



Zonta Club of St. Louis - District 7 – Area 2 – Club 37

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

February, 2016

Dear Friends,

Happy Valentines Day!

We did not have a regular meeting in January, so it will be great to visit with everyone at the February meeting. More information later in this Zest.

I'm told that trivia night on January 16 was a great success. Unfortunately, I missed the great activity because of health issues. A big thank you to Jill and her committee for a job well done. This is a wonderful way to earn money for our service projects and to let more people know more about our wonderful Zonta Club.

I will look forward to seeing you at the February meeting.

Have fun,  
Liz Heitman

*What a grand thing, to be loved! What a grander thing still,  
to love! – Victor Hugo*



## Zonta St. Louis Public Relations Membership Meeting

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February 18, 2016

### Public Relations for Non-Profit Organizations

Shante Duncan, Guest Speaker



Shante is a transformational personality and a dynamic speaker. She is a graduate of University of Missouri Saint Louis with a Communications degree.

She is a successful grant writer and through her business, **SMD Writing and Consulting Services**, she has played a major role in the procurement of more than one million dollars for several local non-profit agencies.

She is founder/chief executive of S.H.E.R.A.H. (Sisters Helping Each Other Reach A Higher Height), a community women's organization created to empower women to assist in the rebuilding of our communities.

She is currently working on a memoir that shares her insights and revelations. She believes that mother is her first and most important role as a human being and that "mama" is synonymous with teacher, guide and leader.

Shante lives in St. Louis, MO with her husband and children.

### Meeting Location: Mimi's Café

17240 Chesterfield Airport Rd, Chesterfield, MO 63005

(Hwy 40/64 to Boones Crossing, to South to THF Blvd.)

Phone: 636-5304510

6:00 pm Cocktails/Fellowship

6:30 pm Dinner (Individual responsible for dinner item)

RESERVATIONS DUE: February 16, 2016

Contact: Gerda Thalheimer, 314-961-3255 or [gwhiz452002@yahoo.com](mailto:gwhiz452002@yahoo.com)

## MEMBER PROFILE

### MIRIAM SCHUCHARDT



**Zonta Contact:** As I thought of, and planned my retirement as a school counselor I knew I wanted to remain involved in service activities. I also needed to expand my contacts and interests. My friend, Liz Heitman, recommended Zonta. After attending some meetings I joined Zonta in 2001.

**Committee Membership:** As a counselor, I hoped to make use of those skills. It was a privilege to mentor a total of 4 young women as a WAC participant. I was the chair of the Membership, YWPA, and Literacy committees. I was a member on the Service, Hands On, Community Grants and MPS committees. Working with Laura Burton and the Z Club at Marian School was something I found enjoyable also.

**Hometown:** While I was born in St. Louis, our family moved frequently, as we followed my father's work. We settled in Colorado and I grew up in Greeley. "Where did you go to high school?" is a question that never goes far after I answer, "Mt. St. Gertrude's Academy." It was a boarding school in Boulder. I attended Mundelein College in Chicago; my degree was in Psychology and Education. Then, I returned to St. Louis. I studied for my Masters in Counseling at St. Louis University.

**Work History:** Other than a brief stint selling insurance policies for Metropolitan Insurance, I worked in schools. I taught for 11 years in Iowa, 3 years in South Dakota, and 30 years in Webster Groves.

**Travel:** Since 1968 I've driven from St. Louis to Colorado yearly. I think I could do that trip blindfolded (if Kansas City didn't keep modifying I-70). I've enjoyed traveling with my sisters and alone. We "wandered" Europe for 3 weeks, cruised Alaska, and lived in Alsace for 3 weeks. After I retired, I spent 2 weeks in New England in the fall. I enjoyed those unstructured ventures but my days of wandering are being replaced with tours and yearly trips to Seattle to be with family who live there.

**Hobbies:** I'm back to learning and my lessons have centered on artistic endeavors: drawing, painting and photography classes have taught me where my strengths lie (and don't lie). Presently I'm taking piano lessons—check mark on my Bucket List. I played carols for my great-grandchildren this year and it was "cool".

**Family:** I married Richard in 1982 and acquired a family – Karen and her children, Amy, and David. Karen now lives in Warrenton, Amy in Hawks Point, and David and his family live in Seattle. Our grandson, Matthew, died in 2004.

As a Zonta member, I've been privileged to establish friendships and work with remarkable, inspiring women. No matter where we are on our life's journey, our associates can influence us and enrich our lives. My Zonta sisters have certainly done that for me and for that I'm grateful.



## Trivia Night raises over \$2,400!

Thanks to all of you who attended, helped or supported the 2016 Trivia Night! We filled 18 tables, had 10 baskets and auction items, a great liquor basket raffle and a pair of Cardinal Club baseball tickets to raffle. It was a fun evening and we raised more than \$2400. One third of this will be donated to Zonta International to support projects worldwide.

A huge thank you to all of you who helped to make this event a success: Gerda Thalheimer and Sharon Carmody, (co-chairs), Sherry Brooks and her crew (concessions), Kay Moss, Barb Meyer, Laura Burton and many, many others who stepped in to help. We had several WAC students and some children who helped with setting up, scoring, selling mulligans and raffle tickets. Thanks to each of you who contributed to a basket or put together a table of friends.

Jill Cooper, Co-Chair

## LITERACY COMMITTEE AWARD

We were looking for a new group or project to honor with the award. We were pleased to learn of the Gateway Region YMCA's program entitled **Science Gone Mad**.

One of the goals of the program is to ensure that girls are motivated and prepared to take advanced science and math classes in high school. Building literacy in those areas is essential for young women today. The goal itself would warrant the award; but, in addition, the program will be presented to students at *Marian Middle School*. This provides us with another opportunity to be involved in the Marian School mission.

Caroline Mitchell is the program administrator and will be informing us of the implementation and progress of the students who are involved.

Literacy Committee  
Debbie Redmond  
Miriam Schuchardt

## Zonta e-club USA-1 is Accepting Nominations for 3rd Annual Yellow Rose Day Virtual Celebration!



Send us your nominations for **Yellow Rose Day** (March 8) and include a donation of any size (suggested amount \$25-50 per name) for our Zonta Scholarship Fund. Mail nomination name, include job title, email, and city of employment to Brenda Fraser, Club President, Zonta e-club usA1, 6 Jonathan Ct, Defiance, MO 63341.

Make check out to "SCC Foundation", the College will MATCH any donations that come in from any Zonta member! Our Goal is \$500 this year. Questions about the nominations can be sent to Brenda at [Galaforce@msn.com](mailto:Galaforce@msn.com)

February 2016

# CALENDAR

February 4	Executive Board Meeting
February 18	Monthly Membership Meeting – Mimi’s Café, 17240 Chesterfield Airport Rd.
April 30	Area 2/4 Meeting - Jefferson City
July 2-6	International Convention - Nice, France
September 16-18	District 7 Seminar - St. Louis



## BULLETIN BOARD

### Congratulations, Elizabeth!

**Elizabeth Vancil** has accepted a new role at Monsanto as a Traits and Genetics Licensing Manager. In this position, Elizabeth will be responsible for developing licensing strategies and agreements with independent seed companies related to specialty crops, including canola, sugar beets and alfalfa.

Please join us in congratulating Elizabeth on this achievement and wishing her luck in her new endeavor.

### CONTACT CHANGES?

If your contact information has changed, please email any updates to

[Krystal.Rupp@gmail.com](mailto:Krystal.Rupp@gmail.com) so she can update our membership directory.



“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.”

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