



# Zonta Club of Warren

ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN WORLDWIDE...

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## May's Meeting in Review

Our May dinner was held at the Women's Club to honor our outgoing President, Julu Jerman, and to induct our incoming Officers for 2011/2012 including...President - Barb Swanson, Secretary - Danielle Munksgard and Board Members - Janis Bennett and Kim Johnson. We had a wonderful meal, as always, and shared in a little bit of fun.

Rose Ashbaugh, Speech Therapist, was our guest speaker and informed the club about the Majengo Orphanage located in Mto Wa Mbu, Tanzania. She explained that donations are used for the girls to stay in school to continue their education. At a very young age, girls who leave during breaks are taken as wives in their community and never return to finish their education. If they finish school, they are considered too old for the men therefore, having a higher chance of personal success. Rose describes her experience there as life-changing.



### 2011/2012 Zonta Officers

- President: Barb Swanson
- Vice-President: Anita Cohan
- Secretary: Danielle Munksgard
- Treasurer: Vicki Stec
- Directors: Melinda Johnson (1yr)  
Cheryl Gruber (1yr)  
Janis Bennett (2yr)  
Pat Pollard (1yr)
- Area Director: Sylvia Stendander



## Scholarship Luncheon in June

Five \$1000 scholarships were given out at a luncheon today. Recipients are Colleen Spencer, Erin Loomis, Joann English, Christina Briggs (Betty Curry Memorial Scholarship) and Katherine Bowley (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarship). The women hail from all parts of the county including Southwest Township, Lander, Bear Lake and Warren

The first Zonta Club of Warren Scholarship was given in 1961 to Sharon Ahlgren, now Sharon Pike. Mrs. Pike was invited to celebrate with us in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She sent her regrets as she had a graduation to attend and instead sent us a letter of congratulations to this year's winners and told us how the scholarship helped her throughout her life. (See Sharon's letter on next page).

**Congratulations to this year's winners!**

### Reminders:

- If you have any newsletter ideas, please contact Laura Ahl or Kim Johnson

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 ★ Summer Surprise is coming up... ★  
 ★ Join us at Jackson Valley Country Club ★  
 ★ at 6pm on June 16th in the dining room! ★  
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### Coming up...

- June 16—Summer Surprise @ JVCC
- June 24/25 - Relay for Life at Betts Park

Are you getting your Zonta magazine?  
Don't forget to register at [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)



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To the Zonta Club of Warren, Pennsylvania:

What a surprise to receive a phone call asking me to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Zonta Club Scholarship award and what an honor to have been the first recipient. It brought back a lot of memories that I hadn't thought about for years! I wish I were able to attend, but due to a family commitment, I could not.

The Zonta Club Scholarship gave me a chance to attend college, which was the start of a long journey of learning. I used the money to attend Carnegie Institute of Technology in Cleveland, Ohio. After graduation from there, I traveled to East St. Louis, Illinois, and got a job at St. Mary's Hospital, working in the lab. After a year, I returned to Pittsburgh, Pa, and worked at St. John's General Hospital, again as a laboratory technician. I soon realized that I missed being in college and took a few courses at Penn State off campus center there. I moved again to Toledo, Ohio, and got a job at The Toledo Hospital. While there, I earned certification as a Medical Technologist, and attended the University of Toledo, majoring in Biology. I later transferred with my husband and family back to Erie, Pennsylvania, worked at St. Vincent's Hospital, enrolled in Edinboro University, and got a degree in chemistry education. I then taught in the Erie School District until I retired two years ago.

All of this was made possible by that first helping hand of the Zonta Club. To this year's winner, I offer my congratulations and hope that you are as successful with your continuing education as I have been. I still have a passion for learning that I tried to pass on to my students. Also, my eight grandchildren have been taught from the very beginning that success in school is to be valued. Know that with an education, you can make your dreams come true.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Ahlgren Pike

### Summer Birthdays

June 3—Sally Ullrich  
9—Janis Bennett  
13—Julie McTavish  
27—Pat Evans  
30—Pat Pollard

July 13—Tricia Durbin  
23—Laura Ahl

August 21—Lea Ann Adams  
28—Sara Swanson



Happy Birthday!

### 2010/2011 Committees

#### Audit:

Kathy Grushecky  
Sue Kosinski

#### By-Laws:

Betty Chaffee

#### Finance:

Judy Yeagle (Co-Chair)  
Barb Tubbs (Co-Chair)  
Vicki Stec (Treasurer)  
Kim Johnson  
Sarah Ullrich  
Linda Falconer  
Barb Olson  
Barb Swanson  
Laura Ahl  
Sue Merritt

#### Fellowship:

Anita Cohan  
Pat Evans

#### Historian:

Phyllis Wright

#### Membership:

Maryann Zdarko (Chair)  
Melinda King  
Jennifer Rossey  
Julie McTavish

#### Nominating:

Carol Barnickel  
Chris Cheronis  
Phyllis Wright

#### Public Relations:

Laura Ahl  
Kim Johnson

#### Scholarship:

Pat Pollard (Chair)  
Jetta Bishop (Chair 2012)  
Jennifer Rossey  
Libby Hessley

#### Secretary/Attendance:

Ines Nelson

#### Service/Status of Women:

Melinda Johnson (Chair)  
Danielle Munksgard  
Kim Kibbey  
Tricia Durbin  
Melissa Zydonik  
Cheryl Gruber

#### Special Events/Programs:

Pat Pollard (Chair)  
Janis Bennett (Chair 2012)  
Sara Swanson  
Ines Nelson