

Zonta Club of Trenton/Mercer

Dear Sister Zontians,

Now that we are half way through 2009, I would like to share the successes so far this year.

On April 25th, we had our 9th Annual RAVE Walk. There was a nice crowd of people-many new faces along with our regulars! The day was beautiful with wonderful temperatures and gorgeous sunshine. Joining us this year with tables were Gold's Gym, Robert Wood Johnson Hospital and Bob Danley, Massage Therapist. We would like to thank the following sponsors for their support: Heart to Heart, In., Dr. Jaimee Kukla, D.C., Mobile Meals of Trenton/Ewing; Dennis O'Niell, Princeton Design and Installation; Dave and Joan Nevius; Donna Sabb & Tim Adams, and special thanks to a "Special Friend". Donations for our door prizes were made by: Curves of Ewing, Eastern Mountain Sports, Trenton Thunder, Tastefully Simple, WOW Gym, VC Salon, Mary Weaver of Long & Foster, Terri Petry (of Mercer County Woman for advertising, Terhune Orchard for apples and It's Nuts for coffee. Special thanks to Zontians, **Marlene Lynch, Linda Ordini, Marci Latoof & Phyllis Platt** for leading us to this wonderful success!

We presented a \$5000.00 check to **Susan Adams** of WomanSpace at the May 4th meeting. We enjoyed a presentation from **Mary Inzana**, founder and CEO of LifeTies, who shared the current evolution of that organization. She detailed the changing needs of youth that her organization serves and gave us a clear picture why we always need to "think outside of the box" when looking to help others!

At the June meeting, **Dee Soderstrom** and her students gave a wonderful presentation on their volunteer activities of this past year. **Carol Yoest** will be coordinating with Dee for more activities with the Z Club this year.

We have a new secretary, **Linda Ordini** who will finish out LeighAnn Fisher's term. **Mary Brandt** and **Donna Hopkins** became new Board Members with 2 year Terms. Elsie Kunkle agreed to a 1 year term as a Board Member.

Our annual July Picnic took place at **Phyllis Platt's** lovely home in Hamilton. We enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner in her delightful gardens! Perfect weather, colorful flowers, free flowing conversation, lots of laughter! Thank you again!

This July we also celebrated **Meta Griffith's 100th Birthday!** ZI sent a lovely certificate and a letter from the International President. Our club sent her a summer bouquet and a Card signed by everyone at the picnic.

At the August 6th meeting, we will hear from Barbara Thompson of Martin House and will also complete a service project, Back Packs and a first-day-of-school outfit for 20 children from Home Front. Please call **Mary Weaver**, our new Operations Chair at 609-865-8223 with your reservation and dinner selection for this meeting.

The **Sixth Annual Gourmet Garden** will take place on **October 1st**, at the Hamilton Manor, Rte 130 at 156 in Robbinsville, NJ, from 6-9pm. **Ticket price this year is only \$50.00 each!** Restaurant co-chairs, **Marlene Lynch** and **Sue Methot** already have 18 restaurants plus 4 wineries planned for our dining enjoyment! **Mary Brandt** and **Marci Latoof** need every members to help get ads for our brochure. **Phyllis Platt** and Susan Valentine are the co- chairs of the famous Zontian basket committee. We are looking for donations and help. **Linda Ordini** and **Sharon Rose** are co-chairs of the Ticket Committee. We are asking that each member plan to sell at least 4 tickets. Tickets are available at the dinner meeting or by calling Linda at 609-947-1614 or Sharon at 609-586-7772. **Donna Hopkins** and **Mary Weaver** are the event day coordinators and will be asking each member to assist at the event. **Sue Methot, Elsie Kunkle** and **Alva Hart** will be handling the "Thank You Bags" that each guest will receive as they leave the event

For your planning purposes, please mark your calendar for **September 10th** for our dinner meeting. Note the date change due to very late Labor Day weekend. Aug 11th is the Gourmet Garden meeting at 40 Farm Rd, Ewing at 5:30-7pm. Service Committee meets at Lawrence Library at 5:30-6:30pm on August 20th

Please call me at 609-406-1177 (home) or email SValen57@aol.com to let me know how you can help with the Gourmet Garden or any special projects.

Yours in Zonta, Susan