



The Zonta Club of Conejo Valley Area Newsletter

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Spring Seminar:

The Los Angeles Club will be the host club (with assistance of the Santa Clarita Club) for our Area 3 Spring Seminar on April 22, 2006 in Burbank. This year's theme is "Tools for Success" which will address the areas of Orientation, Advocacy, Branding, Marketing, and Brainstorming.

Guest speakers include: Josie Cooke, Past International President and member of the LA Club; Dianne Curtis, Past District 9 Governor and member of the Santa Clarita Club; Chris Buchanan, President of the Antelope Valley Club; Bonnie Schumacher, Past District 9 Governor and member of the Area 4-Newport Harbor club; and Peggy Edwards, incoming Area 3 Director and Past President of the Santa Clarita Club. Save the Date!

January is Amelia Earhart Month

"No kind action ever stops with itself. One kind action leads to another. Good example is followed. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves."

~Amelia Earhart

NEXT CLUB MEETING!

February 21 is the next club meeting. Four potential new members are coming, as well as **Barbara Stearns Cochran**, Area 3 Director. In addition, representatives from Ventura County Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Westminster will be on hand to accept our donations to them of \$10,000 each. Bring a potential member, and let them watch us in action! See you at the **Westlake Hyatt at 6:00 pm!**

Donation from Meggitt-USA!

The Zonta Club of the Conejo Valley area recently received \$1,000 from Meggitt-USA in Simi Valley. The charitable contribution is requested to go to help needy children and or needy abused mothers in Simi Valley, California. Our club will use part of this money to fund the school buses bringing special needs children to SKD?

Scholarships for 2006

Scholarship Deadline is February 6th for all three Scholarships.

Women Helping Women:

The Zonta Club of the Conejo Valley Area is currently accepting applications for the "Women Helping Women" Scholarship program. We are offering five \$1,000 scholarships for women who are seeking re-

entry or continuing of present education in a local college or trade school.

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships. The Zonta International Foundation established the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships in 1997 for women pursuing an undergraduate degree in business leading to a business management career.

Young Women in Public Affairs:

The goal of the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Program is to encourage more young women to participate in public and political life by recognizing a young woman's (age 16-20) commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women. Contact Denise Aiani, 2006 Scholarship Chair, for more information.

WESTMINSTER FREE CLINIC DONATION

The Zonta Club of the Conejo Valley Area announced this month that they will donate \$10,000 to the Westminster Free Clinic in Thousand Oaks, California. The Westminster Free Clinic, is where uninsured, low-income workers can get free healthcare. This donation of \$10,000 will ensure that services to the community are uninterrupted.

BIG BROTHERS/ BIG SISTERS

Our Zonta Club of the Conejo Valley area has offered funding for an after school program in the Conejo Valley run by the Big Brothers/Big Sister program of Ventura County. Pam Cady, coordinator of the program stated, " We are very excited about this. We have worked to set up programs in the East County, but have been waiting for funding. Now, because of your club, we will have the funding to get started. It has been our plan to start at Newbury Park HS and then bring on Thousand Oaks HS. Simi Valley would be slated to bring on later. Until that time, we do have our Community Based Program that matches "littles" with adult "bigs" from the community. We would welcome any references of children to this program as we wait to get a program started in Simi. Our phone number for referral is 805-644-6792. Again, thank you to you and your fellow Zontians for helping us finally get started in East County. "

Pam Cady (BBBS of Ventura County) pcady@bbbsvc.org
Pam or a member of BBBS has been invited to attend our February club meeting to accept our donation check.

PLEASE NOTE:

Our Zonta Transitional Home is moving from Newbury Park to Port Hueneme and a rededication that will be planned by Interface?

Conejo Valley Days Special Kids Day Friday, April 28th

Planning Meetings are set to begin this month. When you are called to meet, please do so with joy! Did you know that Zonta has organized Special Kid's Day since 1985? Our club hosts a Friday morning at the Conejo Valley Days carnival for "special needs" children selected by local school districts. Approximately 350 children, some severely, some mildly handicapped, along with hundreds of one-on-one volunteers, enjoy games, rides, petting zoo, clowns, police cars, fire engines, hamburger luncheon, frozen treats and more. This day requires a great deal of coordination with various schools and organizations. We set up at 8:00 a.m. and need everyone's help to clean up from 1230-1:00 p.m.! We usually head to El Torito's afterwards! This is a great service project. Please get involved!!!



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Zonta International seeks to...

Provide service at the global and local level;
Improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women;
Work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of executives in business and the professions;
Promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;
Be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, implement programs and provide mutual support and fellowship for members and their communities, their nations and the universe.