



# O O N I P A K

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## ‘Tis the season

It’s the beginning of December and already I am making out my list of family and friends and mulling over what gifts might resonate with them this year.

The real truth is that none of them actually need anything that I can afford to give them. There are many other ways to honor these special folks...I leafed through the Heifer International catalog today – what’s not to love about having a llama or piglet or baby chicks given in your honor to a needy family overseas?

Here in town the Mitzvah Mall will take place for the second time next weekend on December 6th...many of you recall organizer Barbara Brown’s presentation to us about the first one last year. I plan to stop by at Congregation Beth Shalom for the event.

As you are all aware, we are in the middle of the Sixteen Days Against Gender Violence; a gift earmarked for Zonta’s ZISVAW fund or any of the NGOs that combat the egregious acts perpetrated against women is always appropriate. Two that I found online are [camfed.org](http://camfed.org) and [globalgiving.org](http://globalgiving.org).

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Of course we have our own two fundraisers coming up – the Aurora Bloody Alice Murder Mystery on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Accidental Gourmet series of cooking classes – any of which will make terrific holiday presents.

Happy giving!

Cheers,

*Rosemary*

# **A Bit of History: ZONTA REACHES 90 YEARS**

Mary Jenkins, a charter member of the Zonta Club of Syracuse, was the first president of the Confederation of Zonta Clubs. A pioneer in the field of journalism, she became owner and president of the Syracuse Herald in 1903. Dedicated to civic service, she was a founder of Camp Hillcrest, a home for undernourished, crippled and convalescent children, and trustee of the Huntington Foundation, a club for working women and girls. In 1945, Ms. Jenkins was conferred a honorary degree in Humane Letters from Syracuse University by Chancellor William P. Tolley. At the ceremony Chancellor Tolley said, "Your sincerity of purpose, ideals, and service has made you an inspiration to all who know you."

In the March 1920 Zontian magazine, Mary Jenkins said, "When I was a child, I named all my paper dolls after the kings and queens I had read of in my fairy books...When I grew a big older and became interested in things outside the nursery walls, I found that the people who interested me most were not the kings and queens of my paper doll days, but the people who were out doing things in the everyday world."

As a member of Zonta Club of Anchorage, you are one in a group of many dedicated women striving to improve the lives of women and their families throughout the world. Zonta has encouraged women to take on leadership roles in their communities as well as in business and government. In its 90 year history, Zonta has become as renowned for its prestigious Amelia Earhart Fellowships as it has for its United Nations-partnered service projects in developing countries.

## **Zonta's 90th Anniversary**

**In celebration and recognition of Zonta's 90th Anniversary, check the Zonta of Anchorage website for Milestones in Women's History. This is just a short list, but extremely interesting and informative.**



# Rosemary Dunn

before becoming a Sabre Specialist and touching her first computer. American Airlines based her in Anchorage and her year commitment to the 49<sup>th</sup> state became a permanent destination.

We're grateful Rosemary Dunn has her feet firmly on the ground and calls Anchorage home. As President of Zonta Club of Anchorage, she keeps us on schedule and on course for our goals. On her Facebook application, she could name 159 cities in 31 countries she had visited in her 28 years working with American Airlines and its spinoff, Sabre Travel Network. It was not unusual for her to travel more than 175,000 miles a year. She retired from Sabre in 2006 as a Senior Global Account Executive, found a new position as IT tech at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport and now teaches airlines how to update their FIDS monitors.

Born in Oakland, CA on Pill Hill, she grew up in Hawaii and considers it her original home. She attended Punahou School in Honolulu for 8 years, the oldest private K-12 school west of the Rockies established in 1841 by missionaries. Other notable graduates include Steve Case (AOL), Michelle Wie (famous golfer), Kelly Preston (wife of John Travolta), and Barack Obama. She is a graduate of Lewis & Clark College in Portland with a B.S. in Communications; attained a Certified Travel Counselor certification in 2000 and an Alaskan Destination Specialist certification in 2002. In the travel industry, she has been a Reservations Sales Agent, agency manager, Operations Agent and an Air Freight Agent

Rosemary lives in south Anchorage with her Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Ginger, Golden Retriever, Zack, and adopted cats Mi Type to enter text dnite, Frankie and Gracie who was chosen for her by her BFF Sarah. For many years she has been an Iditarod volunteer in the computer room. Volunteers take information via phone, e-mail and fax from the checkpoints and input, then publish the information to the [HYPERLINK "http://www.iditarod.com"](http://www.iditarod.com) [www.iditarod.com](http://www.iditarod.com) website.

Quoting Rosemary, "If I won the lotto I'd buy an airplane and get current again; nothing I ever did in my life made me feel as good as flying an airplane. The BEST moment in my whole life was flying an airplane with paying passengers in the back (they did not know I was flying)." She is a member of the Alaska 99's (women pilots); the Anchorage Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association (Class 1997-01); served as Secretary of the Sand Lake Community Council; and since 1997 has volunteered at the Airport Information Booth. What a coincidence – Zonta Club of Anchorage voluntarily operated the first information booth at Anchorage International Airport from 1962-72. She was President and held many offices for the Alaska Business Travel Association and served on the Travel Advisory Board for Career Academy.

Thanks, Karen Zak, for bringing Rosemary to Zonta in 2004...a "first class" decision!

## EDITH R. BULLOCK PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE

Edith Bullock was a member of Zonta Club of Anchorage from 1971 until her death on May 8, 1994, at the age of 91. She arrived in Nome aboard the steamship Denali, at the age of 33, married the local dredgemaster, an Alaskan Scout during World War II, then became office manager for Wien Air Alaska in Kotzebue. In 1951 the Bullocks started B&R Tug and Barge, an oil distribution business. She eventually became sole owner, the first woman distributor of Chevron products. Her company grew to 300 employees and Edith achieved remarkable results as a pioneer business women in that village above the Arctic Circle where mail arrived every three weeks and it took 2 days to fly to Seattle. She was elected twice to the Territorial House of Representatives and once to the Territorial Senate. Edith moved to Anchorage in 1968. She was awarded an honorary doctorate from University of Alaska and named "Alaskan of the Year" for 1979.

Continuing a nineteen-year tradition, the University of Alaska Foundation Board of Trustees has awarded the Edith R. Bullock Prize of \$20,000 to Dr. Alan Boraas, Kenai Peninsula College Anthropology Professor. This annual prize is given to the individual whose work demonstrates excellence in support of the University of Alaska.

Dr. Boraas is a leading authority on the history and culture of the Dena'ina people on the Kenai Peninsula and the neighboring Russian culture. He is an honorary member of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe and the Book of the Year award-winning author for "A Dena'ina Legacy, K'tl'egh'i Sukdu: The Collected Writings of Peter Kalifornsky."

## Volunteer Opportunity: First Book

Once again we have been asked by First Book to supply some Zontians to wrap gifts for their fundraiser at Borders. This is a great hands on service opportunity and gets our name out there also. Additionally, First Book has applied for a grant so that the girls we service at Booth can get books while at Booth and then also be sent them once they leave.

Here is a sign up sheet for wrapping. Please let me know via e-mail ([schoharriet@yahoo.com](mailto:schoharriet@yahoo.com)) or phone (868-3101) if you can volunteer and, if you chose the last shift, let me know if you plan to stay until 9 or 10.

Thanks,  
Harriet

### First Book Gift Wrapping Sign-up:

#### Days Available:

Friday, Dec. 18

Tuesday, Dec. 22

Wednesday, Dec. 23

Thursday, Dec. 24

#### Times Each Day:

1 - 3 p.m.

3 - 5 p.m.

5 - 7 p.m.

7 - 9 (or 10) p.m.



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## Holiday Party

Location: Debbie Graham's House  
3300 Upland Drive  
Anchorage, AK

When: Wed., Dec. 16, 6 p.m.

Phone: (907) 333-8509

Please join us for the Zonta Holiday Party! We will be cooking up the meal but would love appetizers and desserts from you!

Bring your significant other or a guest whom you would like to introduce to Zonta.

We will collect \$20 per person to go toward our operations fund and we will once again have the ornament auction with the proceeds going to our district service project, Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific, endowment fund.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

# It's Tyme to Decorate the STAR Wreath

**Host:** Zonta

Time to decorate the wreath. Our theme this year is "In the St. Nick of Ty me."

**Location:** 2741 Kempton Hills Drive  
Anchorage, AK US  
(home of Harriet Harris)

Any questions - give me a call or email me so that we can keep track of what people are bringing to use on the wreath. Hopefully, we don't end up with all ribbon and no lights for example.

**When:** Thursday,  
December 3, 6:00PM

**Phone:** 351-3409

## *STAR Luncheon*

*There are 3 seats left at the Zonta table for the STAR luncheon on Saturday, December 5 (11 am to 1:30 pm), so call right away if you are interested. Tickets are \$45 each, includes lunch and silent auction items and a live auction.*

*Bonnie Ivy*

## Z Club Newz

'Tis the season for volunteering, and the Anchorage Z Clubs have been very busy. The Service High Z Club has a new teacher sponsor and we are hoping to introduce a new Zonta liaison/sponsor for that club soon.

Dimond Z Club has completed a sock drive and continues with ongoing projects such as after school reading at local elementary schools and Learn to Skate. Holiday volunteering activities include bell-ringing for the Salvation Army, decorating 2 wreaths for the STAR luncheon auction, collecting journals, and volunteering for the event, setting up a Giving Tree for Dimond High School which focuses on providing gifts for teens in the community, and Kids Camp, which takes place during the school holiday vacation.

Thanks to Anchorage Zontians for the donations of socks for the Z Club sock drive, and journals for STAR.

# 2009 ZONTIAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Secret ballot at Business Lunch, January 6, 2010, will determine winner. Please return your nomination by December 31, 2009, via e-mail or mail to Rita Metcalfe. HYPERLINK "mailto:rlmetcalfe@gci.net" [rlmetcalfe@gci.net](mailto:rlmetcalfe@gci.net); or 2001 Otter Street, Anchorage, AK 99504. Winner will be honored at our February 17, 2010, dinner meeting. Previous (one time only) winners of the honor are: Charter Member Virginia Augestad, 2002 Rita Metcalfe, 2003 Shelli Cutting, 2004 Debbie Graham, 2005 Vera Almon, 2006 Louann Feldmann, 2007 Bonnie Ivy and 2008 Kelly Droop.

I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE \_\_\_\_\_ for 2009 Zontian of the Year.

Criteria:

Volunteerism – for Zonta and community – many hours of service  
Inspiration to others – never seeking individual recognition  
Follow through with a smile and dedication  
Enthusiasm for Zonta worldwide and our mission  
Constant advocate for women  
Innovative thinking and ideas to improve our Club

Please include other reasons for consideration.

## SAVE THOSE BOTTLES

Virginia, Carol and Rita are collecting 20 of the tall Kirkland Vodka bottles for unique table decorations at the Hullabaloo Whodunit Aurora Bloody Alice Murder Mystery Dinner. Please enjoy the contents, or transfer to another container, but SAVE THOSE BOTTLES...and we'll pick them up when empty or after all your holiday parties.

A history of Zonta milestones is now available on our website. Interesting reading for sure!

<http://www.zonta-ak.org/news.asp?NewsID=136>

### CLEANING HOUSE OF CLUTTER?

One of the easiest ways to contribute to Zonta's many projects: Clean your shelves and closets of paperback and hardback books and drop them off at Title Wave Bookstore. Request your refund be credited to Zonta Club of Anchorage account. We can then choose titles for Booth, AWAIC, Mary Magdalene, Anchorage Health Clinic or other worthy non-profits we support. Thanks.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Go to [www.zonta-ak.org](http://www.zonta-ak.org) and click on Events on the left side of the page for the most current information. You may print the monthly calendar from this site.



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**“One Woman at a time;  
one community at a time.”**

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