

The name
ZONTA is
derived from
a Sioux
Indian word
meaning
honest and
trustworthy

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ZONTIAN, Gloria Lim inducted into the Singapore Women's Hall of Fame

The Singapore Council of Women's Organisations (SCWO) marked International Women's Day 2014 by launching The Singapore Women's Hall of Fame on 14th March 2014 at the Shangri-la Hotel.

Long Time Zontian, Botanist, Gloria Lim, who is an expert on fungi, chalked up several firsts in her career. In 1973, she was named Dean of the Faculty of Science at the University of Singapore, the first woman to fill the position. Gloria was honoured for contribution in Science & Technology.

The Singapore Women's Hall of Fame honours key women figures in Singapore's history. On the 14th March 2014, 108 women, many of who were pioneers in their fields were inducted into the Hall of Fame. These were remarkable women of exceptional ability who broke through barriers and made it easier for the next generation of women to succeed.

For more information, you can visit the website: www.swhf.sg



Gloria receiving her trophy from President Tony Tan Keng Yam, and Mrs Mary Tan



Outing with Project Pari Girls to Gardens by the Bay

Saturday 26th October 2013 9am – 2pm

One of the objectives of Project Pari is to give the beneficiaries a chance to explore and experience developments around them. At the *Gardens by the Bay*, the girls experienced and witnessed for themselves, Singapore government's project to improve the quality of life by enhancing greenery and flora in the city.

59 girls from 8 schools, accompanied by 10 teachers gathered excitedly on the morning of 26th Oct. The girls and teachers were split into groups of about 10 girls each, chaperoned by 2 Zonta members per group. Each girl was given a map and hand guide and each group moved independently around the *Garden*. The highlight of the visit was to the Flower Dome and Cloud Forest conservatories. The girls learnt much about the eco and creative designs of the conservatories, which is an energy efficient showcase of sustainable building technologies in an all-weather "edutainment" space within the *Gardens*. Both conservatories are very large (around 1 hectare (2.5 acres) and the Flower Dome is the world's largest columnless glasshouse.

At the end of the walking tour, the girls were treated to a scrumptious meal of Texas chicken, coleslaw, fries and ice-cream sundae. They were also presented with Gardens by the Bay souvenirs.

Project Pari (PP) which is an on-going project of the Zonta Club of Singapore works with schools to identify girls from disadvantaged families. PP extends financial assistance and lifeskill training to these girls who are selected for this project



Report by Esther Seet

29th Oct 2013

Triple Bliss at the Zonta Club of Singapore Lunar New Year Dinner Celebrations

Indeed the Lunar New Year Chinese idiom 'Ma Dao Cheng Gong' (immediate success when the horse arrives) rang true Zontians of Singapore on 12 February when we held our traditional Chinese New Year dinner meeting at the American Club.

First, we received a generous donation from past Zontian June Chan of a painting by the famous Vietnamese artist, Bui Huu Hung. We also received from Mr and Mrs Goh (friends of Mary Ong, our Membership Chair) 33 red scrolls of auspicious greetings in Chinese calligraphy and 2 beautiful Chinese brush paintings of a yellow rose (symbol of Zonta Rose Day to coincide with International Women's Day). The rose paintings were auctioned off at \$200 each to Renee Mison and Robin Li and half a dozen red scrolls were sold at \$10 each. Proceeds will go toward our "Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women" forum to be held in May.

We also celebrated the joyous news that past Zontian Gloria Lim would be among the 108 outstanding women to be honoured at the International Women's Day dinner organised by the Singapore Council of Women's Organisation. Gloria would be inducted to the Singapore Women's Hall of Fame. Gloria chalked up various firsts in her career including being the first lady dean of the Faculty of Science, University of Singapore, and first lady member of the Public Service Commission.

Thirty-seven members and friends attended the dinner and newer Zontians had the pleasure of meeting inspirational past Zontians like Chan Yew Ai, Ivy Soh, Lena Chen, and Charter Member, Mary Hoe-Tan. Ice-breaker games organised by Melissa Sands helped everyone to mingle and get to know each other better.

Reported by:
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Ever sporting Joyce with her paper horse hat and Grace with 'Ma Dao Cheng Gong' greeting (when the horse arrives, success is achieved immediately).



June Chan (left) with Soh Keng. We are here for a good cause.



Cecilia Pang thanking Robin Li and Renee Mison for their generous bid of \$200 each for the yellow rose Chinese painting donated by Mrs Goh

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ZONTA CLUB OF SINGAPORE FORUM ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (VAW) — SUPPORTED BY SCWO

“CREATING A SAFER SPACE — AT HOME, IN THE COMMUNITY AND IN CYBERSPACE”

Venue: ITE College Central Theatre, Ang Mo Kio

Date / Time: Saturday 31 May 2014 9am to 1pm

Target audience:

- Local Zontians and others Zontians in the region
- SCWO Board Members
- MSF Office of Women's Development
- NUS/SMU/ universities/polytechnic/ITE students, teachers and principals.
- Project Pari students
- Parliamentarians, lawyers, academics and other stakeholders and persons interested in this topic

Guest-of-Honour: The Honourable Speaker of Parliament, Mdm Halimah Yacob

Dress Code: Orange - United Nations' designated colour for the UNite Against VAW Campaign

As this event is by invitation only, please email to zontaVAW@gmail.com to register and attendance is subject to seating availability.