our community that would make wonderful members.

I would like to encourage all of the members to come to the next meeting so we can begin working on our strategic plan. We will be doing this gradually, but this is your club and we need your input. The first decision will be about a foundation and fundraising.. Please bring ideas and your energy.

Lisa has got the Wellness center for our next birthing kit production night. There is no charge for the room. If anyone else has a seal a meal please bring it to the meeting and I will give it back to you at the next meeting or you can take it that night. We are looking at the second week in November. More info at the meeting. I need a committee head for this committee, are any of you interested? Please talk to me at the next meeting.

Cheryl

REMINDER

Board Meetings

Date - Third Monday of each month at 5:30 PM.

Place - KALEIDISCOPE, 899 East Maiden Street

NO Reminders will be sent

Committee Reports

Committee Chairs must email their committee report to one of the Executive Officers prior to the Board Meeting, and to Marcia Hopper for the newsletter/ website updates. No Reminders will be sent, so please note on your calendars

NOVEMBER 7th MEETING

Agenda:

- Strategic Plan Follow-up
- Road Rally Wrap-up,
- Update on Birthing Kits
- Update on Women's Shelter

Donations for the Interfaith Hospitality Network will be collected. Please bring your donations into the meeting. We will be collecting laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, etc. to help families that are displaced. Interfaith provides shelter, food, etc. and assists in many other basic needs for daily survival.

All meetings will held at the Union Grille in Washington. Pa. You will be able to order directly from the menu and your meal will include a 6 % tax and a gratuity, no need for additional tipping.



CONGRATULATIONS

To our president Cheryl Hopper ,for being one of the five finalists for the 2007 Athena award ! This award is given to a Washington County woman who has achieved a high degree of professional excellence, assisted women to develop their full potential by opening up leadership opportunities and whose body of work has made a significant impact in Washington County. The award is part of the internationally recognized ATHENA International, which has presented the award in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom and Russia.

This award not only brought recognition to Cheryl, but also helped put Zonta in the spotlight. A number of women in attendance at the award ceremony expressed interest in getting more information about Zonta. Hopefully we attract new members because of the exposure!

To all club members, for having our club win the Governor's Award for Excellence! You all should be very proud of this accomplishment which recognizes the strides we have made over the past year including the increased recognition of Zonta in Washington County. This is an honor that speaks to the commitments and contributions that everyone has made over the past year. Let's keep up the momentum and good work!



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

We are thrilled to welcome a new member to our club, **Jennifer White!!** Jennifer was mentored by her friend, Rachel Lozosky. Lisa asked Jennifer to share a few things about herself with the club so we can get to know our newest member a bit better!

Jennifer and Rachel have known each other since 1999 when Jennifer became a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity at Washington and Jefferson College, and they became good friends when they lived next to one another in the Kappa Alpha Theta house. Through the years they have both grown and changed but have remained close and have developed a life long friendship.

Jennifer lives in Cecil, PA with her husband Jesse, whom she married in August 2006. Jesse is an attorney at his practice, Jesse White and Associates, and was elected State Representative of the 46th District of Pennsylvania in November of 2006. They have two dogs, Caesar and Cleopatra, who they enjoy spending time with.

Jennifer is teaching for her fifth year at the City Charter High School in downtown Pittsburgh where she is the Reading Specialist. She teaches ninth and tenth grade Reading Strategies classes and also conducts diagnostic testing for students who are struggling readers to get a better understanding of their strengths and weaknesses to help all teachers make informed instructional decisions. She also is the sponsor of the Interact Club, a service organization sponsored by the Pittsburgh Rotary Club, the 9th grade Book Club and is the academic advisor to 9th grade students. City High and all of her students are absolutely amazing and she loves every minute of teaching everyday!

Jennifer likes to read, watch movies, travel, take part in community service, participate in the organizations she is involved in and relax when and if she gets a spare moment. In addition to becoming a member of Zonta, she is a member of the Washington County League of Women Voters, where she is the editor of the Voter Newsletter, a member of the First Book - Beaver County Advisory Board, and a member of the Advisory Board of Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity at Washington and Jefferson College. She is also currently enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh in the Reading Supervisory Certification Program. Currently she is taking one doctoral class that is taking up much of the few spare moments that exist in the week.

WELCOME JENNIFER!

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Zonta Club of Washington County Website

Please be sure to visit our web site for current information, and direct any prospective members to the site to learn more about Zonta and our club. www.zontaclubofwashingtopa.org

Remember – we continue to need your help to keep the website current. The more information we can provide on the site will help attract new members and community support. Thanks in advance for your help on this.

Zonta International News

The Power
of One,
the Dreams
of Many.



Issues and Programs

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.

We at Zonta Club of Washington County help in this effort through financial support of Zonta International programs and with our commitment to help women locally in Washington County.

Upcoming District Event

The League of Women Voters of New York State (LWVNYS) invites us to their 'Briefings on the Effects of War on Women Around the World'. This forum is in association with the United Nations Department of Public Information (UNDPI) & ZI District 4 is a co-sponsor. It will be in the Dag Hammarskjold Library Auditorium in the UN Headquarters in New York City on Wednesday, November 28, 2007 from 1:00 to 3:30. The cost, which must be paid before the deadline, is \$63/person. You may also choose to participate in the optional activities which LWVNYS has planned.

9:00 am - 12:30 pm Registration at the LWVNYS Table
10:00 am - 11:00 pm Optional Tour of the UN
11:30 am - 12:30 pm Optional Buffet Lunch
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm Forum in the Dag Hammarskjold Library Auditorium

Discounted fee of \$100.00 total for all 3 events is available to us.

Let Cheryl know if you are interested in attending.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next Newsletter will be published in November. Please provide all reports and articles to Marcia Hopper by the third Friday of the month.

Zonta Club of Washington County, Pa. Calendar Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Place
November 7	Regular Meeting	6:00PM	Union Grille
TBD	Birthing Kit Assembly	TBD	Wellness Center
December 5	Christmas Party	TBD	TBD