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## **Greetings!**

We hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and are looking forward to 2012.

Thank you to Judy for hosting our December meeting. We enjoyed good food, good company and a great guest writer. Diane Dettmann talked about her journey after losing her husband after 28 years of marriage, her personal struggles with grief, and how she survived. Her book “Twenty-Eight Snow Angels: A Widow’s Story of Love, Loss and Renewal” spoke to each of us, as we too have lost loved ones and struggled with that loss.

Diane also wrote a book about her Finnish immigrant family and their struggles as they came to America to make a new life for themselves, titled “Miriam Daughter of Finnish Immigrants” and was coauthored with Diane’s Aunt Miriam.

Her books are available on Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble and in Kindle at Amazon.

## **Christmas Gift Bags – Breaking Free**

We assembled the gift bags on December 17<sup>th</sup> and delivered them to Breaking Free on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. There were 18 gift bags in all, with gifts for 18 mothers and 37 children. We purchased age and gender appropriate items for the children which added to the mother’s gift bag items of Swiss Miss, candy, cookies, soaps, shampoos, hair items, mugs, manicure sets, snuggly slipper socks, and other miscellaneous items.

Our newest member, Ruby Lanoux, joined us in putting the bags together. Ruby will be installed as a member at our January meeting. She is the Development Manager for Crohn’s & Colitis

Foundation of America, Minnesota/Dakotas Chapter, located in Rosedale. Ruby lives in Oakdale. We are excited to have her as a new member of Zonta St. Paul and hope that everyone will be able to attend the January meeting and meet her.

One of the questions Ruby asked was what the word Zonta means. I thought it was a good reminder for all of us to review the meaning:

“Zonta” is derived from a Lakhota (Teton Dakota), a language of the Native-American Sioux peoples, word meaning honest and trustworthy. It was adopted in 1919 to symbolize the combined qualities of honesty and trust, inspiration, and the ability to work together for service and world understanding.

## **January Service Project – Breaking Free** **Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> a.m.**

Our service project will be making fleece blankets with the women at Breaking Free on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012, starting at 9:15 and ending by 12 noon. We anticipate there will be about 10-12 women participating in the project in addition to our members. We will serve a lunch following the project.

Judy or I will be contacting members to find out if they are able to help at this event, and if they would be able to help with the food items. Our tentative menu is as follows: Sloppy Joes, buns, veggies and dip, chips, pickles, a beverage (to be determined) and chocolate cake for dessert.

The location is 770 University Avenue, St. Paul, MN. Parking is on the street in front of the building. We may want to carpool since the parking is limited.



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**Tuesday – January 25, 2012 MEETING:**

Our January meeting will be held at The Little Venetian, 2900 Rice Street, Little Canada, MN.

We will start at 5:30 and end by 8:00 p.m.

Our guest speaker will be Roxanne Condon, Executive Director of Emma Norton Services (ENS).

ENS fosters stability and personal growth for women and families who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless, by providing affordable, secure housing along with a sense of community and innovative support services. In working with women and families, ENS is committed to:

- Providing safe, secure, affordable housing for women and families in transition.
- Providing support, advocacy and referrals to community services for individuals and families to stabilize their lives, build confidence and become self-sufficient.
- Keeping rents affordable despite rising costs of services by seeking funds to serve those with the greatest need.
- Involving corporate, civic, and private and faith based communities in our programs.

We hope everyone will be able to attend and bring a guest. To register for the event, e-mail [Romelle@zontastpaul.org](mailto:Romelle@zontastpaul.org)

**Meeting cost is \$20 which will cover our meal at the Little Venetian.** If you make reservations and are unable to attend, you will be billed for the dinner cost as Zonta will be paying for the number of reservations submitted to the restaurant.

Wine will be available for purchase.

**POINSETTIA SALES**

We had a profitable poinsettia sales event this year. The totals are not all in, but it looks like we had sales of approximately \$1800 with a net profit of approximately \$450.

**Member Update:**

Pat is back home at Eagle Crest, and is in the assisted living section. Phyllis was at St. Joe's and is now back home recuperating.

Our sympathies to Lois and her family for the loss of family members Chuck and Neil. Also good wishes for recovery of her health.

**Zonta International E-Newsletter excerpts:**

January is Amelia Earhart Month. ZI encourages Zonta Clubs to raise awareness of the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Program.

Women will now be allowed to serve in the British Royal Navy's submarines. The decision was made after an 18 month review process looking at the legal, operational, health, social, technical and financial issues of allowing women to serve on submarines.

**2012 International Convention in Torino, Italy Dates: July 7-12, 2012**

The Opening Ceremony marking the official start of the Convention includes the flag parade with flags from each of Zonta's 63 countries... A special reception follows the opening ceremony.

Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> begins the Business sessions which conclude on Thursday, the 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be reunion dinners, ZI foundation reception, Elections, a Fashion Show, and a Memorial



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Service for remembering Zontians who have passed away in the 2010-2012 biennium. The closing banquet and installation of the new International Board and Governors will be on Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Members wishing to register can now do it online at the Zonta International Convention Website.

<http://torino2012.zonta.org/Registration.aspx>

**February meeting:**

We anticipate that we will be having a joint meeting with Minneapolis. At this time, it is uncertain as to a date. The meeting has typically been in February. More information will be forthcoming as it becomes available.

Minneapolis Zontians have been very supportive of our activities. Let's have a good representation at this meeting.

**March, April and May Meetings:**

We will need to determine meeting places for these upcoming meetings. At the present time we should look at perhaps a service project for the March meeting. April is typically our cultural event meeting – keep your eyes and ears open for theatrical performances, art shows, musical venues, etc. that highlight women.

Our May meeting will be a business meeting to review the 2011-12 year, elect new officers, set our 2012-13 budget and approve dues, and determine our Zonta International Foundation contributions.

**Upcoming Events in the St. Paul Area**

There are a lot of upcoming events that might be worth attending.

**FRIENDS OF ST PAUL PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS**

The Hamline Midway Library, at 1558/ West Minnehaha Avenue, St. Paul, start their 6 weeks of readings by Minnesota Authors on January 11th. These reading events start at 7 p.m.

**January 11: Larry Millett:** Historian Larry Millett kicks off the series with the thrilling latest in his renowned mystery series, *The Magic Bullet: A Locked Room Mystery Featuring Shadwell Rafferty and Sherlock Holmes*. High above the city, a renowned local financier named Artemis Dodge lies face down on the floor of his armored penthouse sanctuary, a single bullet hole in his head. Thirty stories up, in the city's tallest building, and without a shred of evidence or a sign pointing to anyone having broken into the wealthy man's fortress, it is—to all appearances—an impossible crime. From locked rooms and civil unrest, to murder and wartime paranoia, Larry Millett's *The Magic Bullet* presents detective Shadwell Rafferty's most challenging.

**January 18: Eric Dregni - Growing up with Swedish and Norwegian grandparents with a dash of Danish thrown in for balance, Dregni thought Scandinavians were perfectly normal. Who doesn't enjoy a good, healthy salad (Jell-O packed with canned fruit, colored marshmallows, and pretzels) or perhaps some cod soaked in drain cleaner as the highlights of Christmas? But what does it actually mean to grow up Scandinavian-American or to live with these Norwegians, Swedes, Finns, Danes, and Icelanders among us? In *Vikings in the Attic*, Dregni tracks down and explores the significant—and quite often bizarre—historic sites, tales, and traditions of Scandinavia's peculiar colony in the Midwest.**



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## **January 25: Mary Rockcastle –**

Told from the alternating perspectives of a husband and wife, Mary Rockcastle's *In Caddis Wood* explores the competing rhythms of romantic love, family life, and professional ambition, refracted through the changing seasons of a long marriage. Beneath the surface, affecting their collective future beats the resilient and endangered heart of nature. *Library Journal* states the book is "a strong and insightful novel this reader was reluctant to see end."

**February 1: Ed Bok Lee -** In his new collection of poetry, Ed Bok Lee looks toward a global future – one where the dividing lines between state, religion, race, history, and culture have been blurred to the extent that the very idea of difference requires a new understanding. *Whorled* strives to give a voice to those left out with words of loss and longing, confrontation and celebration. From gambling Buddhists at a Midwest Native American casino, to a Russian rave, Lee's ever-wandering cultural and spiritual nomads struggle to make sense of what it means to be a citizen of an increasingly homeless world.

**February 8: Peter Smith -** For Peter Smith, the unavoidable mistakes and embarrassments in life—our lesser horrors—are not without their humor, and a healthy dose at that. In *A Cavalcade of Lesser Horrors*, a series of funny, honest, and moving pieces, Smith explores a few messy episodes from his own life and uncovers a simple reassurance we should take to heart: we're all on this wild ride together.

**February 15: Diane Wilson -** Among the Dakota, the Beloved Child ceremony marked the special, tender affection that parents felt toward a child whose life had been threatened. In this moving book, *Beloved Child: A Dakota Way of*

*Life*, author Diane Wilson explores the work of several modern Dakota people who are continuing to raise beloved children: Gabrielle Tateyuskaskan, an artist and poet; Clifford Canku, a spiritual leader and language teacher; Alameda Rocha, a boarding school survivor; Harley and Sue Eagle, Canadian activists; and Delores Brunelle, an Ojibwe counselor. Each of these humble but powerful people teaches children to believe in the "genius and brilliance" of Dakota culture as a way of surviving historical trauma.

## **Park Square Theater – Ragtime and Friends of St Paul Public Library hosts:**

**Tuesday, January 31, 7 p.m.**  
**St. Anthony Park Branch Library**  
**2245 Como Ave., Saint Paul**

Join actors of *Ragtime* for a discussion about Park Square Theatre's upcoming production based on the novel by E.L. Doctorow. Call The Friends at 651-222-3242 for information about a half-price ticket offer in conjunction with the library program.

"It's 1906 and the air is filled with syncopated new music. A WASP family living the good life, a Jewish artist bent on achieving success, and a handsome black piano man courting the woman he loves find their lives colliding against the backdrop of "the American Century."

This program is free and open to the public. For more information on Park Square Theatre's production of *Ragtime* or other plays, visit [www.parksquaretheatre](http://www.parksquaretheatre)

Other upcoming performances for *Ragtime* (January 20 to February 19th); for the *Diary of Anne Frank* (March 1, 3 & 31st), and for *American Family* (March 16 to April 7).



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## Swamplandia! by Karen Russell

**Tuesday, February 29th at 6 p.m. - Discussion begins at 6:15** Amsterdam Bar and Hall, 6 W. Sixth Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102.

Russell's lavishly imagined and spectacularly crafted first novel sprang from a story in her highly praised collection, *St. Lucy's Home for Girls Raised by Wolves* (2006). *Swamplandia!* is a shabby tourist attraction deep in the Everglades, owned by the Bigtree clan of alligator wrestlers. When Hilola, their star performer, dies, her husband and children lose their moorings, and *Swamplandia!* It is endangered as audiences dwindle. Ravishing, elegiac, funny, and brilliantly inquisitive, Russell's archetypal swamp saga tells a mystical yet rooted tale of three innocents who come of age through trials of water, fire, and air. – Booklist Starred Review

## Landmark Center

**The Schubert Club's "Courtroom Concert" Courtroom 317; 12 pm; FREE**  
**January 19, January 26**

The Schubert Club continues to host their Courtroom Concert series this month at noon. This month's concerts will highlight the Shostakovich Quartet Cycle. The concert is being hosted by Schubert Club Composer-in-Residence, Abbie Betinis. For more information call 651-292-3267.

**February 9, 16, 23**

The Schubert Club continues to host their Courtroom Concert series this month at noon. This month's concerts will Celebrate Early Music.

## **Winter Carnival: "Puzzle Competition"**

**Musser Cortile; 10.30 - 2 pm; FREE**  
The Winter Carnival will be sponsoring a Puzzle Competition that is free and open to the public. Puzzles will be provided for both the serious jigsaw puzzler and the amateur. You must register beforehand for this competition. For more information go to <http://www.winter-carnival.com/events/>.

**January 10, February 14**

**Saint Paul City Ballet: "Ballet Tuesdays"**  
**Musser Cortile; 12 pm; FREE**

Landmark Center and Saint Paul City Ballet once again have come together to create Ballet Tuesdays, a free ballet program on the second Tuesday of the month. Today's performance will have Excerpts from SPCB Kids and The Company at the McKnight. The performances will take place over the lunch hour in the Musser cortile and guests can bring a bag lunch or purchase lunch at Anita's Café.

**February 26 Sundays at Landmark: "The Rose Ensemble" Musser Cortile; 4 pm; FREE**

This Internationally award-winning choir will be performing for free on our Musser Cortile (main atrium) starting at 4pm. Listen to the voices that represented the United States in this past year's international festival held in Brazil, as they fill the atrium heights with sounds of beauty and joy. For more information call 651-292-3063.



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**The following are excerpts from the Report on the “2011 Tohoku Pacific Earthquake Relief Fund Zonta D26” from Tokue Ueda, Governor District 26 (D26)**

“D26 Zontians are very grateful for the generosity shown from Zontians throughout the world and in Japan who have contributed so generously to the 2011 Tohoku Pacific Earthquake Relief Fund Zonta D26 set up in response to the devastating earthquake and tsunami experienced in Japan on March 11, 2011. To date, S\$434,000 (¥33,000,000) has been donated to the “2011 Tohoku Pacific Earthquake Relief Fund Zonta 26”. The Fund is being managed by the District with a special committee set up to determine how the donations would be used.

I am delighted to advise that 45 % of the donations (US\$197,000、 ¥15,000,000) have been used for a project called “Yamada-cho Zonta House”. This is a house in the town of Yamada-cho, run by women for the purposes of providing a calm and safe place for children to use for after school study. These children have lost their families or homes as a result of the earthquake and tsunami. This project meets our goal of using Zontians’ donations to support women and children affected by the tsunami and earthquake. The opening ceremony for the house was held on September 4, 2011 with many D26 Zontians attending.

In Yamada-cho many children lost their parents or houses and now live in the narrow provisional housing without a calm place where they can concentrate on their studies. This Zonta house will be used as an after school study hall for children. It will also provide employment for 4 local women who will support and care for the children while they are in the house. Many

children are concerned that this disaster will adversely affect their schooling and their ability to achieve their dreams. A place to study will help them be able to realize their dreams. The children expressed their gratitude to us and said that they were very happy to have such a wonderful institution.

The remaining funds from the 2011 Tohoku Pacific Earthquake Relief Fund Zonta D26 will be used for the scholarships for female students attending nursing schools located in three disaster prefectures.

The 2011 Tohoku Pacific Earthquake Relief Fund Zonta D26” will be closed on December 25, 2011.

District 26 Zontians would like to express our deepest gratitude to all the generous support received from within Japan and internationally. We were overwhelmed by the support we received from Zontians all over the world and are very grateful that we belong to such a supportive organization.”

**Hope to see all of you at the January 18<sup>th</sup> Breaking Free service project and the January 25<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.**

*Peggy*