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**ZONTA ANNOUNCES TOP GOLD STAR OF 2011**

*Myrtle Beach, SC* – The Zonta Club of Myrtle Beach awarded Kay Van Hoesen the top 2011 Gold Star Award at the Gold Star Award luncheon ceremony on Saturday, for her passion in improving the lives of women and girls wherever her long arm of community service reaches. Van Hoesen is founder and director of the online radio station “Here Women Talk,” a virtual women’s center, bringing together internet radio listeners for live social interaction effecting positive life-changing experiences. Van Hoesen draws on her own experience as a longtime business owner of her WBE-certified Certifax, Inc., and as twice-elected president of an American Business Women’s Association local chapter. For that service, members voted her Woman of the Year. She is also a charter member of the Zonta Club of Myrtle Beach founded eleven years ago.

Other Gold Star honorees of distinguished service were Virginia Horton, Principal of North Myrtle Beach Middle School; Margaret Kemp and Sue Leon, volunteer Girl Scout Leaders and Trainers; Beth Stedman, Regional Agent for Clemson Institute for Community and Economic Development and founder of SC Women’s Connection; and Chris Woodruff, Executive Director of Georgetown Housing Authority and founder of the Safe harbor Foundation.

Zonta Gold Star awards recognize and celebrate individual dedication to community service and achievements in improving the lives of women and girls in the Grand Strand and PeeDee region.

The Zonta Club of Myrtle Beach improves the status of women and girls through service and advocacy. The Club funds projects for CASA (Citizens Against Spousal Abuse) and ECCAHT (Eastern Carolinas Coalition Against Human Trafficking), and has also supported the Rape Crisis Center, Horry County Family Outreach and other local organizations. As a part of an international organization ([www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)) in 67 countries, the Zonta Club of Myrtle Beach has the support and direction of people dedicated to improving the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women globally. Contact Cherry Temple at 843.446.1175, for information.