



Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb 14th** Valentine's Day Party at Penelope House
- Feb 14th** General Meeting 6:00 pm
- Mar 6th** Zonta Woman of the Year Luncheon—Bone Fish Grill
- Mar 6th** Dinner at McKemie Place
- Mar 8th** Zonta Rose Day—International Women's Day

For more Zonta news and events go to www.zonta-district11.org or www.zonta.org

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Letter from retired President *Sylvia Roberts*

Our club has a lot to be proud of this year. We had a new fund raiser, "Pampered Shopping" which was very successful. This event raised the awareness of our club in the community. We not only raised money but we had several new club members from those who participated. We already have reservations for the fall "Pampered Shopping" and commitments from Capps College for chair massages, (they were so relaxing) and Red Lobster will make biscuits (that melt in your mouth).

We participated in the Business Expo, courtesy of Tina Waller, Better Business Bureau, and spread the word about the mission of Zonta, "To Advance the Status of Women Worldwide". We have 10 new members that have joined this year. They want to be a part of the work we are doing in the community and worldwide.

We provided meals for the ladies at McKemie Place every month from June thru February of this year. Some of our members spent part of the holidays with the ladies at McKemie Place.

We made our Southern dinner (fried chicken and the fixings) for 50 ladies at The Home of Grace in August. Our members were able to eat with them and give them encouragement. This is a service project in which we all look forward to participating.

Our Rose Day luncheon honored Angelia Lewis for her work in establishing a Day Center for the homeless and disadvantaged women of Mobile and Prichard. We had over 75 people attending the luncheon. Father Farmer, chancellor of the Diocese blessed the Center Monday, May 19th. The Center, which is the first Day Center for Women in Mobile and Prichard, is located at 927 Prichard Ave., Prichard, AL.

Another project of our club which has be-

come an annual tradition is the Valentine party at Penelope House. Our members help the children at the Penelope House make valentine cards for their mothers. We take refreshments and the children have a great time.

The Christmas party at Dorothy's house is always a treat. She has thousands of Christmas decorations and more than 3 Christmas trees. This has been a special treat for our club for several years.

The Day in the Country had to be postponed, twice, because of bad weather. The third try was the charm. Women and children from Penelope Transitional Living, Sybil Smith Transitional Living, and W.I.N.N.E.R.S. joined our members in the country on Saturday May 17th. This is always a fun day for our member and all the women and children that participate.

All of these activities were accomplished through the hard work of our members. I applaud each of you ... because of you the lives of many women and children and were touched and memories were made. My sincere thanks to the Officers and Directors of Zonta Mobile for all their hard work. Things do not just happen, people make things happen.

Our hearts were saddened by the loss of a faithful Zonta member, Jean Dekyser. Our club was blessed by having Jean as a member for many years.

Thank You Sylvia for your years of leadership of the Zonta Club of Mobile!!

Membership Drive

If you are excited about Zonta Club of Mobile, share it with others. Spread the word about our organization and what we are doing in the community. Invite other women to see first hand what we are all about and how they can be a part of helping women and children locally. We had several guests join us at the January meeting. Take the time to tell friends, coworkers, and other acquaintances about Zonta and invite them to our April meeting. Membership growth is key to the continued success of Zonta, both this year and in the future. There is strength in numbers and we can make a greater impact in our area by recruiting others to join our mission.

Day in the Country

They say the third time's the charm. That certainly held true for our Day in the Country on May 17! Named the Kathy Everett May Memorial Day for Sylvia Robert's cousin who had been very supportive and instrumental in making the event such a success in past years.

The weather couldn't have been nicer... sunny and cool. Around 40 participants showed up Saturday morning from Penelope Transitional Living, Sybil Smith, and a new group called W.I.N.N.E.R.S. (Women In Need of Nurturing, Education, and Recovery Services). Several Zonta members were on hand to help with baiting fish hooks, roasting wieners, serving snacks and drinks, and enjoying a day of fun with an excited group of children, most of whom had never been fishing or roasted wieners before in their lives. The afternoon was spent on a hay ride, visiting horses and touring the horse barn.

When it was time for everyone to leave, two young girls decided they wanted to stay with us. One was sobbing as the cars pulled away, the children just didn't want to leave. One little 4-year-old was there for her 2nd year. The chaperones in her van said she talked about last year the whole trip up to the country. Imagine the memories those children will carry for years to come of their Day in the Country!

Day in the Country Pictures



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Renewal Reminder

You should have received your renewal notice. If you have not paid it please bring your payment to the meeting or mail to Mary Kay McEvoy, 2204 Woodlea Dr. West Mobile, Al. 36695. To avoid late penalties, renewal dues must be paid by the end May and the club must send them to Zonta International by Mat 31st.

Awarding Scholarship

Each year our club awards a scholarship to a lady, over the age of 25, who is working towards a degree and who is in need.

This year the scholarship committee has selected Shirley King who is pursuing an associate degree from Bishop State Community College as a Registered Nurse. Ms. King is 47 years old and completing her last semester. She has maintained a B average and is currently working part-time in a nursing home. She is interested in working with seniors after receiving her degree. The scholarship is for \$1,000.

Installation of Officers and Board of Directors

Dorothy Chambers installed the Officers and Board of Directors at the May meeting. The following are the new officers and directors for the new year

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| Tina Waller | President |
| JoAnn Williamson | Vice-President |
| Treasurer | Stephanie Ward |
| Recording Secretary | Charlene Rains |
| Corresponding Secretary | Elise Russell |
| 2 Yr. Directors | Brooke Robson |
| | Angelia Lewis |
| 1 Yr. Directors | Sonja Fowler |
| | Kim Bush |



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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, Charlene Rains, charlenerains@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.

Installation of New Members

We also had the pleasure of installing the following 3 new members at the May meeting:

- Mary Ann Burle'
- Shirley Bridges
- Virginia McCracken

Sylvia and Bill Heard traveled to Jacksonville, FL for grandson Nicholas' 8th birthday on Saturday, May 3 then daughter Patricia's baby shower on Sunday, May 4. Also, Bill and Sylvia's 12th anniversary was on Sunday, May 4.

New members are the life blood on any organization. We welcome these new members into the fellowship and service of Zonta.

Surgery

Vickie Daughtery had foot surgery and is at home recuperating.

Calendar of Events 2008

- May 22nd Installation of 2008– 2009 Officers
- September 26-27 District Conference, Tampa, FL
- November 15 Pampered Shopping

Mark Your Calendars



Love cures people - both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it. ~ **Dr. Karl Menninger**

Who, being loved, is poor? ~ **Oscar Wilde**

The only gift is a portion of thyself. ~ **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

To laugh often and love much... to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to give one's self...this is to have succeeded. ~ **Ralph Waldo Emerson**



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The June meeting of the Zonta Club of Mobile will be held on Thursday, the 19th of June at 6:00 pm at Red Lobster.

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