



**Tuesday, April 17th at
11:30 a.m.
Civic Center**

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April 2007



Zonta Club of Tallahassee
Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

Brenda Anthony, President

Message from the President

Let me begin by saying how much I appreciate an organization like Zonta International. We have a diversity of views, yet we share a common goal: to improve the status of women worldwide. I know we all agree that our diversity is a strength that can help us band together and act. In view of this thought, there are a number of ways you can act right now to support the Zonta Club of Tallahassee:

- Participate in our advocacy and service projects for April and May
- Attend the Area 4 Meeting on April 28th
- Respond to the Fellowship Survey to provide valuable input for next year
- Review and provide input for the Service Project Nominations for next year
- Identify the Committees you will work with next year
- Send us your suggestions to improve the organization

Let me also request that you contemplate the changes we anticipate and expect for next year with a new team in place. I am impressed with our organizational can-do attitude, our commitment, and our energy. I hope you have found something of value and interest in our organization and will continue to get to know others who share your interests and commitment to improving the status of women. Together we can accomplish great things. As you are the driving force that launches us in the right direction, your continued support and action is appreciated as we grow and explore new opportunities.

April Program

Speaker: Kelly Otte, past Director, Refuge House

Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2007

Place: Civic Center

Time: 11:30 a.m.

*2006-2007 Zonta Club of
Tallahassee (ZCT) Officers*

President: Brenda Anthony
President Elect: Janegale Boyd
Vice President: Nancy Benda
Secretary: Lisa Raleigh
Treasurer: Andy Cooke
Zonta Cares Treas: Jo Conte
Communications: Cathy Moloney

Directors:

Joel Dawson
Pamela Ridley
Lisa Maynard Pasquarelli
Joan Kanan
Linda Chreno

Committee Notes

Service

Jazz For Justice - May 20, 2007

Legal Services Of North Florida is proud to announce, *Jazz For Justice 2007*, a Legal Services Of North Florida benefit on Sunday, May 20, 2007 at Chez Pierre Restaurant in midtown Tallahassee. This special annual event will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will feature Big Daddy & Red Hot Java and Acme Rhythm & Blues to keep us dancing. If you would like to volunteer for that day, solicit silent auction items, sell tickets or otherwise support this event to provide justice for women in our community please contact event chair Roxane Dow at Roxane.Dow@dep.state.fl.us.

- Contact Penny Gilmer, gilmer@chem.fsu.edu, for Relay for life service assignment (5/11 – 5/12).
- Contact Jean Bryant, jbryant@mailier.fsu.edu, for all advocacy service project assignments.

Membership

The membership committee would like to announce that we have two new members! Vickie Yates is a Senior Prison Inspector conducting internal administrative and criminal investigations with Department of Corrections and Chris Kite teaches young adults to think critically working as a teacher in the baccalaureate program at Rickards High School. We welcome them as new members and fellow Zontians!

The April meeting is coming up on the 17th and the membership committee would like to remind members who are inviting guests to please e-mail Debbie Spitler at Debbie@aeajobs.com with some information about your guest for the purpose of introducing them.

Committee Co-chairs Debbie Spitler, Debbie@aeajobs.com and Roxane Dow roxane.dow@dep.state.fl.us

Status of Women and Advocacy

Human trafficking

Links to several good sources on human trafficking - links provided by NFACT (North Florida Alliance to Combat Trafficking)

WCTV Indictment

<http://www.wctv6.com/news/headlines/5679606.html>

Save the Dates

General Luncheon Meetings

Tallahassee Civic Center
11:30 Sign-in, network and lunch
12:00 Call to Order

April 17

May 15

Board of Directors' Meetings

5:30 p.m. Janegale's office on
Riggins Road

April 24

May 22

Area 4 Meeting

April 28, 2007

Sponsored by the Ocala Club
Contact Pam Ridley at
pamdesr@hotmail.com if you can
attend the Area 4 meeting in
Ocala FL

District 11 Conference

September 28 – 29, 2007

In San Juan, Puerto Rico

WCTV Interview

<http://www.wctv6.com/news/headlines/5693331.html>

Refuge House Resources on Human Trafficking

http://www.refugehouse.com/resources_human_trafficking.html

Screening of Fields of Mudan

<http://www.fsu.com/pages/2006/01/05/FieldsOf%20Mudan.html>

Refuge House Update

The new facility to house trafficking victims is now established. The kitchen set-up is done, but R.H. now needs to equip the kitchen: pots & pans, dishes, misc. cooking items, and dining table & chairs for the dining area. The house also needs: sheets, comforters, pillows, etc.; sofa pillows for the "too deep to sit in comfortably" sofas. In addition, Refuge House also needs volunteers who are bilingual. More information on specific needs will be forthcoming from Jean Bryant.

Trafficking Video/DVDs

Jean has video and DVD versions of several excellent TV Trafficking programs - LifeTime program & Frontline (thanks to Mary Garvin and my California nephew). If you would like to borrow any please let Jean know. They are really powerful.

Advocacy: FL ERA effort

The Good News: The ERA has picked up additional co-sponsors in both House and Senate, but we need to get many more to sign on. The list gives party and district they represent: List as of April 7, 2007.

Senate Co-sponsors for SCR or SBO 272: Gwen Margolis; Co-Sponsors: Arthenia Joyner (D-18; Frederica Wilson (D-33); Nan Rich (D-34); Michael Bennett (R-21); Jeremy Ring (D-32); Steven Geller (D31); Larcenia Bullard (D-39); Charlie Justice (D-16). Al Lawson has not yet signed on this year.

House Co-sponsors for HCR 8003: Joyce Cusack (D-27); our own Lorraine Ausley (D-9) THANKS AGAIN, Lorraine!!!; Mary Brandenburg (D-89); Ronald Brise (D-108), Edward Bullard (D-118); Faye Culp (R-57); Keith Fitzgerald (D-69); Luis Garcia (D-107); Dan Gelber (D-106); Audrey Gibson (D-15); Wilbert Holloway (D-103); Janet Long (D-113); Matthew Meadows (D-94); Juan-Carlos Planas (R-115); our own Curtis Richardson (D-8); Julio Robaina (R-117); Holly Roberson (D-104); Franklin Sands (D-98); Kelly Skidmore (D-90); James Waldman (D-95); Juan Zapata (R-119).

Speaker Rubio has still refused to assign the bill to a committee, so we need to call his office and urge him to let the issue be discussed in the Judiciary and Rules committees. Please contact as many legislators (or their offices) as you can, and keep track of their response. Please share responses so we can answer any questions or address issues of concern they may have. Keep track of the time you spend and the # of folks you contact, and send that information to Jean Bryant at jbryant@mailier.fsu.edu for her end of year report.

She will be sending out a list of key senators soon, to supplement the House list previously sent. Please also try to contact additional House members, particularly on the Rules committee. And get more Republicans aboard! The Republican party introduced the ERA

Book Sale

Don't forget to bring books (paperback or hardback) to the next club meeting to donate for the book sale. The funds that are raised help pay for Relay for Life.

Book Club

April: "Memory Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards
Thursday, April 26 at the home of Joel Dawson

May: "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen

June: "The Sunday Wife" by Cassandra King

July: "A Noble Radiance" by Donna Leone

August: "Ines of my Soul" by Isabel Allende

September: "Next" by Michael Crichton

initially and were its primary supporters for over a decade!

Status of Women: Awards

We had 5 applicants for the **YWPA Award**, and the committee selected a winner and runner-up. They will be announced at our May meeting - and hopefully will be present (with their parents) to receive their certificates and checks.

Applications for the **Jane Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Award** are due May 1. The winner and runner-up will be invited to receive their awards at our May meeting.

From the Treasurer.....

Invoices for the Zonta 2007-08 year for all members will be available for pick up at the April lunch meeting. Renewing members dues are due and payable May 1 through May 31 (unless you would like to pay earlier). They are considered delinquent after June 1st as our payment and member count are to be sent to Zonta International at that time.

Also included with the invoice will be a copy of your directory bio. Please make any corrections or changes and return with or check or directly to Joel Dawson.

Any outstanding invoices for reimbursement from the Zonta budget should be turned in to Andy Cooke as soon as possible as the books will close May 31. Zonta Cares reimbursements go to Jo Conte.

Any questions? Frandy@Comcast.net.

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