



# ZONTA AM

ZONTA CLUB OF AMHERST  
DISTRICT #4  
September 2015

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Dear Sisters!

In July, we were proud to stand up at the Town of Amherst's Board Meeting and accept a wonderful Proclamation, presented by Councilmember Ramona Popovich. July 17<sup>th</sup> was declared "Zonta Day" in the Town of Amherst in celebration of our club's 50 years; I will bring the proclamation to the meeting so you can see a bit of recognition for your hard work and we can raise a toast to our founders.

In August, a few of us were to clean the Family Justice Center on North Forest, but due to some unexpected conflicts only Mary-Diana was able to take that on. She cheerfully borrowed my daughter who helped out in my stead and the two of them did a great job on the big clean! Thank you Mary-Diana! We will repeat this service project!

**Please remember to bring BABY ITEMS** for our Baby Basket that we are bringing to the District Conference up in Canada just a few days after the meeting. Thanks in advance to Sherry for crafting the donation basket from us all.

I'd like you to read part of a letter from Zonta International President Maria Jose:

*"Membership is the foundation of our organization. In Zonta, we volunteer our time and talents to discuss women's issues in our local societies and worldwide. We belong to a strong organization which focuses on sustainable changes. We develop ourselves while developing our society. In other words, we empower and become empowered.*

*The survival of our organization relies on our capabilities to attract committed members and attract and develop strong leaders. During the first year of the Biennium, we have succeeded in welcoming almost 2,000 new members and chartering 13 new clubs, two e-clubs and 27 Z and Golden-Z clubs. And there are 17 clubs and one e-club in formation! Let me use this opportunity to thank every member and every club who has dedicated time and energy to increase our membership.*

*However, due to clubs disbanding and resignations of members, the total number of members continues decreasing. As a total, the membership has decreased by 2.8% during the first year of the biennium. We need to continue our efforts to strengthen our membership!"*

I'm going to echo President Jose and urge you to invite that neighbor, reach out to the lady you see busy at church, talk to a co-worker... anyone with that spark. Maybe they'd like to hear a speaker, or help make birthing kits? You won't know until you ask... so go ahead and ask!

Finally, please take a moment and remember our sister Connie in your thoughts. Our club is less without her laugh and spirit and determination and our memories of her are so precious. I am so glad to have known her and to have called her a friend, and I know we all feel that way.

- Donna



SMITH - Helen "Connie" (nee Mulhall) Of Amherst, entered into rest September 2, 2015, beloved wife of William Smith and the late Daniel McManus; loving daughter of the late William D. and Frances Mulhall; dear sister of Mary Frances (late Lawrence) Haberer; cherished aunt of Mary Beth (Richard) Blatner; also survived by relatives and friends. No prior visitation. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial at Christ the King Church, 30 Lamarck Dr., Snyder on Saturday (September 12) morning at 11 o'clock.

The September dinner meeting is at  
 Giancarlo's on Main Street on  
 Tuesday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm.



Call Sherry ASAP at 725-7798 with what you would like for dinner. Salmon di Marie with mixed greens and glaze, Chicken Fresco with penne, or Pesto Bianco with spaghetti and goat cheese. All with house salad and cheesecake. Dinner is \$25.

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 Donna Cicero

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**2015-16 Important Zonta of Amherst Dates!**

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> - Executive Committee Meeting, Northtown Gold Room, 7pm  
 Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Zonta Meeting - Member Spotlight - Shirley Havice - Giancarlos - 6pm. **BRING BABY ITEMS FOR BASKET**

Oct. 13 - Executive Committee Meeting, Northtown Gold Room, 7pm  
 Oct 27 - Zonta Meeting - Anne Wadsworth, Girls Education Collaborative, Giancarlos 6pm.  
 October - Poinsettia sale begins

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> - 10,000 Villages Fundraiser  
 Nov 10<sup>th</sup> - Executive Committee Meeting, Northtown Gold Room, 7pm  
 SUNDAY November 15<sup>th</sup> - ComedySportz Fundraiser  
 NO November general meeting.

December 5<sup>th</sup> - Plants delivered.  
 December 8<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Party at Sherry's (No Exe. Meeting)

Jan. 12 - Executive Committee Meeting, Northtown Gold Room, 7pm  
 Jan. 26 - BIRTHING KITS meeting  
 (pizza dinner, at AYF Youth Center)  
 Sunday Jan. 31 Walk for Melissa

Feb 9 - Executive Committee Meeting, Northtown Gold Room, 7pm  
 Feb 23 - Zonta Meeting - Speaker: Mathon Noi from Building Minds In South Sudan - Giancarlos 6pm.

March 8 - Executive Committee Meeting, Northtown Gold Room, 7pm  
 March 22 - Zonta Meeting - Guest Speaker - Giancarlos 6pm.

April 12 - Executive Committee Meeting, Northtown Gold Room, 7pm  
 April 26 - Zonta Meeting - Guest Speaker - Giancarlos 6pm.

May 10 - Executive Committee Meeting, Northtown Gold Room, 7pm  
 May 24 - Scholarships, Installation, Giancarlos 6pm.

June TBD - Girls on the Run  
 Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> - Old Board/New Board

