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Welcome to the 19th Annual PEEK AT THE UNIQUE



Zonta's PEEK Chairs enthusiastically welcome you!

We are so very grateful for the hard work and countless hours that our chairpersons and their committees generously give to ensure that today's event is a success. On behalf of the entire team, we hope you enjoy the festivities and thank you for helping support our Zonta mission of empowering women.

Back row (left to right): Diane Haida-Johnson, Jill Janda-Kanner, Helen Ramsey, Halle Smith, Pat Layton, Jan Arbuckle, Nola Theiss

Middle row: Jodi Schwartzel-Rienzo, Suzie Nowell, Pam Eccles, Laura DeBruce, Julie Hayles, Karen Pati, Judy Langley

Front row: Carol Gestwicki, Barbara Beran, Joyce Ross, Susan Tucker, Diane Chesley, Sue Denham

Not pictured: Jan Alden, Janine Boardman, Cathy Cryder, Jan DaGue, Pat Hammer, Virginia Jones, Marla Manning, Nori Ann Reed, Beth Rizzo, Kate Sergeant, Erika Steiner, Nancy Swofford, Kassie Witte

Joyce Ross & Susan Tucker, Co-Chairs, 2020 PEEK AT THE UNIQUE
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Immediately Following the "Peek at the Unique"

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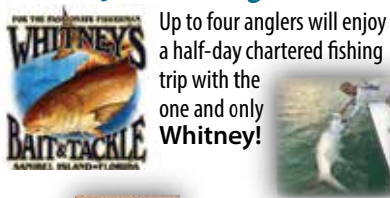
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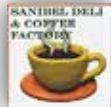


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Auction at The Peek

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AUCTION WINNERS ANNOUNCED THIS AFTERNOON
Immediately Following the "Peek at the Unique"



1. Useppa Island Getaway for 3 days/2 nights
2. "Nesting Cormorants" Wrapped Canvas Print by Dick Fortune & Sara Lopez

TO PLACE YOUR SILENT AUCTION CLOSED BID

Before or after today's house tour, visit the Sanibel Community Church hall (starting point) and proceed to the auction table to enter your sealed bid. In case of multiple high bids, a drawing will be held to select one winner.

Raffle Ticket & Silent Auction proceeds benefit the Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida, Inc. 501(c)(3) and charities it supports, empowering women & girls in Lee County & around the world

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DVD or thumb drive available today for a donation of just \$20.

Auction at The Peek

Useppa Island Club Getaway 3 Days/2 Nights
Starting Bid \$500

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Enjoy 3 Days/2 Nights at the Historic Collier Inn - Useppa Club
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Walk along the Pink Promenade or the Nature Trails, or relax & read around the outdoor pool. Check out the historical museum full of Florida history, including Useppa's role in the Bay of Pigs.



Round trip transportation - Useppa Shoreport to Useppa Island from Bocaillon Shoreport (in Bokeelia - north Pine Island). Excludes holiday weekends. Does not include guests' on-island charges or incidentals. Expires March 14, 2021.

Auction at The Peek

Dick Fortune & Sara Lopez Wrapped Canvas Print
Starting Bid \$350

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Welcome to the wildlife world of Dick Fortune & Sara Lopez
Their gorgeous photography has earned national accolades for these well-known photographers



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With heartfelt thanks to Sanibel residents
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The Program Book cover photo and "Nesting Cormorants" wrapped canvas print for today's auction were provided by Dick & Sara. For more info on the photographers and their work, visit ThroughTheLensGallery.com

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Zonta

Zonta International



Since its inception 100 years ago, Zonta International (ZI) has grown to more than 29,000 members in 63 countries, working together to make gender equality a reality for women and girls worldwide.

Zonta International is dedicated to empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. ZI envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights, and where every woman can achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have equal access to all resources and hold decision-making positions on an equal basis with men.

In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

Zonta International encourages service efforts such as those detailed on pages 14-15. International advocacy is built around the campaign

“Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women.” Launched in 2012, the campaign has raised awareness of the global pandemic of human rights violations and united Zonta clubs worldwide in impactful advocacy actions to fight gender violence.



Thank you for helping to make gender equality a reality for women and girls worldwide and please consider furthering your support with an additional donation. Visit Zonta.org and pages 12-13 for more about our programs.



Zonta

Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva, Inc.

For more than 30 years, the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva has provided service, advocacy, and funding on the islands, in Lee County, and globally through Zonta International.

Since our beginnings in 1987, the Zonta mission to empower women has guided operations and activities, especially in selecting service connections and choosing local projects to support. All club members are also members of the Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida, Inc., a registered 501(c)(3), established to raise and distribute funds (including from today's "Peek") to organizations that empower women (FEIN 65-0584445).

Our nearly 70 members give generously of their time to hands-on service, logging hundreds of hours each year. The club is a leader within District 11 (comprising over 40 clubs in the American southeast), and is recognized at the global level as a major contributor to Zonta International projects. The District 11 Governor's Cup, which recognized excellence in service, advocacy,



For information, visit ZontaSanCap.com

fundraising, and member relations, has been awarded to Zonta San-Cap numerous times.

The club values friendship, collaboration, and drawing on members' unique talents and experiences. If

you live or work on Sanibel or Captiva and support Zonta's ideals, please consider joining us. We encourage all ages and have a "young professionals" category with reduced annual dues.

Add a special level of meaning and purpose to your life and make new friends by becoming a part of Zonta.



Why Empower Women?

Just a few reasons: When you educate a woman, you educate a family. When women earn, they reinvest nearly all of their income into their families, as opposed to only one-third invested by men. Girls with at least 7 to 8 years of schooling have fewer, more literate children and are four times more likely to delay marriage.

Empowering women makes sense — economically, socially, and psychologically. From the dawn of time, women have served as primary food providers, artisans and healers, as well as creators of life. We are connected to these women and find our roots in them. Some more reasons:

Women are Under-Represented

- Politicians seek women's votes, but fail to support policies that address women's needs;
- Women comprise more than half the population and control less than half of the resources;
- Women make up half of the workforce and earn more college degrees than men, yet men still fill the majority of leadership positions in business, government, and education.

Women Face Gender Pay and Retirement Gaps

- Women typically earn just 80 cents for every dollar paid to men, and are thus at higher risk for economic insecurity in later years.

Women are Vulnerable

- One quarter of all female children are born into poverty;
- Four out of five human trafficking victims are female;
- Half of all sexual assaults are on girls under 15;
- The number one cause of death in girls 15-18 is childbirth.

Zonta seeks to empower ALL women and girls.

Women can change the world:

Join us and do your part to Empower Women!

Where Do Peek \$\$ Go?

Your dollars go directly to programs that benefit women and girls right here in Southwest Florida. Each January, the previous year's Peek proceeds are awarded in grants, through the Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida, to local organizations that — like Zonta — seek to empower women.

Along with a budgeted amount of \$34,900 for Zonta International's global projects (see pages 14-15 for more), this year our foundation awarded



"Healing Stitches" program at O.I.L.E.

\$104,700 in local grants — another near-record for our club. Requests from the 17 organizations submitting grant applications totaled more than \$167,000, the highest ever, so — as always — the Grants Committee faced the delicate task of balancing needs against available funds. To help the process, the committee focused on programs that educate, uplift, and empower, with the goal of ensuring

that women's lives continue to improve.

There is always a gap between needs and support. To help us bridge that gap, please consider one or more of these:

- Visit ZontaSanCap.com and click on "Donate";
- Buy tickets for Six Chances at the Unique, offering incredible prizes;
- Participate in today's special Peek Auction items:
 - Getaway for two to Useppa Island and the historic Collier Inn for three days and two nights, including transportation;
 - Original print of the Peek program cover art, "Nesting Cormorants," donated by Through the Lens Gallery.

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Foundation Grantees

2020 Zonta Foundation Grant Recipients

Abuse Counseling & Treatment (ACT)
Support for economic empowerment program

Children's Network of Southwest Florida
Program to support 18-year-olds aging out of foster care and female caregivers who take in children of family members

Community Housing & Resources (CHR)
Educational support (priority) and emergency funds for female residents facing crisis



Nida Eluna, Executive Director of the Piper Center (left), receives grant funding presented by Zonta liaison, Susan Tucker.

Dr. Piper Center for Social Services
Foster Grandparents program, uniting seniors and children with special needs

Dress for Success/Ft. Myers
Helping women to gain employment or become entrepreneurs

Earn to Learn
Support for college or trade education for lower income women

F.I.S.H. of Sanibel-Captiva
Emergency medical and dental care for female clients on the islands

Goodwill Industries of SW Florida, Inc.
Support for the MicroEnterprise Institute promoting economic independence

Habitat for Humanity of Lee & Hendry Counties Women Build
Funds to help build homes for female heads of household

Healthy Start Coalition of SW Florida, Inc.
FOCUS program to educate teen mothers

Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships (HTAP)
Initiation of new program ArtReach on the Streets, for pre-teen awareness

Foundation Grantees



2020 Grant Recipients

OILE (Organización Internacional de Latinos en el Exterior SWFL)
Healing Stitches program and sewing skills for immigrant women

PACE Center for Girls - Lee County
Attendance at PACE day, a field trip to State Capitol, and other incentives

Parent University at Head Start/LAMP
Literacy classes and support services for immigrant women

Partners for Breast Cancer Care
Mammograms in at-risk communities

SalusCare
Economic empowerment for women in recovery



Grant Committee Chairs Janine Boardman (left) and Diane Chesley worked tirelessly all year to coordinate grant funding.

New This Year - Support Award
In partnership with a local non-profit and to encourage expansion of the PACE program, the committee is pleased to award a small support grant to the Ding Darling Wildlife Refuge to help fund a naturalist program specifically designed for PACE girls.

ZI Foundation Projects

The Zonta International Foundation (ZIF) is the charitable arm of ZI, advancing Zonta's global service and advocacy programs, earning GuideStar's Platinum seal of approval and named a BBB-accredited charity.

Through donations to ZIF, Zontians and individuals improve women's lives, their children's lives and the communities in which they live and work.



During 2018-2020, ZIF will commit more than \$5 million to empower women and girls. Our foundation makes an annual pledge to ZIF from funds raised at the Peek at the Unique, donating more than \$300,000 over the past 10 years. Thank you! Global projects supported by your dollars include the following.

Ending Child Marriage

ZIF was the first private-sector donor to the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage, providing support for adolescent girls as it engages communities in changing norms that perpetuate the practice.



Almost 650 million women in the world today were wed before their 18th birthday. By 2030, if trends continue, that number could reach one billion. Child marriage is a global violation of human rights, and ZIF has

committed \$2 million for efforts in 12 countries. Globally, Zonta clubs support this effort, campaigning with the slogan "18, no exceptions."

Learn more about ZIF at Foundation.Zonta.org



ZI Foundation Projects

Let Us Learn Madagascar

Most Madagascans live on \$2 a day or less. Many children cannot access formal education, and one-third of girls will become pregnant by age 18. ZIF will continue support for UNICEF's Let Us Learn for two more years, adding \$1 million to enable vulnerable and at-risk girls to access education in a secure environment.



Eid bi Eid (Hand in Hand)

Eid bi Eid is a multi-year initiative addressing issues from the refugee crisis, especially in Jordan, which hosts 1.4 million Syrian refugees — nearly one-tenth of the population. ZIF has committed \$1 million to UN Women to help Syrian and Jordanian women access sustainable employment, protective services, and community engagement, maximizing equality and reducing gender violence.



Scholarships and Awards

ZIF also provides annual scholarships and awards, many starting at club level, to women in the traditionally male fields of aerospace, engineering, business, and public affairs. In 2019, Zonta International initiated a new Women in Technology Scholarship as well. The first scholarship awards for this pilot program were presented to district/region and international recipients representing 22 countries.



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Living Sanibel

This snug, 40-year-old home could be named “Living Sustainably.” Minnesotans Charles Sobczak and Molly Heuer, island residents since 1984, have created a home space unlike any other — welcoming, intriguing, and uniquely personal. Charles, long-time Realtor and published author of ten books, including the best-selling “Living Sanibel,” and wife Molly settled here in 1986 and raised two sons, exemplifying their guiding philosophy: “Recycle, Re-use, Reclaim.”



Molly, who has a background in interior design, is the driving force behind architectural salvage and curbside rescue and an ardent advocate for sustainable living: “I try not to buy anything new.” Charles is the wizard behind repurposing activities and

a recognized stained-glass artist.

Tucked into a quiet neighborhood at the heart of the island, their home is packed with mementos of their adventurous travels and shared values. From a



Living Sanibel



stuffed pronghorn antelope on a wall — a garage sale find — to the kitchen's double sink rescued from a Baltimore junkyard, every item has a story. We'll enter by walking on stair treads rescued from a dumpster; rear steps came from a ship. Many treasures have

been snatched from the wrecker's ball or otherwise rescued from oblivion.

The couple's beliefs are widely on display, along with talent in adapting their "finds" to enhance their home. Rear deck seating was trucked from a bowling alley in Asheville, NC, and most of the interior doors were salvaged from a central Florida hotel. Thrift and consignment store finds abound: The aqua refrigerator is from a Habitat ReStore. Kitchen floor tile, like the stair treads, was rescued from commercial construction.



Exploring this very personal and unique Sanibel home is a rare privilege — prepare to be inspired!

Living Sanibel is generously sponsored by Gene's Books, now at two locations on Periwinkle Way.

Living Sanibel

Don't miss!

- Light fixture over the piano, a refurbished dumpster find
- Guest bathroom vanity: An old radio, electrically lit by a solar tube
- Heart pine ceiling in Charles' office, over 100 years old, from the original Sanibel Post Office at Wulfert



- Ceiling in the guest bedroom also rescued heart pine, painted white
- Fire mantel in the so-called "Guns and Ducks" room, a salvage find: Would not be permitted today
- In the same room, wall sconces from Noah's Ark

- Most interior brass door hardware from a derelict home in Wisconsin
- On the rear deck: A giant wooden olive by Wes Roberts, from the sale of the home of Wes and Myra Roberts
- The new, open view northward from the rear deck, courtesy of Hurricane Irma
- Lamps in most rooms thrift store finds
- Stained glass art pieces by Charles in every room



Sponsor House #2A

As the builder of two featured homes in this years Peek at the Unique, Steven Merando, the owner of S.A.M. Builders, Inc, has 25 years of building experience on Sanibel & Captiva Islands from small remodels to large custom single family homes. S.A.M. Builders is family owned and operated. They are dedicated to meeting the individual needs of their clients and maintaining open communication throughout the entire process.

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All'Aperto

“All’aperto” means “in the open,” and “from the outside in.” It perfectly describes this 1970s Michigan-style ranch home which received a complete



transformation, entering the 21st century and taking full advantage of the peaceful lake view with its rookery and abundant bird life.

Connecticut residents Robert Randell and Kassie Witte discovered Sanibel in the 1980s, heading southwest after a family

Disney trip. Smitten with the islands, they invested in a Sanibel condo. In 2015, nearing retirement, they purchased this property from the original owners and took occupancy a year later.

Once it began, the extensive renovation took about six months — the home had never been updated. The couple worked



with S.A.M. Builders of Fort Myers and Island Home Service/

Tree West of Sanibel, designing a winter retreat that would offer a relaxing contrast to their busy professional and globe-trotting lifestyle.



Everything you’ll see is new. Only the original cement floor, cinder block outer walls, and roof structure remained, as well



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All'Aperto

as some interior walls. Living area ceilings were raised and a COREtec® (cork-backed vinyl) floor installed, easy on the feet. The original Florida room floor was raised to allow smooth transition from kitchen to a new dining area. Now one can walk out



to the new screened pool from the living/dining areas and the master bedroom.

Additional space was gained by pushing out the original screened-in front entry and installing elegant double doors. A gas fireplace provides a focal point, positioned to allow uninterrupted views from living room seating to both the fire element and the lake.

The kitchen was gutted and masterfully

refashioned; entertaining is a breeze with a sparkling kitchen and adaptable work surfaces.

The original Jack and Jill bathroom was reconfigured to become a spacious master bath.

Roof solar panels provide sufficient energy to warm and cool the home, heat the pool, and power the couple's hybrid electric car. "We hardly ever use air-conditioning



All'Aperto

when we're here in the winter months," Kassie said. "We just open all the sliders and the front door and enjoy cool breezes."

Look for the outdoor "spirit house," a custom borrowed from Bali and Thailand, an element included in the couple's various homes for 25 years; this one contains a Buddha statue. Spirit houses ensure that the indigenous spirits of land, water, and sky have a home when "foreigners" disrupt natural habitat to make room for their abodes.



Fun fact on the home: The ornamental garden inside the pool cage was created to add a few square feet of impermeable surface to conform with City of Sanibel rules, and which the homeowners now love.

Generously sponsored by S.A.M. Builders and by Island Home Service/Tree West, who created and maintain the landscaping.

Don't miss!

- Before-and-after photos on display in the kitchen
- Every square inch in the kitchen is used: Wine fridge under counter, coffeemaker behind a screen, extra drawers and counters squeezed into small spaces
- Leather-finish granite kitchen countertop
- Greek "evil eye" over the stove to ward off bad spirits
- Kitchen sink facing a wonderful lake view



All'Aperto



- In the front entry: Large bromeliad painting by a family member
- Below the painting: Partial replica of a Thai Buddhist temple
- Front doors designed to let in light while also providing privacy
- "Floating" sink and cupboard in guest bath
- Framed art of coral in master bath
- On the wall near the bathroom: Partial nude art piece



▪ Skylight in master bath, a Solatube installation, bringing in natural light

▪ Clerestory windows in living-room for extra light

▪ Items on display shelves from the homeowners' travels to countries such as Italy, Spain, Bali, Morocco, India, and Ethiopia



▪ Gallery-quality glass pieces on shelf at rear of sofa, including three from Murano, Italy

▪ Living room tables — coffee table and side table — "distressed by the homeowners' children"

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Strawberry Kastély



This stunning, Spanish-style home is a brand-new stand-out in a quiet neighborhood that dates to the 1970s when homes were uniformly of the ground-level, Michigan style.

“Kastély” means “mansion” in Hungarian, and “Strawberry” is the

nickname of the homeowners’ young granddaughter Violet, a natural strawberry blonde, who spends much of her time with them.

A vacant lot on a long lake caught the attention of Laszlo Csiki, an investment engineer — Hungarian is his native language — and his British-born wife Judy Csiki-Sarsby, a former business owner and champion rower. They wanted a more tranquil lifestyle than was provided by their Orlando vacation home. They purchased



the lot in 2018 and selected Beattie Development based on the design portfolio the firm offered. The structure was completed by the holiday season of 2019.

Inside, the decor is sleekly modern, with every convenience, but also stylishly comfortable. On each side of

Strawberry Kastély

the front door are custom-made stained-glass panels depicting birds and flowers; a motif that pops up elsewhere.

Much of the furniture is from Roche Bobois, the Miami company that specializes in European styles, principally French imports. A family room off the entry hall is stuffed with Moorish-style sofas by Kenzo Takada that unfold to create a TV-watching pit, with an oversize wall-mounted TV.

Family life is easy with an open floor plan,



moving seamlessly from kitchen to dining to comfortable seating around a fireplace and another TV. A Roche Bobois dining table and chairs stand ready for family mealtimes, and oversize rugs, designed by Judy, add splashes of color. Sliders open to a large screened porch with comfortable seating and a massive outdoor grill, overlooking a free-form pool with spa and bubbling fountains.

A special joy for the homeowners is the expansive view of a rookery, crowded with bird life in late afternoon — the tranquility they had sought when choosing Sanibel.

Upstairs, the south-facing master bedroom offers a Sanibel vibe, with its restful, sea-blue wall covering, opening to a sun-filled deck. Nearby, Violet's room is painted a soft lilac color and is filled with delights for a visiting nine-year-old.

This home is generously sponsored by Beattie Development, based in Cape Coral.



Strawberry Kastély



Don't miss!

- Stained-glass panels on each side of the front door with birds and flowers
- Roche Bobois cabinet in hall entry, with songbird motif
- Artful chandelier in the entryway
- Oversize glass pendant lights over the kitchen island, purchased locally
- Minka ceiling fans
- Chandelier over the stairs, with cascading metal fringes
- On the stair wall: A Japanese wall hanging
- Shelves with decorative items on display from the family's travels in Europe, China, Cambodia, Korea, and Vietnam
- Dark, glass tile in the master bathroom shower, reminiscent of abalone



- Russian doll "parade" on bedroom chest of drawers
- The chest itself, from Roche Bobois
- On the upper deck: "King and queen" custom-made chairs, with hand-hewn wooden armrests, imported from Spain

▪ Lake view from all the rear windows, with the rookery awaiting bird visitors in late afternoon



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In 2008, Dick Fortune and Sara Lopez, Miami photographers who had visited Sanibel for years, bought an odd-shaped lot on a quiet street. Busy with professional lives, they envisioned a home there — possibly for retirement? — and as they dreamed, years passed.

Eventually, working with S.A.M. Builders of Fort Myers, those dreams sprang to life, blossoming into a spacious home featuring an open floor plan, eco-sensibilities, and closeness to nature. In late 2018, the couple settled into the strikingly modern structure, so private that no window treatments are needed. The finished design sits snugly on the lot, as they dreamed, with serene views of canal and preserve.



After serving in the U.S. Coast Guard, Dick created a business in flooring, with Sara as his right hand. Both backgrounds are reflected in the décor. Nautical artifacts decorate the pool area, which is also the main entry. An enthusiastic artisan, Dick's metalwork creations

In Dreams

grace walls and shelves throughout. A boat hangs over wide, floating stairs of Brazilian walnut; the grand piano was rescued during an insurance dispute.

The open living space encourages hospitality. Sara, a former BellSouth project manager turned photographer and cook,

designed the kitchen, dreaming of touches such as a gas-fired stove top and hands-free faucet. The guest bedroom is furnished almost completely with consignment store finds from “trips up and down US-41.” The light-filled master bedroom opens to a private deck overlooking the preserve.



Images by Dick and Sara, staff photographers for “Island Scene,” are featured in Charles Sobczak’s wildlife

books, and the collaboration was noted in the dedication for “Living Sanibel.” On their website is a comment: “The couple has brought new meaning to wildlife that is up close and personal.” Their home is too: Spacious yet comfortable, and warmly welcoming.

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In Dreams

Don't miss!

- Tucked under the house is the heated saltwater pool with a system that converts salt to chlorine
- Remote control candles on the stair wall flicker against the stacked travertine wall
- Turtles and fish on the stair walls and lobsters on the ceiling



- Fabric art on fireplace wall: "I've Grown Accustomed to Your Pace," original formerly in MoMA
- Wolf gas-fired cooktop in the kitchen
- Also in the kitchen: Hands-free faucet and microwave in a drawer
- In the master

bedroom: Teakwood headboard, made by Dick, with wooden seagulls from a local gift shop

- Cast bronze sinks in the bathroom in oyster shell design



- Travertine on bathroom walls echoing the fireplace wall in living area
- Dining table in a nook with a built-in Lazy Susan
- Pelly, Pellice, and their baby, Pinky, in the master bedroom — Sara’s stuffed animal family, bringing her comfort on bad days

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Interior Designers in 2019 for this home’s design.

She said: “Aging in place doesn’t have to look institutional.” Indeed, most elements are invisible or seamlessly integrated into the design. The result is a contemporary residence perfect for today but truly “for the ages.”



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to a sitting area with south-facing windows to welcome the Florida sunshine. A three sided fireplace, based on Frank Lloyd Wright principles, adds warmth on rare chilly days. The expansive chef’s



For the Ages



kitchen offers easy circulation and pleasing contrasts - light and dark custom cabinets and counters of white quartz. Under-the-counter drawers allow trouble-free access. A wet bar has dark cabinets and an iridescent backsplash, adding drama.

Hidden elements include supports

behind walls for later addition of grab bars. More obvious elements are built-in seating in shower stalls, an elevator shaft for future installation, wide floor space and a wide plank walnut floor.

The master suite is a top-floor, luxurious retreat, featuring Japanese wallpaper, its blue-and-white color

palette a respite from the Florida sun. The open deck invites stargazing. His-and-her closets between bedroom and bathroom add acoustical privacy.

A trio of bathrooms — guest, exercise, and powder room — have distinct personalities but are connected through ultra-modern, solid surface materials, sleek European fixtures and warm LED lighting.



Beyond the pool is an area designated “preserve,” where empty gopher tortoise burrows were discovered and City of Sanibel rules preclude building there.

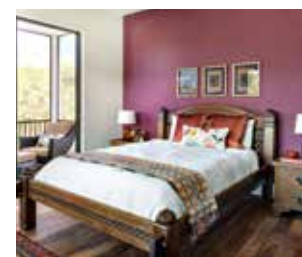
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For the Ages

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- Coffee table from a slab of Mysore Fig tree (once in Edison Estate, Fort Myers)
- Trio of jazz festival posters by the late American artist Keith Haring
- Dutch lighting fixture by Moooi over dining room table



- "Waterfall" countertop in kitchen to allow wheelchair access

- Rug beside wet bar echoing colors and shapes featured in backsplash

- Wet bar fridge in a drawer

- Chinese masks in the office to ward off evil spirits

- New York cityscape wallpaper and tiger rug in office

- Powder room: Gondola wallpaper and a dark blue lacquered ceiling

- In guest bedroom: 100-year-old Indonesian bed frame

- Koi-splashed wall covering in guest bath, and wall-hung sink



- In daughter's room: Suede-like wall color, Benjamin Moore paint "Century" in indigo

- In master suite: Bespoke wood-framed suede headboard

- In master bath: Blue and white chinoiserie prints, geometric patterned grass cloth

VIP Home: La Coquille



This bonus house is reserved for the VIP tour, sponsored by the Middendorfs. Guests travel in a 12-person executive van with a guide and follow the prearranged Peek tour before ending here.

“La Coquille” means “shell,” and the inspiration for this beach-themed home is evident the

moment you walk through the door into an atmosphere of pale blue and white tranquility accentuated by a panoramic view of San Carlos Bay.

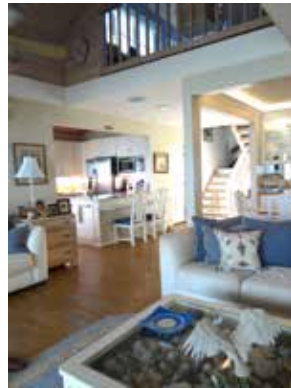
Tastefully displayed seashells abound, as do nautical themed accessories. Homeowners

Leslie and Joe Anding have amassed their collection from their travels around the globe. Leslie, an award winning shellcrafter, has many of her exquisite creations on display. The Andings also appreciate the work of other artists and have

a lovely collection of oils, watercolors, and Boehm shore bird figurines, as well as a piece they commissioned from local glass artist Luc Century, displayed in their kitchen.

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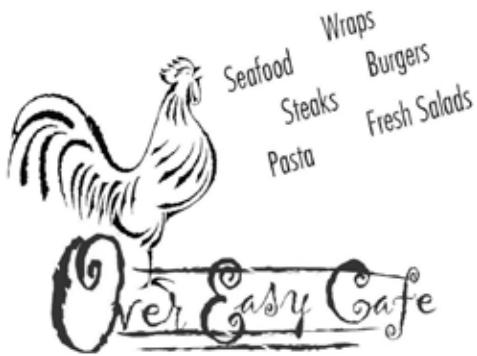
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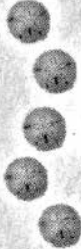
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Healthy Start Coalition of SW Florida, Inc.	50 hours
Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships	275 hours
OILE (Organización Internacional de Latinos en el Exterior SWFL)	275 hours
PACE Center for Girls - Lee County	300 hours
Parent University at Head Start/LAMP ESL	320 hours
SalusCare	300 hours
Trailways Camp	75 hours



Service & Advocacy

This list does not cover all of the other volunteer responsibilities our members assume for additional non-profit, environmental, or community services and activities. We are a busy and active group of women!

Zonta Blood Drive is a new service project that took place this past January. With women's health being of primary importance to our members, the club was proud to sponsor the blood drive in conjunction with Lee Health. Every pint of blood donated benefits two patients.

LUNAFEST® was held in January this year. This was the Club's third year of hosting a successful evening for our community. Over 250 people attended the event, which showcased short films by women that raised awareness on a range of social issues.



The evening culminated in a wonderful short film, produced by a few of our Zontians, on the Equal Rights Amendment. This was an update on the status of the amendment both in our state and the country.

Many people were very surprised to learn that this has yet to be ratified in our country.

Habitat for Humanity/Women Build is one of our favorite projects every year. The experience is very rewarding for our members who volunteer to do physical labor in transforming homes for single mothers and their children to reside in. The health and safety of these women and children is paramount to the success of their families.



Service & Advocacy

Two-Minute Activist

Several years ago, we introduced Peekers to the Two-Minute Activist, and in today's political environment, it is more important than ever to make women's voices heard.

It's still easy and quick. Visit the website of the American Association of University Women (AAUW.org), search for Two-Minute Activist, choose "Take Action Now," and then sign up. Select from topics such as Education, Economic Security, and Civil Rights, and enter your zip code. The site will send letters directly to the appropriate senators and representatives (you may be asked for additional information such as job title and general topic of concern). Join us in making your voice heard by Congress as they discuss legislation affecting women's lives!



Fifth Annual Community Collection Day

Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva is delighted to host the fifth annual Community Collection Day, boosting support for women being helped through the club's service projects. This year's collection takes place Saturday, March 28, 2020, at the Sanibel Congregational Church. On the next page, you'll find a list of items our service organizations need. Clean out your closets, drop off your donations, and help us empower women in our community.



Support Our Community

Zonta's Fifth Annual Community Collection Day
Saturday, March 28, 2020 | 10 AM - 12 PM

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ
2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL

Simply drive through the parking lot and we will unload for you!

Abuse Counseling & Treatment (ACT)

Toiletries, new twin size bedding, towels, washcloths, baby wipes, diapers, pots, dishes - everything to set up a home

Dress for Success/Ft. Myers

Women's career clothing (clean and in good condition), shoes and handbags, unopened cosmetics and toiletries

Habitat for Humanity of Lee & Hendry Counties Women Build*

Hardware, working power tools, hand tools, new cans of latex paint, artwork, framed mirrors, kitchenware, area rugs, flood lamps

**Complete list at LeeHendry.HabitatRestores.org*

Head Start Coalition of SW Florida, Inc. Parent University (ESL)

Children's books, flash cards, workbooks, basic games

Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships (HTAP)

Art kits, sharpies, flip charts, sketch pads, plastic/vinyl table cloths, large trash bags, painter's tape

PACE Center for Girls - Lee County

Dresses for "Love that Dress" fundraiser

SalusCare

Games, books, arts and crafts materials, sporting goods, women's career clothing

Trailways Camp (new service project)

Fishing poles, markers, acrylic paints, paper towels, cups and trays, color pencils, bath towels, golf carts (in good working condition)

Donations are tax-deductible within IRS guidelines

Questions? Email info@ZontaSanCap.com



Past Presidents

*Recognizing the outstanding women who have served as
President of the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva*

Kappy King Cole, 1987-1989

Carlene Wehner, 1989-1990

Roz Wegryn, 1990-1991

Marika Luthringer, 1991-1992

Janine Boardman, 1992-1993

Judy Workman, 1993-1994

Virginia Parker, 1994-1996

Sheila Hoen, 1996-1997

Linda Uhler, 1997-1999

Joan M. Good, 1999-2001

Esther Saltzman, 2001-2002

Doris Trowbridge, 2002-2003

Susan Dunn, 2003-2004

Darla LeTourneau, 2004-2005

Karen Pati, 2005-2006

Nola Theiss, 2006-2007

Sue Denham, 2007-2008

Linda Robison, 2008-2009, 2010-2011

Carolyn Gray, 2009-2010

Barbara Nagle, 2011-2012

Orlene Shimberg, 2012-2013

Kristin Ritts, 2013-2014

Robyn Moran, 2014-2015

Virginia Jones, 2015-2016

Barbara Beran, 2016-2017, 2018-2019

Nancy Dreher, 2017-2018

Judy Langley, 2019-2020

Centennial Celebration

Zonta's Second Century Begins in 2020

In 2019, Zonta International and the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva celebrated 100 years of working to honor and empower women.



The vision of an extraordinary group of women began in Buffalo, NY, in 1919, one year before the Voting Rights Act of 1920 gave women in the United States the right to vote.

Since then, Zonta has become an international organization in 63 countries with over 29,000 members.

Zonta members work locally and internationally to make gender equality a reality for women and girls all over the world. Locally our Club partners with organizations from Habitat for Humanity's Women Build to PACE programs for at-risk girls, providing grants and hands-on involvement to further the Zonta mission of empowering women.

The Founders



*Delegates from the nine Charter Clubs who met in Buffalo, NY,
at the Statler Hotel on November 8, 1919.*

In Memoriam

Orlene Shimberg, 1939-2019



Wife, mother and grandmother, FitBit enthusiast, friend – Orlene was many things, but first and foremost a Zontian. A former teacher and snowbird from Columbus, Ohio, she served on the Literacy Team and was Club President in 2012-2013. Her contribution each year to the success of “A Peek at the Unique” was seeking and choosing houses.

Orlene left us on July 4 after an amazing four-year battle with glioblastoma, the brain cancer that claimed Senator John McCain – “amazing” because median life expectancy, post-diagnosis, is 14 months.

In 2018, the Chamber of Commerce of Sanibel-Captiva named her Citizen of the Year. As her illness progressed, she mourned the loss of activities into which she had poured her heart, her considerable energy, and her intellect. Her legacy will forever be her quest for those unique “Peek” homes, but we remember too her wit, vision, and determination.

She is missed by husband Steve; son Ken and daughter Jessica and their families; and her Zonta friends, who honored her memory with donations to Zonta.


In Memoriam

In Loving Memory of Our Friend and Fellow Zontian


Zara Abel
Gloria Agel
Jan & Chip Alden
Marilyn & Donald Aldridge
Janine & John Boardman
Barbara Beran
Ajit Chaudhari
Diane & Gary Chesley
Randi Cohen
Bronwen Cunningham
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Barbara Dunham
Pamela Eccles
Jean C. Ely
Nancy & A. Maris Frankie
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A photograph of a modern, multi-story house at night. The house is illuminated from within, showing large glass windows and balconies. The exterior is lit with blue and white lights. In the foreground, there is a swimming pool with a hot tub, both illuminated with green lights. The sky is dark blue.

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