

**CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS:**

**JULY**

- 17 **Monthly Meeting**
- 30 **Movie Night at  
Penelope House**

**AUGUST**

- 21 **Monthly Meeting**
- TBA TGIF**

**SEPTEMBER**

- 18 **Monthly Meeting**
- 26-27 **District  
Conference,  
Tampa, FL**

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## Letter from the President

What a year we have planned! Our official year has begun and we have a lot to do in the upcoming months. Our meetings have been scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month at Red Lobster, so mark those dates in your calendar.

Our first TGIF will be held in September with thanks to JoAnne Palko. Further details coming soon. If you wish to step up and be hostess to the next TGIF, please contact me at 251-463-2901.

Plans are underway for our 2nd Annual Pampered Shopping Extravaganza for November 15th, 2008, so please get ready to help make this one a grand success.

We are starting our service projects, with a "Movie Night" at Penelope House on July 30. Jo Ann Williamson has been working on that project, so those of you that have agreed to serve on that committee, expect a phone call to coordinate schedules.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow Zonta members for their support and belief in me to serve as your President. I will be calling on all of you for your guidance and support throughout the year. I do believe with the women in this club, we will reach success in all of our endeavors.

Let's get out there and make a difference!!

## New Year - 2008/2009

At June's Zonta club meeting we kicked off some great plans for the coming year. Here is a summary of what was discussed:

Service Projects - Day in the Country; Movie Nights for the children at Penelope House; Dinner for Home of Grace; Christmas presents for Penelope Transitional Living; Valentine Party at Penelope House

Fund Raisers - Pampered Shopping; Honey Baked Ham gift certificate sale; Pampered Chef Shop & Swap.

Socials - TGIF quarterly; Christmas Party.

Committees - All committees were set up with members in attendance volunteering for empty slots.

Monthly Meetings - 3rd Thurs. of each month... come and join us!

The July board meeting will be Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 at the BBB office

# Movie Night



Zonta is set for Movie Night at Penelope House on Wednesday, July 30 at 5:00 pm. We plan to show a fun, kid friendly movie, have pizza, popcorn and soda.

If anyone has any ideas for a kid friendly movie or may have kid friendly movies that we could choose from please let the committee members: Jo Ann Williamson, Charlene Rains or Brooke Robson know.

We are looking forward to this event. This will be a fun time for the children at Penelope House as they get ready to go back to school.

We hope to do more activities like this one in the coming year. If you have any ideas or if you would like to attend, please let one of the committee members know. Thanks!

*"I am the oldest and only charter member left. I am 88 ... and will attend all meetings I can"*

## Spotlight on Lena Lewis

**Lena:** I have been retired from Anders Book Store since 1982 with no other things in process. I am the oldest and only Charter member left. I am 88 and not much help to the club but I love every one of you and will attend all meetings I can. I have 4 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren, expecting one more any day now in Louisiana.

**Sylvia Roberts:** Lena loves the Zonta Club. She is a past president and has served on the board in many positions. She and CB are always the first to cook or bake anything needed. She makes everyone feel special and welcomed. She has been having TGIF since I became a member over 20 years ago.

She lived on Dauphin Island before moving back to Mobile and she had the club over to her house every summer. Lena is a joy to be around and I am so glad that through Zonta she has become a good friend.

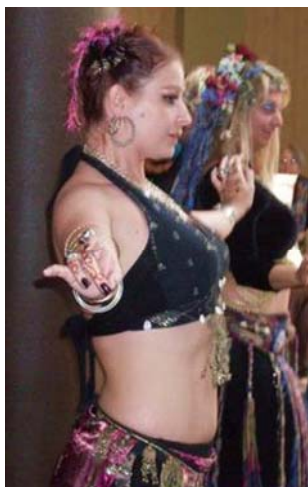
**Shirley Bridges:** "Lena is one of the kindest, sweetest members of Zonta.....she never fails to welcome me at every meeting. She is truly an inspiration!"

**Charlene Rains:** I find myself looking for Ms Lena when I arrive at a Zonta meeting. She is a burst of sunshine! Lena greets everyone personally and makes you feel so welcomed. We all need to adopt her charm,



her kindness, her enthusiasm for others. Lena... you say that you are not much help to the club... I disagree. You demonstrate to all of us what being a Zontanian is all about. Thank you for your dedication to the club and your love for it members!

# Member to Member Page



**Stephanie  
as Sarina  
Shiraz**

**STEPHANIE WARD -**

I'm a dancer with Zuri Middle Eastern Dance Company (www.zuridance.org). I dance under the name Sarina Shiraz. I've been belly dancing for 3 years and auditioned for the troop this past

November 2007. We dance at many shows and festivals around the Gulf Coast. Some of the events we have danced at are Mobile International Festival, Bayfest, Mobile & Pensacola Renaissance Fair, Mobile Women's Expo, Mobicon & Relay for Life just to name a few. We teach belly dance at many locations here in Mobile and Daphne. We also host national and international dancers for workshops and performances where the proceeds go to charity.

*What do you do?  
What would you like to share? Put it here on the Member to Member Page*

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I am also a Pampered Chef Consultant. At this time we are planning a big Pampered Chef fund raiser for the Zonta club.... A "Shop & Swap" where you can donate your old Kitchen items, to women in a transitional situation, as you are buying new kitchen items. 20% of the sales will be donated to Zonta Club of Mobile.

## Zonta Mission in Mobile

The majority of service and fund-raising efforts of the Zonta Club of Mobile focuses on the plight of homeless women in Mobile. Here is an update from Sylvia Roberts:

"I recently heard a report that from March, 2007 through June, 2008 over 750 separate women had been housed overnight at McKemie Place. Some stayed up to 90 evenings before being able to find housing. What a blessing McKemie place has been to these women.

I was at a meeting recently and a member

came up to me and said he had an employee that had been housed at McKemie Place. He did not go into detail as to the circumstances that put this lady at McKemie Place, but she told him that being able to have a place to go to at night that was safe and secure and have a meal enabled her to get her life on track. She now has an apartment and a good job. This is just one success story that makes all the money and effort our club has donated to McKemie Place worthwhile.

Mobile is still in need of transitional hous-

ing for the homeless women that want to re-establish their life and be productive. There is a new place that provides transitional housing in south Mobile County, W.I.N.N.E.R.S. (Women In Need of Nurturing, Education, and Recovery Services). These ladies came to our Day in the Country. There is another group, Love Ladies, which has facilities in Foley and Gulf Shores.

Mobile has the need for transitional living facilities and we need to make everyone aware of this need."

# Zonta Club of Mobile

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The July meeting of the Zonta Club of Mobile will be held on the 3rd Thursday of this month, July 17 at 6:00 pm at Red Lobster on Airport Blvd. Our speakers will be Katie Stuckas that will be speaking about Missionary's in Africa. We will also have Susan Day and she will speak about "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Night", that benefits Ronald McDonald House.

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## Zonta Issues and Programs

This story is from the Zonta International website—  
[www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)

If poverty, HIV/AIDS, illiteracy, violence and human trafficking had a face it would be female. The world's plagues are rooted in gender inequality, and the only common solution is the empowerment of women.

Zonta International is on the front lines of global and local efforts to help women overcome barriers to equal education, health care, legal rights, credit and employment through education, service and advocacy programs funded by the Zonta International Foundation.

### FAST FACTS

- 70 percent of the 1.3 billion poor are women.
- Two-thirds of illiterate adults are women and two-thirds of children not in school are girls.
- 60 million women are "missing" because of gender-based violence.
- Every year an estimated 4 million women and girls are bought and sold worldwide.
- Today, 7,000 women and girls will contract HIV.

