

Boca Briefs



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President's Message

We the busy women of the world will be even busier with the holidays fast approaching. As we focus on our family, relatives and friends do not forget those that we in Zonta are also trying to help that are less fortunate than us. Zontians are one of the most giving and caring group of people that I know and must be congratulated for all that we do, serve and donate to. Our adopt-a-family this year is Brittaney McKennon and her three children ranging in ages from 6 years to 3 months. Lisa and Kay are planning our fun-filled fellowship shopping day and then our get together to gift wrap all of the wonderful items that are purchased. Watch your emails from Lisa and Kay for more information.

This past quarter we started a membership moment which will continue after the holidays in February. We want our new members to find out everything that there is to know about Zonta and one of the ways would be to join the Historian Committee and review the wealth of information that has been accumulated over our clubs history since 1975. Do you have any questions? Is there something you would like us to do or cover for you? If the answer is yes, let us know so the membership committee can make sure that your question is answered.

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One of our goals is to get to know our Zontian sisters better. *Z-Pals*, is one of the ways we are getting to this goal. Another is adding a thought provoking question monthly to our introductions at our meeting, showcasing our new members in our quarterly Boca Briefs newsletter. If any member has something that they would like to share at either our monthly meeting or in our upcoming newsletter, just let me know. It is true that we are not a business networking group but we know that we buy products and use services from those that we have confidence in and know as our friends/family. So it is good to share.

As you travel and are shopping this holiday season remember the Jazz Brunch on March 1st. There are those that you will meet and see during the holidays this year that might be interested in attending our brunch, advertising in our program, donate a prize, sponsor or do some underwriting for our 6th Annual Jazz Brunch.

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy, and Safe Holiday Season.

Yours in Zonta,
Alice Chick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dec 2 — Board meeting 5:30 PM
- Dec 6—Children's Museum-Breakfast with Santa 8:30 AM
- Dec 10 — Holiday celebration -Tiramisu 6:00 PM
- Dec 17 — Jazz Brunch meeting 5:30 PM
- Jan 6 — Board meeting 5:30 PM
- Jan 7 — Jazz Brunch meeting 5:30 PM
- Jan 14 — Dinner Business meeting 6:00 PM
- Jan 21 — Jazz Brunch meeting 5:30 PM
- Feb 3 — Board meeting 5:30 PM
- Feb 4 — Jazz Brunch meeting 5:30 PM
- Feb 7— Children's Museum ~ Kids Fest 10 AM
- Feb 18 — Jazz Brunch wrapping party ~ TBD

Visit our **club** website to keep updated at www.zontabocaraton.org, the **district** at www.zonta-district11.org, and **international** at www.zonta.org.

Committee Reports

Z-Fellowship

By Cyndi Bracken

**Ice Cream and Bunco**

Twelve Zontians and two guests recently shared lots of yummy toppings over vanilla and chocolate ice cream...plus hours of fun with three LARGE dice. Although none of us were overly concerned with winning or losing (except maybe Sue, who was REALLY enthusiastic and made us all laugh!), Christy was the overall winner with the most wins AND the most Bunco's. Boca Terrace was a great location and Ellen was a perfect hostess. Thank you, Ellen! Overall, it was a wonderful opportunity to just have FUN...and we even had Lynn Salvatore, our District 11 Governor, eating ice cream and playing Bunco with us!

**Z-Pals**

There is one more month to meet with your **Z-Pal** before we share a bit of what we learned about each other. Several of our members have already had the opportunity to have lunch or coffee with their **Z-Pals**. Emily said being matched with her **Z-Pal** was "*the best idea ever!*" What will YOU think? Take this opportunity to extend your circle of friends -- have coffee or tea, take a walk on the beach, attend a movie, go shopping, visit a South Florida attraction or event, or simply share an extended telephone conversation.

**"Something's Afoot"****April 12 – May 17, 2009****Caldwell Theatre**

In the mood for a mega-musical comedy mystery? This audience fave murder musical mystery is set in the late spring of 1935 at an English country estate. It's a dark and stormy night, and the 10 guests of Lord Dudley Rancor discover upon their arrival that not only is the host dead, but so is his butler. A parody based on Agatha Christie's "Ten Little Indians" (the 1939 novel also known as "And Then There Were None,") **Something's Afoot** will keep you on the edge of your seat as the determined guests unmask the murderer among them. "The audience adored the show," New York Times. "An engaging, funny, refreshing and original musical," New York Post, and the New York Daily News wrote that **Something's Afoot** is "an enchanting spoof." The Stage (UK) review by Jane McCall said **Something's Afoot** "is a finely paced comedy" with "cannily created characters."

Doesn't this sound like FUN? Let's invite spouses and friends and plan on attending.

**Making the Holidays Meaningful, a Zonta Holiday Celebration**

On Wednesday, December 10th, Zontians and their spouses and friends will be enjoying a holiday celebration with fabulous food at **Tiramisu Restaurant**. Vanessa is creating a collage of photographs of Boca Raton Zontians celebrating the holidays as children; and someone will win a prize that night for correctly guessing the identity of the most Zontians in the collage. There will also be some GREAT door prizes. You won't want to miss this!!

Committee Reports (continued)

Golden Z Club of Palm Beach Community College

By Jane A. Adams

The Golden Z Club has started this school year with energy and enthusiasm. The club currently has approximately 21 members, including a number of young men, who have expressed an interest in understanding and participating in advocating for improving the status of women.

The club's initial activity was to participate in a UNIFEM Walk on October 25th, for which they raised \$294.00. They have, since, elected officers. Each candidate for office spoke about their commitment to women's rights and issues women face, such as domestic abuse. They then followed the Parliamentary Process to elect the officers. They have also designed Golden Z T-shirts.

The club is planning some training type programs at the college, including a self-defense class for November 20th. They have appointed a "web mistress" to update their web site, which is linked to the PBCC page; a group to research service projects and report back; and a community relations "director" who will work on outreach projects with community organizations.

Two of the members are planning to attend FAU next year and are already talking about potential of extension there. Currently, the club will be discussing potential dates for member initiate and installation of officers.

I am very impressed with the direction the Golden Z Club is taking, the energy and commitment they demonstrate and the effective guidance provided by the faculty advisor, Bobette Wolesensky.

Organization, Extension, & Classification ~ Membership

By Josephine Kuczenski & Christina Simmons

Looking back on the last four months our club has had quite a few visitors and prospective members. We had a transfer, Kay Evans and welcomed her along with two new members, Dr. Bernadette Russell and Diane Sawchuk. Cathy DeMatto brought in Brenda Bennett and the board has invited her to membership, however she has not replied to my letter as yet. Cathy seems to think she may still be thinking about it, she seemed very excited to join when I talked to her but something may have come up for her not to accept our invitation to join this month.

We will continue to invite some of the guests to join us again and see if anyone is interested to join in January.

Service

By Lisa Miller & Kay Evans

Happy holidays from your Zonta of Boca Raton Area service committee. It's been a busy several months. We recently started a new service project providing apartment starter kits to girls aging out of the foster care system. In conjunction with Kids at Home, we're providing items for bathroom, bedroom and kitchen to enable girls who are turning 18 and are not allowed to remain in foster care. These girls are moving from a group home to an apartment with little to nothing to furnish an apartment. For as little as \$190 we are able to provide the basics to get them started on their independent lives.

A second project includes our adoption of a single mother and her three kids for the holidays. We're collecting donations in order to purchase holiday items for the family. The project includes a fellowship component where our members will shop, wrap and deliver the items to the family. What a great feeling we'll all get when we see the looks on their faces and know that we've made a difference in the life of a local family in need.

Thank you everyone for all your hard work over the last couple months to pull together the two projects listed above along with the treasure sale. We are truly working to advance the status of women in our community.

Committee Reports (continued)

Jazz Brunch

By Co-Chairs Cissy Kross and Lynne Jenkin

...AND THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS...

90 DAYS

TILL OUR FABULOUS JAZZ BRUNCH!!

NOW is the time for all Zontians to come to the aid of their Club!

Please help in the success of our event by doing your part in getting ads, donations, raffle prizes, sponsorships, and selling tickets so we can make this our best ever!

- Many thanks to Shelly & Richard Olkey for their wonderful donation of \$600 to underwrite our favors!! AND with Lynne's Underwriting Challenge, this means an additional \$300 for us!
- We had a very productive meeting on November 19, and we are currently awaiting our invitations from the printer --- so get your lists ready!
- Lisa Reason reported on some great progress for sponsorships...stay tuned for more details!
- Please remember that we need separate checks for tickets, ads, donations in order to make it easier for all involved.

In order to properly acknowledge all our supporters for their ads, raffles and donations, as well as for all ticket purchases, we will again send appropriate thank you letters to all. To make this an easier task for all involved, we ask that each member ensure the forms are completed accurately and completely. Remember to submit 2 copies of each form with your raffle/ad/donation.

THANKS again to all of YOU for your continued support for this wonderful event!!!!

Upcoming Zonta Club of Boca Raton newsletter

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Submission deadline</u>	<u>Issuance date</u>
# 4 ~ December 2008—February 2009	March 2, 2009	March 6, 2009
# 5 ~ March 2009—May 2009	June 1, 2009	June 5, 2009

Do you have something that you want to have published in the Boca Briefs? Yes, then submit it by the submission deadline to me at alice@chickkaro.com. Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs should recap what has occurred during the quarter and what is planned for the balance of the year.

Communications is what keeps us connected and informed so keep up the great job!

Meet the Zonta Club of Boca Raton Area's new members

Lisa Reason
Joined June 4, 2008

To fulfill your efforts in getting to know more about me I went ahead and addressed a few of your questions and it was interesting to stop and think about my answers and how they reflect the person I am today.

Although I was born in Missouri my parents moved to S. California before I turned 1, therefore I grew up in the L.A. area. I lived in CA until I was 25, and then moved with my husband (fiancé at the time) to Madison, WI. We only lived there for 1 ½ yrs before relocating to Palm Beach County where I have now been for the past 10 years. Although I miss CA tremendously this is now considered home.

I am recently divorced after 11 yrs of marriage and have 2 beautiful daughters, Savannah and Jessica, ages 6 and 3. They mean the world to me and continue to bring so much joy to my life everyday.

I would say I've had a few strange things happen in my life but I'll only tell 1 quick story here. When I was about 12 my grandfather passed away and that night I had a dream of him and he was giving me this picture of himself that I had never seen before. When I woke up the next morning I told my grandma and she told me to look through her photo albums to see if I could find it...and I did! Amazing, huh? Of course I have unfortunately misplaced it since then, but I still have it in my memory.

Some quick fun facts:

Favorite Meal: Anything Italian

Current Obsession: Dunkin Donuts Coffee-gotta have it everyday!

Favorite Movie: Shawshank Redemption (although Shrek 2 is close behind)

Famous People I've met: Steven Spielberg, Patrick Duffy (actually went to his house), Ellen DeGeneres

I am currently reading a great book "Secrets of Six Figure Women" by Barbara Stanny

I am not big on shopping like most women.

I very rarely watch TV, I have no clue what is even on anymore

My favorite color is pink.

I am really enjoying being a part of Zonta and hope to make a difference in the community in the upcoming months and years ahead. Thank you for having me as a member.

Diane Sawchuk
Joined October 15, 2008

I, Diane Sawchuk, was born in Binghamton, a small city in central upstate New York, near to the PA border. I lived in Binghamton for 25 years, then moved a few miles west to Endicott, NY, for the next 24 years. At age 49, my husband and I relocated to Boca Raton, FL. and IBM in 1993. It was a difficult move to Boca Raton after being firmly planted in upstate NY for so long. The other moves were much easier after that first gut wrenching one from NY to FL.

In 1996, we began commuting back and forth from Boca to Stamford, CT., for my husband's new retirement job. It was great living on the edge of NYC for a whole year. We took full advantage of the close proximity to Broadway and all the wonderful NYC museums, restaurants and shops. It was a wonderful experience.

After one year in CT., we took a temporary assignment in Epping, Essex, England. It was to last six to twelve months. We moved into our new temporary flat in April 1997. We made our final return trip home in April 2006, nine brilliant years later. 1997 found us trying to fit in, as the only Americans, in a small English town, 20 miles NE of London, as the crow flies. It was one of our nicest and scariest experiences. While living in England, we traveled to over twenty countries and nearly every corner of the UK. It was a challenge to meet, befriend and become part of our new adopted home. In the very beginning, the cultural differences were somewhat overwhelming. After making friends in the local community, the differences began to disappear. We began to realize that people the world over really are much the same. It soon was evident that we were more alike than different, in spite of our ethnic and cultural differences. In the end, it was very difficult to leave our English friends and our adopted home.

As much as we loved our life in England, we always looked forward to "coming home". Each time I heard "welcome home" from the immigration officer after many months away, it always brought tears to my eyes. London, Paris, Vienna, Prague, Lisbon, Rome, etc., were all fabulous, but believe me, there is NO place like home. America is undoubtedly my very favorite place in the entire world. When I said that "patriotic" was one of the three words that best described me, I really meant it.

2008 — 2009 Meeting schedules

	Board 5:30 PM (first Tuesday, *exception)	Member 6:00 PM (second Wednesday, *exception)	
June	3	11	
July	*No meeting	9	
August	5	13	
September	2	10	
October	7	*15	3rd Wednesday instead
November	4	12	
December	2	10	Holiday celebration ~ Tiramisu Restaurant
January	6	14	
February	3	(a)18	(a) Jazz Brunch wrapping ~TBD
March	3	11	
April	*March 31	8	*1st Tuesday is on the 7th
May	5	13	

Open to all Zonta members

Board meetings

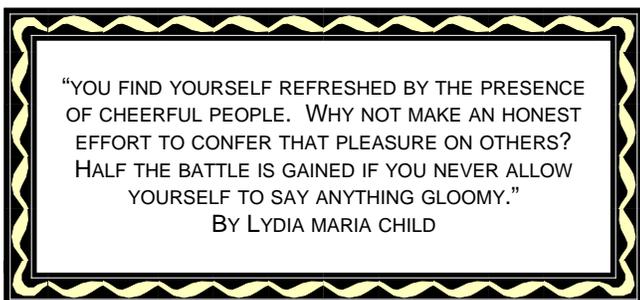
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Business meetings

Holiday Inn-Highland Beach
2809 S. Ocean Boulevard
Highland Beach, FL
(561) 278-6241

South of Linton Boulevard on A1A

Hillsboro Boulevard west of I-95
north on Jim Moran Boulevard
park in back of building



If we left something out, have incorrect information, let us know. Do you have something to report for our next newsletter? If the answer is yes, send an email to me at alice@chickkaro.com.

Upcoming Birthdays

December 2008

Lisa Miller	12/5
Judy Craig	12/8
Cissy Kross	12/24
Alice Chick	12/25



January 2009

No birthdays

February

Kay Evans	2/4
Shelly Olkey	2/8
Sandy Manning	2/18
Jane Adams	2/27