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GOOD NEWS! A NEW LOCATION for our dinner meetings has been selected.

Monthly dinner meetings will be held at One Circle Washington Hotel beginning April 7.

Dinners will again cost only \$35 and a cash bar with reasonable "happy hour" prices will be available. Visit the Web at thecirclehotel.com.

Thanks to Janet Southby, we were fortunate to negotiate these prices, including valet parking at \$5, at a lovely downtown location just across Washington Circle from the Foggy Bottom/GWU Metro Station. Now, we seek your regular attendance at dinner meetings to support club activities and to maintain our relationship with the hotel. Please remember, however, when reservations are made and not cancelled, no shows will be billed according to club policy.

Rosa Goldsmith

Please register for the May 5th Zonta Club of Washington, DC Dinner Meeting.
 Registration deadline is May 1st.

We will have our monthly business meeting and a program speaker. Plus:

* * 50/50 Raffle * *

* * Mystery Gift * *

Place: One Washington Circle Hotel
 One Washington Circle, NW
 Washington, DC 20037
 (202) 872-1680

Save The Date
New Member's Tea June 6th @Henley Park Hotel
2-5pm Cost \$20.00

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

Entree Choices: Boneless Fried Chicken, Grilled Skirt Steak Salad, Vegetarian Option

Price: \$35 all inclusive for dinner; Cash bar includes \$5 for wine & beer and \$3 for soda (plus tax)

Metro Station: Foggy Bottom/GWU

Valet Parking available at the hotel for \$5.

Contact: Rosa Goldsmith, our Attendance Co-Chair at rosa_goldsmith@hotmail.com or enter your reservation on our Zonta website, www.zontawashingtondc.org Events Online Reservation Form. **Please indicate your entree selection.** Reservations are due Saturday, May 1st, 2010.

Louise Akerblom
Program Chair

Our May 5 dinner meeting will focus on The Advocacy Project, a non-governmental organization based in Washington that produces social change by helping marginalized communities claim their rights. One of AP's major projects is its fellowship program: every summer AP sends graduate students (Peace Fellows) to work with AP's local partners in communities around the world. For the past several summers members of the Zonta Club of Washington have been in contact with Peace Fellows, following their blogs and taking an interest in their work.

The speakers for the meeting are Scott Allen, a member of the AP board of directors, and Erin Lapham, AP's program manager. Mr. Allen is a private investor who was engaged in capital markets working in New York, Tokyo, and London. He holds a master's of science degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and an undergraduate degree from Sophia University in Tokyo. Ms. Lapham holds a bachelor's degree from American University in international studies and a certificate in women, policy, and political leadership. They will talk about AP's work, with a special emphasis on the Peace Fellows. For more information about AP, please visit advocacynet.org.

Rachel's Women's Center Cleanup Day on May 22

The Open House for Rachel's Women's Center has been moved to Wednesday, May 26. As a result, the new date for the cleanup is Saturday, May 22 from 10:00a to 2:00p. Please make a note of the new cleanup date on your calendars.

Rachel's will provide the cleaning supplies. Rachel's also will provide flower pots for the garden. Marilu has generously offered to provide the flowers and mulch. We also need potting soil.

You can help Rachel's have a great Open House! Please volunteer a little of your Saturday for the cleanup. If you are able to attend, please let me know in what one-hour period (or two!) you plan to arrive. Also, if you can

donate potting soil, please let me know. Thanks!

Scholarship Committe

The Zonta Club of Washington, D.C., is pleased to announce funding for its 2010-2011 scholarship. Applicants for these scholarships should be women pursuing undergraduate degrees at accredited District of Columbia colleges and universities who demonstrate competency in handling academic studies along with an interest in serving the community. We are particularly interested in non-traditional women students who have returned to college to complete their undergraduate degrees. The scholarships typically range between \$5000 and \$8000.

Minimum applicant qualifications include:

*Female

*Enrollment in a accredited District of Columbia college or university toward an undergraduate degree.

Scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than May 30, 2010, to be accepted for consideration. Unless the student is considered for funding, we may not contact the student after receipt of the application. Zontians are encouraged to help the club inform potential applicants of the scholarship.

For more information about the scholarship program, please contact Sonya Baskerville, 503.241.9343, 202.253.7352, or s_baskerville@yahoo.com, or Dianne Hampton, 202.746.3317 or well... dhampt@aol.com. The scholarship application will be available on the club website on the scholarship webpage.

Service Committee

Marilu Del Carpio, Chair

Once a Month Project: What a beautiful gesture from the Z Club of St Mark's High School in Wilmington Delaware. They sent us a contribution of \$150 to this project. The pads have been bought and have been delivered to the State Department. Remember to bring your contributions to the April dinner meeting.

Zonta Bags: Don't forget to bring your stuffed bags to the dinner and if you have not picked up any yet or want more, we will have them available at the April meeting. We need to have at least 70 bags by May and time is running out.

Launch of New ZI Website – See below

Dear Zontians,

I am pleased to announce the launch of the new www.zonta.org! The new website contains all the information you need to conduct Zonta International, district and club business and is organized so you can find things quickly and easily.

Enclosed are instructions for accessing the Member Resources section of the new website. Please note that these instructions do not apply for members who hold leadership positions. Leaders should have received separate instructions via email last week.

To access Member Resources for the first time, you will need to click on “Forgot your user name/password” under the login box on the Member Resources page. Please have the following information available when you attempt to log in the first time.

First Name

Last Name

Email Address

Zonta Club Name

Member ID

Your member ID can be found on the mailing label of *TheZontian* magazine. Your area director will also have the member ID numbers for all members in the area should you need additional assistance. All members must have an email address to access the new website.

Members in the US and Canada : Please note that your member ID was inadvertently left off *The Zontian* due to printer error. You should have received your member ID in the mail. If you did not receive your member ID, please contact your area director.

Once you provide the information above, a user name and password will be assigned to you. After you successfully log in for the first time, you will have the option to change your user name and password should you choose to do so.

I hope you enjoy exploring the new website. Thank you to the staff and the Board Task Force who worked so diligently on the new website.

Beryl Sten
Zonta International President
Zonta International Foundation President

Early Registration Extended!!!

Zonta International Convention 2010, San Antonio, Texas

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

June 25 through 30th



Dear Zontians,

One of the rewards of membership in Zonta International is the fellowship that comes from being part of an international organization of individuals who share a commitment to improving the lives of women around the world. The International Convention is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy this fellowship by connecting with members from around the globe. Members who have attended Convention in the past will tell you that they have made lasting friendships at Convention while learning more about Zonta International and its efforts to advance the status of women worldwide.

I encourage each and every member to attend the 60th International Convention which will be held in San Antonio, Texas, USA this June. District 10 has planned a fun and informative Convention. All members who attend will have the opportunity to learn more about the successes of the current biennium and the goals of the next biennium. We will elect new leaders to help us reach these goals, and we will enjoy the warm southern hospitality of San Antonio. **To encourage more members to attend Convention, we are extending the early registration fee of US\$475 through 15 May 2010.** To learn more about all the exciting events that are planned and to register for Convention, please visit the Convention website at <http://zonta2010.org/>.

At Convention, you will learn more about Zonta's partnerships with UN organizations. Zonta International is currently highlighted as an NGO partner on the UNICEF website, including a quote from me regarding our partnership with UNICEF. To see the quote, please visit <http://www.unicefusa.org/partners/ngo/>.

I welcome you to the Convention in San Antonio in June!

Beryl Sten
Zonta International President
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