

SANIBEL ZONTA TO CHARTER Z CLUB FOR PACE SCHOOL

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A new service club for youth dedicated to providing career guidance and promoting leadership skills, international fellowship, and the ideal of service will be chartered on Wednesday, August 5th on Sanibel. Sponsored by the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva, the club—called a Z club—will be based at the PACE School for Girls Lee County in Fort Myers and is believed to be the first such club chartered at a school for girls at risk.

PACE is a statewide network of educational institutions that seeks to provide young women and girls an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy. PACE's programs for Florida girls has become a national model for results-based intervention.

Z clubs, along with Golden Z clubs which are for college students, are a project of Zonta International, the worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women. The idea behind Z clubs is to inspire young women to the ideals of local and international service while still in high school.

The Zonta International manual states: "Z club members undertake service projects benefiting their school, their community, and the world. They promote the development of leadership ability and good character, and they strive for scholastic achievement and the improvement of international understanding through service."

The "Z Club for PACE GirlZ" will select its own service projects and the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva will serve in an advisory capacity with Zontian Cyndy Lorry the principal liaison. The new Z club will also elect its own officers and run its own meetings, supported by two advisors from the PACE staff. Membership will be a privilege extended to the girls who achieve and maintain high standards of academic progress

Invitations have gone out to local business leaders, elected officials, PACE Board members and the girls' families or guardians. Zonta President-elect Linda Robison, Vice President Karen Pati, and chair Cyndy Lorry will perform the induction ceremony, assisted by representative officers from Zonta's District 11, PACE leadership and members of the Z Club for PACE GirlZ.

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. For information, visit www.zontasancap.com.

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