

# Boca Bulletin

## President's Message

JULY — 2016

Dear Zontian Sisters,

We are off and running! Our first Business meeting of the 2016-17 Zonta year was our Annual Strategic Planning/Advocacy meeting. Our members were ready and willing to offer opinions and suggestions on how they felt we could improve or change some of our strategies. We had group discussions on: Club Mission & Vision; Membership; Service & Advocacy; Golden Z Club; Fundraising--mini & major; Fellowship and Scholarship. It was a very fruitful meeting. We got some good input and were able to come to some useful conclusions. We will begin putting a plan together soon. Let us remember--- Membership & Service--- the backbone of Zonta!

At our June 7<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting at Shelly's home, the Board approved the Proposed Budget for 2016-17. It will be presented to the entire membership for approval at our July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please do review it beforehand.

At the June meetings, I was pleased to announce that we have a new advisor for our PBSC Golden Z Club. Her name is Mindy Yale. She is very enthusiastic about getting the club restarted. We look forward to welcoming Mindy as soon as possible.

On June 16<sup>th</sup>, Jan, Pat, Nancy, Diane, Sara Dwyer, Anita Walker and Ron Sawchuk volunteered at Boca Helping Hands. BHH has earned a 100% rating from Charity Navigator again this year. It is a BIG deal for them and I am sure that you are pleased to know that we are supporting a very worthy non-profit organization. As always, they were happy to have us. Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, we will begin collecting non-perishable foods for donation to BHH. Please bring your monthly food donations to any of our meetings. I will keep them to make one large donation at the end of Sept. Please check your list of needed items and thank you for your generosity.

One more request, please try to sell as many Macy's "Shop for a Cause" coupons as you can. These monies make up a large part of our Zonta International Foundation annual donation.

I would like to thank our members for the lovely gifts given to me at the Installation. I will enjoy them. A big thank you to Nancy Thompson for her many years of producing our monthly BOCA BULLETIN-- always a job well done! Thank you to Jan Furtado for taking over this job for us.

Jane Adams, Alice Chick and Sandra Miller are off to Nice, France for the Zonta International Convention, July 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to hearing all about it when they return.

Enjoy the summer, we look forward to seeing you at our dinner meetings. Have a fun and safe holiday—HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!!

*Diane*



Independence Day—Congress established Independence Day as a holiday in 1870, and in 1938 Congress reaffirmed it as a paid holiday for federal employees. Today, communities across the nation mark this major midsummer holiday with parades, firework displays, picnics and performances of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and marches by John Philip Sousa.

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- July 5—Board Meeting  
5:30 pm
- July 13—Business Meeting  
5:30 pm, Pavilion Grille
- August 2—Board Meeting  
5:30 pm
- August 9—Business Meeting  
5:30 pm, Pavilion Grille

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Sincere apologies to Cat Whitt for mistakenly omitting her name on our club board in the June issue. She is a welcome addition as a director and it was my error that her name was omitted. Jan Furtado, Editor



## As we end the 2014-16 Zonta biennium, I'd like to update you on some of our International Service Projects.

### **Creating an HIV-free generation and preventing violence in Rwanda - 29 December 2015**

In cooperation with the US Fund for UNICEF, Zonta International has supported efforts to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV and gender-based violence in Rwanda since 2008. Rwanda has set an ambitious target to achieve an HIV-free generation, and has maintained a low HIV prevalence at about 3 percent of the adult population. Still, throughout the country, adolescents, especially girls, remain at increased risk of contracting HIV. At the same time, providing protection for the country's 130,000 orphans is another critical factor in further reducing the prevalence of HIV and curbing issues of violence and abuse.

### **Zonta helps reach 100,000 adolescents with Rwanda project - 23 June 2016**

Zonta International has supported efforts to eliminate gender-based violence in Rwanda since 2008. Rwanda is one of the few countries in Africa which met almost all of the Millennium Development Goals, including those goals related to improved child survival. U.S. Fund for UNICEF and Zonta are building upon this national progress, with a focus on reducing the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and gender-based violence.

### **Voices against Violence Togo workshop prepares trainers to speak out and advocate against gender-based violence - 29 April 2016**

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), in partnership with UN Women and with the support of Zonta International, is working to prevent and reduce gender discrimination and violence against women and girls through non-formal education and youth leadership engagement. At the fourth regional Voices Against Violence training in Lomé, Togo, in January, 47 participants were trained from nine French-speaking countries. Each of the trainers, in turn, is expected to run national workshops that will instruct at least 30 additional leaders to deliver the Voices against Violence curriculum to young people in their home countries.

### **Nearly 9,000 adolescents complete child marriage project in Niger - 20 June 2016**

In cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Zonta International began supporting the Niger project in the 2014-2016 Biennium with US\$1 million. The program is designed to provide skills, health knowledge, and economic and social empowerment to teenage girls, as well as creating a favorable local and national environment for girls to exercise their rights. So far, 8,912 girls have completed the program and 56 girls said "NO" to child marriage.

### **Thousands benefit from Zonta's support of Fistula project in Liberia - 9 June 2016**

In cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Zonta International has supported the Liberia Fistula Project since 2008. In that time, Zonta has contributed US\$2.55 million to improve the health and socio-economic status of women and young girls in Liberia. The project's goal was to surgically treat 125 women by December 2015. During the reporting period, a total of 161 women were recruited and screened, of which 154 patients were treated.



America—July 4th  
Cat Whitt—July 5th

