



# Zonta Paul

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## *Greetings!*

It is hard to believe that it is already the first of May! It feels more like April and I heard today that we might even get some snow this weekend. BRRR! We do need the rain, so I can't complain too much – just wish it were a little warmer.

We have a great turnout for our April meeting at the History Theater where we enjoyed a light dinner and attended the “Queens of Burlesque” performance. It was a premier performance in that it was the first time ever seen on stage – anywhere! I'm not sure what everyone thought of the play, but I do think that the cast did a superb job.

Romelle and I attended the MVNA April Baby Shower held at Regency Hospital in Golden Valley. There were lots of silent auction items and a wine raffle. Attendees were asked to bring baby shower items, and MVNA received a good assortment of clothing, toys, etc. for babies and children. A much needed cause.

Several of us also attended the Northwest Youth and Family Services Leadership Lunch on Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at Midland Hills Country Club in Roseville. The scheduled speaker, Marilyn Carlson Nelson (of Carlson Companies) came down with laryngitis but she provided a substitute speaker, Ruth Bachman. Ruth told her cancer survival story and touched many hearts in the room. You could hear a pin drop as she spoke.

On Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, Romelle, Carole and I attended the area meeting in Mankato, MN. We heard presentations from Sonja Jacobsen, Kerry Dixon Fox and Kathy Swan. Part of the presentation dealt with the proposed changes to Zonta International by-laws as well as the

international proposed dues increase. We will be presenting these proposals at our May meeting for members to decide on how we should cast our votes. Linda Nelson, a Minneapolis Zontian and their President, will be taking our proxy to San Antonio.

Sue Keirstead, District Foundation Ambassador, reviewed the role of the Foundation, the 2008-2010 biennium service projects and addressed the need for clubs to contribute 30% of our service funds to the Foundation. She also encouraged members to consider making personal pledges to the Foundation.

Zonta International has their new website up and running and it is really impressive. Kerry Dixon-Fox showed us the new and improved changes. It is much more user friendly and has been carefully planned and organized. It is now possible to find a form by clicking on the Form tab! And, one can actually find the form! A much needed improvement. If you haven't signed in to the new website, your initial log-in and password is your first name and member number. They also recommended that we get a facebook page. Lou has been working on getting one set up for our club.

## MAY MEETING

Our May meeting will be at Judy's house on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. We will have a business meeting, recap the year and start the planning for the new year. We will also be presenting the slate of officers for 2010-11 at the May meeting, along with Committee chairs and members. Judy is planning on taking care of the food for the event. Cost will be \$20 per person.

Please call Dorothy and let her know if you are or are not able to attend the meeting. The



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deadline is Friday p.m., May 14th so that Judy has adequate time to prepare for our meeting.

We have several business items to discuss and approve, including the 2010-11 budget, the distribution of 2010 donations to Zonta International, any additional cash awards to local charities, a discussion on our club dues, and setting our calendar of events for the upcoming year. Enclosed is a copy of our final agenda for 2009-10, which will help jog memories of what we did. We can certainly do some of the events again and hope that there are new activities that we can also participate in.

Please come prepared with ideas on projects and programs to incorporate into our 2010-11 fiscal year. Projects already suggested include a repeat of preparing a dinner for the Jeremiah Program, fleece blankets, soup mix project (perhaps pint size containers), and holiday bags.

Other ideas include presenting a musical event for a local assisted living facility, a play/musical event combined with a meal, Grandmother Circle project update, and summer outing, possible a tea room event. We will need to plan both the date and theme for our annual President's dinner.

Our May meeting will be an excellent opportunity to invite any friends or potential new members to join us.

## DUES

We will have a discussion regarding our dues. One of the proposals from ZI is to increase the international dues for 2011-2012 an additional \$15. Our Club dues for 2010-2011 will remain at the prior year level \$126 – which includes International, District and local.

## LOCAL EVENTS THIS SUMMER

Music in Mears Park series for this summer starts June 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 26<sup>th</sup> (except July 1<sup>st</sup>) Thursdays from 6 – 9 p.m. Movies run July 22<sup>nd</sup> through August 26 at 9 p.m. The concerts are fair weather concerts, so if it rains..... Their schedule has not yet been finalized.

Hot Summer Jazz Festival will be June 17-19<sup>th</sup> at Mears Park in St. Paul. Some of the scheduled artists include Stride Piano Night with Jon Weber/Butch Thompson and Paul Asaro; Arne Fogel and Maud Hixcon costarring the Wolverines Trio; Jo Lovano with US Five; Pete Whitman's X-tet; Atlantis Quartet; Fantastic Merlins with Kid Dakota; McNally Smith College of Music Jazz Ensemble; Bobby Watson; Connie Evingson with the Parisota Hot Club, and Many more! Some of the Festival artists will be performing in downtown St. Paul Clubs. And, it is FREE! At least in the Park it is free.

The Science museum is showing its Dead Sea Scrolls exhibition. The exhibit is displaying the authentic documents and artifacts which were discovered in 1947 and considered one of the greatest archeological feats of all time. Tickets include admission to the museum and the 45 minute audio tour of the exhibit. The exhibition is open every day from 9:30 to 9:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended. The exhibit ends October 24, 2010. The red carpet treatment for seniors is every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday with tickets costing \$24 for persons 60+. Regular adult admission is \$34 for nonmembers and \$28 for children.

The museum is also showing the film "Arabia", which is an exploration of Saudi Arabia alongside Hamzah Jamjoon as he sets out to create a film about the land, history and culture



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of his heritage. He is the first-ever Saudi Arabian film student at Chicago's DePaul University. Omnitheater tickets for nonmembers are \$8 for adults and \$7 for Children (4-12) and Seniors (60+).

Como Ordway Memorial Japanese Garden is open from May 1 to September 30. The Como Ordway Memorial Japanese Garden is a living symbol of the peace and friendship that exists between Saint Paul and its sister city Nagasaki, Japan. A renowned landscape designer in Nagasaki, Masami Matsuda, created the garden according to time honored Japanese design principles using plants and trees that are hardy in Minnesota. Infused with true Japanese design, the garden is meant to delight your senses.

## Web Sites to Remember

Zonta International - <http://www.zonta.org>

Zonta District 7 - <http://www.zontadistrict7.org>

Visit Zonta St. Paul at our Website

<http://www.zontastpaul.org>

*Happy Birthday to:  
Janet - May 19<sup>th</sup>*

## Zonta International Reporting

Judy and I prepared the annual reports, which are due May 15th. She will report on the results at our May meeting.

## Mother's Day

This coming Sunday is Mother's Day. It is thought that perhaps this day emerged from a custom of mother worship in ancient Greece, which kept a festival to Cybele, as great mother

of Greek Gods. This festival was held around the Vernal Equinox around Asia Minor and eventually in Rome itself from March 15th to March 18th each year. The Romans also had another holiday, Matronalia, which was dedicated to June, and mothers were usually given gifts on this day.

In Europe there were several long standing traditions where a specific Sunday was set aside to honor motherhood and mothers such as Mothering Sunday. Mothering Sunday celebrations are part of the liturgical calendar in several Christian denominations, including Anglicans, and in the Catholic calendar is marked as Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent to honour the Virgin Mary and your "mother" church (the main church of the area). Historians think that children who served in houses were given a day off on that date so they could visit their families. The children would pick wild flowers along the way to place them on the church or to give them to their mothers.

International Women's Day was celebrated for the first time on February 28, 1909, in the US, by which time Anna Jarvis had already begun her national campaign in the US. It is now celebrated in many countries on March 8.

The "Mother's Day Proclamation" by Julia Ward Howe was one of the early calls to celebrate Mother's Day in the United States. Written in 1870, Howe's Mother's Day Proclamation was a pacifist reaction to the carnage of the American Civil War and the Franco-Prussian War. The Proclamation was tied to Howe's feminist belief that women had a responsibility to shape their societies at the political level.



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## **“Mother’s Day Proclamation**

**By Julia Ward Howe**

**Arise, then, women of this day!**

**Arise, all women who have hearts,  
Whether our baptism be of water or of tears!**

**Say firmly: "We will not have great questions  
decided by irrelevant agencies,  
Our husbands will not come to us, reeking with  
carnage, for caresses and applause.  
Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn  
All that we have been able to teach them of  
charity, mercy and patience.**

**We, the women of one country, will be too tender  
of those of another country to allow our sons to  
be trained to injure theirs."**

**From the bosom of the devastated Earth a voice  
goes up with our own. It says: "Disarm! Disarm!  
The sword of murder is not the balance of  
justice." Blood does not wipe out dishonor, nor  
violence indicate possession.**

**As men have often forsaken the plough and the  
anvil at the summons of war, let women now  
leave all that may be left of home for a great and  
earnest day of counsel.**

**Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and  
commemorate the dead. Let them solemnly take  
counsel with each other as to the means  
whereby the great human family can live in  
peace, each bearing after his own time the sacred  
impress, not of Caesar, but of God.**

**In the name of womanhood and humanity, I  
earnestly ask that a general congress of women  
without limit of nationality may be appointed  
and held at someplace deemed most convenient  
and at the earliest period consistent with its  
objects, to promote the alliance of the different  
nationalities, the amicable settlement of**

**international questions, the great and general  
interests of peace."**

**In 1912, Anna Jarvis trademarked the phrases  
"second Sunday in May" and "Mother's Day",  
and created the Mother's Day International  
Association.**

**"She was specific about the location of the  
apostrophe; it was to be a singular possessive, for  
each family to honour their mother, not a plural  
possessive commemorating all mothers in the  
world."**

**Anna Jarvis succeeded in making this day  
nationally recognized in 1914, but by the 1920's  
she became embittered about how the day had  
been commercialized. She and her sister  
Ellsinore spent their family inheritance  
campaigning against the holiday and died in  
poverty. As she said, "A printed card means  
nothing except that you are too lazy to write to  
the woman who has done more for you than  
anyone in the world. And candy! You take a box  
to Mother and then eat most of it yourself. A  
pretty sentiment!"**

**Mother’s Day information from Wikipedia.com.**

**May each of you remember those women in your  
lives who helped make a difference in your life.**

**Don’t forget that the date for our monthly  
May meeting will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday and  
not the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. See you all on the  
18<sup>th</sup> at Judy’s.**

*Peggy*