

March 2021

District 6 • Area 4 • Club 373

President's Message

Happy Spring! The past month was eventful for Zontians. We distributed over 500 positive notes to our community nursing home residents as well as others in our community. What a great undertaking for our club and a big thank you to those that helped with this. Additionally, we started the Zonta International Leadership Development Program. This program has a lot of potential for everyone to learn. More on this program will be presented at Spring workshop on April 17 that our club is hosting.

As more people are vaccinated, we are beginning to see friends in person that we have not seen in some time. We will continue to utilize Zoom for our meetings as well as in person. We want all Zontians to be comfortable during our meetings.

I hope that this season brings about opportunities for all Zontians to grow!

Stephanie

"The blooming spring is the smile of the ever-joyful nature." — Debasish Mridha

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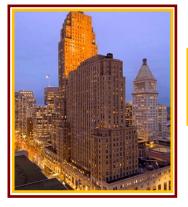
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SAVE THE DATE!

"Challenges and Opportunities for Zonta's Second Century"

ZONTA NAIDM (North American Inter-District Meeting)



June 25-27, 2021

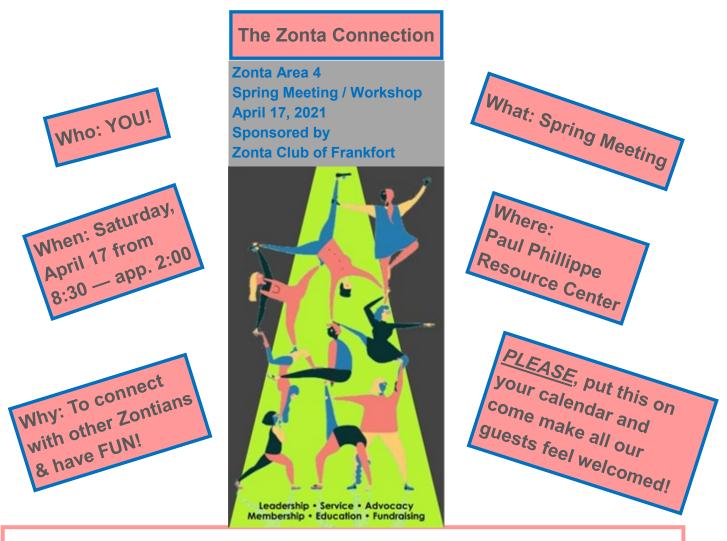
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MEETING DATES & INFO



- March 24 Business meeting Paul Phillippe Resource Center OR Zoom
- April 7 Board meeting Main Street Grille OR Zoom
- April 14 Program meeting (tbd) Paul Phillippe Resource Center <u>OR</u> Zoom
- April 17 Area 4 Spring Meeting / Workshop Paul Phillippe Resource Center OR Zoom
- April 22 ASI BINGO <u>CANCELLED</u>
- April 28 Business meeting Paul Phillippe Resource Center <u>OR</u> Zoom

Note: Due to the pandemic and school restrictions, we are unable to host the Z Club girls in April, yet we are hopeful they will be able to attend either our annual meeting or the picnic/planning meeting.



As was planned last year, then cancelled due to the pandemic, our Club will be host to this Spring event for the Indiana Clubs. Other guests from District 6 will include Anna Weselak, Governor, Cheryl Trudeau, Lt. Governor, Yvonne Chalfant, Leadership Development Committee Chair, & Dorothy Suther, Zonta Foundation Ambassador.

Plans are for an in-person meeting with virtual option & registration fees will be \$35 to attend live and \$15 to attend remotely.

Watch your email for our Spring Meeting/Workshop flyer with more details and to register!!



<u>Update</u>

YWPA / Young Women in Public Affairs

The Scholarship committee has chosen Allie Marchand, a senior Z Club member, from Clinton Prairie HS as the 2021 YWPA scholarship award recipient. Allie will be attending Indiana State University to study Elementary Education to pursue her goal of becoming an early childhood teacher. She is actively involved in Coach Kids, Z Club, Learning to Lead and her local 4-H club. We look forward to meeting Allie at our annual meeting!

With one winner selected, there are still two (2) more scholarships to be awarded this year and information on these is noted below. 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 high 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 the Zonta Foundation for Women.

Career Advancement & Jane M. Klausman Women in Business

<u>Career Advancement Scholarship</u> – This \$1,000 scholarship is offered to a qualifying woman residing in Clinton County. The scholarship purpose is to assist women in updating their skills in a vocational school or to assist in completing their post-secondary education in a college/ university/institute. Applicants must be 19 years of age or more on or before April 9, 2021 and must have been admitted to, or cleared for admission to an academic or vocational school which is licensed or accredited by the State of Indiana. The official application form and further eligibility guidelines can be downloaded on the Frankfort Zonta Club website at <u>www.frankfortzonta.org</u>.

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship – This \$500 scholarship is offered to a qualifying woman residing in Clinton County. The scholarship purpose is to encourage women to enter careers and seek leadership positions in Business in their communities and throughout the world. Women of any age, pursuing a business program with a major field of specialization in accounting, economics, finance, business management, marketing, operations management, human resource management, international business or entrepreneurship at an accredited university/college/institute, in at least the second year of an undergraduate program through the final year of a Masters program at the time the application is submitted to the Frankfort Zonta Club, is eligible to apply. Online students are also eligible to apply if enrolled at an accredited university/college/institute. The official application form and further eligibility guidelines can be downloaded on the Frankfort Zonta Club website at <u>www.frankfortzonta.org</u>.

Applications for either scholarship are to be received electronically via email on or before Friday, April 9, 2021. No late applications will be eligible.

Please contact <u>Susie Trees</u>, Awards/Scholarship Chair at 765-337-4041 / susie_trees@yahoo.com if you have questions.

Chicken Noodle Dinner & Country Store Saturday, September 11, 2021



Mark your calendar for our 28th Chicken Noodle Dinner & Country Store! Yes, after deciding to postpone this annual fundraiser, it is now scheduled on the 20th anniversary of the horrific terrorist attack on our country.

No doubt most of us all remember where we were when we heard the news of two planes hitting the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center and the range of emotions we experienced that day, over the weeks that followed, and every year since on this date. Perhaps this year we will be busier than usual on this day..., although "<u>we will never forget</u>".



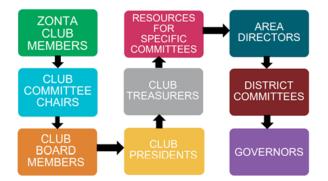
Service Program Project

The Service Committee program on Tuesday, February 7th, kicked off a project to write cards to residents of our county healthcare facilities which included Clinton House, Parkview Home, Wesley Manor, Mulberry Health, and Milner's in Rossville, along with patrons of the Paul Phillippe Resource Center. There were 12 -14 members who attended either in person or via Zoom for the one-hour meeting with about 280 cards written that evening and the bulk of the remaining cards completed by other members over the next few weeks. In all, pending the last delivery, 507 cards will have been written to these seniors to help brighten their day! And based on feed back from at least a few of them, this was a very worthwhile activity!

A big "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped make this a success!

Leadership Development Program Webinar

Sixteen members from Area 4 attended this February 20 webinar to help launch the new Zonta International Leadership Development Program within District 6. Along with seven members of our club, five from the Lebanon Club and four from the Indianapolis Club joined the Zoom event. Hosted by Susie Trees, Indiana liaison with the District 6 Leadership Development Committee and Jeni Royalty, Area 4 Director, with



Charity Craig graciously handling the technology, the focus was on the Core Competencies of Committee Chairs, as well as committee members. There was very good interaction and sharing among this Zoom group and an overall success in that step to roll out this program in Area 4!

All members are encouraged to participate and take advantage of this program, as it has been designed with every member in mind to help build skills that can be used in both your personal or work life and in supporting your club. So please, won't you make the <u>choice</u> to take a <u>chance</u> to develop your leadership skills and help make a <u>change</u> for your club?



Michigan Road Mulberry Rossville 2021 Women's Expo — Virtual Event: Saturday March 13th

Public Library

While virtual this year, our club still supported the Expo both with our sponsorship which helped purchase copies of the book "The House on Mango Street" by Sandra Cisneros for local schools.We also donated "Zonta" bags that were used to place books the Library obtained for free and given to a limited number of local patrons, along with a bookmark containing information about our club.

Author of "The Myth of Perpetual Summer", Susan Crandall, was introduced for her talk on Saturday by our very own Charity Craig, who made mention that Zonta was a sponsor of this year's Women's Expo!



North American Inter-District Meeting

Hopefully you've noted from newsletters over the past few months, the North American Inter-District Meeting (NAIDM) will be in Cincinnati the end of June: Friday, 6-25 – Sunday, 6-27.

The NAIDM is held in the year opposite of the International Convention and, as indicated, is a meeting for members of clubs in North America which currently includes the US and Canada.

International President Sharon Langenbeck and the International Board will be there, offering a great chance to talk with ZI leadership and in general, get to know other Zontians as we learn and share together! Work-shops will take place Saturday and Sunday with topics on Advocating, Leadership, Membership & Service.

The registration fee includes the program as well as the Friday night 'Cincinnati Favorites', Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast, with fees as follows: Early through April 15 is \$225; standard from April 16 to May 15 will cost \$240, and late after May 15 is \$265. Hotel rooms are reserved separately at \$145 a night.

Marlene Brant and Jeni Royalty attended the 2019 NAIDM and found it to be very worthwhile. With it being nearly in our backyard this year, please consider attending!

<u>AWE NUTS!</u> We have a limited bags of pecan pieces, so <u>please</u>, contact **Stephanie (**765-652–0704) to get yours so she can reclaim that last shelf in her freezer!





Zonta International president's address on International Women's Day 2021 by Zonta International President Sharon Langenbeck

Each year on International Women's Day, we celebrate progress toward gender equality and acts of bravery and determination by women around the world who have made extraordinary contributions to their communities. Zonta International has worked toward gender equality and eliminating violence against women for more than a century. In the last year, the COVID-19 pandemic has shed light on existing issues and the disproportionate effect on women and girls:

- Women and girls have increasingly been subjected to violence by an intimate partner as security, health and money concerns intensify and tensions are amplified by cramped and confined living conditions.
- Girls in emergencies are disadvantaged at all stages of education; UNICEF estimates that by 2030, one in five girls in crisis-affected countries will be unable to read a simple sentence.
- The global economy is experiencing its worst downturn since the Great Depression and has led to more job losses among women than men.

However, the attention on these issues has brought much-needed awareness to the challenges facing women and girls and will hopefully reinvigorate the fight for gender equity.

The pandemic has also highlighted the many women who stand on the front lines as health care workers, teachers, caregivers, innovators and more. Women and girls around the world have made immense efforts to secure an equal future and recovery from COVID-19, and their contributions do not go unnoticed.

Though it has been a difficult year, today is a time to celebrate our accomplishments. Since June 2020, Zontians and supporters have contributed more than US\$1.2 million to the Zonta Foundation for Women to support our current programs – what an amazing outpouring of support and generosity! Thank you!

Together, we are making a difference for women and girls. Through our education programs, we are supporting women and girls pursuing education and careers in traditionally male-dominated fields. Our Amelia Earhart Fellowship assists women studying aerospace engineering and space sciences, enabling them to conduct groundbreaking research. Our recipients of the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships, Women in Technology Scholarships and Young Women in Public Affairs Awards are the next generation of leaders in the private and public sectors.

Through our international service projects, we are responding to the health needs of adolescent girls and preventing violence in schools in Peru, ensuring that all women and girls in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste live life free from violence, creating opportunities for vulnerable and excluded children in Madagascar to receive education, and protecting the rights of millions of vulnerable girls and preventing child marriage in 12 countries in Africa and Asia.

In conjunction with International Women's Day, Zonta International and its members celebrate Rose Day, a special day when Zontians are encouraged to recognize those individuals in their lives who have encouraged them or are exemplary leaders in gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. If you have the means, I encourage you to celebrate Rose Day with a tribute gift for someone special in your life.

I am encouraged by all we have achieved, even during a global crisis. Thank you for your partnership and dedication. Together, we will continue to fight for women and girls so that they may live a life free from violence and receive an equal education and equal opportunities in all facets of life.

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If you didn't make that tribute gift yet or make a donation on Zonta Rose Day, it's not too late! Your gift to the Zonta Foundation for Women in honor or memory of someone who has made a positive impact on your life or the lives of women and girls can be done at any time.

Just go to zonta.org and click "Donate" at the top of the screen!