

HISTORY
of
DISTRICT IX

1921 - 1954



Zonta International

Past Governor Mayme E. Bonham (1934 - 1936)
Past Governor Blodwen R. Hunt (1941 - 1942)

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"FOREWARD"

When District Governor, Virginia Eastlick of Yuma, Arizona ask^d us to compile the History of District 1X, Zonta International, little did we realize how difficult it would be to obtain the few facts assembled here.

Questionnaires were sent to all Past District Governors and to all Clubs asking for Club Histories, Special events, Charter dates, etc. In fact to some clubs went two and three questionnaires, sometimes with little results.

The Charter dates used are the dates appearing on the Charters and have been verified at Headquarters by Harriet C. Richards, former Executive Secretary of Zonta International. In fact it would have been impossible to complete this History without the help of Harriet and the co-operation of Zonta Headquarters in Chicago.

In appreciation of this help and in recognition of the real inspiration that she has always been to District 1X, we respectfully dedicate this History to Miss Harriet C. Richards.

Our thanks go too to those Past Governors and Clubs who searched their minds and records for material for us. After thirty years and more it is difficult to pick up the facts - and we just want the facts.

Blodwen R. Hunt

Mayme E. Bonham

PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS 1919-1956

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Mary E. Jenkins | Nov. 1919-May 1921 | Syracuse, New York |
| Esther E. Parker, M.D. | May 1921-May 1922 | Ithaca, New York |
| Harriet A. Ackroyd | May 1922-May 1924 | Utica, New York |
| Marion de Forest | May 1924-May 1925 | Buffalo, New York |
| Ethel M. Francis | May 1925-May 1926 | Detroit, Michigan |
| Louise C. Gerry | May 1926-June 1928 | Buffalo, New York |
| Katherine B. Sears | June 1928-June 1929 | Glen Falls, New York |
| Olivia Johnson | June 1929-June 1930 | St. Paul, Minnesota |
| Helen W. Cleveland | June 1930-June 1932 | Toronto, Ontario Canada |
| S. Katherine Maddux | June 1932-June 1933 | Chicago, Illinois |
| Cora E. MacKenzie | June 1933-June 1935 | Cambridge, Massachusetts |
| Dora E. Neun | June 1935-June 1937 | Rochester, New York |
| Ellen Anderson Parks | June 1937-June 1938 | St. Paul, Minnesota |
| Dr. Helen Pearce | June 1938-June 1940 | Salem, Oregon |
| May Moyers McElroy | June 1940-June 1942 | Washington, D.C. |
| J. Winifred Hughes | June 1942-June 1944 | Syracuse, New York |
| Jessie Ekins | June 1944-June 1946 | St. Catharines, Ontario Canada |
| Louise C. Grace | June 1946-June 1948 | Detroit, Michigan |
| Elizabeth A. Judge | June 1948-June 1950 | Cleveland, Ohio |
| Dr. Elizabeth G. Dozier | June 1950-June 1952 | San Fernando, California |
| Edwina Hogadone | June 1952-June 1954 | Rochester, New York |
| Dr. Dorothea Radusch | June 1954-June 1956 | Minneapolis, Minnesota |

CONFEDERATION of ZONTA CLUBS - CONVENTIONS 1921 - 1956

DATES and PLACES

| | | |
|----------------|------|---------------------|
| May 20-21, | 1921 | Syracuse, New York |
| May 26-27, | 1922 | Detroit, Michigan |
| May 31-June 1, | 1923 | Elmira, New York |
| May 16-17, | 1924 | Buffalo, New York |
| May 15-16, | 1925 | Toledo, Ohio |
| May 14-15, | 1926 | Rochester, New York |
| May 13-14, | 1927 | Washington, D.C. |
| June 14-15-16, | 1928 | St. Paul, Minnesota |
| June 14-15, | 1929 | Erie, Pennsylvania |
| June 26-27-28, | 1930 | Seattle, Washington |

Zonta International (The term International was adopted at the Seattle Convention, June 1930, and Incorporated as such in September, 1930)

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| June 18-19-20, | 1931 | Cleveland, Ohio |
| June 16-17-18, | 1932 | St. Louis, Missouri |
| June 22-23-24, | 1933 | Chicago, Illinois |
| June 21-22-23, | 1934 | Seignony Club (Province of Quebec, Canada) |
| July 10-11-12, | 1935 | Riverside, California |
| June 25-26-27, | 1936 | Swampscott, Massachusetts |
| June 24-25-26, | 1937 | Niagara Falls, New York |
| June 30-July 1-2, | 1938 | Banff - Alberta, Canada |
| June 22-23-24, | 1939 | White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia |
| June 25-26-27-28, | 1940 | Estes Park, Colorado |
| June 18-19-20-21, | 1941 | Memphis, Tennessee |
| June 29-30, July 1-2, | 1942 | Toronto - Ontario, Canada |
| June 24-25-26, | 1943 | Lake Placid, New York |
| June 22-23-24, | 1944 | Chicago, Illinois |
| | 1945 | No Convention - account of war |
| June 13-14-15, | 1946 | Swampscott, Massachusetts |
| June 20-21-22-23, | 1947 | Mackinac Island, Michigan |
| June 16-17-18-19, | 1948 | Pasadena, California |
| June 21-22-23-24, | 1949 | Quebec City, Quebec, Canada |
| June 27-28-29-30 | 1950 | Miami Beach, Florida |
| June 18-19-20-21, | 1951 | Chicago, Illinois |
| June 25-26-27-28, | 1952 | Houston, Texas |
| June 21-22-23-24, | 1954 | Cincinnati, Ohio |
| June 25-26-27-28, | 1956 | Sun Valley, Idaho |

DISTRICT 1X CLUBS

Bakersfield, California
 Berkeley, California
 Burbank, California
 Casa Grande Valley, Arizona
 Fontana, California
 Fresno, California
 Garden Grove, California
 Glendale Area, California
 Globe - Miami, Arizona
 Hayward, California
 Laguna Beach, California
 Lancaster, California
 Long Beach, California
 Los Angeles, California

 Lynwood, California
 Marin County, California
 Newport Harbor Area, California
 Nogales, Arizona
 North Hollywood, California
 Oakland, California
 Pasadena, California
 Phoenix Area, Arizona
 Porterville, California
 Prescott, Arizona
 Redwood City, California
 Riverside, California
 Sacramento, California
 San Bernardino, California
 San Diego, California
 San Fernando Valley, California
 San Francisco, California

 Santa Barbara, California
 Soboba District - now Hemet-San Jacinto,
 California
 Tucson, Arizona
 Yuma, Arizona

CHAPTER DATES

July 1935
 June 8, 1936
 November 1937
 January 10, 1947
 April 14, 1935
 May 24, 1930
 March 19, 1953
 January 29, 1929
 April 6, 1946
 March 20, 1950
 August 5, 1952
 February 14, 1955
 May 6, 1952
 March 27, 1928 (July 19, 1923 -
 1st organization & charter)
 May 8, 1953
 September 2, 1948
 April 9, 1948
 May 8, 1953
 June 30, 1948
 June 8, 1948
 November 15, 1929
 April 15, 1939
 January 5, 1948
 September 3, 1946
 March 24, 1947
 February 26, 1930
 April 24, 1938
 May 23, 1935
 September 20, 1952
 October 24, 1937
 June 8, 1936 (1929 - 1st
 organization & charter)
 February 22, 1930
 April 28, 1948

 June 10, 1946
 November 3, 1946

CLUBS ORGANIZED and DISBANDED

| | <u>ORGANIZED</u> | <u>DISBANDED</u> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Catalina Island, California | January 19, 1953 | March 7, 1953 |
| Hanford, California | May 22, 1952 | June 1953 |
| Salt Lake City, Utah | February 18, 1939 | October 1941 |
| San Mateo-Burlingame, California | March 24, 1947 | 1949 or 1950 |
| Santa Monica, California | August 27, 1929 | September 2, 1939 |

CHAIRMAN (Later called Governors)

WEST COAST DISTRICT 1923

CHAIRMAN

Clara Herrick

1923

1927

Became DISTRICT E 1925 - 1926

Mary Jane Dent

1927

1929

Became DISTRICT V11 November 9, 1929

Maxine Robertson

Los Angeles, California

1929

1932

Dr. Lura Loop

Pasadena, California

June

1932

June

1934

Mayme E. Bonham

Riverside, California

June

1934

June

1936

Lena M. Davidson

Glendale, California

June

1936

June

1938

Dr. M. Elise Carlsen

Santa Barbara, California

June

1938

June

1939

Mildred Murphy

Fontana, California

June

1939

January

1940

Fleda E. Smith

Berkeley, California

January

1940

June

1941

Blodwen R. Hunt

Riverside, California

June

1941

June

1942

Georgia Boucher

Fresno, California

June

1942

June

1944

Dr. Elizabeth Gist Dozier

San Fernando, California

June

1944

June

1946

Changed to DISTRICT IX - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - June 1947

Hazel Grant King

Pasadena, California

June

1946

November 194

Amy Ewing Kruechel

Berkeley, California

November

1948

October 195

Changed to GOVERNOR - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - 1949

Rosamond Harries

San Bernardino, California

October

1950

October 195

Frances Marie Brey

Porterville, California

October

1952

October 195

Virginia Eastlick

Yuma, Arizona

October

1954

October 195

CONFERENCES - DISTRICT V11

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>PLACE</u> | <u>DISTRICT CHAIRMAN</u> |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| November 8- 9 | 1930 Glendale, California | Maxine Robertson |
| April 18-19 | 1931 Pasadena, California | Maxine Robertson |
| October 31 - November 1 | 1931 Santa Monica, California | Maxine Robertson |
| April 23-24 | 1932 Riverside, California | Maxine Robertson |
| November 5- 6 | 1932 Santa Barbara, California | Dr. Lura Loop |
| April 29-30 | 1933 Fresno, California | Dr. Lura Loop |
| October 21-22 | 1933 Glendale, California | Dr. Lura Loop |
| March 17-18 | 1934 Bakersfield, California | Dr. Lura Loop |
| October 27-28 | 1934 Pasadena, California | Mayme E. Bonham |
| April 13-14 | 1935 Santa Monica, California (Casa Del Mar) | Mayme E. Bonham |
| November 2- 3 | 1935 Los Angeles, California | Mayme E. Bonham |
| March 21-22 | 1936 Santa Barbara, California | Mayme E. Bonham |
| October 24-25 | 1936 Fontana, California | Lena M. Davidson |
| April 17-18 | 1937 Fresno, California | Lena M. Davidson |
| October 23-24 | 1937 Pasadena, California | Lena M. Davidson |
| April 23-24 | 1938 Berkeley, California | Lena M. Davidson |
| October 21-22-23 | 1938 San Bernardino, California | Dr. M. Elise Carlson |
| April 1- 2 | 1939 Bakersfield, California | Dr. M. Elise Carlson |
| June 1939 to January 1, 1940 Mildred Murphy served as District V11 Chairman | | |
| October 14-15 | 1939 Santa Barbara, California | Mildred Murphy |
| April 13-14 | 1940 Sacramento, California | Fleda E. Smith |
| October 12-13 | 1940 Riverside, California | Fleda E. Smith |
| April 19-20 | 1941 San Francisco, California | Fleda E. Smith |
| October 25-26 | 1941 Fresno, California | Blodwen R. Hunt |
| April 25-26 | 1942 Hollywood, California | Blodwen R. Hunt |
| <u>Fall of 1942</u> - Was to have been in Oakland, California. Called off on account of war, blackouts, gasoline shortage, transportation, (ect.) | | |
| April - October | 1943 Inter-City Meetings (War years) | Georgia Boucher |
| April 30 | 1944 Fresno, California | Georgia Boucher |
| <u>Fall of 1944</u> - No Conference - Post War | | |
| April 14-15 | 1945 Bakersfield, California | Dr. Elizabeth G. Dozier |
| <u>Fall of 1945</u> - No Conference - Account travel, etc. | | |
| April 6- 7 | 1945 Phoenix, Arizona | Dr. Elizabeth G. Dozier |

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CONFERENCES - DISTRICT V11

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>PLACE</u> | <u>DISTRICT CHAIRMAN</u> |
|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| October 19-20 | 1946 San Francisco, California | Hazel Grant King |
| April 19-20 | 1947 Riverside, California | Hazel Grant King |

CHANGED TO DISTRICT 1X - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - JUNE 1947

| | | |
|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| October 18-19 | 1947 Bakersfield, California | Hazel Grant King |
| June | 1948 Pasadena, California | Hazel Grant King |
| November 13-14 | 1948 Santa Barbara, California | Hazel Grant King |
| April 30 - May 1 | 1949 Berkeley, California | Amy E. Kruechel |

CHANGED TO GOVERNOR - At International Convention - 1949 GOVERNOR

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|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| October 22-23 | 1949 Porterville, California | Amy E. Kruechel |
| April 28-29-30 | 1950 Grand Canyon, Arizona | Amy E. Kruechel |
| October 27-28-29 | 1950 San Bernardino, California | Amy E. Kruechel |
| April 6-7-8 | 1951 San Francisco, California | Rosamond M. Harries |
| October 12-13-14 | 1951 Sacramento, California | Rosamond M. Harries |
| October 9-10-11 | 1952 Porterville, California | Rosamond M. Harries |
| September 11-12-13 | 1953 Los Angeles, California | Frances Marie Brey |
| October 22-23-24 | 1954 Yuma, Arizona | Frances Marie Brey |
| October 7-8-9 | 1955 Newport Beach, California | Virginia Eastlick |
| October 12-13-14 | 1956 San Diego, California | Virginia Eastlick |

It might be interesting to go back to the original plans for Zonta to determine how and why our present District 1X came into being.

The "Confederation of Zonta Clubs" was founded in Buffalo, New York November 8, 1919. The first Officers of the Confederation were elected at that time and among other things were authorized to divide existing Clubs and others that were organized from time to time, into Districts. The latter were to be represented by District Chairmen who were to become members of the Board of Directors.

At a meeting of the Board in April, 1920 the officers of the Confederation held the first executive session at which District names and areas were decided upon. In keeping with the limited number of organized Clubs and areas in which they were located the early districts were temporarily designated as follows: Northern New York State

Southern New York State

Western New York State

West Coast - in anticipation of Western organization

By May, 1924, when the convention was held at Buffalo there were thirty organized clubs in widely separated parts of the U.S. including the Pacific Coast. In fact, Los Angeles and Honolulu were both organized in 1923, although Los Angeles later lost that Charter and was re-organized March 27, 1928. According to the organization report presented at the Buffalo Convention the newly organized clubs included Dallas, Texas, Honolulu, T.H., Los Angeles, California, Seattle, Washington and Sydney, Australia.

Los Angeles was organized by Clara Herrick and later re-organized by Gracian Warner, March 27, 1928. Dallas, Honolulu and Sydney were organized by Dr. Rosalie Slaughter Morton, a New York Zontian, while on a trip in the summer of 1923. Temporarily, Dallas, Los Angeles and Seattle constituted the West Coast District and Clara Herrick, an Elmira Zontian, was named Chairman of the District.

On recommendation of the 1925 - 1926 Re-districting committee and with the approval of the Confederation Board, District names were changed to letters A-B-C-D and E - the latter covered all the territory west of the Mississippi. Clara Herrick continued as Chairman until the early part of 1927 but apparently was not too active.

Louise Gerry was elected President at the 1926 Rochester Convention. She tried to interest one of the Seattle members to act as Chairman but without success.

The first reference to Mary Jane Dent is in the September 27, 1927 Board meeting minutes where she is listed as Chairman and Board Member; she apparently was elected by the Clubs through correspondence.

Mary Jane Dent reporting at the 1928 meeting said no district meeting had been possible but that morning District representatives had their first election of a District Chairman and that there were seven Clubs in the District. Dallas, Denver, Fort Worth, Los Angeles, Tacoma, Seattle, Honolulu. She served as Chairman until Spring or Fall.

District V11 came into being on November 9, 1929 at the Conference of District E held in Portland, Oregon, at which time E was divided into Districts V1 and V11. The latter included the following states: California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico. The following Chartered Clubs constituted the District: Denver, Glendale, Los Angeles, Pasadena, San Francisco, Santa Monica, Honolulu and Sydney. Dallas and Fort Worth were to be affiliated with District V11 until such time as District V had the required number of Clubs to operate as a District. Later Sydney disbanded and Honolulu voted to become an un-districted Club.

The first meeting of District V11 was held November 15, 1929 at the Wilshire Country Club, Los Angeles. Maxine Robertson presided as temporary Chairman at the Conference and until the Spring Conference in Los Angeles in 1930 when she was elected District Chairman and served until the 1932 Convention at St. Louis when Dr. Lura Loop was installed as Chairman.

The District V11 set up as adopted November 9, 1929 at Portland, continued until the fall of 1947 when by amendment to the Constitution Regions were abolished and new Districts formed. District V11 was changed to include California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona and became District 1X.

Immediately following the November 1929 meeting at Los Angeles, Maxine Robertson as temporary Chairman by appointment, began active organization work and in quick succession clubs were organized at Riverside, Santa Barbara and Fresno.

We think it was highly significant of the type of work done by Maxine and her leadership that when a group of women in Riverside decided to form a Service Club, Zonta was the one chosen.

The first records of real activity in District V11, and of which we have copies, start with the Fall Conference November 8 - 9, 1930 at Glendale with Maxine Robertson as District Chairman. Clubs represented were - Fresno, Glendale, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Riverside and Santa Barbara. Clubs not represented - Honolulu, San Francisco and Sydney, Australia. Helen Cleveland, International President attended.

Plans were discussed for Clubs in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mexico City and San Bernardino, but alas, it takes more than plan and enthusiasm to organize a Club, because, of those mentioned to date, 1956 - only San Bernardino has a Club.

The charter was presented to Elva B. Stubbs, representing the Fresno Club - Honolulu Club reported as the largest in the District.

At the Spring Conference 1931, Honolulu sent their first delegate, Jessie Rae Long, to a District Conference and the District was divided into the following regions: California and Nevada

Colorado and Utah

Arizona and New Mexico

Hawaii and Australia

At that time we find the Clubs urging that San Francisco be re-organized and from Mabel Clausen, Pasadena, came the thought, "Zonta is circling the whole world around on International Friendship Bound." A good idea for all of us to keep in mind.

In 1932 Pasadena Club placed their list of Officers and Directors in the corner stone of the new Pasadena Auditorium; also that year the Riverside Club presented and had authorized a bronze plaque for Zonta International, done by A. A. Barrelle, one of the world's most outstanding creators of this type of work. The Plaque still hangs on the wall of the Mission Inn.

Dr. Lura Loop of Pasadena was elected Chairman at the Riverside Conference and Mary Eleanor Whelan of Santa Monica, Vice Chairman. Dr. Lura Loop's administration, June 1932 to 1934, was a period of organizing the new clubs into a closely knit District. At the Fall Conference 1932 the first District Board was established, also the first District budget and the first that we find a complete report of Conference meetings. A District Bulletin was authorized, and Harriet Richards, Executive Secretary attended, giving the new clubs much helpful advice. At the Spring Conference in 1933, Dr. Loop was re-elected Chairman and Mayme Bonham as Vice Chairman. Already suggestions were being discussed for a District Service Project. "Rehabilitation of the Older Business and Professional Woman" was considered a worthy project except that no one could agree on who was "Older" and what was meant by "Rehabilitation." The subject was really a natural as this was the time of the Great Depression and many women were out of work.

At the Bakersfield Conference, March 17 - 18, 1934, a motion was approved that District V11 sponsor an "International Convention Fund" to be presented at the Convention in Canada in June. Also, Georgia Boucher moved and it was carried, to extend an invitation for the 1935 International Convention to be held in Riverside. A motion was carried at this same Conference to have a District Conference Fund of twenty-five cents per member to be paid thirty days before Conference. District Officers elected were Mayme Bonham, Riverside, Chairman; Thelma Tegner, Santa Monica Vice-Chairman.

As Mayme Bonham took over the Chairmanship new Clubs were already being

thought of but not completely organized. Before the end of her time we find Bakersfield sponsored by Fresno. Fontana sponsored by Pasadena, San Bernardino sponsored by Riverside, all added to the District.

During this year we had some help from Hannah De Wees, an organizer sent out by International and as Mayme went East to the Convention at Swampscott, on June 6, 1936, she stopped in San Francisco and presented the Charters to San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley at a joint meeting. Hannah also gave some help to Los Angeles Club.

At the Fall Conference in 1934 at Pasadena, the first District Service Committee was appointed and at the Spring Conference 1935, the Marion de Forest Memorial was read and because so many ask "who was Marion" and why do we name our organization fund the "Marion de Forest Fund" we are including this Memorial in our History.

At this Conference the idea of the Memorial Fund was discussed and District V11 gave \$155.00. Lena Davidson of Glendale was elected Vice Chairman.

Of course the high light of Mayme's term of office was the Riverside Convention at the Mission Inn July 10-11-12, 1935. Cora E. MacKenzie was President, J. Winifred Hughes, First Vice President and Dr. Lura Loop Second Vice President and Convention Chairman. All of the Clubs in the District participated in the social functions. Dora E. Neun was elected President and installed at the close of the Convention.

Following the Convention, Cora MacKenzie was invited to plant a Cactus Plumosio Palm in International Friendship Park, only the second woman to be so honored. This tree is growing nicely and has a marker carefully preserved. It was at this Convention that the "Marion de Forest Memorial Fund" was definitely created for Organization through a voluntary contribution of \$1.00 per member.

During this two year period, schools of Instruction for New Officers were organized and held each spring.

The years June 1936 to June 1938, saw Lena Davidson of Glendale carrying the Chairmanship of District V11 and it was her leadership that first turned our thoughts and interests to public affairs - the things we must face in National and International Affairs - a new approach in Zonta's thinking. Also, Lena was the first Chairman to prepare a Manual of Procedure, something that Headquarters had not attempted yet. Hers was a business administration and was very helpful to new Clubs who were still having growing pains.

Burbank, San Fernando and Sacramento were the new Clubs organized during this period and no Clubs were lost.

Adopted at the Banff Convention was the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award and this was credited to our District, at that time District V11.

A report from President Dora Neun to the Spring Conference 1937, said "This

year we have found that the rapidly changing conditions in Business, in government and in world situation have made it very much more difficult for individual Zontians to give freely of their time and efforts to Zonta's work."

Forms were prepared and presented by Blodwen Hunt as Chairman International Committee and Mayme was serving as Chairman of the "International Simplification Committee," wonder whatever became of that?

Dr. M. Elise Carlsen became Chairman and was installed at the Banff Convention in 1938, after serving as Vice Chairman with Lena. She held two Conferences, one at San Bernardino and one at Bakersfield.

Elise held an excellent School of Instruction in connection with the Fall Conference and the minutes report the largest attendance of any Conference in this District.

Lena offered the slogan "To create an Enlightened Public Opinion" as the goal for our year's work. Mayme reported the Simplification Committee making a study of our complex Confederation machinery and trying to find more efficient ways of working. A Manual being prepared to cover Rules and Procedure with all necessary information for the functions and activities of Zonta International and the Districts.

Two new Clubs came in this year through the organization work of Sophie McCord. Elise flew to Salt Lake City to present their Charter in February 1939 and to Phoenix, Arizona in April, 1939.

At the Spring Conference at Bakersfield, April 1-2, 1939, Mildred Murphy of Fontana was elected Chairman and Fleda Smith of Berkeley, Vice Chairman. Mildred held her first Conference at Santa Barbara in October, 1939. The Meeting concerned itself with talks on the "Power and Influence of Zonta" -

1. In a small city
2. Respecting Public Affairs
3. In its membership, and our responsibilities as Zontians

Following this Conference our Chairman, Mildred, found herself seriously ill and unable to cope with the heavy work of the District. Therefore, shortly after the first of the year, 1940, Mayme Bonham was instructed and empowered to act as the representative of Zonta International and to pick up the records and material in Mildred's possession and transfer them to the duly elected Vice Chairman, Fleda Smith, investing her with all the duties and privileges of District Chairman, appointing Blodwen Hunt to act as Vice Chairman the balance of the fiscal year.

For those of you reading this History, we would like to add that Mildred regained her health and is again a loyal and active Zontian in the Los Angeles Club.

Fleda's was not an easy task, to take over in the middle of a year, but good

and loyal Zontian that she is, she gave us a magnificent administration, she was the "visitingest" Chairman we ever had. Because of her work for the University of California, she was traveling most of her time and it was surprising how she always happened to be in town when a Zonta meeting was scheduled.

In addition to Zonta training, Fleda E. Smith of Berkeley, inspired us to be better neighbors and true Americans and many of her programs and talks emphasized those subjects. She worried over the fact that the San Francisco Club was not as strong or growing as it should and during her term of office Santa Monica lost their Charter as did Salt Lake. It seemed that Salt Lake just died on the stem because of the great distance to any other club and Santa Monica's trouble was lack of leadership.

At the Fall Conference in 1940 in Riverside, State Senator John Phillips suggested that we make a study of a "Defence Program for California." Even then the need for Defence was seen and being talked about. "Zonta in a Changing World."

And now comes Blodwen Hunt of Riverside who served only one year, from June 1941 to June 1942. But the leadership and warmth she generated were reflected in the District for many years. Conferences were held in Fresno and Los Angeles, and again we were thinking "Zonta in Today's Defense - Tomorrow's Peace" and planning how to keep on an even keel, to put first things first, but to realize the emergency confronting our country and the world. All Clubs needed to recognize that freedom exacts responsibilities and defence work must be a major activity. Reports indicate difficulty in communicating with Clubs in the Scandinavian Countries.

Two interesting Resolutions came out of the Los Angeles Conference -

1. Resolved that District V11 of Zonta International go on record as advocating the appointment of Madam Chiang Kai Chek for the Peace Conference.
2. Resolved that District V11, Zonta International, a service organization of Executive Business and Professional Women in Conference assembled, oppose the compulsory membership in any Labor Union as a requisite to the employment of our Youth in temporary farm Labor during War Time.

Georgia Boucher of Fresno took office as District Chairman in June 1942, and no Conferences were held until April 30, 1944 when forty members met at Hotel Californian, Fresno to discuss Post War Planning, International Relations, Service, Membership and general Zonta problems and election of Officers, and you never saw a group happier to be together again.

September 1, 1942, after conferring with Past District Chairmen and International Officers, Chairman Georgia sent to all Clubs the following letter. "The troubles of this war torn world have been brought closer to our Pacific

Coast again and the Dim-out, which is state wide in effect cripples transportation and causes anxiety as to sabotage. Also, our vulnerable position makes actual war operations possible, and as many of our members are on emergency call in case of a disaster and would have to report immediately, no Conferences will be held until further notice. Each member to continue to pay twenty-five cents per capita to the District Fund to enable the Chairman to make visits to the Clubs instead of having Conferences."

The Chairman did visit all the Clubs and wherever possible, Inter City meetings were held.

No Clubs were lost, in fact it was amazing the strength developed in some of the groups. It seemed that everyone felt the need to hang on to something secure and solid and Zonta represented this so well.

Georgia became First Vice President of Zonta International in 1945. The Spring Conference, 1945 was held in Bakersfield and presided over by Dr. Elizabeth Gist Dozier, District Chairman, the first conference since the Spring Conference in 1944. In her opening address she said, "We come together during a National Crisis, when the whole Nation is in mourning for the passing of a great man, (President Franklin D. Roosevelt) no matter how we may have disagreed with him in life, we acknowledge his greatness as a leader and know that he will go down in History as such. We find ourselves drained dry emotionally, but we are painfully aware that the world and it's work must go forward. After the salute to the flag of our Nation we will stand in silent prayer with thoughts for both our past and present Presidents, and Pray, Pray hard for the safety of our Nation."

Theme for the Conference "Are Women Good Citizens."

Clara Murray of San Francisco reported plans for Zonta to participate in "United Women's Conference" in connection with the United Nations Conference in San Francisco. The membership would be held to four hundred and the purpose of the Conference - to implement the Peace. Edith Anderson of Berkeley was appointed on the Executive Committee and Jennie Taylor of San Francisco on the Finance Committee. Each organization underwriting the expense of the meeting of \$25.00.

Globe - Miami received their Charter from Dr. Dozier at the Spring Conference in Phoenix, April 6 - 7, 1946, and Tucson in June, 1946.

For some time past now the service work of all Clubs reflected the war effort - local, national and international. No further loss of Clubs reported.

Hazel Grant King of Pasadena served an extended administration due to changes made at Conventions at Mackinac and Pasadena - at Mackinac we became District 1X and at Pasadena no new Chairmen were seated. Instead the old ones carried over to the Fall Conference, thereby changing the procedure of having new Chairmen installed at International Convention. Hazel, therefore, remained in

office to November, 1948.

Dr. Dozier was our guest as Second Vice President, Zonta International. The theme for the Fall Conference, 1946 was "Action for World Peace" and the Conference concluded on a high note of enthusiasm as tho' standing upon the threshold of a year with its promise of "Action for Peace" and a "Better Way of Life."

The Spring Conference, 1947, really brought news of completed Clubs, with twenty Clubs represented at Riverside, April 19 - 20. This was the first full attendance at a Conference since the war. New Clubs reported were: Yuma, Prescott, Casa Grande Valley, San Mateo, Burlingame, Redwood City. Since that time San Mateo and Burlingame disbanded.

Lulu Goldbaum of Phoenix reported on plans for "Arizona Inn" a home for retired Zontians - What happened to that? We could fill it up now.

Hazel held two other Conferences - at Bakersfield in October, 1947 and in Santa Barbara, November, 1948. New Clubs at Porterville, Newport Harbor, North Hollywood, Soboba District and Marin County.

At the Fall Conference the Clubs of District 1X were asked to contribute on a voluntary basis to the establishment of a Western Teachers Scholarship of \$1,500.00 per year under the leadership and supervision of the Honolulu Club. Several of the Clubs have contributed to this scholarship. We do not know how many are contributing now. The money is used to bring some of the teachers from small South Pacific Islands to study at Hawaiian Universities.

Of course the highlight of this year was the International Convention at Pasadena June 16-17-18-19, 1948 at the Hotel Huntington, where Dr. Elizabeth Gist Dozier was elected First Vice President of Zonta International. All the Clubs of the District participated in the Convention with J. Maria Pierce of Pasadena as Convention Chairman. This was our second International Convention in our District.

Amy Ewing Kruechel of Berkeley followed Hazel as District Chairman holding four Conferences during her two year period.

During Amy's term as Vice Chairman she had done considerable work surveying and organizing Northern California Clubs. Most of the Clubs had already received their Charter. However, a Charter was granted to Hayward, March 20, 1950 and presented June 6, 1950. The San Mateo - Burlingame Club folded up during this term of office. The date does not seem to be too clear. The reason noted "Too hasty - not selective enough in membership."

March 6, 1949, District 1X was voted into membership in the Non-Partisan Round Table. This of course could only apply to California Clubs as the other States in our District have no such organization. It was for the purpose of meeting together to discuss legislative matters, particularly as they apply to

women and minors and to bring the material back to their Clubs.

At the Spring Conference, April 30, 1949, Fleda Smith of Berkeley reported on their Service Project - "Community Service for the Aging Population." This report is worth reading by every Zontian and points up a need even more in evidence now than at the time the Project was started. We are only sorry we cannot include it in this History.

Another worthy Project started about this time was for "Pharmaceutical Scholarships for Women" by the Tucson Club.

Our Dr. Saidee Stark while on an Eastern trip had been instrumental in organizing the Alton-Wood River Club in Illinois. Dr. Saidee was a charter member of both the Berkeley and Sacramento Clubs.

There was much discussion on the subject of Biennial Conventions and Annual Conferences and in June, 1950 at the Miami Convention the change was made to Biennial Conventions.

At the International Convention at Quebec in 1949 the name designating our elected District leader was changed from "Chairman" to "Governor" and thus Amy Ewing Kruehel of Berkeley became the first Governor of District 1X.

At the Spring Conference at Grand Canyon in 1949 it was recommended that all Inter City meetings be cleared through the Governor to avoid conflict in dates.

At the Fall Conference, 1950 Blodwen Hunt, representing the Riverside Club proposed that Zonta International study the need for organizing or retaining an "Alumnae" at International level, those Zontians who have lost their classifications but desire to participate as Alumnae members, inasmuch as "Once a Zontian, Always a Zontian."

Governor Rosamond Harries of San Bernardino was our first full time "Governor." She had served as Vice District Chairman and as Lieutenant Governor. Three Conferences were held by "Rosie" - San Francisco, Sacramento and Porterville.

Our first Conference theme was "Power for Living" and in line with that thought two recommendations were adopted:

1. Every member in the District be encouraged to enlist in First Aid courses, so that she may learn proper treatment for radiation, concussion, burns, etc.
2. That every Club appoint a Civilian Defense Chairman whose duty it would be to co-operate with the local Civilian Defense Councils and in aiding and formulating it's Civil Defense plans.

A recommendation was adopted to hold only one Conference a year and that to be in the fall.

District 1X decided to recommend to Zonta International the Riverside plan for "Alumnae Members."

At the Fall Conference at Sacramento, Governor Rosamond announced that \$2,000.00 had been sent to International as gifts from the Clubs in District 1X to make

possible a visit by our International President Dr. Dozier, to the overseas Clubs. This is probably the biggest piece of Public Relations work done by any District.

At Porterville Conference it was announced that the Philippine Clubs would be our Big Sisters and with whom we should correspond and get acquainted.

During this time, Mary Warner had been assisting as a paid organizer and Rosamond reported the following new Clubs: Long Beach, Hanford, Laguna Beach and San Diego.

Fleda Smith stressed the need for Civil Defense as a way of life, not only for war, and a motion was carried to co-ordinate our Zonta Civil Defense Program with the Regional Co-ordinator of the State of California.

Frances Marie Brey was Governor from October 1952 to October 1954 and of course held two Conferences, one at Los Angeles and a real Arizona Conference at Yuma.

At the Los Angeles Conference it was decided that any surplus funds from any Conference should be placed in the District Organization fund. The Governor reported total membership as 9796 - District 1K as 1025 and set a goal "Three for one in fifty-three and make it four in fifty-four." New Clubs reported organized were: Nogales, Garden Grove, Lynwood and Avalon. Two Clubs had disbanded: Avalon on Catalina Island (Chartered January 1953 - disbanded March 7, 1953) and Hanford (Chartered May 22, 1952 - disbanded June, 1953.)

The Yuma Conference was probably the best demonstration we ever had of community interest and helpfulness. Every Service Club in the town was out to help make our Conference the real success it was.

Virginia Eastlick of Yuma was elected and installed as Governor, with J. Maria Pierce of Pasadena as Lieutenant Governor. Virginia inaugurated the "Flowers for Friendship" idea together with the Galloping Gavel. At the close of the Conference the Yuma Club presented Virginia with \$1,000.00 as a gift to be used to help with her expenses . . . Wonderful Yuma Club!

District 1K has thirty-five Clubs as Governor Virginia Eastlick of Yuma holds her first Conference at Newport Beach October 7th to 9th, 1955. Thirty-four of the Clubs were represented with an attendance of 254. Mildred Crandell, Treasurer attended as the representative of Zonta International. Discussion Panels covered: "What's your line in District 1K"

The New Look - a study in Figures (The Budget)

Club Service Projects

Clubs in the District each brought three slides to show the type of Service being done, with the Service Chairman explaining. This was our first audio-visual demonstration of Service, and much enjoyed. Long Beach reported the largest net gain in new members - 11, while Riverside reported a net gain

of 8.

Plans for the Convention at Sun Valley in June were discussed and members urged to attend. Resolutions adopted:

1. Workshop for Officers to be held soon after installation.
2. Accept membership slogan "Nothing between or betwixt but a big Gain in '56," namely 113 members.
3. All inter City meetings to be cleared with the Governor.
4. Continue Flowers for Friendship Fund to be used to entertain Swedish Delegates.
5. That the color "turquoise" be officially added to our Club colors.
6. That the area in District 1X be divided into sections with a Lieutenant Governor in charge of each and that a special committee on re-districting be appointed by the Governor to study boundaries for areas and that District Board be empowered to report recommendations to International Re-districting Committee by December 15, 1955.
7. Recommend that the contribution to the Amelia Earhart Fund be changed per capita basis of at least \$1.00 per member.
8. Recommend to International that more emphasis be placed upon the spiritual side of life.
9. Recommend to Zonta International an additional type of membership for former members who no longer qualify.

The Clubs reported the "Galloping Gavel" meetings a great success and a splendid medium for getting Clubs together in small groups.

A Charter was presented to the Lancaster Club, February 14, 1955. This Club was organized by the Riverside Club under the supervision of the District Governor. San Diego extended an invitation for the 1956 Conference.

Our District has certainly been honored by having Dr. Elizabeth Gist Dozier of San Fernando as International President, Dr. Lura Loop of Pasadena and Georgia Boucher of Fresno, both as International Vice Presidents.

Thus we close the History of the first thirty-three years of District 1X, Zonta International.

It was a difficult task, but interesting and no doubt many omissions have been made, in fact it was very difficult to determine just what could be left out. From Clubs and District Governors we received so much information, much of which could have been included, and would have been interesting, but it would have made several volumes. Also, we found discrepancies in many of the items reported, and that is understandable - after twenty to thirty years who can remember, FOR SURE, and many records are lost.

We would like to add a word too as to what we think are the reasons for the loss of five Clubs in our District, and that is really not a high rate, but we

don't like to lose even One Club. In the first place we doubt if the reason "isolated" is a legitimate excuse - look at Denver - isolated by hundreds of miles for years, and then Honolulu - isolated by thousands of miles and Honolulu is our oldest Western Club and both of them unusually strong Clubs. No, it seems to us that the whole responsibility rests on leadership - strong leadership - but of the right quality - an understanding of Zonta and Zonta ideals, given that and a few members, a Zonta Club will grow.

As for future history, may we suggest a Historian and a definite plan as to what kind of material is desired and how it should be kept.

Blodwen R. Hunt

Mayme E. Bonham

WHAT IS A ZONTA CLUB

By Bertha Barker
of the Riverside Club

Presented at Bakersfield Conference, March 1934

What is a Zonta Club? Watertown gives us these lines:

The Zonta Club is a melting pot
Where in each puts the best she's got.
Much or little, great or small,
The Zonta Club can use it all.

Some give friendship, love and cheer,
Some give courage and leave out fear.
Some give happiness, strength and health,
Pity the girl who give but wealth.

So bear in mind it's a melting pot
Where each puts the best she's got,
And as she gives, so does she grow
As life runs on with its ebb and flow.

Put in friendship, the helping hand,
Courage and love - on only sand.
The Zonta Club is a common pool
Which you have to stir with the golden Rule.

Do you know what Zonta means? Each symbol making up the word has its own beautiful significance, but what is the literal meaning of the mere word - Zonta? A strange sounding word it was to most of us when we first heard it, but one which has come to be respected by all who know of it and to be loved by all who have learned the breadth and depth of its real meaning and have felt its true spirit. Zonta a Dakota Sioux word pronounced Zongta, means honest and trustworthy. What could be more suitable, a more substantial, and, withal, a happier foundation for an organization composed of successful women than a name with such a meaning. What finer thing could be said of any woman in private life or business, at work or at play, than that she is honest - she is trustworthy. The implication is that she will at all times assume her duties and responsibilities as a woman and as a citizen, whatever may be her calling that she will see a thing through, that she will be fair, above malice and pottiness of spirit, in short, that she is "Trust Worthy."

Such were the women, five of them, who in 1919 met in Buffalo and conceived the idea of organizing a club composed of women, who, because they had proved themselves honest and trustworthy, could through co-operation contribute greater service to mankind.

In 1919 there were two situations which were conducive to the success of such an organization. In the first place, individually and collectively, men's organizations of this type had by their many worthwhile services and by their co-operation both in local and in national issues during the World War, instilled into the world a feeling of admiration and respect. In the second place, women had been quick to take advantage of the opportunity (the war) to show off their efficiency in finding the best ends and the best means, and they had proved themselves "honest and trustworthy" in business. And thus at a propitious time was born this new organization the meaning and ideals of which promised to fill a great need.

These were women of vision who realized not only the value to its members and to the world of such an organization once it was successfully set in motion, but sensed the problems to be solved in developing their ideal. Those of us who have come along in these later years and those who may yet follow, enjoy the benefits resulting from long hours of study and careful planning - of getting over on under or around many obstacles.

Not just to follow in the footsteps of the men's service clubs but to so build that the words of Harriot Richards, our executive secretary, would in truth apply, that Zonta would be "ready to step ahead and take her place in the world; eager to become so necessary to the universe that our counsel will be sought on every vital question; anxious to be so human in our relations that we can earn our right to exist."

Since the whole can be no stronger than its component parts, the first question then - who may be a Zontian?

It was decided at once that Zonta should be a classified club - a club with a membership not necessarily great in number but representing the highest type of successful women in all lines of endeavor - business, the arts and the professions. Most of you are entirely familiar with the broad scope of activities comprising Zonta's classification and since you have been chosen as the one who best represents your activity in your community, it is then indeed an honor to be a Zontian.

Early in March 1919, over one hundred of these outstanding women were selected and a club was organized in Buffalo and in less than four months clubs has been formed in eight eastern cities with a total membership of about six hundred. These enthusiastic and far-seeing women worked together to build our foundation - our constitution and by-laws, a classification list, flexible and yet strong,

one which should at all times be the rule in selecting new members. They strengthened us by joining together into a Confederation and worked out many perplexing details.

On May 21, 1921, with a Confederation membership of 672, the first annual convention was held at Syracuse, New York. Among the other organization affairs and problems handled was a code of ethics proposed by the Buffalo club which was finally adopted. At this time it was decided not to affiliate with other organizations but to co-operate with them in every way possible. National and local public affairs were then, as now, studied and considerable time and deliberation was given to welfare and girl's work. All through the first five years organization work continued at a rapid pace and thirty-four enthusiastic Zonta Clubs were represented at the 1924 convention. It was during the ninth year that the expansion took us outside the U.S. We established ourselves in Toronto and Hamilton, Canada, and "Zonta International." In 1929 Zonta completed her tenth year of service with ninety-two clubs, four in Canada, one in Australia, one in Honolulu, one nearly completed in Vienna and eighty-five in the U.S.

There are now about 115 clubs with an approximate membership of 3100.

During all these years, what has Zonta been doing? Her "inside life" - luncheons, dinners, conferences and conventions - have been a constant source of inspiration to her members.

A Detroit Zontian once said: "I always go to a Zonta Club meeting with a certain sense of adventure because other members give glimpses of interesting phases of life about which I know little or nothing."

Isn't it true? We never know just what our program chairman may have planned or what experience some fellow member may have had. The program chairman has a big job indeed to arrange peppy and diversified programs, but anyone with a worthwhile message is always glad of the opportunity to present it to a group such as Zonta.

International ties us together with certain programs. Universal recognition of "American Indian Day" has been established with almost no limit to the available material for interesting and educational programs. Also, we have Zonta Day, that day when every Zonta Club in the world is centering on the same thought, enjoying practically the same program, with messages from our International President and Board, from Presidents and Past Presidents of other clubs and from one club to another, even across the seas.

But Zonta isn't all business and devoted entirely to the serious side of life. Oh no, indeed: Drop in on any Zonta Club at the close of its business session and watch the good time develop, or better still, help the good time along. And some gatherings are all for play, intercity parties of many varieties, special parties honoring a visitor from far away, just any excuse for Zontians

to get together in that spirit of good fellowship which is never lacking.

And while we have been building and growing and enjoying ourselves, what had our "outside life" been? What has the world known of us? From its inception, Zonta's service to someone in need has been the very basis of its existence. On page two of your "Why Classification" are set forth the objects of Zonta and all of those objects have a direct bearing on our contract with our fellow man:

THE OBJECTS OF ZONTA

To encourage high ideals and honest business methods.

To encourage high ethical standards in business and the professions.

To stimulate the desire of each member to be of service.

To promote good fellowship as an opportunity to service and an aid to success.

To quicken the interest of each member in the welfare of her community, and cooperate with others in its civic, social, commercial and industrial development.

Perhaps every club has had its part in the welfare work of its community. But in addition to this, most of the clubs have had their main service project - a very definite service to a child, a woman, a family, a hospital, a kiddie camp, and any number of things. In general Zonta's service has seemed to be to assist women, the "little women," perhaps in camps for the under privileged and none too strong kiddies, the young girl getting her foundation for a business life, the mother who has been left with wee ones to support, the older woman who has felt the burden of these years of depression. But whatever has been that service, the world is being made a better place for women, and Zonta is playing no small part.

Grave consideration has been given and, as you know, is still being given to the adoption by Zonta International of a major service project; not to interfere with local service, but to have some definite class of service which may be known in every community as Zonta's special responsibility. Of this you will hear more and in the years to come, those of us who are now in Zonta's ranks shall be proud to know that we have had some small part in it, for it takes the combined effort and support of every Zontian to do any job as well as it can be done. Your club is not its best without your co-operation. Immense buildings are not erected by one man alone, vast rivers are not spanned by one-man bridges, huge dams are not constructed by the lone workman, no more can Zonta's service be complete without the aid of every one of its members.

And so we are gathered here in conference presenting our problems for discussion and solution, inspired by our contacts with our International President and with Zontians from member clubs - let each take stock of her-

self - Am I a good Zontian? And at the same time I would invite our guests if they wish, to join with us in this thought by saying, if I were a Zontian now, would I be a good Zontian? In the January Zontian of 1932, you may find Katherine Sears idea of what constitutes a good Zontian, the attitude of mind from three angles:

First, live and let live. Allow your fellow member to present her ideas with frankness and in all sincerity, and though your opinions differ as night from day, let there be no bitterness, no ill will but rather, a consideration for the rights of others that will form a basis for real friendship.

Katherine goes on to say that a good Zontian should be reflective, thoughtful. If I am a good Zontian, I am not a good Zontian just for the recreation it affords (though we must have and do have our good times) nor for the benefit I may be through service to mankind.

This then brings us to the third and most important attitude of mind of a good Zontian, the desire to serve. Your service may be but a word of cheer and encouragement to a fellow Zontian. These years of Zonta's existence have for the most part been strenuous ones and who of us has not been helped over the rough place or cheered through the dark hour by this contact. Such a service, small though it may seem, keeps the life stream flowing full and true through the various arteries of our organization and from this life current comes the strength and the will to "Carry on." But be your service small or great, it is the spirit that counts, both for you and for those whom you serve.

The present day business world is operating under the code system - good codes (perhaps) and certainly bad codes; strong codes and weak codes; codes which are in a measure succeeding and those which are a total failure; but no code has yet been written which could more quickly get us out of trouble if we would all abide by it than Zonta's Code.

MARION DE FOREST MEMORIAL

On February 17, 1935 Marion de Forest, Past President of the Confederation, died at Buffalo, New York.

PIONEER NEWSPAPER WOMAN and club reporter in the eighties, not confined to the society page, but covering the whole range of the city's life.

DRAMATIC CRITIC and editor of the Women's Department of the Buffalo Express for more than twenty years.

PLAYWRIGHT dramatizer of Little Women produced in New York in 1912, and in London in 1919 with Katherine Cornell as "Jo," the beginning of that brilliant career, and later in France. Dramatizer, also of Helen Martin's novel "Barnabette" which, under the name of "Erstwhile Susan," was played for two years by Minnie Maddern Fiske, running for a year in New York and another year on the road and later was played by Henrietta Crossman on the Pacific coast. In recent years, she collaborated with Zona Gale in dramatizations of "Friendship Village" for the radio. For four months these skits were heard over the W E A F network.

Marion's dramatic skill was always at the service of Zonta. Her romantic skit "The Lovers of Yesteryear" and her uproarious farce "The Vision of Noah" - not excluding the animals were produced by the Buffalo Club.

In addition to her newspaper work she edited and published in 1914, in collaboration with Jessie Bonstelle, "Little Women Letters from the House of Alcott." She also wrote a genealogy of the Tiffany family, the famous jewelers of New York City.

In 1924, after the death of her life long friend, Mai Davis Smith, concert manager and charter member of the Buffalo Zonta Club, Marion, at great personal sacrifice, took up her friend's work and placed it on a civic basis by establishing the Buffalo Musical Foundation, of which she became executive secretary and manager and a member of the executive committee. Through her efforts world famous orchestras and musicians continued to come to Buffalo and much budding talent was developed in private recitals.

In connection with the School Department, she arranged and promoted afternoon Symphony Concerts for children, in which the great symphony orchestras gladly co-operated.

When the depression came, falling with especial force upon artists, she promoted the first pop concerts for unemployed musicians in the summer of 1932.

A lover of animals, she was for years a member of the board of directors of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, serving on its executive and publicity committees.

Member of the board of managers of the Buffalo Public Library since 1920, she

was enthusiastic in her support of the practice of supplying books to patients in local hospitals.

Marion was a member of the Lycium Club of London, of the Author's League of America and charter member and founder of the Scribblers.

Friend of Victor Herbert, Ossip Gabrilowitsch, Melba, Bernhardt, Langtry, Koussovitsky, Minnie Maddern Fiske, Katherine Cornell, Sokoloff, Zona Gale, Jessie Bonstelle, and a host of others, famous and unfamous, Marion gave the best of herself to her friends. Nothing that she ever wrote equalled that shimmering flow of wit and warmth that she showered freely on the humblest of her companions.

No one woman could be the Founder of Zonta in any exclusive sense. Marion, with her quick generosity, would be the first to disclaim that honor.

She was, however, the leader of the little group in Buffalo who first caught the Zonta idea and made it real. She was the First President of the first Zonta Club, organized in Buffalo in February 1919, serving for two years and establishing the club upon a firm foundation. During that first year eight other Zonta Clubs were organized - Binghamton, New York, Detroit, Michigan, Erie, Pennsylvania, Elmira, Ithaca, Rochester, Syracuse, and Utica, New York resulting in the organization at Buffalo on November 8, 1919, of the Confederation of Zonta Clubs, of which Mary Jenkins of Syracuse was the first President.

In 1924, Marion became the fourth President of the Confederation - now Zonta International - and during her term of office twelve more clubs were organized. In the early days she was in the forefront of organization. "The blade of the plow," Louise Gerry has called her. Always she was a builder for Zonta, bringing to her task boundless enthusiasm, wide acquaintance, varied contacts, personal prestige, knowledge, and love of people, forceful speech and unfailing honor.

No more list of achievements can convey the flavor of a personality. That is best done by the following tribute of Kate Burr, (Eleanor Lane) a Buffalo Zontian.

"My friend, Marion de Forest, has gone on - I think to many glorious reunions. She was so vital a character that her presence in a roomful was a signal for people to surround her. Marion dramatized life. To her everybody she met was a personality taking part in the great game of living on the stage of human affairs. She loved to study people; she loved people themselves for themselves, and she loved to direct those she knew into unusual channels of thought and expression. If there was an uncommonness in us, Marion brought it out. If there was a hint of brilliancy in those who were in contact with her own brilliant mind, she exposed it to the surface. Many a man and woman has shown in borrowed luster through the over-active mind of Marion de Forest. She

lived to draw out qualities in her friends, of which they had been unaware. She was generous in praise, broad in criticism. Her judgments were just and for the most part kindly.

Marion de Forest wore all her life the red badge of courage. It was a courage that no disaster could dim, no trouble could darken. During the weary months of her illness, friends who came weeping, went away with smiles, heartened by the original quips and witty remarks from the sickroom. She faced inevitable with still greater courage, though her hold on life was strong, she wanted to meet the Great Adventure, to see plays on that other stage beyond our day and night.

Perhaps no woman in Buffalo has achieved so much in so many lines as Marion de Forest. As playwright, as journalist, as musical director, as executive, her quickness of perception and versatility of action placed her always at the top. There is hardly a welfare or cultural project or movement in Buffalo with which Marion de Forest was not indentfied. As an outstanding Buffalonian, as friend, and recontour, as loyal comrade, not alone we of this city, but a host throughout the country, say "Hail and Farewell, Marion."