



Installation of New Board and Officers 2008-2009
June 5, 2008

On May 21st forty+ Zontians gathered at the stylish home of hostess, Ruth Woodham, for a potluck dinner to recognize the *Zontian of the Year* and to install the Board of Directors of the Club and the Foundation. The food and drink provided by our members was plentiful and delicious, setting the stage for a joyous and celebrative evening for all attendees. The theme for the year will be MOVING FORWARD and the table decorations were Matchbox cars and a highway diorama. Pretty cool!

Sue Denham, outgoing President, acknowledged individually those women who for various personal, relocation or health reasons were not continuing their membership and thanked them for their contribution to the growth and success of our Sanibel Captiva Chapter (we are at 70+). Sue also spoke of her personal experiences and growth process in her leadership role. She remarked on the encouragement and support she had received from individuals throughout her tenure and acknowledged them with hand-made gifts from one of our service partners- Miracles in Action in Guatemala.

The theme of her choice for 2007-08 was Harmony and she lightly commented, “we did have moments of harmony”. All said, it represented a successful year in growing membership, as well as the strongest profit in a challenging business environment from our major Fundraising event, PEEK at the Unique, with a profit of \$68,000. With our six service partner projects (SWFAS, Brightest Horizons, Anti-trafficking, PACE Center for Girls, SWOTI, and Health Care Access) and our contribution to Santa International for their projects, we are poised to meet our mission of raising the status of woman and girls locally and internationally.

Sue also presented the “Zontian of the Year” award to Ginger Parker, who served as Recording Secretary, with a certificate of achievement lauding her hard work and determined attitude. “Ginger, a long-term Zonta member, “forever raised the bar in the position and chosen for her dedication, warm spirit and behind-the-scenes support for the President and the Board. Ginger is a past President and most recently served for two years as Recording Secretary to the Board. Additionally, Ginger can always be called upon to present in her own inimitable way a humorous anecdote, cheerful leg-pulling of a member, or a serious speech on the importance of Zonta friendships.”

Nola Theiss, past President, introduced the new Board and facilitated the installation service for both the Club Board as well as the Zonta Foundation, our 501(c) (3) organization. Linda Robison, will be taking on the role of President after a short respite as co-Chair of the 2008 PEEK, surpassing all previous revenue record. With her background of legal and accounting expertise, she has always been a integral part of the club as a trusted advisor and active participant. “I know that with understanding and working together we will achieve much this year. I look at the list of our officers and

committees and am thankful for such a fantastic leadership team. Everyone is committed to making this the best year ever. A special thanks to each of the following committee chairs who have agreed to serve 'enthusiastically'. We are **MOVING FORWARD** and I'm excited about our new direction! "

Board of directors for Zonta club are Linda Robison, President; Carolyn Gray, President-Elect; Karen Pati, Vice-President, Kris Ritts, Treasurer; Barbara Nagle, Recording Secretary; Ruth Woodham, Corresponding Secretary, Sue Denham, Immediate Past Pres., Jan Alden, Wendy West, Phyllis Gresham and Joan Silberman, Members at Large. **Directors of the Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida** are Val Babb, Carolyn Swiney, Judy Workman, Esther Saltzman, Carolyn Gray and Kris Ritts.

Zonta International is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women and girls. Zontians volunteer their time, talents, and energy to local and international service projects to advance the status of women.



