

It is with great sadness that I report this month. We lost two of our long-time members.

Lauraine M. Torgerson



"Torgy" Age 90, passed away on March 5, 2010 Born February 11, 1920 in St. Paul, MN. She was an exceptionally vibrant, positive woman who wore many hats. Graduated Bachelors Degree in Business Management from University of Minnesota and was a CPA. Professional careers included Accountant, Broker & Henderson CPA firm; Buyer, Golden Rule; Executive Director, Campfire Girls; Accountant, Dakota County until she retired at age 80. Enjoyed skiing, golfing, curling, and Zonta Club. Preceded in death by brother Donald A. Torgerson. A celebration of life memorial will be held this summer.

Lauraine was indeed an exceptional woman. She shared her enthusiasm and positive outlook on life with fellow Zontians. She was warm, caring and always willing to help out and help others. We will update everyone when the date for the memorial has been scheduled by her family.

Shirley Nice



Beloved Mom, Grandma, Great-Grandma & Sister Preceded in death by parents, Eugene D. & Laura A. (Schultz) Todd; husband, Bernard Sr.; son, Bernard Jr. "Chuck" and brother, James Todd. Survived by children, Deborah (Jim) Busch of Hermantown, Laurie (Jim) Knapp of Hermantown and David (Lenore) Nice of Houston, TX; grandchildren, Deanna (Jorj) Lewis of South St. Paul, Jamie (Jon) Sebold of Naples, FL, Todd (Dana) Busch

of Eau Claire, WI, Jesse (Holly) Knapp of Atlanta, GA, B.J. (April) Knapp of Andover, Dan (Lauren) Knapp of Ontario, CA, Zach (Derice) Nice of Jakarta, Indonesia and Johanna Nice of New Orleans, LA; great-grand-children, Wyatt and Emma Lewis, Abbey Knapp, Tyler and Lauren Sebold; siblings, Marlene (Harley) Woog of West St. Paul, Arthur "Ron" (Cheryl) Todd of West St. Paul, Bud (Phyllis) Todd of CA, Eugene (Jean) Todd of CA; special family member, Ellen Wilbur of Boston, MA. Shirley was employed at the Schmidt Brewery for many years. Her interests included: Zonta International-a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy, Building Blocks Tutorial



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Program-tutoring elementary children after school, all hockey, especially her grandsons and great-grandson and watching the MN Wild with her brother, Ron, watching all of Wyatt and Emma's sports and school programs-Never missed a one! Going to the casino with her sister, Marlene, gardening-just look at her beautiful yard! Swimming in her pool, puzzles with her sister, Marlene, Wonder Word and crossword puzzles, reading mystery novels, sewing for the great-grandkids, watching golf. She was a former member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and then joined St. Stephen's Lutheran Church. She loved God and attending church with Shirley Schultz and Kristi Frid-then Baker's Square every Sunday after church.

Shirley was active in Zonta until recent health issues arose. She, too, was the kind of person who was willing to help on any project and hosted many meetings at her home.

We will miss these two wonderful caring women who helped make a difference in the lives of so many people.

Our March meeting was at the Landmark Center. We had lunch in the café located on the main floor of the Center. The Landmark Center is owned by Ramsey County and programmed and managed by Minnesota Landmarks, a not-for-profit organization whose mission is two-fold: to preserve and maintain Landmark Center as an historic monument and to program it with activities and events that enhance the quality of life in our community.

After lunch, Bonnie McDonald, Executive Director of the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota (PAM) gave us a short presentation on the mission and accomplishments of the PAM.

The Preservation Alliance of Minnesota is the only statewide, private, non-profit organization advocating for the preservation of Minnesota's historic resources. PAM was established in 1981

by citizens concerned about the loss of irreplaceable segments of our state's heritage: structures, neighborhoods, community fabric.

Today, PAM works with groups like the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Trust for Historic Preservation to preserve our communities. It steps in when rare sites or structures are threatened. It works to educate citizens about heritage preservation. It develops networks among people and organizations to help increase awareness of state history, community preservation, and important community values.

Thanks to Phyllis for coordinating this event.

And, speaking of the Landmark Center, here are a few of the events that will be held there the next few months.

Landmark Center's summer concert series, Music in the Café returns with 16 free lunchtime concerts. Staged on the atrium of Landmark Center's beautiful Musser Cortile and adjacent to Antia's Café, the always popular series features the diverse sounds of the Twin Cities best local artists. Performances are every Wednesday, May 5th – August 25th (with the exception of June 2nd) at 12pm. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own lunch or purchase one from Anita's Café for a casual, artistic experience in a historic and inspiring space. Music in the Café is financed in part by Cultural Sale Tax Revitalization Program and is proudly sponsored in part by VitaMN and KFAI radio.

May 5th – The Galactic Cowboy Orchestra

It's country. It's rock. It's jazz. It's bug-eyed bluegrass from Zeta Reticuli. It's swing. It's interstellar folk music... Whatever it sounds like to earthlings, there is no mistaking the virtuoso strains and the star trekking fun of The Galactic Cowboy Orchestra (GCO)!

May 12th – Atlantis Quartet

Atlantis Quartet is "One of the bands to watch on the Midwestern modern jazz scene"! They



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create and explore fresh and original sounds in the heart of and on the edges of the jazz idiom.

May 19th – The Roe Family Singers

The Roe Family Singers are a good-time, old-time, hillbilly band. What started as the husband-and-wife duo of Kim and Quillan Roe has now grown into a band that can comprise as few as 2 musicians or as many as 9! Whether it's a large group or small, you're always going to have a good time, as they play a mix of music from Bill Monroe to the Misfits, Hank Williams to Patsy Cline, and their own songs, too.

May 26th – Joel (from The Parlour Suite)

Joel Roberts is best known from the husband-wife fronted band The Parlour Suite. Over the past year, much of the songwriter's time has been spent recording analog demos on a TASCAM tape recorder. Intrigued by 60's swing & blues albums - his solo style carries the same gritty tape tone, which is very prevalent in band's new album "Welcome To The Garden Party" (release date April 2010).

June 16th – Will Hutchinson

Hailing from Lincoln, Nebraska Will Hutchinson's soft but resonate vocals, intricate harmonies, genuine lyrics, and fluid instrumental arrangements, pulls you inside his music and leaves you feeling refreshed.

June 23rd – Divina and the Vagabonds

With great vocals and piano, Davina commands attention on stage and leaves everyone smiling. "Two things remain consistent at all her shows, though: her throaty but cushiony voice, which has a sort of hard-mattress comfort to it that's part Bonnie Raitt, Etta James and a little Amy Winehouse, and her band's rollicking New Orleans flavor, driven home by dueling horn players and a bayou-thick standup bass.

April 22, 2010 Meeting

Our April meeting will be held at the Great American History Theater, located at 30 East 10th Street, St. Paul, MN. Thursday, April 22, 2010. Romelle has secured a block of tickets for our group. Cost is \$20 and includes a light supper, which will be at the theater prior to the performance.

We will be seeing Queens of Burlesque, written by David Mann and directed by John Miller-Stephany. It is a funny, poignant, and revealing look at the lives of burlesque performers both on and off stage. With a wink and a nod to both naughty and nice, you will be transported back to a hot August night at the Gay 90s in 1953 where the drama in the ladies' dressing room is rivaled only by the dancers' sizzle on the stage. As an era comes to an end in the wake of televisions and changing social mores, these performers find themselves caught between economics of the time and the talents that they'd spent their lives honing. Stand up comics and girls with boas draped over just the right places make for a provocative night of music, dance, and laughter.

We will have dinner at the theater and should plan on arriving around 5:30-6 p.m. I believe we need to be finished with our dinner by 7 p.m. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m.

We currently have 10 definite "yes" and 3 "Possibles". If you have not let Romelle, Dorothy or me know if you plan on attending, please contact Dorothy by April 16th so that she can arrange for food.

Area Meeting – May 1, 2010

The Area meeting will be in Mankato this year. Romelle, Carole and I will be attending the meeting for our Club. The agenda for Saturday features "Who Moved My Zonta" presentation by Kathy Swan. Also an introduction to the new



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ZI website. I have visited the new website and it is a much needed improvement over the old one.

Birthdays in February & March!

Romelle – April 28th

Janet – May 19th

May 25, 2009 – Business meeting – location to be determined.

Pat's new address is Eagle Crest, 2925 Lincoln Drive #309, Roseville, MN. Phone number is 651-628-3702.

Fun Events Sponsored by Friends of St. Paul Libraries

Healthy Bread in Five Minutes a Day – Thursday, May 6, 6:30 p.m. at the West 7th Branch Library (in Community Center) 265 Oneida Street. In the second book by Dr. Jeff Hertzberg and Zoe Francois, they have taken their super-fast method of making bread and adapted it for the health conscious baker. Featuring a dozen recipes with 100% whole grain, pita, pizza and 10 gluten free specialties.

The Conscious Kitchen by Alexandra Zissu, Monday, May 24th at 7 p.m. at Highland Park Branch Library, Hillcrest Recreation Center Auditorium, 1974 Ford Parkway. If you have wondered how to manage what is good for personal health, good for the planet and still tastes great, this discussion will help you to easily make decisions you will feel good about, both physically and consciously.

Wednesday, April 21, 7 p.m.
Rondo Community Outreach Library, 961 North Dale St.

[“A Quiet Revolution”](#) is a celebration of the human spirit. This is the account of women who have lost everything and then survived the perilous escape from Tibet across the high Himalayas. From their principal refuge in Dharamsala, India, to small settlements

scattered across the globe, these women have become the architects and builders of the new Tibet. Their goal is singular – to impart to Tibetan children the strength and knowledge of their cultural heritage and spiritual wisdom.

Monday, April 19, 2010 — 7 p.m.

Hamline Midway Branch Library, 1558 West Minnehaha, Saint Paul

Dorgan and local poet, Sharon Chmielarz in conversation on the topic, “The Articulate Speech of the Heart: Poetry and Emotion.” Chmielarz, a past recipient of grants from the Jerome Foundation and the Minnesota State Arts Board, is the author of four books of poetry: *Different Arrangements* (1982); *But I Won't Go Out in a Boat* (1991); *The Other Mozart* (2001) and *The Rhubarb King*, (2006).

Park Square Theater

Dead Man's Cell Phone
by Sarah Ruhl
Directed by Matt Sciple
Apr. 9 - May 2, 2010

All Jean wants to do is stop the ringing cell phone of the man sitting (quietly) next to her. Boldly choosing to answer it may end up being the best thing that happens to her. In this quirky modern adventure, Jean re-connects to her own spirit and learns - from a dead man - that life is for the living.

If you have anything that you would like included in the newsletter, please let Peggy know. I know we would all be glad to hear what is going on with you!

Hope you all can make the April and May meetings.

Peggy