



## ZONTA CLUB OF WASHINGTON FOUNDATION

### Zonta Gala and Silent Auction

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A Gala for the Zonta Club of Washington and Foundation, celebrating its 87<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, will take place on Saturday March 14, 2009 at the Almas Temple in Washington, DC from 7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Channel 7 News Anchor, Ms. Maureen Bunyan is serving as the Honorary Chair for this Venetian-style Masquerade Ball and Silent Auction. The evening will include hors d'oeuvres, a buffet dinner, mini opera performances and a silent auction. The proceeds from this gala will support Zonta scholarships, and service projects.

The Zonta Club of Washington, DC was founded in 1922. It is an organization of professional women dedicated to promoting women's empowerment and advancing the status of women in the local community and worldwide through a variety of service projects, scholarships, and advocacy. Currently the Club supports the efforts of Rachael's Women's Center, a shelter and transition center for homeless women in the District, with funding for meals and equipment, work/life training, and hands-on projects. In addition the club works with State Department officials to collect and deliver women's sanitary products in support of the "Once a Month Campaign," an effort to provide rural Zambian girls with sanitary products so that they can continue their education. Collaborative work of the club with The Advocacy Project gave support to this year's Peace Fellows, who worked on projects in Serbia, Kosovo, Uganda, Kenya, El Salvador, Jordan and Nepal. Since 2001, the Club has awarded \$121,480 in 45 scholarships to women attending The Catholic University of America, Georgetown University, The George Washington University, Howard University, University of the District of Columbia, and American University. Thanks to the generous bequests of Dr. Edith Seville Coale and Virginia Longest, the Club also awards specialty scholarships to women studying medicine or pursuing doctoral work in nursing education.

The Zonta Club of Washington, DC is a chartered club of Zonta International, which was founded in 1919 and has nearly 33,000 members in 1,200 clubs in 68 countries. Each year the members of Zonta International donate hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours and millions of dollars to increase the status of women worldwide.

For more information regarding the event, visit the Zonta Club of Washington DC website at: [http://www.zontawashingtondc.org/gala\\_2009.html](http://www.zontawashingtondc.org/gala_2009.html)

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