



Newsletter

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August 2007

August Birthdays

26th Jean Molsbee

29th Barbara Ray

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. Membership Drive -
Mobile Chamber Business
Expo

Fall 2007 2007 District 11 Confer-
ence in San Juan Puerto
Rico

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Letter from the President *Sylvia Roberts*

I hope all of you saw the picture in Sunday's paper where our club presented checks to McKemie Place, Our Sister's Closet, Emma's Harvest House and Penelope House. These checks were the proceeds from our Silent Auction held in April. Our club can take pride in the fact that we are helping many organizations that serve the less fortunate women in our community. We can truly say we are a hands on club that touches the lives of hundreds of women and children over the course of a year.

It is gratifying to see so many women come to our meetings and submitting applications to become a Zontian. I have said that the Zonta Club of Mobile is one of Mobile's best kept secrets, but with the help of every member we are getting the word out that we are an organization that makes a difference in women's lives and their children.

Summer is usually a time that we put emphasis on recruiting new members. We will at at the Mobile Chamber of Commerce Business Expo on August 23rd. If you would like to help us spread the word about Zonta and our work call Kim Bush 414-1922 ext. 25. You will have a great time, meet new people, eat good food and help promote our club's name.

Our area director, Lee Ann Dodson will be our speaker at the September

meeting. She will do leadership training with the Board of Directors and Officers. This should be a very interesting meeting where we can learn what other clubs in our district are doing.

In October we will have a power point presentation about Zonta. Every new member and anyone considering joining should plan on attending this meeting. Zonta is a worldwide organization. Zonta's culturally, linguistically and professionally diverse membership includes over 33,000 members in 1,200 clubs in 69 countries and geographical areas.

I look forward seeing each of you at the meeting Aug. 16th at the Red Lobster at 6 pm.

Prospective Members

Sonya Fowler
6421 Angela Court
Mobile, AL 36695
She is in Real Estate
Her husband's name is Howard
Born February 05

Honey Dimitriadrs
7376 Adamoor Court
Mobile, AL 36695
She is a consultant
Her husband's name is George
Born April 29

Our Speaker This Month

Tina Waller, fellow Zonta member and President of the Better Business Bureau of South Alabama, will be our guest speaker at this month's meeting. She appears regularly on local news channels to warn and educate consumers about potential crimes and offers tips on how to avoid becoming a victim. Tina will be discussing topics such as identity fraud, phishing scams and more. Come to the meeting and hear about issues we face as consumers, the latest scams and learn ways to avoid being taken advantage of by criminals.

For more information about the Better Business Bureau or updates on ID Theft, Phishing Scams and other misleading business practices go to the website: www.bbbsouthal.org.

KUDOS KORNER

If something special is happening in your life and you would like to share it with our members please send an email to our editor, Teresa Cook, tbyt@bellsouth.net. We are expanding our membership and it is hard to keep up with the events of importance in our members lives. Anything important to you is important to us i.e, promotions, weddings, child births.

September Service Project—Home of Grace

We are looking for someone to be the Service Project Coordinator for the dinner at Home of Grace in September. This member makes up the menu, makes sure everyone brings something, and coordinates the dinner for the ladies at Home of Grace. Please contact Sylvia if you would like to head this committee. Thanks.

Service Project—McKimmie Place

August 3rd was our turn to provide dinner for the ladies. BOY' DID WE!!! We went with 4 tray's of Chicken~n~rice, a pan of watermelon, a pan of cantaloupe, a summer vegetable salad all provided by Sylvia Roberts and Mrs. Mary Kay McEvoy. Mrs. Jean Molsbee provided tasty green beans and corn bread. Mrs. Sylvia Heard and her husband provided "HOMEMADE POUND CAKE" peaches and whip cream. I have been to McKimmie Place on several occasions and I don't believe I have ever seen these woman more happy that they were able to go back for seconds and some even thirds. I am very proud and honored to be a part of this organization. Our next trip will be September 6th. If there are any ladies that have not been to McKimmie Place, please join us. God Bless

Princess, Jo Ann Williamson

Calendar of Events 2007-2008

August 16	Board Meeting General Meeting
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August Meeting Notice
Thursday, August 16, 2007 at 5:30
Board Meeting
Thursday, August 16, at 6:00 pm
Dinner Meeting
Red Lobster

THE ELIMINATION OF **VIOLENCE** AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

Violence against women and girls: Persistent, Pervasive. Violence against women persists in every country in the world as a pervasive violation of human rights and a major impediment to achieving gender equality,” says the first-ever in-depth report on gender violence released in October 2006 by then UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan. Such violence is unacceptable “whether perpetrated by the state and its agents or by family members or strangers, in the public or private sphere, in peacetime or in times of conflict.”

THE FACTS—VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IS AN EPIDEMIC THAT MUST END

- ★ Almost 100 million girls “disappear” each year, killed in the womb or as babies.
- ★ 2 million girls a year still suffer genital mutilation.
- ★ Half a million girls die during pregnancy - the leading killer among 15 to 19-year-olds—every 12 months.
- ★ An estimate 7.3 million girls are living with HIV/AIDS compared with 4.5 million young men.
- ★ Almost a million girls fall victim to child traffickers each year compared with a quarter that number of boys.
- ★ One in three women worldwide will be beaten, raped, coerced into sex or otherwise abused in her life time.
- ★ Worldwide, one in four pregnant women is physically or sexually abused, usually by her partner.
- ★ Worldwide, an estimated 5,000 women are murdered by family members each year in “honor killings.”

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What we have learned:

- ★ Ending violence against women requires multiple strategies working across sectors and at different levels.
- ★ Laws must be accompanied by resource allocations, institutional regulations and guidelines and systematic training for officials who will monitor and enforce them—including police and judiciary, health and social service providers.
- ★ Ending violence against women also requires changing public perceptions and breaking through barriers of culture and tradition to find non-violent ways to resolve conflicts in personal and public life.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Sylvia Heard

Sylvia has been married to Bill for 11 years. Her favorite thing about Bill is that he cooks! The best time she and Bill have had together is when they worked at Lacier National Park and Custard State Park up north. Sylvia did retail and worked at the gift shops while Bill worked in the gift shops and was a Ranger. They enjoyed seeing the scenery and also meeting lots of people from many different places.

Sylvia’s profession allowed her to help and serve patients. She was the Head Nurse at Searcy Hospital for almost 25 years. She enjoyed working as a Psyche Nurse.

Sylvia has been a member of Zonta for approximately 11 years. Her favorite times with Zonta include going to the Inter City meetings held yearly. She enjoyed socializing with members from different organizations. She also enjoys cooking desserts for the ladies at McKimmie Place.

Sylvia enjoys Zonta. She enjoys meeting people, seeing friends, and helping women in the community. She enjoys good speakers, working on different committees and serving on the board. Sylvia #1.

