

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



Annual Spring Dinner 2015

26 February 2015

The Year of the Goat, is another year for Singapore's committed Zontians to support the local community. The goat is recognized for creativity, intelligence, dependability, and calmness. Many of these traits also characterize our Zontians who are committed to give some 70 students a little better life.

This Lunar New Year started out for the Zontians with the annual spring dinner and the sale of Ms Sophie Kho's wonderful laces originating from Europe which she had inherited from her late mother, a famous bridal gown designer, and is now donating entirely to charity. Many ladies could not resist the temptation to acquire a piece of the fashionable material. The yield was rewarding, another S\$3,597/- for charitable projects in Singapore!

Thank you Ms Kho. (Her contact: khomss@yahoo.com.sg).

In time with this New Year, Zonta International also launched the new branding. Past President helped share Zonta Singapore's new logo. A new colour palette was added to reflect the new theme, "Empowering Women through Service and Advocacy". This made the logo more contemporary, and making the design not only professional, but warm.

The lovely evening was accompanied by wonderful home cooked food and some fun games, happy laughter and chatter.

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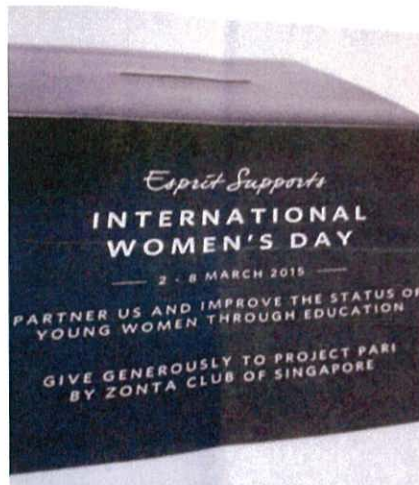
International Women's Day 2015

Ace Adventures Expedition again this year helped raised funds for our Project Pari to commemorate International Women's Day on 8 March 2015 with their Mount Kilimanjaro 8-day climb from **end February** 2015 in Tanzania. They also raised awareness to our Project that led to donations on the SG Gives portal to PP.

Esprit Singapore is another company with a heart. They chose Project Pari for their Corporate Social Responsibility project. They worked very hard within the tight deadline to obtain regulatory permits, make the collaterals and train their staff so that they can launch this fund raising stint at all their stores in the run-up to International Women's Day from **2-8 March** 2015.

Zonta Singapore is ever grateful for the wonderful kindness and support of these corporations who wish to raise the status of women in Singapore –and through Project Pari.

ZONTA International launched its "ZONTA Says No" campaign in Dec 2012. The World Health Organisation proclaimed domestic violence a "Global Health Problem of Epidemic Proportions"



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Ace Adventure Expeditions' all-women team members (from bottom of stairs) Joanne Soo, Dominique Low, Sammi Teh, Veronica Lim, Julia Chua and Liyana Low will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania next week in a bid to mark International Women's Day on March 8. ST PHOTO: ALPHONSUS CHERN

No mountain too high to raise funds for charity

NO MOUNTAIN will stand in the way of six women who will be scaling Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania next week to raise funds for charity.

The eight-day expedition, organised by Ace Adventure Expeditions, aims to commemorate International Women's Day on March 8.

The group started training in September last year, and it has been an uphill battle.

The women, aged 27 to 44, go trekking every week and do 10 sets of 40-storey climbs twice a week, while carrying loads.

Through this expedition, the team also hopes to raise at least

\$10,000 for Project Pari, an initiative by the Zonta Club of Singapore, which provides young women from low-income families with financial assistance and enrichment activities.

As a student who had to work to support herself through school, Ace Adventure owner and expedition leader Joanne Soo, 44, said the cause is something close to her heart.

Ms Soo, who was part of Singapore's first women's team to scale Mount Everest in 2009, said: "If there is some financial help that can be given, I'm glad to be a part of it."

YEOW SAM JO

A River Safari for the Project Pari Girls

25 Oct 2014

Everyone was bright and chirpy, wide eyed and excited despite the early 9am start. Under the command of our dynamic Zontian, Peklyn and her friends, we breezed through the turnstile. Amidst the chatter, one of the girls from Tanglin Secondary School declared, "what a wonderful way to start the day" which perfectly summed up and the event.

Everyone trotted along happily, enjoying each other's company, revelling at the exhibits. Some were tickled by the riddles and jokes planted along the way. Paddlefishes from Mississippi; giant puffer fish; Mekong giant catfish, oh.. what's that ? elephant trunk snake ?? wow.... Project Pari girls and Zontians alike made new discoveries.

The cool respite was found in the panda enclosure of the October heat –the red pandas were sleeping and the giant pandas feeding away –what a life!

We joined a 15 minutes cruise with treats of giraffe and elephant sightings. Sporting Mal and Caroline braved the wet splashes whilst seated up front on the Amazon River ride. Lunch was a welcomed break. Rejuvenated, we went on to explore the squirrel monkey forest. At this point, the girls were left to explore at their leisure and they didn't seem to be in any hurry to leave.

Kudos to those of us who worked so hard to put this together for an enjoyable outing for all!

Project Pari: Under the programme, each student will receive a monthly allowance to enable them to have proper meals and for transportation. Annual Life Skill programmes are conducted to help instil in the teenage girls a sense of self-worth





The MID YEAR Workshop

for Project Pari beneficiaries

Date: Saturday 30th May 2015

Time: 9am - 1pm

Venue: La Salle College of Arts

Please mark the date in your diary and join us for this exciting musical journey with our PP girls.

AREA 2 MEETING IN HONG KONG

Date: Sat 9 May 2015

President Ter Yee and a few members have already registered for the event. Join them for an exciting weekend in HK and enjoy the camaraderie with sister Zontians in Area 2 comprising clubs in HK, Malaysia and Singapore.

Please email President Ter Yee if you would like to attend:
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