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The Zontagram

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A Message from the President

The 8th Annual Gourmet Garden is only 11 weeks away! On October 6th, our guests will enjoy and taste the best dishes from 20 restaurants/caterers and 8 tables of wines from around the world! Your help is needed NOW to secure ads and sponsors (1-2-3 brochure is available on-line or from the Committee) by August 26th to be in the GG brochure (Call Mary B at 609-851-0384 for more information). Each Zontian should have tickets for sale NOW (Call Mary S at 609-760-9893 to get more!). We need to work together as a Club to make the Gourmet Garden a huge success so that we can continue our outreach in Mercer County and the world!

Opportunities For Service

- **Monday, 8/8/11 – 5:30pm. Shopping for HomeFront Backpack Project. We'll meet at the Wal-Mart at 101 Nassau Park Blvd., Princeton 08540.**
- **Compiling Backpacks...** Place and Time to be determined.
- **September** – Shopping and compiling women's hygiene bags for TASK. Dates and times to be determined.
- **October – GOURMET GARDEN, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH. ALL HANDS NEEDED TO HELP AT THE HAMILTON MANOR!!**



Summer Social 2011 The Summer Social is an event where some work is accomplished, but once a year we have the opportunity to bond with each other in an informal setting. It is through events such as this, and working together on various projects that leads to a club cohesiveness that is vital for our success. Thank You to Tom and Bella Fradella for hosting this special event.



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Focus On Committees: Media and Public Relation

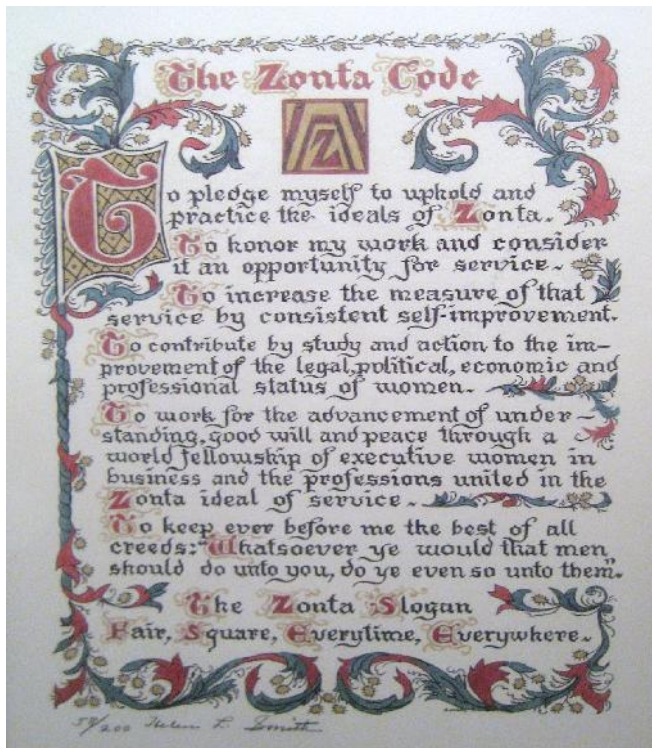
Members: Danelle Gletow, Vince Cacciatore, Moira Grabe

ZINGS coming to ZontaT/M!!! What is a ZING? These are social get together to introduce Zonta to interested parties at a favorite spot in the Trenton Mercer area. Although no formal dates are sent, listen for more news soon.

Becoming more social media conscious will be a key effort of the committee over the upcoming months. The committee will explore social media sites as 'meetup.com' and 'causes.com'.

Have you ever starting walking and enjoying the pleasantries around you, then realizing you do not realize quite where you are? This analogy can be applied to our Media and PR efforts. Consequently, the committee set simple but clear objective to lead a dynamic path forward:

- Clarify the message.
- Define the market.
- Develop and execute a media plan.



Are You Familiar With The Zonta Code?

Meta Griffith lived with the code as a part of her life. I suspect she read the code frequently, perhaps daily. This document hung in Meta's bedroom. The code embodies elements to live by. It expresses ideals that are timeless. The concepts are as relevant today as in 1911. The code professes to advance the status of women by simply taking advantage of the opportunities in our daily lives of those around us and those that cross our pathways. The code also expresses vigilance and tolerance as the Zonta Slogan suggests: **Fair, Square, Everytime, Everywhere** .

A moment with Amelia: Women must pay for everything. They do get more glory than men for comparable feats. But, they also get more notoriety when they crash.



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The International Scene: Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value

Although 117 countries have equal pay laws, wage gaps remain wide and persistent across the globe. Establishing the right to be paid the same as men is a struggle that women have taken through the courts.

Novartis, USA

In 2010, a decision was reached in the case of 12 women who took action against the pharmaceutical company Novartis alleging discrimination against female sales employees in pay and promotions. The case found that women were routinely paid \$105 less per month than men with the same experience and number of years worked in the organization. The court also found that they were penalized for taking maternity leave. In the final settlement, Novartis agreed to pay \$175 million to settle the lawsuit, including \$22.5 million for improvements to policies and programs that promote equality in the workplace.

National Health Service (NHS), UK

Legislation on equal pay has been in place in the UK since 1970, however in 2005, 1,600 female health workers won a total of \$480 million from the National Health Service (NHS), the largest employer in Europe. Included was compensation for lower hourly rates, lesser pension contributions, and the non-payment of bonuses and attendance allowances that had been paid to men, backdated 14 years. The success of the case rested on the women proving that their predominantly caring roles should be equally rewarded to those of the men, which were more technical.

Sourced from <http://progress.unwomen.org/2011/06/equal-pay/>

Event	Date	Time	Location
Board Meeting/Gourmet Garden Meeting	8/11/11 (Thu)	5:45pm-8pm	Mercer Cty Library – Lawrence
Zonta Club Meeting & Service Committee Meeting	9/8/11 (Thu)	5:45pm-8:30pm Dinner 6:30pm	Villa Maria
Board Meeting/Gourmet Garden Meeting	9/15/11 (Thu)	5:45pm-8pm	Mercer Cty Library – Lawrence
GOURMET GARDEN	10/6/11 (Thu)	6PM – 9PM	HAMILTON MANOR
Gourmet Garden Wrap-Up	10/13/11	6pm	Cacciatore's–Yardley
Zonta Club Meeting & Service Committee Meeting	11/3/11	5:45pm-8:30pm Dinner 6:30pm	Villa Maria
Board Meeting	11/10/11	5:45pm – 8pm	Mercer Cty Library – Lawrence

The Gourmet Garden's Restaurant Pick: Leonardo's II Mediterranean Grill

Leonardo's II Mediterranean Grill! Offering age-old tradition and timeless recipes that have been passed down through generations, the restaurant successfully combines cuisine and atmosphere to create a dining experience that won't soon be forgotten. Leonardo's II Mediterranean Grill will be your home away from home - smells of spices and homemade cooking fill the air while the friendly and knowledgeable wait staff bends over backwards to cater to your every need!



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Zonta Clubs Near and Far: The History of “Zonta House”

In the spring of 2006 the Zonta Club of Fairfax County voted to make a significant contribution to help provide affordable housing for a needy local woman and her family, “We specifically wished to assist a victim of domestic violence who had moved on from the Women’s Shelter to transitional housing while working to achieve the necessary job skills to attain self-sufficiency. After carefully investigating ways to accomplish this goal, we elected to partner with another local non-profit organization, Reston Interfaith, to renovate a specific transitional housing unit which they had acquired at foreclosure for this purpose. “

Through an initial donation of \$12,500 in May 2006, our club financed a complete interior and exterior renovation of a town home in Western Fairfax County being readied for a woman and her two children. After new appliances, bathroom and kitchen fixtures, paint, carpet and tile had been installed and many additional repairs completed, Zonta House was officially dedicated on November 18, 2006.

Much of our fundraising effort from 2006 on was dedicated to the continuing support of Zonta House. It is our hope that once this particular home is fully renovated and the family is on its feet, we will be in a position to sponsor an additional transitional housing unit and directly help another deserving family. We fully expect there will be many “Zonta Houses” in our future, but in the meanwhile, it is gratifying to see that the bulbs we planted in the fall have already come into full flower by the spring of 2007.

More @ http://www.zontafairfax.org/zonta_house.htm<http://www.zonta.org>

WHO AM I?

I am a bed reader, runner and marathoner. I am crazy about Apples to Apples or just apples. My loves are Steven, Hannah, J.D. and Beast. I am a Trekkie and I can imagine myself teleporting to Hawaii to ride the horses or swim with the dolphins or by wiggling my ears going back to Lake Hopatcong in the summers of the 70’s. You might mistake me for Jennifer Grey or hear me singing ‘At Last’ under a blue sky, sipping on a milkshake, where the sands are always cool. I am not a ‘country girl’ or someone who drives too fast. I may wonder: Is it nice out? How did my day go? You know ‘What will be – will be’. Be Happy, a good listener, smile easy and life will be good!

Don’t forget to join us @ Solomons, Maryland
Treasures of Zonta: Charting a course for the future
September 23-25, 2011
Hosted by Zonta Club of Charles County



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