

THE LINKS

Summer is finally here. The Board of District 2 sends you all warm greetings to go along with the season. Be sure to have some fun along the way, and remember we will have the opportunity to be together October in October for the District 2 Fall Conference. Here are just a few conference highlights to tease...

“All the World is Our Stage”
Auburn, New York
October 14 – 16, 2011

International President
Dianne Curtis will attend as
our International liaison.

A walk on the red carpet.

International Puppets of
Peace

Highlights of our relationship
with the United Nations from
guest Mary Ann Tarantula,
International UN Chair.

Conducting the business of
the District.

Mask-making

Spa treatments and
shopping

Black and White Ball

Club highlights and Best
Practices

Connecting with old and new
friends.



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ALL THE WORLD IS OUR STAGE: USING OUR TALENTS TAKES PRACTICE

Spring Workshop Review – Governor Sue Ann

What is a best practice? How can we share our best practices with other clubs? How can we make good practices even better? Moderator Karen Macier posed these questions to lead us through a day of discussion, sharing and club planning at the Spring workshop April 30. Hosted by the Montgomery-Fulton Club, 45 District 2 members were treated to a beautiful lakeside retreat – a wonderful environment for discussing club initiatives.

In January, the call went out to clubs to share best practices. We received some 4 dozen entries from a dozen clubs, ranging from best membership and fund-raising practices, to leadership development and long range financial planning. Our roundtable discussions throughout the day were equally diverse, and discussion notes were collected so that the Board could collate for future best practice discussions. (Leadership Institute) was the lead facilitator leading us through discussions of club and leadership development. Coming soon to the District 2 website will be postings of this information, and other suggestions from Karen to help us fill our tool box.

And coming to Fall Conference, 2011: Club reports will be given as official business in each of the three business sessions. Club presidents or designees will have the opportunity to present a Club highlight and goal. The District 2 Board wants to present the voice of each club so that International President Dianne gets to see the diverse personality of District 2. Details will be sent out in August with the Conference mailing to Clubs.

Also new to this conference: The District 2 Board is planning a special reception for International President Dianne Curtis on Thursday, October 13, the day before conference begins. We will send out invitations to Zontians in District 1,3 and 4, as well as community dignitaries in honour of her visit to our District. Details will be sent out in August with the Conference mailing.

More on the Call to Conference: The Call to Conference will be e-mailed to all District 2 Zontians Aug.1. A complete conference pack including a voting items, delegate/alternate information and budget review will be mailed to each club by Aug.8. All materials will be posted on the website by Aug.15.

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Membership – Growing in New Ways

The Zonta year transition between May 31 and June 1 is a period marked by losses and gains in members. As of this date, we do not have a firm number of the District 2 membership because Club submissions and International records don't yet mesh. But we have been hearing some GREAT stories – a new Z Club in Syracuse with young women and MEN; new members in Ottawa, Oswego, Auburn, Utica and Montreal, just to name a few; an inquiry to start a new Zonta Club in Ithaca. These are exciting developments.

As we move into the second year of the Biennium, I encourage you to use the great tools we have at our fingertips from the International website. There are materials and videos to download regarding our international service projects, and success stories from clubs around the world. Also, all manuals are available for download. And the search engine now allows easy access to questions regarding Zonta International policies and guidelines.

And as always, practice your elevator speech. I belong to Zonta because:



ALL THE WORLD IS OUR STAGE

An invitation to Fall Conference Oct. 14–16

All the world is our stage, And we Zontians play an important part.

Advancing the status of women we have raised to a new art.

Promoting wellness and health, fighting poverty and crime.

We can feed the world on a single dime.

We can do more together than any of us apart,

Our time together is what gives us our heart.

So, the curtain's going up, we are pleased to state,

To spend time together on this important date.

You are cordially invited to a red carpet affair

It's Fall Conference 2011. We hope you are there.

Join with your Club, and to Auburn, please travel

October 14 to 16. Don't miss the strike of the gavel.

Don't miss the spa and the shops. Or the 3 business sessions,

Don't miss the UN program and its important lessons.

Don't miss your entrance, and your round of applause

As we celebrate your talents that you give to our cause.

We invite you to come. Come one and come all.

All the world is our stage. Be there for your curtain call!