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## Greetings!

We had a good turnout for our January meeting at The Little Venetian. Thank you to Judy for making the arrangements. Our guest speaker was Roxanne Condon, executive director of Emma Norton Residences.

Emma Norton Residences was started in 1917, by the Women’s Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church which purchased a house in the Twin Cities. That original house was replaced by a gift from Mrs. Emma Hayes Norton, and the Emma Norton Residence was opened on June 1, 1967. Emma Norton Services (ENS) has aimed to provide safe, secure, affordable housing for women in transition regardless of race, religious preference, national origin, age, disability or sexual orientation.

The organization also is committed to providing support, advocacy and referrals to community services for individuals and families to stabilize their lives, build confidence and become self-sufficient.

ENS has two facilities, the Emma Norton Residence Transitional Housing Program in St. Paul and 13 townhomes at Emma’s Place in Maplewood. They currently have 45 single women at the transitional housing program and 13 families living in the townhomes. Clearly, from the statistics, the need is much greater than what is available.

The transitional housing is for women who are homeless or at risk of being homeless, who are alone, and are seeking self-sufficiency and independence. A majority of the women who live here have annual income of less than \$2500 per year.

**Emma’s Place provides permanent affordable housing for homeless single parent families with three or more children.** The families who are residences deal with mental illness and/or chemical dependency issues. The children of these families are involved in an after school tutoring and summer program provided in partnership with the school district and volunteers. The tutoring and summer program has made a positive effect on the school progress of these children.

The more you know.....

18-21 year olds are the largest growing population of homeless persons in Minnesota.

17,625 families and individual adults sought housing assistance from Ramsey County since September 2011.

91.2% of those people and families were unable to receive help due to limited funds (from the County).

July was the first time in history the Dorothy Day shelter had to turn away people in need due to overcrowding.

\$120 is the average cost per person per day in jail.

\$46.16 is the average cost per person per day to provide housing, basic needs and support services to the 108 residents at ENS.

Suggestions as to what we might be able to help ENS include:

- Host birthday parties
- Prepare a holiday dinner
- Help residents make cookies, cards
- Mentor children
- Be a friend
- Help residents with home maintenance projects.

We will be discussing current, past and future service projects at our year-end meeting in May. Let’s keep in mind projects that would fit into



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the Zonta mission of improving the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women.

We installed Joan (belatedly) and Ruby as new members. Judy shared a news article she received from Romelle. Romelle was interviewed by their local newspaper (at the Villages) about Zonta after she had put out a call for current and former Zonta members who might be interested in forming a chapter at the Villages. The nearest chapter is 18 miles away. There were about 10 women at the first meeting and a second meeting was scheduled. Thirteen women made reservations and another 8 were added to a future meeting list. Romelle is continuing to work on getting a new chapter organized. Go Romelle! We were all thrilled to hear about her endeavor and hope it is a big success.

We updated the members on the Breaking Free blanket project, which was a big success. We had 10 enthusiastic women working together to tie fleece blankets. Four of our members were involved in the project who also hosted the lunch for the women and staff. This organization is providing a crucial service to women and girls who have been victims of human trafficking.

We hope everyone will be able to attend and bring a guest. Please let Dorothy know by January 21st if you are or are not able to attend. Phone (612-724-3799).

### February meeting:

We anticipated that we would be having a joint meeting with Minneapolis; however, we have not received a confirmation or date. At this time, we will not be having a February meeting. If information becomes available at a later date, members will be informed of the details.

Joan is working on organizing a fun activity for February. Details will be available as they are finalized.

### March 27th Meeting:

Our March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at Jan Shannon's home in Bloomington. We will plan on carpooling to this meeting. Let Dorothy know if you would like to carpool.

Please let Dorothy know by March 23<sup>rd</sup> if you will or will not be at the meeting. At the present time we will be making fleece blankets to be given to mothers. We can make a decision as to where these will go at that time.

**April and May Meetings – location to be determined.**

How did the Yellow Rose become the Zonta symbol? Here is the explanation from the Zonta International Website:

The beauty of a single yellow rose has been a favorite Zonta symbol for decades. The yellow rose has adorned many Zonta items from stationery to clothing, and has been used in many charter and anniversary celebrations.

Since 1999, it has served as the symbol of Zonta Rose Day, which falls on March 8th and coincides with International Women's Day. On this special Day, Zontians worldwide are encouraged to publicly distribute yellow roses, or items bearing the image of yellow roses, accompanied by information about Zonta International and issues relating to improving the lives of women

Each decade since the 1980's has seen a new Zonta Rose. The Zonta Rose of the 1980's is the Hartana.



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This Zonta Rose is a floribunda yellow clustered rose, with frilled edges. Its bright yellow flowers appear in massive clusters of up to 20 blooms, neatly spaced to form a natural floral bouquet. Each mild fragrancd bloom is well formed and has about 32 petals. The Zonta Rose was bred from the Judy Garland rose seed and pollinated by the Anne Harkness rose.



### **Jane M. Klausman Scholarship**

**Applications** are now available. I sent out an e-mail to Northwestern College, St. Kates, and Bethel. We have received five requests for the application at this time. If there is another college or university that should be given the scholarship information, please let me know and I will contact them. Carole will be chairing the scholarship committee again this year. Anyone interested in working with her on this important task, please let her know.

### **Upcoming Events in the St. Paul Area**

There are a lot of upcoming events that might be worth attending.

### **Landmark Center**

**February 26 at Landmark: "The Rose Ensemble" Musser Cortile; 4 pm; FREE**

This Internationally award-winning choir will be performing for free on our Musser Cortile (main atrium) starting at 4pm. Listen to the voices that represented the United States in this past year's international festival held in Brazil, as they fill the atrium heights with sounds of beauty and joy. For more information call 651-292-3063.

Did you know that the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra has a FREE Listening Library? For instance, if you are a George Gershwin fan, you can go to the SPCO website, and locate this composer, and listen to Rhapsody in Blue for Piano and Jazz Band. It offers a brief summary of the piece.

Go to: <http://content.thespco.org/music/> and follow the links.

The History Theatre has "1968 – The Year That Rocked the World" playing through February 19<sup>th</sup>. D reports that it was very well done, showing war, love, brave beginnings, tragic endings, political and social upheaval, hatred and hope.... The setting could be 2012. There are limited tickets available for February 16 at 10:30 a.m. and February 17th at 10:30 a.m.

The Minnesota History Center has the 1968 Exhibit, which will be closing February 20th. They have extended hours for viewing the exhibit. Due to popular demand, the 1968 exhibit will be open additional hours. This exhibit will be open until 8 p.m. on these dates: 2/10, 2/11, 2/17, & 2/18 (other museum exhibits



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will not be open extended hours). Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 20 for President's Day. Ticket prices are \$11 adults, \$9 seniors (65+); Tuesdays from 5-8 p.m. it is free to the public.

The 24th Annual Minnesota Book Awards have announced their finalists. They have 8 categories, including children's literature, general nonfiction, genre fiction, memoir & creative nonfiction, Minnesota, novel & short story, poetry and young people's literature.

Some of the finalists include *Friends: True Stories of Extraordinary Animal Friendships* (Catherine Thimmes); *Trout Caviar: Recipes from a Northern Forager* (Brett Laidlaw); *The Bone House* (Brian Freeman); *A Song at Twilight: of Alzheimer's and Love* (Nancy Paddock); *Sisterhood of War: Minnesota Women in Vietnam* (Kim Heikkila); *In Caddis Wood* (Mary Francois Rockcastle); *Invisible Strings* (Jim Moore); and *The Big Crunch* (Pete Hautman).

Thank you to: Hilary Major & Pippa Stelter for cutting the fleece fabric into blanket kits!

Don't forget to contact Dorothy for the March 27th meeting by the 23rd of March.



**Happy Valentine's Day to all!**

**Peggy**