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January 6, 2010 Zonta Club of Washington, DC Dinner Meeting

Program speaker presentation on Amelia Earhart and business meeting.

Place: Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant
900 F Street
Washington, DC 20004
(202) 783-0404

Time: 6:30PM Social, 7:00PM Dinner

Entree Choices: Teriyaki Flat Iron Steak, Linguine Marinara, Salmon Fillet, or Sweet & Spicy Cashew Chicken Stir Fry

Price: \$40 all inclusive, \$8 drink tickets for house lagers, house wine, or well drinks

Valet Parking available at the Marriott Courtyard next door to the restaurant (\$20). Street parking and garage parking are also available in area.

Metro Station: Gallery Place, one block from restaurant

Contact: Rosa Goldsmith, our Attendance Co-Chair at rosa_goldsmith@hotmail.com or on our Zonta website, www.zontawashingtondc.org (Please enter menu choice in the comments block of the Events On-line Reservation Form). Reservations are due Friday, January 1, 2010.

See you next year!
Louise Akerblom
Program Chair

Save The Date
January 30th 2010 New Member's Luncheon
March 6th 2010 Zonta Spring Gala

President's Message

Dear Zontians—

Yes, we are back! After a several month hiatus, the Zontagram is back in business. It took awhile to find someone to replace your conscientious, hard-working editor, Carol Widmayer. But our new member Katrina Tasby has stepped up to the job and the business of keeping our members informed is back in business. If you have anything newsworthy you'd like to share with your fellow Zontians, please send items to Katrina at katrinatasby@hotmail.com.

Many thanks to all of you who contributed your efforts to the Zonta International District 3 Conference held on October 2-4 in Alexandria, Virginia. Special thanks to KT Harroun and Yvonne Boggan for co-chairing the event. Additional recognition must go to Janet Southby, who started as Registrations Chair and ended up handling a thousand details during the conference, and Carol Widmayer, who kept track of all of the money as the Conference Treasurer. We had a great turnout, the feedback from our fellow district Zontians was very positive, and our International Representative, Heddy Tangen Steffensen, made a point to find Washington Zontians and thank them for their hospitality. This event doesn't fall on Washington to host very often, but thank you very much for doing such a wonderful job.

Your generosity at the Holiday Party was amazing—my poor little Christmas tree was overcome by the bags and bags of toys, clothes, and personal items, and we were glad that Dawn Swan, the director of Rachael's Women's Center, brought a station wagon to collect all the stuff. In addition to all the items you brought, which will go to the residents of Rachael's and their children, the Zonta Club of Washington DC and the Zonta Club of Washington Foundation presented Rachael's Women's Center a check for \$14,000 to help defray the costs of meals and to make necessary physical improvements to the shelter itself. I also want to thank those Zontians who, for some reason or another, couldn't attend the Holiday Party and still arranged for items to get to Rachael's.

I know that holiday season is an incredibly busy one for all of us, but I'll ask you to keep in mind that, with the beginning of the new year we roll into high gear for our annual Gala. Our venue has been selected, the caterer has agreed to come back to us, and our Parisian-based theme has captivated quite a few of our members. As always, silent auction items are needed and details must be planned. Please see Jane Smith, Jennifer Washington, or Deena Weatherly-Douglas for your chance to contribute to this event.

Finally, my warmest best wishes for a peaceful and joyous holiday season. We have done great work this year—you have every reason to be proud of yourselves.

Diana

Holiday Card

The Zonta Club of Washington Foundation received \$6,125 in donations for the Holiday Card Fundraiser. The following members contributed too late to be included on the Holiday Card and send you their wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season:

Marie Bundy
Ramona Stoltz

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to this project.

Gay McCarter and Carol Widmayer

A message from one of our scholarship winners....

Thank you so much for the wonderful dinner and social time at the Luxembourg Embassy last month. I truly enjoyed getting to know the ladies of the Zonta Club, and I hope to remain involved in future events! I was so impressed by your philanthropic spirit.

I wanted to let you know that I have been cast in Synetic Theater's upcoming production of *Antony and Cleopatra*, which is being performed at the Shakespeare Theatre from Jan 28-Feb 28. Shows are Wed-Sat at 8 and Sat and Sun at 2. If anyone from the Zonta Club is interested in coming, I can arrange for some discounted tickets; also, there are group discounts available. I am so grateful for Zonta's sponsorship of my artistic passion, and I thought some of the ladies may be interested in seeing this production!

Synetic is a unique form of movement theatre- *Antony and Cleopatra* is a wordless production set to music (What? Silent Shakespeare?!). For any more information, and to see the company's awards and history, go to www.synetictheater.org.

Thank you once again and Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,
Stacey Jackson

From The Governor...

Dear Zontian:

I am delighted to tell you we now have a new District 3 website. The address is www.zontadistrictthree.org. Please visit now and often for updates. We are trying to make this website a useful resource for District 3 members. Please let us know what events are upcoming and we will update the website so all District 3 clubs could know the dates.

Have wonderful holidays and see you next year.

Ellen

From www.zonta.org

Luella M. Hoffman (1931-2009)

Zonta International Foundation President 1995-1997

I am saddened to report that the Past Foundation President and long-time Zontian, Luella M Hoffman passed away Sunday December 13, 2009 in Aurora, Illinois

President's Message

Dear Zontians,

On 6 November 2009, UNIFEM launched Say NO – UNiTE to End Violence Against Women, a global advocacy initiative to stimulate, count and showcase actions on ending violence against women around the world. Zonta International was one of 80 organizations worldwide to join UNIFEM as a launch partner.

Zonta International, our clubs and our members have already found numerous ways to support efforts to prevent violence against women around the globe. To maximize Zonta's participation in the Say NO – UNiTE to End Violence Against Women initiative and to raise awareness of our efforts at the global and local level, we need the participation of all our districts and clubs.

<http://www.saynotoviolence.org/join-say-no/zonta-international-unites-say-no-violence-against-women>

Zonta International Convention 2010, San Antonio, Texas

<http://www.zonta2010.org/>

June 25 through 30th

