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Greetings!

We met at Judy's on May 18th for our final meeting of the fiscal year. Most of the meeting was devoted to business, reviewing the financial status of our club, determining what contributions we would be able to make to Zonta International, reviewing the year just coming to a close and planning for the 2010-2011 year of programs and activities.

We enjoyed a delicious Italian meal and shared good memories of our dear friends Lauraine and Shirley. Thanks so much to Judy for hosting the meeting.

Welcome to Joan and D for coming to the May meeting. We enjoy your ideas and are happy that you have both decided to become Zontians! Also, welcome to Connie Hill who has also joined us as a new member this year.

We discussed the slate of officers for the upcoming year and approved by consent continuation of the current slate of officers. Committees have a few changes and our new members will be asked which committees they have an interest in being part of.

Officers are:

President – Judy Cognetta
Vice President – Janet Shannon
Secretary – Evelyn McDonald
Treasurer – Peggy St. Germain
Past President – Carole Snyder

Committees at present:

Service – Judy and Pat
Membership – Janet, all members
Newsletter and Web Site - (i.e. Public Relations & Communications) – Peggy & Lou
Hospitality – Dorothy
Program/United Nations – Romelle, Evelyn
Finance – Peggy, all members

Nominations – Romelle & Peggy

The following committees are not currently active:

Legislative Awareness and Advocacy – Some of the activities that this committee would be involved in include (1) a program on legislative awareness and/or advocacy at a club meeting (2) participation in Zonta's 16 Days of Activism, (3) cooperation with a local organization on a legislative awareness or advocacy project (subject to approval by District).

Scholarship -

This committee will be responsible for outlining the application guidelines for Zonta St. Paul Charitable Foundation Scholarship funds. This has been funded by gifts and memorials received by Zonta St. Paul through family and friends. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all contributions to it are fully tax deductible.

In addition, we have been contacted by a student at Augsburg requesting information on the Jane Klausman Zonta Scholarship. The deadline for receipt of that application is June 4th. The Committee would review the application and determine if it qualifies to be selected by our Club and forwarded to the District Level.

It has been a number of years since we have had any scholarship awards from our Club. One of our last recipients did win the District award.

If you would like to be specifically included on a specific committee, please let one of the Board officers know and we will add your name to the committee. As always, all members are welcome to participate in any or all of the committees.

We reviewed the preliminary year to date finances briefly and presented the 2010-11 budget, which was approved unanimously. Dues will be \$126.



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The District and International dues portion which is remitted to those levels is \$89, and \$37 is our

local dues portion, which is used for general fund expenditures, such as postage, printing, website hosting and a few miscellaneous items.

We talked about the Zonta International Convention and agreed to instruct Linda Nelson of Minneapolis to vote on our behalf as she thought best. She will take into account the floor discussion on the issues and vote accordingly. We gave Minneapolis \$100 for our proxy, to help with the expenses of the convention.

The service fund ended the year with about \$28 after service project expenses and poinsettia costs, including the transfer of \$500 from our general fund to service which was approved at the meeting. This transfer will enable our service fund to end in the black and to enable us to meet our year end contributions. We approved the following donations to Zonta International Foundation:

In Memory of Shirley Nice - \$250 to the Zonta International Strategies to End Violence Against Women (ZISVAW) Fund.

In Memory of Lauraine Torgerson - \$250 to the International Service Fund.

In addition, our members approved another \$500 contribution to Zonta International to be split between International Service Fund (\$200), ZISVAW (\$200) and Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund (\$100).

MVNA, whose staff participated in the poinsettia sales event, received \$149.50 in cash, in addition to our other service projects during the year. Jeremiah Program also received service project awards during the year.

Total local contributions, in cash and in-kind items) were approximately \$2,080.

Our service fund summary is as follows:

| | |
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| Cash – beg. of year | \$ 1,442 |
| Revenues | 3,617 |
| Poinsettia exp. | (2,008) |
| Contributions | (2,081) |
| General Fund Tsfr | <u>500</u> |
| Cash – end of year | <u>\$ 1,470</u> |

Area Meeting Recap

Carole, Romelle and Peggy attended the Area Meeting in Mankato on May 1st. There were 28 Zontians from Austin, Mankato, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Brainerd and St. Cloud at the meeting.

Kathy Swan presented “Who Moved my Zonta?” a power point presentation which focused on changes in Zonta and highlighted the membership area.

Kerry Dixon Fox walked us through the new Zonta International Website. It is a long-overdue, much needed improvement to the old website. It is organized with menu items. A lot of the information that previously had required extensive searching to find now is much easier to locate on the website. Kerry gave a presentation on Social Networking (i.e. Facebook). She recommended that all clubs start a Facebook page, since the world is moving swiftly in the electronic worldwide web. We have started a Facebook page.

After a hearty lunch, members of the area clubs gave an overview of what was happening in their clubs. Sue Keirstead also gave a presentation on the role of Zonta International Foundation and the importance of member clubs working towards



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30% of net fund raising efforts contributed to the Foundation. We have contributed at least 30% for the last few years.

Carole reported that in talking to other clubs' members as to their reasons for joining Zonta, most of them indicated that the focus on International Service was a major factor. We all agreed that it was important for our Club to have that connection and to be able to focus on service both at home and internationally.

New Members:

Joan Dreyer – Joan lives in St. Paul and has her own business as a painting decorator, handywoman, and construction aficionado.

D Stelter – D (short for Diane) lives in Shoreview and is a retired from the clergy. She is an avid reader, writer and naturalist.

Connie Hill – Connie lives in St. Paul and is a Senior Editor for Llewellyn Worldwide (a book publisher). Connie enjoys traveling and is active in Minnesota Business Women's Organization.

Welcome! We will have installation of our newest members at our August meeting.

Memorial for Lauraine Torgerson

The celebration of life for Lauraine will be Saturday, June 26th from 12 – 3:30 p.m. at Jimmy's conference and Catering, 3565 Labore Road, Vadnais Heights (located behind the front entrance of Jimmy's. Drive to the rear parking lot. Buffet lunch will be at 1 p.m. followed by sharing memories of Lauraine. Please RSVP by June 12th to Rita Bauer.

We hope that as many of you who can attend will join her family.

2010-2011 Calendar of Events

The following is our tentative schedule for the upcoming year:

Monday, June 21, 2010 (12 noon to 1 p.m.) - Open House at St. Paul Campus of Jeremiah Program. We will need to register with Stephanie at spayne@jeremiahprogram.org or 612.259.3038 so that they will know how many are attending. The St. Paul campus is at 932 Concordia Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104. It is between Lexington Parkway and Dale Street, on the south side of I-94.

The open house includes specific information about their program, including a brief history, how to apply to the program or how to get involved as a volunteer or donor. There will also be a tour of the facility including the on-site Child Development Center. The host of the open house will also tailor the information to address the specific interests and questions of the open house guests. It will last 45 min to an hour.

There is parking adjacent to the building and on the street in front.

Following the presentation, we will have lunch on the patio at W.A. Frost located at 374 Selby Avenue, St. Paul, MN. The patio dining is open until 3 p.m. which should give us plenty of time to get from the Jeremiah Program to the restaurant. If you are unfamiliar with the restaurant, they emphasize family farm and locally sourced foods. The menu offers "small plates", Sandwiches, Soup and Salad, and entrees. Prices range from \$7 to \$18. Lunch cost is on your own for this event.

Tuesday, July 27, 2010 – An afternoon at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum located at 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chaska, MN 55318. Phone number is 952.443.1400. We will plan on carpooling for this event. Please invite spouses, friends and family to join us. Judy will be setting



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up the event, and she will need to know as soon as possible if you can attend and if you will be bringing a guest. We will be doing the Tram Tour which is scheduled for 12 noon, with a “flowerpot” luncheon following the tour.

The cost for this event will be \$25, which includes gate admission, parking and lunch. Any bar drinks are in addition to the \$25. If possible, please bring cash, since it will make it easier to take care of the entrance fees and luncheon cost.

The Arboretum Trumpet Creeper Tram conducts a narrated tour of the 1,100+ acres of gardens and woodlands highlighting tree collections, shrub displays and themed display gardens and flower and vegetable demonstration gardens. The tram accommodates 42 people with one wheelchair space.

This is an event that requires reservations in advance. We will be required to pay for all reservations. If you register and then cannot attend, you will be billed for the \$25 cost. The Arboretum has requested that we arrive together as a group, and that one driver be responsible for payment for the group.

After lunch, you are free to walk the grounds, browse in the gift shop or head back home. We selected the noon tour since the Arboretum is a distance from most of us and we will be able to avoid rush hour traffic.

Tuesday, August 17, 2010 5:30 p.m. – President’s dinner

The President's Dinner will be held at Peggy's on Tuesday, August 17th. The dinner will start around 6 p.m. We will be sending out the information in July with extra invitations so that you can invite guests to the event. Our theme for the 2010 President's Dinner will be the

Empowering Women Through Education. Cost will be \$20 and proceeds will go toward our convention fund. We will be planning for the President’s dinner in the next few weeks and anticipate that the food will be Czech! (See info on the Czech Republic below).

Tuesday, September 28, 2010 Service Project 5:30 pm. – Location to be determined – we will plan on making the Zonta Country Soup Mix project. We tested out the original recipe and decided that it should be modified for spices and change from quart to pint size. We’ll be testing recipes before we get together for the project.

Tuesday, October 26, 2010 – 5:30 p.m. - Pat Richard’s home. We are hoping to have a speaker from the Grandmother’s Circle. A few years ago we had a visitor at our President’s dinner (Lois M.) who spoke to us about this project. They have been working on obtaining their tax exempt status. They are at <http://grandmotherscircles.org> for further information. Their mission is to support communities of women living in villages in Africa who provide care for children and who actively organize for economic, social and educational justice.

There is a huge need for organizations throughout the world to support women as they strive to overcome the injustices under which they live.

Mid-November – Mid-December – Annual Poinsettia Sales Fund Raising Event

Tuesday, November 16, 2010 – Blanket making service project; Cost will be \$20.00; Location to be determined.

Late November-Early December – Holiday Bags Service Project



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Tuesday, December 7 or 14, 2010 5:30

p.m. Holiday get-together – Becketwood - Cost will be \$20.

Tuesday, January 25, 2011 - 5:30 p.m. – A service project to be determined.

February 2011 – No meeting

Tuesday, March 29, 2011 - 5:30 p.m. – joint meeting with Minneapolis: location to be determined – We are planning on having an author who has written about aviation. Anyone with a suggestion as to a restaurant location with a private room please let Dorothy, Judy or me know.

Tuesday, April 26, 2011 – Tentatively looking for a theatrical performance relative to women and social issues.

Tuesday, May 24, 2011– 5:30 p.m. Year in Review; Cost will be \$20.00; Location to be determined.

As you can see, we are continuing to focus on hands-on service projects. Also, if you have any suggestions for venues, projects or programs, please let Romelle or Evelyn know so that they can follow up on those ideas. This year promises to be as fun and exciting as last year!

The meetings will include a social time and dinner.

We have 12 members as of June 1st. Your dues invoices are included with this newsletter. Dues are due upon receipt. The District and International Dues have been paid for the upcoming year.

Zonta St. Paul website at
<http://www.zontastpaul.org>

Web Sites to Remember:

Zonta International

<http://www.zonta.org>

Zonta District 7

<http://www.zontadistrict7.org>

Women's Visiting Nurses – Club 100 News

They are having their annual fund raising breakfast on Tuesday, June 8th at the Nicollet Island Pavilion. They usually have a fairly large turnout and an inspiring program about the success of their efforts. Judy and I are planning on attending.

Joint project with Altrusa

Altrusa would like us to join in on a joint project with them again this year. More information to come.

Northwest Youth & Family Services News

We had a good representation of members from Zonta St. Paul at the annual NYFS Leadership Luncheon held at Midland Hills Country Club in Roseville. It was a bustling, energized event. Attendees were encouraged to donate at the event.

DINNER ATTENDANCE Rules:

Members are to call Dorothy if they are unable to attend no later than that the Friday before the monthly meeting date. If you do not call, it will be assumed that you are attending and you will be billed for that meeting.



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If you are unable to attend due to last minute circumstances, you will be billed for that meeting.

Exception to reservation date: Please contact Dorothy for the President's dinner by August 13th. We need a close count so that we have adequate food and refreshments.

Financial Information

The following is a summary of our financial information for the year ended May 31, 2010:

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| Total Revenue | \$ 6,088 |
| Total Expenditures | <u>\$(7,181)</u> |
| Net Change for Year | \$(1,093) |
| Fund balance at Beginning of year | <u>\$ 6,500</u> |
| Fund balance at End of year | <u>\$ 5,407</u> |
| Expenses were as follows: | |
| General fund | \$ 2,897 |
| Service fund | \$ 4,089 |
| Convention | <u>\$ 195</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 7,181</u> |
| General Fund Balance | <u>\$1,849</u> |
| Service Fund Balance | <u>\$1,470</u> |
| Convention Fund Balance | <u>\$ 467</u> |
| Foundation | <u>\$1,621</u> |

A detailed report will be sent to members.

Focus on Czech Republic

The focus on a United Nations' country this year is the Czech Republic. As this newsletter is going to press, one of our members is nearing the end of a wedding and honeymoon trip to the Czech Republic. Congratulations to Romelle and David on their nuptials! We wish you both the very best and safe travels back to Minnesota.

The Zonta Club in the Czech Republic is "Zonta Club Praha Bohemia", and they have about 28 members. They are the only Zonta Club in the Czech Republic at this time. Some of their projects include support of the foster care family in Brno, sponsor of Slavie Praha Club of Sportsmen with impaired sight, scholarships for university students, contributions to children suffering from cystic fibroses, and contributions to vaccination against tetanus of newborns and pregnant women in Nepal.

The capital city of the Czech Republic is Prague, with a population of over 10.35 million. They have about 6.1 million visitors to the city each year. The currency is the CZK, to which 25,795 CZK = 1 Euro. The country has a total area of almost 79,000 square kilometers and is comparable in size to Austria and Ireland. The country could fit 122 times within the area of the United States.

The country is comprised of three historical lands which are Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia. Administratively, the Czech Republic is divided into 3 regions, one of the regions being the Capital city of Prague. Central Bohemia surrounds Prague from all sides and is the largest region.



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The Czech Republic is located in a temperate climate zone on the boundary between the West European Ocean and East European Continental climate zones. This means that winters in the west of the Republic are milder and summers are colder. In the east winters are colder and summers warmer and dryer. The average temperature in summer is 20°C and -5°C in winter.

Following the First World War, the closely related Czechs and Slovaks of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire merged to form Czechoslovakia. During the interwar years, the new country's leaders were frequently preoccupied with meeting the demands of other ethnic minorities within the republic, most notably the Sudeten Germans and the Ruthenians (Ukrainians). After World War II, a truncated Czechoslovakia fell within the Soviet sphere of influence and became a communist-ruled state.

In 1968, an invasion by Warsaw Pact troops ended the efforts of the country's leaders to liberalize Communist party rule and create "socialism with a human face." Anti-Soviet demonstrations the following year ushered in a period of harsh repression. With the collapse of Soviet authority in 1989, Czechoslovakia regained its freedom through a peaceful "Velvet Revolution." On 1 January 1993, the country

underwent a "velvet divorce" into its two national components, the Czech Republic and Slovakia. The Czech Republic joined NATO in 1999 and the European Union in 2004.

The Czech Republic's form of government is a parliamentary democracy. 1 January 1993 (Czechoslovakia split into the Czech Republic and Slovakia); note - although 1 January is the day the Czech Republic came into being, the Czechs generally consider 28 October 1918, the day the former Czechoslovakia declared its independence from the Austro-Hungarian Empire, as their independence day

The constitution was ratified on 16 December 1992, effective on 1 January 1993; amended in 1997, 2000, 2001 (twice), 2002

The legal system is a civil law system based on Austro-Hungarian codes; legal code modified to bring it in line with European Union obligations and to expunge Marxist-Leninist legal theory.

The legal voting age is 18 and is universal to all citizens of the country. The government has an executive branch, a legislative branch and a judicial branch. Their senate consists of 81 seats elected by popular vote to serve six-year terms, with one-third elected every two years. The Chamber of Deputies has 200 seats and members are elected by popular vote to serve four year terms. The judicial members are appointed by the president to serve a 10 year term.

The Czech Republic is one of the most stable and prosperous of the post-Communist states of Central and Eastern Europe. Maintaining an open investment climate has been a key element of the Czech Republic's transition from a communist, centrally planned economy to a functioning market economy. As a member of the European Union, with an advantageous location in the center



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of Europe, a relatively low cost structure, and a well-qualified labor force, the Czech Republic is an attractive destination for foreign investment.

Prior to its EU accession in 2004, the Czech government harmonized its laws and regulations with those of the European Union. The small, open, export-driven Czech economy grew by over 6% annually from 2005-2007 and by 2.5% in 2008. The conservative Czech financial system has remained relatively healthy throughout 2009. Nevertheless, the real economy contracted by 4.1% in 2009, mainly due to a significant drop in external demand as the Czech Republic's main export markets fell into recession.

The Czech Republic is seeing the effects of the global recession and economic issues along with the rest of the world.

There tens of thousands of products made in the Czech Republic. Here are a few of the truly best-known, most important and most interesting products.

The glass-making industry has a very long tradition and Czech glass is well known. Glass-making in particular developed during the 13th century in the Jizerské and Lužické mountain ranges due to the locally available raw materials. Beautiful glass and porcelain are produced in other areas, such as the Dub region or in Nová Rol. The most renowned Czech glass comes from Jablonec and Nisou and Nový Bor.

Glass products from the Czech Republic come in a wide range of varieties, the most popular of which is lead crystal, cut glass and glass figurines, Christmas ornaments, domestic glass and chandeliers.

Branded porcelain has been a traditional Czech product for a long time. The best-known

products include onion-pattern porcelain and the Thun-branded porcelain made in Karlovy Vary. The tradition of making branded porcelain began as early as 1864.

Approximately 70% of the production of Karlovarský porcelán a.s. is exported to more than 90 countries on five continents. The products are manufactured in nine production plants, each specializing in a certain type. The picture shows the traditional pink porcelain. This has been produced since 1811 in the original manufactory in Chodov, and in contrast to other manufacturers, the pink color is not the result of glazing; rather, it is the porcelain material itself that is colored. Since the era of President Havel, this porcelain with special decoration has been used on festive social events organized by the head of state.

Bohemian garnet, which can only be found in Bohemia, has always maintained a unique position among other garnet stones due to its unique, fiery red color and the light refraction. Moreover, it is said to enjoy curative effects. As it has come down since the time of Emperor Rudolph II, the admirer of Bohemian garnets who had many unique pieces in his collection, Bohemian garnet has been said to help overcome sorrow and bring vital power, spirit and the feeling of joy.

Bohemian garnet jewels are known to have adorned the dresses of Russian tsarinas at the Vienna congress after the fall of Napoleon in 1815. The appearance of Bohemian garnet jewelry has the characteristic design in which garnets are dominant over the metal. This characteristic feature of garnet jewels has maintained its position till the present time.

Czech beer is one of the best-known and most requested beers worldwide. The biggest Czech brewers include Plzeňský Prazdroj, Pivovary Staropramen, Budvar, Bernard, PMS Přerov, Drinks Union and Starobrno. There are many



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other smaller, often family-run breweries in the Czech Republic, which are mostly operated in combination with a restaurant, where you can sample the local beer on the spot.

Plzeňský Prazdroj (Pilsner Urquell) is the leading brewery in Central and Eastern Europe. It has the highest annual beer production and is the biggest Czech beer exporter to nearly 50 countries worldwide. The brewery is among the best known companies in the Czech Republic. For more than 160 years, the Pilsner Urquell Company has been making beer, which has become symbolic of the Czech brewer's art.

If you order mineral water in a Czech restaurant, you will likely get Mattoni, referred to in spoken Czech as "Matonka." This water comes from an area of healing springs near Karlovy Vary. In addition to the traditional Matonka, you can find other equally good mineral water products from other producers, e.g. Korunní, Bonaqua, Magnesii and many others. The chemical composition of these waters is very good for human health thanks to the presence of a variety of minerals.

The curd cheese from the town of Olomouc is a true curiosity and culinary delicacy. Records documenting the production of this curd cheese, called "syrečky" in Czech, date to the 1500s.

Only four car manufacturers in the world can boast more than 100 years of tradition. One of these is Škoda. It was founded as a family business by Laurin and Klement in 1895. First, the two young men produced bicycles in Mladá Boleslav, and later on they manufactured motorbikes. In 1905, they produced the "Grandfather Automobile" – L&K Sd Limousine. That was when the successful era of car manufacturing began. After merging with Škoda Plzen in 1925, great development followed.

A piano manufacturer was established in 1864 by Antonín Petrof, originally a joiner, and is the biggest piano manufacturer in Europe. Currently, Petrof, based in Hradec Králové, is managed by the fifth generation of this family.

More than 1,000 employees produce five core types of grand pianos, differing in length. Concert grand pianos are manufactured individually by the most experienced specialists of the firm. Petrof also produces most of the required semi-finished products, such as pegs, keys, etc.

The Baťa footwear company was founded in 1894 by Tomáš Baťa, a shoemaker from Zlín, together with his siblings Antonín and Anna.

Currently the company employs 50,000 staff and operates 50 production plants in 68 countries around the world and has sold over 221 million pairs of shoes.

Information was obtained from the Czech Republic official website and from the World Factbook (CIA library of information).

Zonta Club of St. Cloud

The Zonta Club of St. Cloud will be hosting their 6th annual "Diamonds in the Rough" golf outing and fund raising event. It will be at the Rich Spring Golf Course, Cold Spring, MN on September 10, 2010. The entry fees are dependent upon whether you choose to golf or just attend the luncheon event. Deadline for registration is September 1, 2010. For information, contact Debbie Grant of the St. Cloud Club.

If you are a golfer, or would just like to take a drive up to Cold Spring and have a nice fall lunch, take in the silent auction and watch the Jewelry Fashion Show, this is a great way to support our fellow St. Cloud Zontians.



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Proceeds will go to service projects of the St. Cloud Club.

Zonta Club of Minneapolis

The Minneapolis Club will be having their annual fall fund raising event on Sunday, November 14, 2010. Pencil in the date on your calendars, more info to come.

In prior years, there has been a silent auction, musical entertainment and speakers from their service organization recipients, along with a terrific raffle.

International Convention 2010

The International Convention in 2010 will be held in San Antonio, Texas. The dates for the convention are Friday, June 25th through Wednesday, June 30th. Linda Nelson of Minneapolis Zonta will be our proxy for the items coming up for discussion and voting.

Other area summer events coming up in June:

Art on Main – Stillwater's fine art walk will be June 11 (4 to 9 p.m.) and June 12th (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.). If you enjoy art, this will be a fun event. There will be an artist reception at each location on Friday (the 11th).

Suds, Sauce and Soul – Friday June 11th from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Maplewood Community Center, 2100 White Bear Avenue. Listen to Soul music, take part in a BBQ competition and visit vendors.

10th Annual Taste of Vandais Heights on Thursday, June 10, 6 – 9 p.m. at the City Hall and South Fire Station, 800 E. County Road E.

Enjoy food, music, info booths and family entertainment by acoustic musician Tim Sigler.

Fourth Annual concert in the commons series begins Wednesday June 16 through Wednesday, June 18th at the Shoreview Community Center, 4580 Victoria Street. Bring a blanket or chair and listen to music at the commons.

Have a wonderful summer and we hope to see you at our summer events. Friends and family are welcome to attend these events.

Peggy