



EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY December 2019

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Co-Presidents Message

We hope you all enjoyed a nice Thanksgiving with family and/or friends and are now ready to begin the joyous and wonderful Christmas season!

It's been an informative time for our Club since our last message, with two program meetings, one each in October and November and focused 1) on the work through UN agencies on the current International Service projects and 2) on Advocacy efforts related to Goal 5 of the Sustainable Development Goals or SDGs. November 2nd was the annual Area 4 Zonta Says NO! walk in Lebanon, an introduction of sorts to the Zonta Says NO! to Violence Against Women / 16 Days campaign which we are halfway into at this point! (More on these programs and events can be found in this newsletter.)

We also celebrated the 100^{th} anniversary of Zonta International on November 8^{th} . As Zontians, it is right for us to celebrate the accomplishments of the past while we continue our work to empower women and girls – here in our own community and throughout the world.

Yes, the past couple of months have been full of Zonta educational opportunities, activities, and celebrations. So now, let's all hit the "pause" button (that is..., <u>after our Christmas service project, party, and initiation</u> <u>on December 10th!</u>) and simply enjoy the joys and wonders of Christmas.

Wishing you a "very merry Christmas" and hoping to see you on the 10^{th!}

Nancy and Jeni

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December 10 Christmas Party & Initiation — Angry Donkey (Tuesday evening) January 2 **Board meeting** (Thursday)

January 8 **Business meeting**

January 21 Amelia Earhart Program — Frankfort Airport (Tuesday evening)

> SAVE THESE 2020 DATES! April 18 — Area 4 Spring Workshop (We are host Club!) July 4 – 8 — Zonta International Convention, Chicago

Christmas Party & Initiation!

Our annual Christmas Party will take place on Tuesday evening, December 10 at the Angry Donkey in Michigantown. Entrance will be through the north side door (at the ramp) with arrival time set for 5:30. Dinner cost is \$25.60, including tax and gratuity, and you can pay cash or write a check payable to the Club. There will be a cash bar available during the half hour before dinner at 6:00 and throughout the evening.



Buffet Menu **Beef Tender Tips** Smoked Pork Loin with cranberry sauce Scalloped Potatoes Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert Bar: Bread Pudding, Brownies and Holiday Cookies Iced Tea, Lemonade and Coffee included



Initiation will be held following dinner and the evening will conclude with a game of Dirty or Secret Santa in which participation is optional. If you choose to participate, the game involves bringing a wrapped gift, "something fun, new, unique, and in good taste", and with a value of no more than \$20.

SPECIAL NOTE: We will need a count by Friday, December 6th, so please watch for your "evite"

and reply promptly — either way — if you will be able to come!

Service Project for Christmas

Helping those in need within our community, particularly during this special time of year, is made possible by the ongoing generosity of our members. As such, the Service Committee is asking the membership to donate new clothes and toys or make a monetary donation to help a family through the Clinton County Boys and Girls Club this Christmas. If enough monetary donations are received, we will also purchase food to help this family.

The family we are helping is a 22 year-old mother with four children. The clothes sizes of the children and what they like are listed below:

> Boy age 5 - size 5; dinosaurs and cars Boy age 4 - size 4; Thomas the Train & Mickey Mouse Boy age 3 - size 3; things that light up and make noise Girl age 2 months - size 3-6 months

If you plan to buy a gift, please call or text Jenny Neal, Service Chair at 765-650-8582 and let her know what your gift will be and for which child. This will avoid gift duplications and keep a balance of gifts among the children.

We will collect gifts and cash at the Christmas Party on December 10. If you are unable to attend, please call or text **Jenny** and she will be more than happy to arrange a day and time to pick up your donation.







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At our <u>United Nations Program</u> on October 23, this Committee (*Dana, Dawn, & Lori*) highlighted the current International Service Projects, including a first-hand account of the Madagascar project: Let Us Learn: This was done via a presentation that included pictures and information from trip made to Madagascar this past May by past District 6 Governor, Tammy Hagan.

Madagascar is the world's 2nd largest island country and located in the Indian Ocean, about 250 miles off the coast of East Africa. It is one of the poorest countries in the world with 25 million people and half of these under the age of 18. It is mainly rural (83%) with widespread poverty and nearly 78% living

on less than \$1.90 per day. Only one in three people in these rural areas has access to improved or safe water sources and just 1 of 3 children complete primary education.

UNICEF's Let Us Learn is an integrated education program that is creating opportunities for vulnerable and excluded children, particularly girls, in Madagascar to realize their right to an education in a secure and protective environment. The project is focused on reaching out-of-school children, expanding girls' education and improving quality outcomes for students. Zonta has committed \$1 million to help support Let Us Learn Madagascar through 2020.



Zonta Says NO! to Violence Against Women / 16 Days of Activism Campaign



Members of the Zonta Clubs of Frankfort and Lebanon participated in the annual "Zonta Says NO! to Violence Against Women" walk at the Lebanon Memorial Park on November 2nd. Dressed in orange T-shirts or sweatshirts and joined by Z Club members from Lebanon High School, attendees first listened to two speakers on the topic of violence against women and what their respective organizations are doing to support victims: Leah Giorgini, Senior Director of the Domestic Violence Intervention & Prevention Program (DVIPP) at the YWCA of Greater Lafayette and Kassie Frazier, Executive Director of Sylvia's Child Advocacy Center (SCAC) in Lebanon.



In addition to our Zonta Says NO! signs throughout the community, orange lighting at the Library, Police Station, Old Stoney, and the Park, we are pleased to have had the campaign publicized again this year with an article about the Proclamation signing posted by Kaspar Broad -casting on Clinton County Daily News. <u>And, they are continuing to help get the word out by running a 3-part series throughout the 16 days of Nov. 25 – Dec. 10!</u>

The series kicked-off with an article and picture about the Zonta Says NO! walk and another piece with information for each of the first 6 days of the campaign. This information tells a bit about Zonta International and/or how the work of our Club and the Lebanon Club support that particular focus. The second and third parts of the series will run on December 1 and 6 respectively, covering the remaining 10 days of the campaign. If you haven't seen the initial articles, please go to <u>clintoncountydailynews.com</u> and type "Zonta" in the search box to catch-up, then watch for the next two parts!

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 5

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Alicia, Advocacy Committee Chair, presented our November 13 program: <u>EXAMINING INEQUALITY</u>. The program was based on the annual Goalkeepers report on the world's progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), 17 goals set by the UN General Assembly to reach by 2030. Zonta International's primary focus is on <u>Goal No. 5: Achieve</u> gender equality and empower all women and girls. The report, published by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, focused on inequality as impacted by geography and gender and, among others, showed two specifics:

1) Where you are born is more predictive of your future than any other factor. For us, born in a wealthy country like the US, to parents who lived in thriving communities with excellent schools, life has been pretty good. Yet, for hundreds of millions of people around the world, hardship is all but guaranteed.

2) Gender inequality stacks the deck against half of humanity. Gender inequality cuts across every single country. No matter where you are born, your life will be harder if you are born a girl. If you are born in a poor country, it will be even harder. Adolescence is when girls' and boys' futures really start to diverge. Boys' worlds expand. They rely less on their parents, venture farther from home, and enroll college or get a job, which puts them in contact with wider society. At the same time, girls' worlds contract. They transition, sometimes at a very young age, from being subservient to their parents to being subservient to their husbands and caring for the home. The proportion of girls who do at least two hours per day of unpaid domestic work almost doubles after they reach the age of 15; by the time she is an adult, <u>the average woman spends more than four hours every day doing unpaid work.</u> Men, by comparison, average just over one hour per day. These home obligations are just one example of social norms that limit girls' opportunities as they approach adulthood.



Congratulations — Born September 21, 2019! Denise has a new granddaughter, <u>Scarlet Vivian</u>. Debbie has new a grandson, <u>Harrison James</u>.



The 47-Hour Global Anniversary Giving event raised a total of \$135,250, well exceeding the Zonta International Foundation goal of \$100,000!

Thanks to all who contributed in support and belief in Zonta's vision of a world where gender equality is reality.



The NUTS have arrived!

The new order has arrived and we now have a supply of the following: almonds, cashews, mixed nuts, pecan halves, pecan pieces, pistachios, and walnuts.

The price remains at \$11 for a one pound bag. Please contact **Marlene** to place your order!

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Zonta International Convention in Chicago July 4 — 8, 2020

REGISTRATION

Registration	Before 12 February	13 February – 3 May	4 May – 15 June	Onsite
Zontian - full rate	US\$410	US\$470	US\$530	US\$590
Zontian - single day	US\$185	US\$195	US\$205	US\$215
Non-Zontian/ Guest	US\$150	US\$165	US\$175	US\$185

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile Single or Double: US\$189 Triple: US\$219 Quad: US\$249 *Rates do not include taxes, which are currently 17.4%.



As members of District 6, we are hosts of the Convention and as such, sincerely hope that our Club to be well represented next summer in Chicago.

The scarf shown here is to identify members of our District at the Convention. The first order of scarves sold out, however a second one was recently received by the District.

The cost of the scarf is \$32, so if you are interested, please let **Jeni** know at 765-714-9664.