

New Zonta Members  
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### **Zonta Club inducts four new members**

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva inducted four new members at their November business meeting making the Club one of the largest in country with more than 70 members. The new members are: Dianne H. Johnson, Janice M. McNeal, Karen A. Storjohann, and Carolyn M. Tongyai.

Dianne Johnson, owner of Massage & Bodywork of Sanibel, grew up in a small town in North Carolina and received a degree in psychology from the University of North Carolina. In 1980, she moved to Fargo, North Dakota, where she lived for 17 years, returning to college to earn a degree in accounting and becoming a Certified Public Accountant. After leaving Fargo, Dianne lived in St. Paul, Minnesota, for a number of years until she moved to Fort Myers where she became a massage therapist and facial specialist. Her prior community service activities include tutoring reading in the Fargo public schools, and tax assistance for elderly and low-income clients. Dianne is co-chairing the sponsorship committee which secures support for Zonta's annual fundraiser "A PEEK at the Unique," scheduled for March 1, 2008.

Janice McNeal also grew up in a small town – in Alabama. During elementary school, Janice moved to Atlanta where she attended high school, married and began raising a family. After years working in real estate, Janice began college the same year as her youngest son. After completing an associate degree, she attended Oglethorpe University where she graduated magna cum laude in creative writing and historical fiction. Her volunteerism includes former board member of the Oglethorpe Alumni Association, member of the Atlanta-Toulouse Sister Cities Council, board member of the Literary Society of Northern Trust in Ft. Myers, member of the Dunes Advisory Council, secretary of the Dunes Golf Club, and former president of the Periwinkle Garden Club in Ft. Myers. Janice is working on the Zonta membership committee and the planning committee for the Zonta Area 6 Intercity Luncheon.

Karen Storjohann and her husband of 29 years moved to Sanibel full time in 2002 from East Islip, NY. She retired in 1999 after 33 years of teaching in the Brentwood School District. Karen holds a bachelor's degree in history and a masters' degree in education. A life-long interest in politics led her to be a committee woman and zone Leader in Islip Township, and on Sanibel she is a board member of the Democratic Club of the Islands. Additionally, she actively follows Sanibel city government attending Planning Commission and City Council meetings. Karen serves as president of the Bright Water Home Owners Association. She is a member of

Crow, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and Big Arts. As a Zonta member, Karen is working on the ERA project to help secure passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Carolyn Tongyai, vice president of Island Styles Remodeling, Inc., grew up in East Providence, Rhode Island, and received a bachelor's degree in consumer affairs and business management from the University of Rhode Island. In the early '90s she moved to Atlanta where she lived for 11 years and met her husband who grew up on Sanibel. Three years ago they moved to Sanibel and started their business. Carolyn's prior community service includes tutoring with the Literacy Volunteers of America, organizing a "Giving Back" program at her company, serving food at a community food bank and volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. As one of the co-chairs of the PEEK house committee, she is helping to identify homes that will be included in the Zonta "PEEK at the Unique" house tour on March 1.

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva is a service organization of professional women working together to provide hands-on assistance, advocacy and funds to strengthen women's lives on the islands, in Lee County and around the world through Zonta International. Additional information about Zonta is available at [www.zontasancap.com](http://www.zontasancap.com).

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PHOTO CAPTION: Newly inducted Zonta members, seated from left, Karen Storjohann, Janice McNeal, Carolyn Tongyai and Dianne Johnson. Their respective sponsors, standing from left, Judy Workman, Maureen O'Brien, Carolyn Swiney and Cyndy Lorry.

