



Zonta Club of Newport Harbor

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President's Message

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By Eileen Brewer

It has been an honor to serve our club over the last 12 months and I'd like to take this moment to thank you all for your support and dedication. I am continually amazed by how much we get done considering the number of members we have. We could not have touched the lives of so many without your help. We could not have raised awareness about Human Trafficking without your hard work. We could not have put smiles on 125 kid's faces without your donated time. Over the last 12 months we have touched many lives in many ways, and often times it happens discretely, 2nd or 3rd hand, which means we give because we care, not because we need the recognition. Congratulations to you for understanding the needs of others and for being willing to give of yourself without grandiosity! Your efforts do not go unnoticed and are greatly appreciated by the women and children in our community. These women and children may not always get to meet you or thank you so please let me say **THANK YOU** on their behalf! Please see page 4 for a full list of our club's accomplishments over this last year.

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May Highlights in US Women's History

May 10, 1872 - Victoria Woodhull is nominated as the first woman candidate for U.S. president.

May 8, 1914 - President Woodrow Wilson signed a Joint Resolution designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day

May 12, 1968 - A 12-block Mother's Day march of "welfare mothers" is held in Washington, D.C., led by Coretta Scott King accompanied by Ethel Kennedy.



Coretta Scott King

May 21, 1973 - Lynn Genesko, a swimmer, receives the first athletic scholarship awarded to a woman (Univ. of Miami)

May 3, 1974 - Billie Jean King founds The Women's Sports Foundation

May 29, 1977 - Janet Guthrie becomes the first woman to qualify for and complete the Indy 500.

Zonta Tea and Sweater Drive

Be sure to SAVE THE DATE for June 20th to attend our **Zonta Tea and Sweater Drive** to support the Women of Nepal. This tea will be hosted at our club member Sudi Saberi's residence in Laguna Niguel. The event will run from 2:00-4:30 with volunteers arriving several hours early to set-up tables and raffle prizes. Our own Susan Munson recently traveled to Nepal and will be providing a slideshow from her trip. We will also have

"The Goat Lady", Rosalind Russell, provide an opportunity for the guests to "Buy a Goat" to support the Women of Nepal through her NGO. Please distribute the flyers to your friends and neighbors. The price is \$30 plus one donated sweater (gently used is OK, any size, any style). If you would like to donate an item for the raffle, silent auction, or volunteer at the event please contact Eileen Brewer.

Human Trafficking

By Susan Munson

The Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force (OCHTTF) has bought a **booth for the OC Fair** to help raise awareness of this issue in our communities. Our club will be volunteering some time to staff the booth and we are allowed to hand-out information about Zonta and our club. Cassia Stefanini is the Project Leader for this event and will be attending the OCHTTF planning meetings. Please contact Cassia to volunteer.

The **Human Trafficking Emergency Cards** continue to be a huge success with the law enforcement agencies and NGO's in our local communities. We have a new box of cards at the clubhouse so please feel free to take what you need and offer them to any local agencies that might be able to use them. They can be placed in social services offices, nail salons, police stations, etc. Susan Munson is working on a new set of cards with a Vietnamese translation which will be distributed in the Westminster neighborhoods.

We are in the process of completing the paperwork to become a "**Sponsor**" at the **Women Helping Women (WHW)** facility so we can refer clients for a free wardrobe session and one free outfit. There is no cost to our Club for this service and we can provide it to women in need of this assistance. Our first referral will be Wendy Barnes, the human trafficking survivor that spoke at our Area 4 Workshop.

Life Skills Workshop

By Eileen Brewer

We have partnered with Colette's Children's Home to provide **Life Skills Workshops**. Colette's is one of our Club Grant recipients and was very happy to hear we had members that were interested in being of further service. Our Life Skills Workshops include; Nutrition, Interviewing, Self-Defense and more. The first workshops will be presented in June and are booked all the way through December 2009! If you are interested in this project please contact Eileen Brewer.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



May and June Birthdays

Karen Digiacomio May 12
Gerry Gerken May 14
(no June birthdays)

May and June Anniversaries

Gwen Black 2 Years
April Kobus 4 Years
Sudi Shoja 5 Years
Candace Kohl 19 Years
Wanda Brush 27 Years
Verda Acker 45 Years
Fay Harbison 52 Years
Gerry Gerken 52 Years

Double Impact Project

By Gwen Black

Over the summer, the Service Committee brainstormed ideas for new service projects, and ended up combining two into one: **Senior Companionship and supporting homeless families serviced by SPIN (Serving People in Need).**

The result: Zonta members made 20 blankets with residents of Beach Homes Senior Care in Costa Mesa and Vintage Newport Senior Living in Newport Beach that will be combined with a sheet set, towel set, and laundry basket to create **housewarming baskets for SPIN** families moving out of transitional housing into their own homes.



Front row: Cassia Stefanini, Trish Beach. Back row: Gwen Black, Wendy Weeks, Barbara Sisson and Leslie Morales at Beach Homes Senior Care in Costa Mesa.

Project coordinators Gwen Black, Barbara Sisson, and Cassia Stefanini tackled different aspects of the project, from contacting and setting times with senior homes to measuring and cutting yards of fleece to organizing the purchase of basket items.



Wendy Weeks and Gerry Gerken with residents and staff of Beach Homes Senior Care in Costa Mesa.

Prospective Zonta member Leslie Morales was instrumental in teaching us all how to cut and tie the blankets, and we were even joined by **SPIN Volunteer Director Kim Frazier** for one of the blanket-making sessions. The 20 baskets will be ready for delivery to SPIN by the end of May. Don't be surprised to see this project at our upcoming brainstorming session for 2009-10!



HOAG Cancer Care Kits

By Bonny Schumacher

From June 2008 through May 2009 our Club has donated over 200 **Cancer Care Kits to Hoag Hospital**. These kits are very appreciated by the patients and the staff at the Hoag Cancer Center. This has been a very well organized and well received project for the last two years so you just might see it on the list for our Brainstorming Session for projects for our new year! We will be holding our next Kit Stuffing Party on June 13th! For more information about this project please contact Bonny Schumacher.

What a Difference a Year Makes When *YOU* Are In It!

By Eileen Brewer

Impressed is an understatement!

Please congratulate yourselves for a job well done!

Here's a glimpse of **A Year in the Life of our Zonta Club:**

- We delivered 125 backpacks full of supplies for an entire 5th grade class
- We provided 5 field trips to local businesses for (15) 5th graders
- We provided over 200 Cancer Care Kits to new patients at the Hoag Cancer Center
- We granted \$29,600 to (6) local NGO's to improve the lives of women and children
- We provided (5) Thanksgiving Dinners to low income families
- We provided a Christmas Tree and all the trimmings to one low income family
- We donated raffle prizes to reward kids for their achievements
- We bought recognition stars for high school girls performing in the arts
- We helped produce a video to raise awareness of Human Trafficking
- We provided senior companionship at two local senior living centers
- We provided (20) housewarming baskets for women moving into their first homes

Our incremental and individual contributions add up fast! I have no doubt *we have positively impacted the lives of at least 500 people in our community* through these service projects and many more exponentially. You are an amazing group of women and I am proud to know you and stand by your side.

Student to Business Program Advocacy & Activism

By Barbara Sisson

The Oak View Elementary Student to Business Field Trips have started! The kids visited Eileen at Panasonic Avionics in Lake Forest on May 13 and had fun playing games on the airplane monitors and learning about careers in software, hardware and security.



The balance of the trips are:

- May 20: Chapman College, lead by Richard Bye
- May 27: Hyatt Regency, lead by Barbara Sisson
- June 3: City of Costa Mesa, lead by Bonny S.
- June 10: Harbor Justice Center, lead by TBD

For more information about this project please contact Barbara Sisson.

Denim Day Results

On April 22 women locally and around the world wore jeans to raise awareness about violence against women. We collected the pictures taken from multiple clubs in our District and posted them here:

<http://www.zontanewportharbor.org/zontademinday.html>.



District Survey Coming

Our District 9 Board wants to know more about what motivates you to participate in Advocacy and Activism so please participate in the survey they will be sending out soon to collect your feedback and opinions.

Orange County Human Trafficking Awareness Bike Ride and Art Show

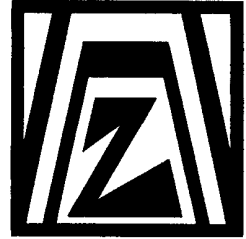
Eileen, Wendy and Susan attended a Human Trafficking community awareness event. This event included a bike ride, art show and discussions with Sandy Morgan, Lydia Today and Live to Free.



Test Your Women's History I.Q.

Daughter and granddaughter of Paiute Indian chiefs from Nevada, she lobbied Congress, wrote extensively, and traveled across country during the late 1800s lecturing on the hardships brought upon Native Americans by the U.S. Government. Her name?

Answer on back page.



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Coming Up Soon:

Zonta Tea and Sweater Drive
Saturday, June 20, 2:00-4:30PM
(see Page 2 for more details)
Contact Eileen Brewer for flyers

We're on the web!
www.ZontaNewportHarbor.org

SAVE THE DATE!

May 31: Attend St. Joseph's Ballet as a group

June 5: Attend Film on the Congo at St. Joseph Center

June 11: Business/Dinner Meeting, including:

- JMKlausman Scholarship Recipient Honored
- Installation of the New Board
- Honoring Verda Acker

June 13: Cancer Care Kits Stuffing Party

June 20: Zonta Tea and Sweater Drive

Test Your Women's History I.Q. Answer:

Sarah Winnemucca (1844-1891), later named a chief in her own right. Her autobiography, *Life Among the Paiutes: Their Wrongs and Claims*, was one of the first books by a Native American.