



## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!

### *December Meeting Information Annual Christmas Party*

Wednesday, December 6, 2006  
First United Methodist Church  
29 N. College Street, Washington. Pa.  
From - 6:00 – 9:00 PM

#### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

I hope each and every one of you ladies have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends. I know how grateful I am for the fellowship of Zonta and for each and everyone of you. I think this coming year we will have an explosion of good things happening. This has been designated as a year of growth and we are well on our way with increased membership. I am so pleased to welcome the new members who have joined our organization over the last two months. Please make it a point to introduce yourself to each of these new members.

Our Christmas Party is coming up. It's a special evening and a great opportunity to get to know each other better. The Party will be held at the First United Methodist Church located at the corner of College and Beau Streets. Parking and the entrance to the hall is in the back of the Church. Each Christmas we recycle gifts we have received and have not used. Wrap the items and we raffle off the gifts. Money is used for our international projects. Please also bring gifts for the Women's Shelter unwrapped. Did you buy an outfit and never wore it for one reason or another. Give it to someone who truly needs it. Baby and children items also are greatly appreciated.

After the holidays we will need to get down to business. The January and April meetings will be closed meetings, meaning we will not be able to bring new prospective members, since we will have much Zonta Business to discuss. All other meetings will be open to bring new prospective members. The January agenda will include discussing the format of a mentoring program, and Cynthia will have a lot of information on our Clay Shoot Fundraiser.

Speaking of Business, we have some new formats that **MUST BE FOLLOWED!** I was disappointed in the turn out at the last Board meeting since several committee chairs did not attend and did not provide information on their committee, with the exception of Lisa. To eliminate this problem, I am making several changes:

#### 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
- No Reminders will be sent, so please note on your calendars

If your committee has something that needs to be discussed with the board, I ask that you attend the board meetings. Ladies please get into the habit of reporting.

At the January meeting, all committees will be asked to put together a procedure manual. If you have questions about this contact me or Cynthia. We NEED THIS for continuity, especially as we continue to grow. Charlotte asked all of us to do this and we all have procrastinated. We will leave the January meeting with this completed. You can do this PRIOR to the meeting or we will take time to do it at the meeting. I appreciate your help in this matter. We are growing fast and we need to take care of these housekeeping items NOW so we don't have problems later.

Have a great THANKSGIVING. God bless all of you for your kindness and dedication to helping other women.  
**Cheryl**

#### **December 6th Meeting**

The December meeting will be our annual Christmas Party and this year it will be held at First United Methodist Church in Washington. Pa. The church is located at 29 N. College Street, at the corner of Beau Street.

The setups and wine will be provided by Cheryl Hopper, President. Each member should bring a covered dish.

Donations: We will be collecting gifts for the Washington Women's Shelter, in order to spread the joy!. They should be unwrapped, new items such as toys for the children and/or gifts for the women. Please include a gift bag or wrapping paper and tape.

Grab Bag Auction: We will once again be having our fun filled grab bag auction!! Please bring 1 or more items that are in a gift bag or unwrapped. These should be items you bought or received as a gift that you no longer want, something that is 'your trash but someone else's treasure'. Then we will have some fun bidding on the unknown items, and its exciting and a surprise to see what's inside!! All auction proceeds go to Zonta International programs.

Please RSVP by November 28<sup>th</sup> to:  
Lisa Pendergast @ 724-222-3102 or  
lisapendergast@comcast.net

Please contact Lisa if you need directions to the church or have any other questions.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!!!

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Amelia Earhart

Jeanine Rainone reported that the dinner will be held on February 7th at The Holiday Inn in The Fireside Room. The cost of the dinner will be \$22.00. All members are urged to attend this meeting and to serve as a hostess for an honorees table. We will have the list of school districts and their nominated honoree at our December meeting. Each Zonta member will be able to select the school they wish to host. This is a wonderful opportunity to highlight Zonta and our club to a large Washington County audience and to honor young women who contribute so much to their local communities and school. If you aren't able to attend the December meeting but would like to host a particular school district, please send me your request. I encourage everyone to mark their calendars for this important Club event!!

### Service

Rose Day - Carole Babish requested that Rose Day nominations be sent to her by January 15<sup>th</sup>. She asked that members consider all categories when nominating women in the community. Carole has identified several past recipients from articles in the paper, which she said is always a good source, along with anyone we may know or come into contact with. There are so many amazing women in our community that deserve the recognition, so keep your eyes and ears open in order to recognize a deserving woman to nominate!

Women's Shelter - We will again be collecting gifts at our Christmas Party for the Shelter. These should be new articles for the children and/or the women. The gifts should be unwrapped, but be sure to include a gift tag or wrapping paper and tape.

### Membership

The Board met on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and approved four applications for new members. Lisa Pendergast has sent letters to the prospective new members inviting them to join us for our December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Thanks to all who sponsored these ladies recently! Your participation in membership growth is greatly appreciated!

### Fund Raising

Our next annual Sporting Clay Shoot will be held on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, so remember to Save the Date. January will not be too early to get started on gathering sponsors and donations, as we plan to heighten awareness of this event within the community. Cybthia has been researching how other organizations prepare for their events in order to pick up any pointers that we can use to help increase success and overall event proceeds. She will be providing more details at the January meeting.

## NETWORK CORNER

From Cheryl Hopper:

My new consignment store, KALEIDISCOPE, is now open!

Women and Children's Clothing, Furniture and Home Décor.

Location: 899 East Maiden Street, Washington, Pa.

Hours: 10 AM - 5 PM, Monday - Saturday

## November Meeting Highlights

A panel of Social Service representatives were on hand to provide an update on what their organization is doing in the community. The organizations included WIC, the Washington Women's Shelter and Interfaith Hospitality Network. WIC is continuing to support women, infants and children in Washington and Greene County, with nutrition and educational programs. The Washington Womens Shelter is expanding their services by adding additional intermediate residential facilities for women and children to stay after they've used the allotted time in the shelter. This provides a safety net so they aren't forced to return to the abusive environment if they have nowhere else to live. Interfaith Hospitality Network is also serving families in need by continuing to increase the number of facilities where they can provide a temporary home. Zonta Club of Washington often partners with these organizations, as they help women in need within our own community.

Cheryl reported that she is in the process of developing a form that will make it easier for members to track our 'hands on' volunteer hours that can be reported back each month to Zonta International. The form will be emailed soon to everyone to keep track of their service hours and Marcia indicated she will also post it on the web site as soon as it becomes available. These hours must be with an approved organization..

## Zonta International News

Since 1928, Zonta International has addressed challenges to women's equality in science, business, public affairs and government by providing critical financial support through programs funded by the Zonta International Foundation. Zonta furthers women's education, promotes leadership and encourages youth development. Since the adoption of the Vocational Education for Girls Project in 1928, Zonta International has been addressing these challenges through:

- Amelia Earhart Fellowships
- Women in Business Scholarships
- Women in Public Affairs Awards
- Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs

### Fast Facts

- Men outnumber women almost three to one among those planning careers in computer or information sciences, according to a United Nations Statistics division report.
- Women hold just 10.4 percent of the board seats of global 200 companies, as ranked by *Fortune Magazine*, according to Corporate Women Directors International.
- Women hold just 15.4 percent of seats in the world's national parliaments, according to the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

## UPCOMING CLUB PROGRAMS

December 6- Holiday Party

January 10 - Business Meeting (Open to Members Only)

February 7 - Amelia Earhart Dinner

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle"  
- Plato

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