



ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Boca Bulletin

President's Message

Dear Boca Zontians,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and that all of you have had a great July 4th! We are looking forward to a really productive Zonta year. During our August meeting we will be focusing on planning our goals and activities. The agenda will include, but not limited to, a review of our Strategic Plan; review of our service projects and a direction for the coming year; membership; potential fundraisers; upcoming district conference and potential speakers. Please be thinking about these topics, as I am eager to have a good interactive, productive meeting.

District 11 Conference will be held October 12 to October 14, 2017 in Myrtle Beach, SC, at the Doubletree Resort and Conference center. Pre-conference events begin on the afternoon of Thursday, October 12 with the First Timers' and Delegates' meeting and a reception in the evening. The business meetings and other conference activities begin on Friday, October 13th. Further, the banquet will be held Saturday evening, October 14th. The call to conference is anticipated to be out early this month – August. Please consider attending. It is the official voting conference. The Zonta Club of Myrtle Beach, the host club along with the Area 2 Clubs, with assistance of the District 11 Board, are planning a fun and informative weekend.

As many of you are aware, we have received a report from the Palm Beach State College Foundation with the year-end report on scholarships provided by our endowed scholarship. This year, 2016/2017, our scholarship has awarded 4 student scholarships. I will be looking to have one of those students invited to a meeting to speak with us about their activities and future goals.

Look forward to seeing you at our August meeting and anticipate your participation in our planning session.

Jane



August Birthday Wishes

Jo Kuczenski—8th

Jan Furtado—15th

AUGUST — 2017

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Aug 1—Board Meeting at 5:30 pm at Quail Run
- Aug 9—Business Meeting, 5:30 pm at Pavilion Grille
- Sept 5—Board Meeting at 5:30 pm at Quail Run
- Sept 13—Business Meeting, 5:30 pm at Pavilion Grille, speaker Becky Dymond from Hepzibah House
- Oct 12—14—Zonta District 11 Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC—see page 3
- Oct 18—Soroptimist breakfast at Boca West honoring our own Jo Kuczenski— 8 am

ZONTA CLUB OF BOCA RATON AREA
P.O. BOX 3974
BOCA RATON, FL 33427
[HTTP://WWW.ZONTABOCARATON.ORG](http://www.zontabocaraton.org)

President
Jane Adams
Vice President
Shelly Olkey
Recording Secretary—Board
Pat Cox
Recording Secretary—Business
Cat Whitt
Corresponding Secretary
Cooky Duboff
Treasurer
Alice Chick
Board of Directors
Mary Ellen Courier
Jan Furtado



District 11 Attends NAIDM
 Boca Raton Pres. Jane Adams and 11 other members from 7 District 11 clubs attend the North American Interdistrict Meeting (NAIDM) held June 2-4 in Washington, D.C. and enjoy a photo with Zonta International President Sonja Honig Schough. There were 4 tracks of sessions over 2 days related to Advocacy, Leadership, Membership and Service. The first day was spent on Advocacy visits to Capitol Hill to discuss with the staffs of the senators from each state issues related to the Equal Rights Amendment and the Bipartisan Campus Accountability and Safety Act.

Front row L to R: District 11 Governor Charlene Rains, ZI President Sonja Honig Schough, President Jane Adams-Boca Raton, Karen Pati-Sanibel/Captiva. Standing L to R: Dr. Janice Green-Naples, Nola Theiss-Sanibel/Captiva, Gail Kent-Orlando, Kathleen Skubikowski-Sanibel/Captiva, D11 Lt. Gov. Linda Robison-Sanibel/Captiva, Betty Houbion-Columbia, Sandra Miller-Sarasota, Myra Sands-Mobile, Nancy Dreher-Sanibel/Captiva. Thanks to Sandra Miller for the picture!

CHECK PRESENTATION

(L to R) Pres. Jane Adams, Board Member Mary Ellen Courier, Andrea Ivory and Christine Hoogenbergen from The Women's Breast and Heart Initiative as we presented them with a donation of \$500.00 at our June 14 meeting.



BOCA HELPING HANDS HAS RECEIVED A PERFECT SCORE!



CHARITY NAVIGATOR HAS AWARDED ITS ANNUAL RATINGS AND BOCA HELPING HANDS IS 1 OF ONLY 58 OUT OF 8,359 CHARITIES NATIONALLY TO RECEIVE A PERFECT 100 OUT OF 100!

Charity Navigator Announces 2017 Ratings!
 Boca Helping Hands Once Again Earns Perfect Score of 100 and 11th Consecutive 4-Star Rating!



MAKE WAVES FOR WOMEN
October 12-14, 2017

The 68th Zonta District 11 Conference
 The Zonta Club of Myrtle Beach and the Area 2 Clubs, with the help of the District 11 Board, are busy planning a fun and informative weekend for Zontians.

Dates:
 October 12-14, 2017

Location:
 Doubletree Resort & Conference Ctr
 3200 South Ocean Blvd
 Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
www.myrtlebeach.doubletreebyhilton.com

Be A Star at the 69th Zonta District 11 Conference

Reach a dedicated group of professionals across the South East and the Caribbean.

- \$ 250 You will be included in communications sent to members in South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas and Tortola. BVI: website and Facebook recognition, banner recognition, signs during breaks, and 1/2 page ad in the event program.
- \$ 500 In addition to above you will receive recognition at our Friday luncheon event and a 1/2 page ad in the event program.
- \$1,000 In addition to above you will receive recognition at our Friday luncheon event and a full page ad in the event program.

In addition to Sponsorships, get your message out to our conference attendees with a program ad:

- \$ 140 Full Page Ad
- \$ 75 Half Page Ad
- \$ 50 Quarter Page Ad
- \$ 30 Business Card Ad

For more information about Sponsorship opportunities email: sponsor@zontamyrtlebeach.org or call Cherry Temple at (843) 446-1175.

A Prayer for the End of Human Trafficking Submitted by Pat Cox
As shared by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, N.J.

God of freedom, beauty and truth
 we believe that your deepest desire,
 your most powerful energy,
 is that all creation might know abundant life.

We raise our voices in anguished prayer
 for our sisters and brothers,
 women and girls, men and boys,
 who are modern day slaves;
 They are your beloved daughters and sons,
 exploited sexually or forced to work
 because of human violence and greed.

Fill us with your holy anger and your sacred passion
 that those who are trafficked might know healing and justice;
 that traffickers will come to repentance and conversion;
 that all of us might live in such a way
 that others are not made to pay the price
 for our comfort and convenience.

Hasten the coming of the day when all people
 and our precious Earth itself
 will be treated, not as a commodity,
 but as radiant images of your freedom, beauty and truth.
 Amen. May it be so.

Sisters of Charity
of Saint Elizabeth
 CONVENT STATION, NEW JERSEY



Trafficking in persons is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labor or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs.

If you suspect that someone is a victim of trafficking, please call the Trafficking Information and Referral Hotline at 888-373-7888.

For more information:
www.act.hhs.gov/trafficking
www.stoptrafficking.org

April 4, 2017 at SART in Palm Bch Co.



Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center held a “Field of Hope” event in observance of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM).

This event brought together survivors of sexual assault and their supporters for a unique “speak out.” Survivors wrote their messages on teal-colored flags, then spoke their messages, and placed their flags in the ground which filled a huge, butterfly-shape symbol to honor survivors. The experience was moving and uplifting with a solid feeling of hope infusing the participants and those in attendance.

Zonta International members were guest speakers at Field of Hope event. Also on hand were Kelley Burke, aide to County Vice Mayor Melissa McKinlay, West Palm Beach Mayor Jeri Mouio, West Palm Beach Police Chief Sarah Mooney, and Dan Litman, representing U.S. Rep. Alcee Hastings.



One of our District 11 Service projects, rethreaded is offering a 20% discount on all orders. Go to <https://www.rethreaded.com/collections/shop> to place your order and use code “district11” at check-out.

Reminder of donations:

Boca Helping Hands 3rd quarter July – September

Cereal & Cereal Bars; Juice; Tomato sauces; Canned fruits & vegetables; Canned meat, fish & poultry; Pasta, beans, rice & soup; Pop Tarts; Milk – can or box (dry/liquid); Crackers / Cookies / Candy; Individual water bottles; Paper plates & Cups. Always check expiration dates on items.

Human Trafficking Coalition Palm Beach

Cat Whit reported that they are in need of the following items:

The Lewis Center is located at 1000 45th Street in West Palm Beach and they are in need of dry foods, old plates and cutlery, clothes, and feminine hygiene products.

For questions contact Cat at cathyjwhtt@gmail.com.