



ZONTA CLUB OF FRANKFORT

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

January 2021

District 6 • Area 4 • Club 373

President's Message

Happy New Year fellow Zontians! I have written this letter several times, only to delete the words and start over. I think that it is safe to say that 2020 was not anything we expected, and now as we start 2021, the situation didn't magically change when the clock chimed midnight. Personally, I didn't expect it to, but many had hopes! As we continue to navigate the challenges offered to us on a regular basis, I wonder where it will all lead. I have decided that 2021 is the year that I learn to pivot more. What this means is when something will not work the way I have always done it or the way I planned, I pause and decide what direction it should go now. Sometimes that may mean pausing a little longer and letting the dust settle; other times I think it means to chart a new course.

As Zontians, we are learning to pivot to move forward. We had our first 100% virtual club meeting! While it was not ideal, I know I learned from it and it was nice to "see" those that we have not seen in quite a while. We will pivot as we look to continue our virtual meetings and consider options on how to spread the Zontian spirit of helping others. And think of our big pivot - our annual Chicken Noodle Dinner. What will Spring 2021 bring for our club? While I don't know exactly, I know that I want the club to continue to move forward and make a difference in our community. While it will not be the way we have historically accomplished things, I think that 2021 is an opportunity to show that we are resilient.

I listen to the Dream Big podcast by Bob Goff and he talks about you don't have to go far to do amazing things. Sometimes it is just reaching out to your neighbor or your friend. We discussed some opportunities to do exactly this during our virtual meeting with more information to follow later. As a club, I propose that 2021 is the year we pivot and Dream Big. We can accomplish great things together, as evidenced by our Christmas family (see details further down in the newsletter). So, I raise a glass to the Zonta Club of Frankfort for all of the great things to come!

Stephanie



Zonta Club of Frankfort 2020/2021 Board

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SAVE THE DATE!

**"Challenges and Opportunities for
Zonta's Second Century"**

ZONTA NAIDM

(North American Inter-District Meeting)



June 25– 27, 2021

**Hilton Netherland Plaza
Cincinnati, Ohio**

MEETING INFORMATION!



- January 26 Amelia Earhart Program —Tues. @ 6pm via Microsoft Teams**
February 3 Board meeting
February 9 Service Program (Tuesday evening; time tbd)
February 24 Business meeting

We met virtually for our first meeting of 2021 this past Wednesday using Microsoft Teams and due to the current status in Clinton County, we will continue to meet in this manner until further notice.

Although the meeting link will be sent to every member, an invite will still be sent and you are asked to reply — either way — so there is an idea on how many will be attending. The email with the link will come from Charity Craig and it will read “Click here to join the meeting”. You do not have to download the app to join the meeting and you can join from a computer or mobile phone.

Here are some simple instructions for how to join:

Select *Click here to join the meeting* above. (Launch web browser on computer or mobile device.)

From there, you have two choices for how to join:

1. The Teams app (You will need to download the Teams desktop or mobile app.) OR
2. Web browser on your computer or mobile device.

NOTE: If you haven't used Microsoft Teams before, it is suggested to choose “Continue on this browser”

Type your name.

Choose your audio and video settings.

Select Join now.

Depending on meeting settings, you'll get in right away, or go to a lobby where someone in the meeting will admit you.

Again, please respond to the invite if you will or will not be joining our virtual meeting so we will have an idea on how many and who to expect.

District 6 Webinar: Leadership Development Program

Are you ready to make “the **choice** to take a **chance** on leadership development and, perhaps, **change** the way we get things done”? Then mark your calendar for next **Saturday, Jan. 23 at 10 am** to learn more about the new Leadership Development Program has just been launched! As the Nov/Dec newsletter noted, this focus by our District and ZI is a great opportunity for all members to build skills to support our Club and in our own personal or professional lives.

We are fortunate here in District 6 to have Yvonne Chalfant, Leadership Development Chair, along with her committee members, Robin Savage, Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry and again, our own **Susie Trees**, to explain this new program to us. Yvonne is also a member of the ZI Leadership Development Committee and instrumental in the development of this program.

Watch for an email from Stephanie early this week that will have the link to this webinar. Until then, please note this coming Saturday morning on your calendar for this **less than one hour** introduction to this new program!



**Laura Chavez — AE Fellow
Purdue University**



Amelia Earhart Program — Tuesday evening, Jan. 26

2020 Amelia Earhart Fellow, Laura Chavez, will share her story as a Ph.D. student in planetary sciences at Purdue. Laura is also a participant in a program called Letters for a Pre-Scientist, where she exchanges letters with students from low-income schools around the USA to encourage them to pursue careers in science. In addition, she is using her unique perspective as a Latina, native-Spanish speaking scientist to connect with, encourage, and inspire the next generation of science leaders.

Watch for your invite to RSVP, then for the link to join via Microsoft Teams!

Happy
Birthday!

JANUARY
18 Judy Sheets

FEBRUARY

10 Marvel Albitz 10 Sandie Stevenson
21 Jill Snyder 24 Dana Myers
27 Lisa Stafford 28 Julie Kinsler

CHICKEN NOODLE DINNER
&
COUNTRY STORE



Saturday, March 6th, 2021

Over the past few months, the Board has been considering what the options may be with our annual fundraiser and at this point, some of those options are still unclear. We have reached out to the Health Department and much may depend on how things stand within the county nearer to that time. Of course all actions will be consistent with their guidance.

One thing is certain: This cannot be done with just a few members. As such, you will be receiving a poll or survey later this week to share your ideas and thoughts in helping to determine our best option(s).

SERVICE PROJECT RECAP!

We truly did make it a great Christmas for the family we sponsored! The support was tremendous with members donating over \$700 in cash and gift cards, along with individual presents!

With the monetary gifts, purchases of blankets, clothes, including socks, underwear, & hats/gloves, groceries, and of course, TOYS were made, and each child had a stocking stuffed with surprises!

Yes, we were able to give this mom and her four children a very, merry Christmas!

Thanks to all who were able to participate and a big "thank you" to Service Chair, Jenny Neal, for all her time and energy in making such a success of this project.



Bench Update: The new benches for around the Courthouse are here! Well, they are in the county at least, awaiting engraving before we present and place them around the Courthouse.

The four, six foot long benches were purchased from Green Tree Plastics in Evansville and made from recycled plastic bottle caps. There are four benches and each will be engraved with "Zonta Club of Frankfort". Stay tuned for more information!

Awards / Scholarships

The 2021 Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship is being offered by the Zonta Club of Frankfort to a qualifying senior girl currently enrolled in a Clinton County secondary school and residing in Clinton County. The goal of this award is to encourage young women to participate in public affairs by recognizing a young woman's commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the empowerment of women worldwide. The Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Award Program looks to the young women of today to be the leaders of tomorrow.

Applications and eligibility guidelines are now available at each Clinton County high school Guidance Office and can also be downloaded online at www.frankfortzonta.org. Applications must be postmarked by Wednesday, February 10, 2021. The recipient will be forwarded to the district level for eligibility to win an additional \$1,500 award. Please contact **Susie Trees, Awards/Scholarship Chair**: 765-337-4041 / susie_trees@yahoo.com with questions.

We count on our members to help identify qualified applicants so please think of any young woman you may know in your church, neighborhood, or acquaintance and encourage them to apply by either taking them an application or encourage them to pick up from their school guidance department! A reminder that club members and their family members (*ancestors, descendants, adoptees, siblings, and those of their spouse*) are not eligible to apply, following award rules from Zonta International Foundation.

Nuts

Although we did not order nuts this year, we do still have 25 bags of pecan pieces. Just call or text **Stephanie**: 765-652-0704



District 6 Blanket Service Project

As shared in the District 6 newsletter that was forwarded to all members last Fall, the District Service Project for this biennium has taken a "new format" and it is to collect blankets/ quilts for local distribution to service organizations.

Members may make or purchase these after each club decides what organization(s) to support with the blankets, as this will determine the size of the blanket(s) needed.

Again, this is a biennium project, so it will run into the 2022 calendar year. However with the COVID-19 situation, there may well be some of you who want to get started on this now, since we are all home much more than usual these days! Some conversations have centered around the fleece blankets that are tied – no sewing required! Material for these blankets, or for quilts if you want to go that route, can be purchased at any fabric store, or fleece kits are available there or at various online resources.

Jenny Neal and the Service Committee will be making a decision on which organization(s) our Club will support and the size of blankets needed, so stay tuned for more information regarding this project soon!





Zonta Says NO To Violence Against Women

On Thursday, December 3rd, Frankfort Mayor (and our own Zontian!) Judy Sheets was joined by fellow members of our Club as she issued the proclamation below in support of the “Zonta Says No To Violence Against Women” campaign.



Zonta Proclamation

WHEREAS, for 100 years, Zonta International has contributed to help achieve a world free of violence against women and girls through service and advocacy; and,

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign is focused on child marriage, one of the worst obstacles girls are facing globally and a severe human rights violation. Zonta clubs around the world are called upon to create awareness of this harmful practice among their members and the public; and,

WHEREAS, the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence is celebrated each year between November 25 and December 10; and,

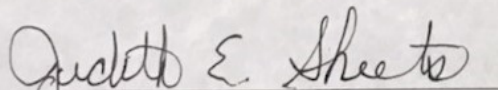
WHEREAS, the Zonta Club of Frankfort participates in the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign and takes local actions to influence the making and implementation of laws, as well as changing gender-based attitudes and behaviors to end violence against women; and,

WHEREAS, the Zonta Club of Frankfort, Indiana, along with citizens of our community, recognizes the worldwide problem of violence against women occurs even here in Frankfort and supports the efforts of individuals and organizations to raise awareness, stimulate discussion, and advocate for local solutions that will curb gender violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Judith E. Sheets, Mayor of the City of Frankfort, call upon all citizens to join me in recognizing the Zonta Club of Frankfort’s impact on advancing the status of women throughout the world and do hereby proclaim November 25, 2020 through December 10th, 2020, as

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 3rd day of December, 2020.



Judith E. Sheets, Mayor
City of Frankfort, Indiana

