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ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN'S LIVES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY THROUGH SERVICE AND ADVOCACY

Jacksonville

Tea in the Garden Honoring Ellen Siler, CEO Hubbard House

On the afternoon of Saturday, March 29th, the Zonta Club of Jacksonville will celebrate Women's History Month with an intimate "Tea in the Garden" honoring Ellen Siler, CEO of Hubbard House. Led by Ms. Siler since 1998, Hubbard House has become a national model for comprehensive domestic violence centers providing shelter and outreach services to victims—mostly women and their children. Ms. Siler has accomplished much at the state and local levels, serving on committees, councils and taskforces for the Governor, the Florida Supreme Court and the Mayor.

Tea will be served in the garden of a private Victorian home in the historic Riverside neighborhood. In addition to tea, guests will be treated to a variety of delectable sweets and other treats under the shade of white tents and a lot of hats. Beautiful teapots displaying floral centerpieces will be auctioned at the event. Proceeds from the event will fund Zonta's service projects and scholarships benefiting women.

Tickets to the Tea in the Garden are \$25 per person. Reservations can be made by calling Dianne Larson at 904-388-3265.



Slavery: Spreading the Word about Human Trafficking

Slavery exists today. In fact, there is little difference between the slavery that occurs today and the slavery we study in our American history textbooks. Despite that it is now illegal, there are even more slaves at this point in time than ever before. So much so that human trafficking is the third largest criminal industry in the world. Yet because it is so well hidden, few among the general public know what it is, much less realize that it exists within our own community.

Human trafficking is modern day slavery—the commercial exploitation of people, mostly women and children, for sex or other forced labor. Victims are not just worlds away but can be "sold" into the US or can even be US citizens themselves. Controlled through the use of force, fraud and coercion, victims are rarely able to escape to seek help. Public awareness of this crime to identify victims may be their only salvation.

As a result, the Zonta Club of Jacksonville has formed a Human Trafficking Speaker's Bureau to increase awareness of human trafficking, and ultimately increase reporting of this horrific human rights violation. Presentations include what to look for and what to do if a case is suspected. To find out more about this issue or to schedule a presentation for your group, please contact Christina Salvatore at 904-465-5099.



from left: Donna Maddox and Dianne Larson packing items collected for Hubbard House

Making a Difference for Victims of Domestic Violence

Collection Drive Held in October to Benefit Hubbard House

One in three women around the world has suffered some type of abuse in her life: physical, sexual, emotional, or economic.

As part of a nationwide effort to make a difference in our community, in October the Zonta Club of Jacksonville organized a collection drive for Hubbard House by partnering with area Publix Supermarkets. Created by USA WEEKEND Magazine, Make A Difference Day is an annual event and the largest national day of helping others -- a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors.

The event generated donations of food, clothing, personal items and used cell phones valuing \$900. The items were to be used by victims of domestic violence and their children seeking shelter from their abusers. The club is considering making this project an annual event.

Hubbard House provides free services not only for the

immediate safety needs of abuse victims and their children, but also to educate, support, and promote community awareness about domestic violence. Last year, Hubbard House counseled over 5,300 women, men and children and gave shelter to more than 900 victims of domestic violence in Duval and Baker counties.

There's a Doctor in the House

Club Welcomes New Member Dr. Jeanie Froman-Bohall

Zonta welcomes another new member! Recently moving from Tallahassee, Dr. Jeanie Froman-Bohall has set up her new chiropractic office in Jacksonville. Combining her desire to help people with technical expertise in Radiological Technology, Dr. Jeanie uses more advanced diagnostic tools to evaluate and administer gentle adjustments unlike the typical "snap, crackle, pop" technique.

Born during the fall of Siagon, Jeanie moved to Missouri when only seven days old and remained there until after college. She is married to James Bohall, an engineer with the National Forest Service.

Members of Zonta are professionals and executives with the shared mission of improving women's lives worldwide. The club seeks to fulfill this mission by



from left: Christina Salvatore and Dr. Jeanie Froman-Bohall

providing members with opportunities to volunteer and advocate for women while fostering respect and fellowship. For more information on membership, please contact Tony at 904-465-3680.

**WOMEN ARE
NOT EQUAL
UNDER U.S. LAW**

FLORIDA HAS FAILED TO RATIFY THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT. PLEASE CONTACT MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE & SENATE TODAY AND ASK THEM TO SUPPORT THIS VITAL LEGISLATION.

\$1000 Scholarship Available to College Women

The club will award the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship for \$1000 to a local college woman in her third or fourth year of undergraduate study in the field of business.

Applications are due by May 15 and can be obtained by contacting Donna Maddox at d-maddox@comcast.net or 904-887-0377.

Important Dates

March

- 17 Club Meeting, 6:15 pm
- 18 Human Trafficking Taskforce Meeting, 3 pm
- 20 Trafficking Community Awareness Meeting, 3 pm
- 22 Speaker's Bureau Meeting
- 29 Tea in the Garden, 2 - 4 pm

April

- 12 Area 4 Meeting in Bartow
- 15 Human Trafficking Taskforce Meeting, 3 pm
- 19 Club Meeting-Lunch on Saturday, 11:30 am

May

- 8-11 TPC Golf Event
- 19 Club Meeting, 6:15 pm
- 20 Human Trafficking Taskforce Meeting, 3 pm
- 26 Garage Sale

**VOLUNTEERS
WANTED!**

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MAY 8-11**

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