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May-June, 2006

## Zonta Club of Conejo Valley Area

*Supporting Education and Family Safety*

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Interservice Club Luncheon,  
Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:30  
Los Robles Greens Golf Course,

Special Kids Day,  
May 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.  
Conejo Valley Days Fairgrounds

Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11am at the  
Saticoy Country Club  
China Painter's Tea  
805/646-6532.

May 20<sup>th</sup>, Zonta Garden Party  
in Ojai 2:00-4:00 p.m.

June 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting at Mimi's  
Restaurant (T.O.)@ 10:00 a.m.

Club meeting June 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30  
Westlake Hyatt  
"Life is full of hope, even when  
the unbearable seems to  
overtake our body and soul with  
persistence and determination we  
can overcome it all."

### Happy Birthday:

Tricia Scribner 6/13  
Past District Governor/Past Club  
President Mary Kay Sherman 6/17

### **2004-2006 Biennial Goals**

- ❖ **Focus on our Mission**
- ❖ **Combine Service and Advocacy**
- ❖ **Recruit, Retain, Rejuvenate**

## Special Kids Day

*-Pat Fleury*

Every year, kids with special needs from throughout the Conejo Valley and surrounding school districts enjoy a day at the Conejo Valley Days carnival.

Each child is accompanied by one or more volunteers

from the community, service clubs, companies and schools. This year was no exception, and you must check out the pictures on the website at [www.zontacv.org](http://www.zontacv.org). Lunch was provided for all, and the carnival operators, opened the carnival for the kids to enjoy. This year the date was also Cinco de Mayo, May 5<sup>th</sup>! Over 250 children attended, and over 300 volunteers made it all possible.



### Thank you to the following sponsors of Special Kids Day 2006:

Pacific Beverage, Domino's Pizza (Rancho Road); Trader Joes of Westlake Village, Pepsi Distribution Center (Ventura), Marion Spiro at Dole Food company (Westlake Village); Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 (Thousand Oaks); McDonald's (Park Oaks Plaza T.O. ); McDonald's (Westlake Village); McDonald's Newbury Park; Doyle Shaw Ice (San Fernando); Jobs Daughters (Gail Miley); Costco (Westlake Village); Krispy Kreme Donuts (Canoga Park); California Senior Insurance (Westlake Village); Mrs. Field's Cookies (Oaks Mall); Tricia Scribner (Thousand Oaks); Western Bagels (Westlake Village); Meggit Corporation, J.D. Powers, M & M Termite and Pest Control, Conejo Valley Rotary, Pepsi from Ventura, Thousand Oaks Rotary, United Methodist Church of Thousand Oaks, Todd Stevenson, Kay's Gourmet Catering and Laura Lee Schaefer .



Zonta Club of the Conejo Valley Area - California

**Letters to our Club**  
**From our Scholarship**  
**Recipients** (Names have  
been omitted for privacy)

*Thank you so much. It is an honor and privilege to be one of the five chosen recipients for the Women Helping Women Scholarship program. I can assure you that I will make a difference in my community, as well as other places, where I may provide services. My dream is to someday offer other women the same opportunity that you have given me. It's these types of organizations that allow students like myself the opportunity to follow a "dreams". Thank you so much.*

-L.M.

*Dear Women of Zonta,  
I just want to send along a few words to say Thank You for believing in me as a person. I have come a long way and am grateful to have fine women such as yourselves in my life and with me on my positive path.  
Thank you.* -A.B.

*I am writing to let you know how grateful I am to be a recipient of the Zonta Club Women helping Women Scholarship. The money will be a great reward toward my dream of becoming a nurse, helping to make it all possible. Nursing school is the hardest thing I have ever done in my life. ...With your help I know I can feel good about starting my nursing career off on the right foot and in the right direction.* -  
R.E.

**From Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Ventura County**

*On behalf of the staff, board, and the children we serve I would like to thank you and the Zonta Club of the Conejo Valley Area for your very generous check of \$10,000 . We are putting everything into place and will do our first training at Newbury Park High School on March 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Lynn West, E.D.*

**From Senior Concerns**

*We had a slow start getting our Zonta Angel Wings flying through the Conejo Valley, but a Zonta Angel landed on one beautiful Meals on Wheels participant, Betty. ...Betty's husband had a stroke and was placed in a care facility. ...Betty's home had become a cave...filled with junk. One of our drivers knew a woman who was a professional organizer and after 25 hours going through the downstairs and reorganizing living space, Betty is now comfortable in her own home. ...Window panes replaced the cardboard. Thanks to Zonta's Angels, Betty can live in her home feeling safe.  
Thank you Zonta Angels*

**From Simi Valley Schools**

*Dear Friends,  
On behalf of the Board of Education, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation of cash in the amount of \$1,200 to Justin Elementary School...to purchase Leap Pad supplies. ..Thank you for your support of our educational programs.  
Kathryn Scroggin,  
Ed.D., Superintendent*

**Announcements**

Best wishes to **Mary Kay Sherman** on her foot surgery. She is resting comfortably in a convalescent Home in the San Fernando Valley.

**Bonnie Schumacher** is recovering at home from her knee surgery. Send her a note of encouragement!

Condolences to **Delores and Bruce Chantra** on the passing of Bruce's mother.

**Congratulations to  
the 2006-2007  
Zonta Club of the Conejo  
Valley Area Board:**

President, **Denise Aiani**

VP Membership ,**Deborah Ecklund**

VP Programs **Damaris Warkentien**

Treasurer, **Pat Johnson**

Secretary, **Ruth Cisowski**

2 year Director **Karen Wade**

1 year director **Mary Lou Miller.**



## INTERNATIONAL HAPPENINGS

Bangkok will be the venue of the 2010 Zonta International Convention, contingent upon reaching satisfactory agreements for the venue facilities.

Zonta International dues have not increased since 1995. This biennium, there will be no increase in International membership dues.

Some Candidates for International office which may be of interest to some of you are:

### President-Elect:

Dunstanetter Macauley, Lome, Togo—Int'l Conference & Business Mgmt.  
Beryl Sten, Vaxjo, Sweden—Retired Corporate Info. Manager, now consultant

### Vice President:

Janice M. Bowman, Auckland, NZ—Owner, Communications Catalyst, Ltd.  
Dianne K. Curtis, Santa Clarita, CA, USA—Owner/President, Canyon Bulk, Inc. (from our District 9, former Governor)

### Treasurer:

Ellen Karo, New York, NY, USA—Ellen Karo, CPA, PC  
Gloria Wristen, Auburn, NY, USA—Gloria Wristen, CPA

### Int'l Director:

Bonny L. Schumacher, Newport Harbor, CA, USA—Morgan

Stanley, 1st VP, Investments & Financial Advisor (former District 9 Governor)

**At Large:** Mary Ellen Bittner, Washington, DC, USA—US Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, Chief Administrative Law Judge (present International President)

### Zonta International

Successful executives serving the world, advancing the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.

International President Mary Ellen Bittner  
District 9 Governor Julie Tulang  
District 9 Lt. Governor Barbara J. White  
Area 3 Director Barb Stearns-Cochran  
Vice Area Director Debra Amenson

### 2006 Convention. Melbourne, Australia

At the 2006 Convention in Melbourne (June 24-29), club delegates will vote on the following vital matters, and more:

- Election of Zonta International officers, directors and international nominating committee. (See newsletter)
- 2006-2008 Biennial Goals (including the International Service projects).
- Bylaws amendments.
- Resolutions.

- A Course for the Future - 2006 and Beyond (Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation framework for planning).

This is an opportunity to keep you up to date on international issues and provides you with an opportunity to discuss with club members the issues affecting how your delegate will represent you. Details can be found at [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) at Member Resources under Club Mailing.

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