



Boca Briefs

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Outgoing President's Message

It has been an honor and a privilege to be your Club President for the year 2008-2009. We had a some challenges due to Zontians and family illnesses, the changing economic condition but we also have some great successes. We now have a 1st Timers District 11 Scholarship, we have meet and exceeded our PBCC endowed scholarship commitment, we have had great speakers to inform and educate us, we have had fabulous fellowship events, and I could continue but the news-letter would just get too long. For more information see our Committee Chairman's reports on the continuing pages.

Let's welcome and support our new **Officers and Directors for 2009-2010.**

Officers

President	Lisa A. Miller
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Cathy DeMatto	2008-2010
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Now is the time to look forward to the upcoming year and our task as the hosting Club for the Zonta District 11 61st Annual Conference in Fort Lauderdale. I know with Lisa at the helm we will have a very exciting and challenging year.

Yours in Zonta,
Alice Chick



Incoming President's Message

Happy New Year! Our new Zontian year is under way and I'm sure you're looking forward to each project, meeting, event, and get together as I am. The year will be a busy one with much work and planning through the summer, the conference this fall, and our 7th Annual Jazz Brunch this spring. Through it all I'm confident we'll have great fellowship opportunities, make an impact on our community and best of all, advance the status of women as only a Zontian can do.

2008 — 2009 Committee reports

YWPA scholarship winner Boca

Shelly Olkey, YWPA Chairman

Our Club received 10 applications and none were from schools in Palm Beach County. The winner of our YWPA scholarship this year is Veronika Sadykov. She attends Stranahan High School in Ft. Lauderdale. Veronika is first in her class of 366 students and is in the Honor Society, Key Club, Medical Science Club, Stranahan Dance Theater, and on the Human Relations Council. She is very active in community activities including the Thanksgiving Basket Brigade, AIDS walks, Christmas toy drives, Angel Trees, and food drives to name a few.

In the fall she will be attending UC Berkley majoring in Biological science with a goal of becoming a cardiologist.

6th Annual Jazz Brunch – March 1, 2009

Boca West Country Club

Cissy Kross, Chairman

The Zonta Club of Boca Raton held its' 6th Annual Jazz Brunch to benefit the Zonta Endowed Scholarship at Palm Beach Community College in Boca Raton. Almost 200 attendees were greeted at the door by the Dixie Kings as they arrived for an afternoon full of wonderful food, raffle and auction prizes, and jazz entertainment by Stuey Blue.

Special recognition was awarded to our Grand Benefactors, who include Henrietta Countess deHoernle, Yvonne Boice of The Shoppes at Village Pointe and Pat Riley of Clientele Cosmetics.

All of the members of the club worked tirelessly for many months in preparation for this special day, from pounding the pavement for ads and raffle prizes, to decorating baskets and making spectacular bows! As a result of their efforts, our Club was able to donate \$16,000 from this event to PBCC. This donation has enabled us to exceed our commitment of \$60,000 to PBCC for Zonta's Endowed Scholarship, of which we are extremely proud.

Program Committee Report

Regina M. Vetto, Program Chairman

July - Previously confirmed, Zonta member Tamar Reno addressed the club "Let's Think and Talk About Service" offering suggestions on "marketing" ourselves as a service organization. Audience participation was encouraged during this meeting held at Palm Beach Community College.

August – Previously confirmed to speak were the co-chairs of the 6th Annual Jazz Brunch, Cissy Kross and Lynne Jenkin. Ideas and suggestions were discussed for the March fundraiser. Announcement was made that Yvonne Boice would be the Honorary Chair of the event.

September - Previously confirmed, Jane Adams secured Sharon D'Eusano, Deputy Director, Division of Victim Services & Criminal Justice Programs Office of the Attorney General. Her remarks were on Human Trafficking and Domestic Abuse.

October – Our speaker, Marianne Shine, CFP, co-owner of Shine Financial, Inc. in Deerfield Beach spoke "Dollars and Sense for Women: Are You Prepared for Uncertain Times?" Her remarks included planning for the future and today's economy.

November – Our speaker, Josephine Beoku-Betts, Professor of Women's Studies and Sociology and Interim Director of Women's Studies at Florida Atlantic University spoke on "Promoting Women's Rights and Peace." Dr. Beoku-Betts remarks were in conjunction with Zonta International United Nations Month.

December – A holiday celebration. No speaker this month.

January – Our speaker, Dr. Roxanna Anderson, Professor of Psychology at Palm Beach Community College – Boca Raton Campus. Dr. Anderson spoke on self-esteem and motivation in an interesting and up-lifting manner.

February – This meeting was dedicated to coordinating raffle prizes for the Jazz Brunch. No speaker.

March – Jane Adams worked to secure a speaker from Florida Freedom Partnership. The speaker was unable to attend and Jane made a presentation and answered questions on the topic.

April – Our speaker, Dr. Anita Beckerman, EdD, ARNP spoke on the topic of "Aging in Today's World." She graciously offered her book for sale as a fundraiser for the club.

May – Installation

2008 — 2009 Committee reports (continued)

Membership

Jo Kuczenski, Co-Chairman

During the 2008 – 2009 year, we welcomed two new members and two Zontians transfer-ees. In August, 2008 Dr. Bernadette Russell, Provost of Palm Beach Community College joined us, then in November, 2008 Diane Sawchuk joined us bringing her many years of volunteering to our Club. Kay Evans from Tampa and Lynne Holden from the Greater Palm Beaches, long-term Zontians are now active members of the Club.

We are looking forward to the prospective members that attended the installation dinner on May 13, 2009 being approved by the new board for membership in the 2009-2010 year.

Service

Lisa Miller & Kay Evans, Co-Chairmen

For the 2008-09 year, the service committee achieved many of its goals. One of the largest projects was collecting items for apartment starter kits for kids who aged out of the foster care system and had to furnish an apartment without the resources of a typical family. All total our members and their families and friends donated items for the kitchen, bedroom and bathroom along with cash. At one point in the year we were contacted by a staff member of Kids at Home. They told us of a Kids at Home foster care student who had a six month old baby without a crib. Thanks to Kay Evans a crib was found and the cash collected for the apartment starter kits was used to fill this need.

Throughout the year we also sold key chains to buy a stove for a Guatemalan family, sponsored a single mom with three kids for Christmas. We collected more than \$700 that was used for clothes, gifts and a Target gift card for the entire family.

Z-Fellowship

Cyndi Bracken, Fellowship Chairman

~~Breakfast on the Water~~



Ice Cream and Bunco



Z-Pals



*Making the Holidays Meaningful,
a Zonta Holiday Celebration*



Book Club Fellowship



Upcoming Birthdays

June 2009

Susan Isbell	6/4
Vanessa Lovvorn	6/9
Glenda Lynn Laser	6/13
K. Lynne Jenkin	6/21

July

Laurajean Rood	7/29
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August

Josephine Kuczenski	8/6
Linda K. Johnson	8/8
Elizabeth Athanasakos	8/13
Jan Furtado	8/15
Ruth Van Der Walt	8/20

It was a great year for fellowship with the Z-Gals!!

2008 — 2009 Committee reports (continued)

Golden Z Club

Jane Adams, Chairman-Z & Golden Z Club Committee

The Golden Z Club of PBCC has been a very active club this year. 17 additional members were inducted this year, including some young men. I have been able to attend all of their meetings and have been very impressed with the energy and their positive direction in raising funds and utilizing them to provide service.

During this school year the club has developed and delivered a six program self-development series for students on the campus. Those programs included: Self-Defense for Everyone, Health Fair with Confidential HIV Testing, Making Yourself Over from the Inside Out, Eating Disorder Seminar, and This is My Story: What's Your Story? These were very well attended.

During Women's History Month, they hosted a Living Hall of Fame as a part of their efforts to learn and share the accomplishments of famous remarkable women. They club members dressed in period costume and shared the stories of these women, including Amelia Earhart.

Serving the general community, they volunteered as mentors at a local elementary school working side by side with faculty and children to plant trees, do landscaping, set up

lawn swings, benches and pebbled walkways and in the process taught the children the importance of conserving natural resources and showed them how they can use their hands to make the world a more environmentally friendly place. Further, members served as volunteers for several of the Children's Museum events, such as: Breakfast with Santa and Kid's Fest. Finally, in the community they help our club with the Jazz Brunch, both in set up and the activities the day of the brunch.

Internationally, the club members participated as a team in a UNIFEM Walk to End Violence Against Women and Girls. In addition to the walk participation, they raised \$298 for UNIFEM.

Additionally, the Golden Z Club raised \$439 to purchase toothbrushes, toothpaste and teddy bears to donate to Kids in Need run by a Brazilian dentist, who provides free dental care to Brazilian children living in poverty. Finally, they raised \$100 at their Valentine's Day fundraiser-"Buy a Sweet for Your Sweet", which they sent as a donation to the Zonta International Foundation.

Lastly, the Golden Z Club of PBCC has submitted a well written application for the Emma L. Conlon Award, relating all of these service activities and events. They have had a very productive, energetic and effective club year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *June 1 — Board meeting
5:30 PM*
- *Jun. 5-6 — Area 3 Workshop ~ Hawk's Cay, Marathon*
- *June 10 — Business Dinner meeting 6:00 PM*
- *July 1 — Board meeting
5:30 PM*
- *July 8 — Business Dinner meeting 6:00 PM*
- *September 25-26 — Zonta District 61st Annual Conference, Fort Lauderdale*

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www.zontabocaraton.org,

the **district** at

www.zonta-district11.org,

and **international** at

www.zonta.org.

"YOU CANNOT HOPE TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD WITHOUT IMPROVING THE INDIVIDUALS. TO THAT END, EACH OF US MUST WORK FOR OUR OWN IMPROVEMENT AND, AT THE SAME TIME, SHARE A GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL HUMANITY,.OUR PARTICULAR DUTY BEING TO AID THOSE TO WHOM WE THINK WE CAN BE MOST USEFUL."

BY MADAME MARIE CURIE