



THE ZONTA ZONE

Newsletter

Zonta Club of Northern Valley, NJ

December 2008

Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it.—Henry David Thoreau

President's Message

Dear Sister-In Zonta,

As the holidays are rapidly approaching, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you the very best of the holiday season. I wish you, your families, and friends, health and happiness in the coming New Year.

Included in this newsletter is a message from Nicole Peacock regarding the "Once a Month" project. Please take time to read it. The testimonials from the girls in Zambia prove to us that we are truly making a difference and helping these girls complete their education. Education is the number one way to empower these girls and young women and help them escape the ties of poverty. I am very proud of

our club in taking the lead and spreading the word to other Zonta clubs in District 3. I am sure our work has allowed hundreds of Zambian girls to continue their education. In addition to this, we have spread good will to them and the country of Zambia. ***"If you really want to change a culture, to empower women, improve basic hygiene and health care, and fight high rates of infant mortality, the answer is to educate girls."*** Three Cups of Tea, Greg Mortenson.

In honor of the holiday season and the girls of Zambia, I am requesting that each member bring one or (or more) packages of maxi pads to our holiday party. This is a won-



derful project and we can't let it die.

Our next meeting will be our Holiday Party and no business will be conducted. It will be PARTY TIME! Our fellowship committee has a fun evening planned for us. I will see you Tuesday, December 16 at Rudy's. Who knows, maybe Santa will pay us a visit if we've been **VERY GOOD!?!?**

Yours in Zonta,

Karen



December Business Meeting

Our next business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16. The meeting will be held at Rudy's in Hackensack and the cost for dinner will be \$28.

If you will not be attending the regular business meeting you must contact Kathy by Sunday, December 14. She needs a definite count by that time. Her number is 973-835-

7474 or e-mail Kathy.Holmes@tdbanknorth.com.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

Executive Committee 2008-2010 Biennium

President

Karen Nicodemus

Vice President

Nancy Patrissi

Secretary

Genevieve Wexler

Treasurer

Mary Ann Tarantula

Directors

Kathy Holmes

Helena Graca

Judy Liebman

Standing Committees:

Amelia Earhart

Andrea Pieper

Fellowship

Kathy Holmes

Finance

Mary Ann Tarantula

History

Audrey Burkart

Membership

Nancy Patrissi

Program

Mary Ann Tarantula

Public Relations

Judy Liebman

Scholarship

Mary Ann Tarantula

Service

Rashida Cassubhai

UN

Mary Ann Tarantula

Advocacy/Status of Women

Mary Ann Tarantula



“ONCE A MONTH” PROJECT

Dear Zonta Roses/Links,

Attached are pictures of a recent handover of sanitary napkins donated by the Zonta Club International and the Prince Georges County Chapter of the Links, taken by a US Embassy official in Zambia. While most of our donations have gone to the Forum for African Women Educationalists of Zambia (FAWEZA), as of October we extended our donations to CAMFED Zambia, an organization dedicated to the eradication of poverty. Thank you, and your wonderful members for these kind donations. There are also a few testimonies from some of the girls on how they are benefiting from the donations. Kindest Regards, Nicole Peacock

Below are some of the comments that were made by the beneficiaries at Kamulanga High School.

Name: Erica Namwila
Grade: 12 **Age:** 18 years

I really appreciate the pads that the American people have given us. They are such caring people, thank you for everything you have done. May God bless you all and continue to bless you for what you are doing.

Name: Victoria Mangala
Grade: 11 **Age:** 17 years

Looking at the pads we have been given, I am happy knowing that we girls have been given materials to use which are hygienically clean. They will help us be more comfortable because we won't have to worry about what to use when having our periods. Thanks a lot for the help you have offered to us. I am truly grateful.

Name: Maimbolwa Mwanagumbi
Grade: 11 **Age:** 17 years

The pads were contributed to the health of us girls and women. It is hygienic to use pads because the chances of getting sick reduce. We appreciate the American people for the excellent work they are doing for us the Zambians and others. We would love them to continue with their good work.

Name : Rhodah Banda
Grade: 12 **Age:** 20 years



Sara Stealy, Deputy Public Affairs Officer, hands over to CAMFED staff members



Sara Stealy with Dorothy Kasanda, Head of Programs at CAMFED



SERVICE COMMITTEE

Under the “Once a Month Project”, we will continue to collect sanitary products. Our President, Karen Nicodemus has asked that this be a top priority for the month of December and requests that all members bring at least one package of maxi pads to the December meeting. We hope that all members will comply with this request.

At our November meeting, Rashida introduced a new project for the club—Zoe’s Place. This will also be a continuing project for the club. This month the Service Committee is asking members to donate new clothing. To date, a list of items and sizes has not been obtained from the organization. More information regarding these donations will be forthcoming.

Thank you to all members who took Snowflakes at last month’s meeting and purchased gifts. Those gifts should have been delivered to the Dumont Borough Hall by December 10, 2008.



CONTINUING SERVICE PROJECTS

Ruth Weaver has reported that the following items are needed by the Nurturing Place:

- Spray Air Freshner
- Baby Wipes
- Hand Soap
- Tissues
- Lysol



The Center for Food Action is also in need of any nonperishable food items you can donate. They are currently experiencing an increase in demand and are running out of essential items.

Anything you can donate will be greatly appreciated and can be brought to the December 16 meeting. Please mark your bags for proper distribution.

RAVE WALK

Now that the Fall Event is over, maybe we can all get a bit more focused on the upcoming Spring RAVE walk. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 7 p.m. at Mary Ann Tarantula’s home.

Please contact Barbara Stellabotte (201) 385-9733 or Mary Ann (201) 387-1536 if you will not be able to attend. We need each and every one of you to help make this a successful venture. Please try and make it.

**RAVE Walk
Committee Meeting
December 11, 2008 at
7 p.m. at Mary Ann
Tarantula’s home.**



Zonta Club of Northern Valley, NJ
Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

We're on the Web at:
www.zontanvj.com



Wishing You Peace and Joy This Holiday Season!!



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **December 9, 2008**—Service Committee Meeting
- **December 11, 2008**—RAVE Walk Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Mary Ann Tarantula's home.
- **December 14, 2008**—Deadline to notify Kathy Holmes if you are attending the business meeting.
- **December 16, 2008**—Business Meeting, Rudy's in Hackensack
- **January 7, 2009**—Scholarship Committee Meeting, 7 p.m. Mary Ann Tarantula's home.
- **January 8, 2009**—Wine Tasting Committee Meeting
- **January 13, 2009**—LAA/UN Committee Meeting, 7 p.m. Mary Ann Tarantula's home.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

As a committee member, you are expected to attend every committee meeting. If you are unable to attend, you must notify the committee chair of the fact. If you are unsure of which committee you are on, check the club roster.