

ZONTITA



1929 Original Drawing
Berkeley City Club
Julia Morgan, Architect



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January 5, 2010
TechBridge
What is it?
What does it do?

Come find out in our
first meeting in the new
year,,Berkeley City
Club starting at 5:30 pm.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Zonta Sisters,

It's less than two weeks to Christmas and I haven't purchased one gift yet. What am I waiting for? This year, for a lot of different reasons, my extended family has chosen to draw names. I really like this idea. In the past, with six adult nieces and nephews, a sister-in-law who doesn't want anything, and a brother who buys everything he wants through the year, Christmas gifts turned into an exchange of gift cards just to have something under the tree. So this year, I have one gift to buy (aside from my son and grandkids of course). And, it's so much easier to get into the spirit of the holiday season.

This week (Dec 14-18) is my company's, Newell Rubbermaid, Week of Giving. Every Newell facility around the world has organized an effort to give back to their community this week. There are only nine of us in the DYMO West Coast Software Development Office here in Albany, but we have chosen to support Berkeley Food and Housing Project. We are donating frozen turkeys, canned and dry goods to go into the holiday dinner baskets that BFHP will be distributing to families in need in our community. I'm very proud of our company for making this Week of Giving a priority for all of the employees.

I'm also very proud to be part of this Zonta Club. In November we donated over 40 bras and at our Holiday Party we collected almost 30 warm coats. All delivered to Berkeley Food and Housing Project's Women's Shelter. In addition, we served brunch on November 8th for the women and children at the shelter.

What a great feeling it is to help someone have a little warmer winter and a nicer holiday.

Our advocacy project for December was to support the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence. We distributed bookmarks again this year hoping that we can reach even just one person who needs or knows someone who needs the courage to take the first step in getting out of an abusive relationship.

Our next meeting is January 5th, right after the New Year's weekend. Our guest speaker will be Linda Kekelis, from Techbridge. Some of you will remember a few years back we supported this group that is promoting young women to pursue their education in technology and the sciences. Linda will give us an update of what their program is up to.

It's my sincere wish that all of you and your families have a wonderful holiday season. I'm looking forward to working with you all in 2010.

See you on January 5th.

Karen Evans
President



December 2009

It's time for the Zonta Holiday Card!

Each year we create a specially designed holiday card which is sent to all our Zonta members, other Zonta officers, and special friends of our club.

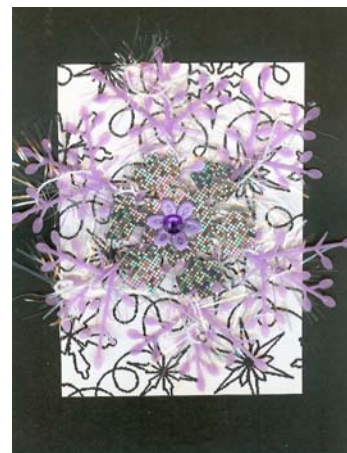
We use this as a fundraising opportunity, and these are the only funds we raise that we can devote to internal club uses.

This year funds raised will be used for fellow (sister!)ship, and other club expenses.

You are invited to participate at any level that's right for you. Please send donations to club treasurer, Cheryl MacGregor. Please make checks payable to "Zonta Club of Berkeley / North Bay."

And if you have already contributed, please forgive this unnecessary reminder.

Special thanks to Julie Richards, who designed and produced the card at her expense, as her donation to the club.



Zontian in Service—reported by Susan Clifford, Service; VP

Thank you all! We gave 29 warm coats to the Berkeley Food and Housing Project! You are all wonderful and we look forward to our spring projects. One project will be Done-in-a-Day for movie tickets and snack money for Elizabeth House. Happy Holidays and thank you so much.

See Karen's message from the President regarding what her organization is doing for a Holiday service project.

Cheryl's organization, Elder Care Alliance, contains six senior communities. Each community has adopted a family for the holidays providing a holiday meal as well as gifts for the children. As the communities are located throughout California, we know that two families in Oakland, one family in San Rafael and one family in Union City, and one family in Camarillo have a little more holiday cheer.

Please let Aurora know in January if you have special projects or organizations that you and your organizations support.

Holiday Party 2009 Sue Fischer's Home



Wow...look at the food...and then there's the wine

How many of us can you identify?



The dynamic duo—
Nancy and Julie

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