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### *February 3, 2010 Zonta Club of Washington, DC Dinner Meeting*

Program speaker Sarah Craven will talk about the UN Commission on the status of women 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](mailto:rosa_goldsmith@hotmail.com) or on our Zonta website, [www.zontawashingtondc.org](http://www.zontawashingtondc.org) (Please enter menu choice in the comments block of the Events On-line Reservation Form). Reservations are due Friday, January 29, 2010.

Louise Akerblom  
Program Chair

**Save The Date**  
**January 30<sup>th</sup> 2010 New Member's Luncheon**  
**March 6<sup>th</sup> 2010 Zonta Spring Gala**

January 2010

## *President's Message*

Dear Zontians—

“Every woman should be born again on the first day of January. Start with a fresh page. Take up one hole more in the buckle if necessary, or let down one, according to circumstances; but on the first of January let every woman gird herself once more, with her face to the front, and take no interest in the things that were and are past.” ~Henry Ward Beecher (adapted)

Welcome to 2010! I would like to thank those members who contributed to the 2009 Holiday Card this year. While all the bills have not yet been finalized, I've been told that we can expect to make about \$6,000.00 this year. Thanks especially to Gay McCarter, who served in her second year as Holiday Card Chairman, and to our Foundation Treasurer, Carol Widmayer. But let's especially thank Jane Fitzgerald, a former member of our club and a talented graphic designer. She designs our card for free, and, thanks to her, our Holiday Card went from a simple hand-lettered flyer to a gorgeous card we can all be proud of.

Our January dinner meeting honoring Amelia Earhart was a special treat this year as our speaker was Major Nicole Malachowski, the first woman member of the US Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, known to most of us as the Thunderbirds. She gave a thoughtful, nuanced speech on her path to being a part of US Air Force history. Many thanks to Christina Muth, our Treasurer, who found out that Maj. Malachowski was now assigned to Washington DC and invited her to speak to us.

Writer Gertrude Stein once said, “America is my country and Paris is my hometown.” Paris is such an iconic city that, by the time most of us are adults, we have seen hundreds of its images, in photographs, movies, magazines and books. Coco Chanel revolutionized woman's fashion there—Nobel Prize winner Marie Curie rests in the Pantheon there. Over the centuries, countless Americans have been captivated by Paris, which is why we are very excited to have Paris as the theme of this year's Gala. I have been listening to this year's chairs, Jane Smith and Jennifer Washington, and the ideas are flying thick and fast. I know this event is going to be a blast. Please let your friends know that invitations are coming soon. For those of your girlfriends and colleagues who support our goals but aren't ready to join our yet, this is a great way for them to contribute.

Finally, we know that the District of Columbia is changing its rules and charges for street parking, especially in the downtown area where we are used to meeting. Our program chair, Louise Akerblom, Janet Southby and Rosa Goldsmith are working hard to find a permanent place for us to meet that takes into consideration that many of us drive into town and need access to reasonably-priced parking. We are working on this hard and hope to come up with some options soon.

See you soon—

Diana

### ***Spring Gala...***

Now that it is 2010 it is time to attend a the first Zontian ball of the new decade. Please mark your calendar for March 6, 2010 for the 2010 Zonta Spring Gala which will be again held at the Almas Temple. It is time to start inviting your friends, associates and family to our "Evening in Paris." Maureen Bunyan will be the honorary Chair and a DJ, silent auction, jardin, appetizers, buffet and cash bar will add to the evening's festivities. Proceeds will be used to fund our scholarship and other service questions. Tickets can be purchased online at [http://www.zontawashingtondc.org/gala\\_2010/html](http://www.zontawashingtondc.org/gala_2010/html). We are requesting donations from our members for the silent auction of items over \$75.00 and for items for our secret jardin where "flowers" will be picked which will be items valued below \$75.00. If you have any questions or any area in which you would like to volunteer, please contact Jane Smith at [jsmith@smithjensen.com](mailto:jsmith@smithjensen.com) or Jennifer Washington at [jaws868@yahoo.com](mailto:jaws868@yahoo.com) We look forward to having fun while we work towards advancing the status of women in this upcoming decade.

### ***Dear members,***

We had Nicole Malachowski, an amazing woman as our speaker at the AE dinner. You can see the photos of this event on our web page and photos of the recent club events. Go to:

<http://www.zontawashingtondc.org/index.html>

If you have any comments, please let me know.

**Marta Calderon**

### ***Film Festival***

A number of District 3 Zontian sisters are participating in the Women's History Month Film Festival on March 13th at Rutgers University. Donna Roman-Hernandez, one of the featured film makers belongs to the Essex County Club. For more info you can visit [www.wim-n.com](http://www.wim-n.com)

### ***Dear members,***

Jennifer Washington talked to a number of you at the dinner meeting about volunteering on the Fellowship Committee. Please reach out to her and let her know your availability and interest.

**Cassandra**

**New Membership Committee Chair**

### ***More News...***

The new member orientation luncheon is being held on January 30<sup>th</sup> for new members who joined in 2009. The purpose of the luncheon is to provide an opportunity to ask longer term members in Zonta questions about the organization. We will cover such topics as the structure of Zonta International, Committees, and what session would be complete without a lesson on parliamentary procedure from our very own PIP Mary Ellen Bittner. We are looking forward to fellowship and don't forget the great discount shopping.

My gift bags to Rachel's included: lotion, shampoo, conditioner, 1 hand sanitizer packet, lip gloss, tooth brush and tooth paste in a case, chocolate candy, 1 pr socks, Kleenex, 1 sanitary pad, deodorant, soap, and 1 packet of hand cream.

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

Thank you so much for the wonderful dinner and social time at the Luxembourg Embassy. 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](http://www.synetictheater.org).

Sincerely,  
Stacey Jackson

### *Service Committee*

#### *Marilu Del Carpio, Chair*

WE DELIVER!! Yes, indeed. We should be very proud of the generosity of our members who brought so many donations to the Holiday Party. Dawn Swan, Director of Rachel's Women Center, took lots of toys and clothing for the children and women of the Center and she also received our donation of \$14,000 to fund air condition units, fans, meals and other supplies. Thank you all for your contribution.

*Zonta Bags:* We start the New Year with our Zonta bags drive. Our plan is to have about 70 bags for late spring, so start collecting the small items to fill them up. At the February dinner meeting, we will have the bags for you to take and fill up with small personal items such as, travel size shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, hand cream, small note pads, pens, mini directories, purse size tissue, hair bands, cosmetics, deodorant, etc. Please NO mouthwash or anything that contains alcohol and NO razors. You can bring them back to the next dinner meeting.

*Sanitary Pads:* We will resume the collection in April. The idea is to alternate collections with the Zonta bags.

Again thank you for your generosity.

### *Zonta International Convention 2010, San Antonio, Texas*

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

#### *June 25 through 30th*

