



ZONTA
CLUB OF
FRANKFORT

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

District 6 • Area 4 • Club 373

October 1956 — October 2021
65 years strong!

September / October 2021



President's Message

Welcome to Fall! What an eventful month we have had, our first business meeting of the year, our first Program meeting where we learned about opportunities in our community to help with literacy and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and our Chicken Noodle Dinner and Country Store. I want to let you all know how much I appreciate the work that went into making our “firsts” a success: our first Fall supper and our first drive through event. While we do not have the final numbers, I consider the event a success from the standpoint of serving somewhere in the vicinity of 500 meals, almost completely selling out of the Country Store before 7pm, and many great conversations and laughs that were had among our fellow Zontians. Those that were there on Friday were also treated to singing with the students with The Crossing who probably didn't expect a group of ladies to be rambunctious!

Originally, we were planning to celebrate our 65th birthday of the Zonta Club of Frankfort on October 5. We have opted to postpone this for the time being. Few would want to have their 65th birthday celebration all year long, but why not! We do have several events already on the calendar with a few into the planning stages. Please make sure you save the date for our annual Christmas dinner on December 8 at the Angry Donkey. While we may still have to “pivot” throughout the year, I look forward to getting together with my fellow Zontians and showing our community the resiliency and generous hearts of our club. *Stephanie*

“Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.” – F Scott Fitzgerald

**MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR!**

- Board Meeting** **Wednesday, October 8**
- Fall Conference** **Friday-Sunday, October 8-10**
Oak Brook, Illinois
- Business Meeting** **Wednesday, October 13**
- UN Program** **Wednesday, October 27**
Advocacy Committee / 6pm—location tbd

2021/2022 CLUB DATES

2021/2022 booklets are “under construction” and will be distributed before or at the October 13th Business meeting. Until then, here are the dates for our Club year to get on your calendar!

Notes: The Board meets at Main Street Grille.

Club business meetings are at the Paul Phillippe Resource Center.

Remaining program meetings are all evenings with locations to be determined.

Wed. Aug 4	Board mtg	Wed. Jan 5	Board mtg
Wed. Aug 11	Annual Picnic	Wed. Jan 12	Amelia Earhart Program—Advocacy Cmte 6pm—location tbd
Wed. Sep 1	Board mtg	Wed. Jan 26	Business mtg
Wed. Sep 8	Business mtg	Wed. Feb 2	Board mtg
Sat. 9-11	2021 Chicken Noodle Dinner & Country Store	Wed. Feb 9	Program—Service Cmte 6pm—location tbd
Wed. Sep 22	Program — FCPL Literacy	Wed. Feb 23	Business meeting
Wed. Oct 6	Board mtg	Wed. Mar 2	Board meeting
Fri-Sun-Oct 8-10	D6 Fall Conf.— Oak Brook, IL	SAT. MAR 5	2022 Chicken Noodle Dinner & Country Store
Wed. Oct 13	Business mtg	Wed. Mar 9	Program—Board
Wed. Oct 27	UN Program—Advocacy Cmte 6pm—location tbd	Wed. Mar 23	Business mtg
Wed. Nov 3	Board mtg	Wed. Apr 6	Board mtg
Wed. Nov 10	Business mtg	Wed. Apr 13	Z Club Program—Service Cmte
Wed. Nov 17	Special event—Membership Cmte 6pm—location tbd	Wed. Apr 27	Business mtg
Wed. Dec 1	Board mtg	Wed. May 4	Board mtg
Wed. Dec 8	Christmas Party 6pm—Angry Donkey	Sat. May 7	Area 4 Spring Meeting / Workshop—Indy host
		Wed. May 11	Business mtg
		Wed. May 25	Annual mtg
		Wed. Jun 8	Picnic / Planning meeting 6pm—location tbd



June 25-28, 2022
Zonta International Convention
Hamburg, Germany

COMMIITEE INFORMATION

As discussed at meetings in the Spring, the number of formal committees is now four rather than nine. First, the Nominating Committee is elected by the club and the remaining committees are appointed by the club president and authorized by the board. For our club, these committees are:

1. Advocacy

2. Membership

3. Service

These three (3) committees are responsible to meet and plan various activities, events, and programs assigned to each respective committee. Two (2) Co-Chairs serve to coordinate the various duties of each committee and getting all committee members involved. A Board Liaison is available to assist the Co-Chairs as necessary and to keep the Board advised and updated on the plans and progress of the committee.

This realignment naturally put more members on each committee. The intent is that this allows greater flexibility among committee members to serve at various times throughout the year, since we all have times that are busier than others. This realignment should help in balancing our busy lives and the commitments we have as women and Zontians, giving all of us an opportunity to contribute and participate in the varied undertakings of our assigned committees.

Below is a brief summary of the duties for each committee, along with the new committee assignments for the next two (2) years. A full "Committee Descriptions" document will be provided to the Co-Chairs who will share them with their committee members as they plan and/or schedule committee meetings. So, be prepared to hear from your Co-Chairs soon!

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE - The Advocacy Committee is responsible to direct and coordinate the club's advocacy efforts throughout the year. Advocacy is the expression of support for, or opposition to, a cause, argument or proposal. Advocacy actions may include influencing laws, legislation or attitudes. Zonta advocacy is an action taken in "the public interest" or for "the greater good" with respect to empowering women and girls and their human rights. Specific duties include:

Zonta Says NO! / 16 Days campaign (Nov. 25 – Dec. 10)	Advocacy Program	United Nations program (October)
Amelia Earhart program (January)	Social Media	

Refer to "Committee Descriptions" for detail on these duties.

COMMITTEE - Co-Charis: Brittany Butler & Britt Ostler (Board Liaison: Rachel Milburn)

Members: Alicia Albertson	Ann Barnes	Carol Byrnes	Nancy Harshbarger
Debbie Isgrigg	Susan Kaspar	Judy Sheets	Lisa Stafford

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - The Membership committee is responsible for the retention and recruitment of members, along with all members of the club. Specific duties include:

Member recruitment	Cards/Flowers	Communications/Public Relations/Advertising
Fellowship events	Camp Cullom	

Refer to "Committee Descriptions" for detail on these duties..

COMMITTEE - Co-Chairs: Marvel Albitz & Sue Wolfe (Board Liaison: Tina Stock)

Members: Rita Betts	Karen Butcher	Kim Dahmen	Carolyn Dunham	
Tina Kimmel	Jeni Royalty	Bethany Sheets	Cindy Swope	Linda Uitts

SERVICE COMMITTEE—The Service Committee is responsible for directing and organizing local service projects that help reflect Zonta's mission to empower women and girls. Along with supporting projects monetarily, activities should include hands-on projects carried out by members to increase the visibility and credibility of our club as an organization that cares about women's rights. Specific duties include:

Service projects	Service program (generally February)	Awards/Scholarships
Fundraising	Z Club(s) & Program	

Refer to "Committee Descriptions" for detail on these duties.

COMMITTEE—Co-Charis: Dawn Layton & Dana Myers (Board Liaison: Charity Craig)

Members: Marlene Brant	Sharon Keck	Julie Kinsler	Susie Michael
Jenny Neal	Sandra Stevenson	Anita Stewart	Susie Trees



September Program

Literacy Opportunities in Clinton County



The program on September 22 was provided by **Maeve Brewer**, Children's Service Manager with Frankfort Community Public Library (FCPL). Maeve shared information on the Library's various literacy programs for both children and adults **AND** on the new affiliation with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL)!

Frankfort Community Public Library (FCPL)

Tiny Tikes is for age 0 to 2/3 years, with an adult, where children learn through stories and other activities.

Little Learners, for age 3 to kindergarten, may incorporate a craft project, along with songs, into the process of getting this group to love learning and reading. Sessions for both groups run about 15-20 minutes each.

Maker Space is for grades 1 – 5 and is based on STEAM (*Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, & Math*). This is an hour long session with hands-on learning and activities.

The Edge for Teens, directed by our own **Rachel Milburn**, Teen Services Manager for the FCPL, serves Tweens (grades 4 – 6) and Teens (grades 7 – 12 / ages 18/19). The Edge provides programs where these kids can learn &/or participate in varied activities, like using a laptop or iPad, playing video or board games. They can also check out a book or game to take home, work on group projects, or just spend time with their friends!

The Clinton County Literacy Program focuses on early literacy learning by reading in the preschool and elementary schools. In addition, volunteer tutors meet one-on-one with adults who need help with reading and writing. Parents and children &/or adults and children learn together. The program offers one-on-one tutoring classes to adults who are learning English as a second language, as well as other opportunities to promote reading in our elementary schools, both through private lessons and community reading days. Contact **Maria Lopez**, Family Literacy Coordinator at FCPL.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL)

Inspired by her father's inability to read and write Dolly started her Imagination Library in 1995 for children in her home county. Today, her program spans five countries and gifts over 1 million free books each month to children worldwide.

"When I was growing up in the hills of East Tennessee, I knew my dreams would come true. I know there are children in your community with their own dreams. They dream of becoming a doctor or an inventor or a minister. Who knows, maybe there is a little girl whose dream is to be a writer and singer. The seeds of these dreams are often found in books and the seeds you help plant in your community can grow across the world." Dolly Parton

Each month, DPIL mails a high quality, age appropriate book directly to all registered children from 0 to five years. They provide the infrastructure of the program, managing the secure database and coordinating book selections. It also incurs the cost of the program's administrative expenses and coordinates the monthly mailings.

DPIL partners with Local Affiliates/Partners who help bring the program to communities. Along with the FCPL, those helping to bring the DPIL to Clinton County, known here as Local Champions, are the Learning Network of Clinton County, Community Schools of Frankfort Education Foundation, Clinton County Purdue Extension, & St. Matthew Community Preschool. DPIL negotiates wholesale pricing of the books, which are 100% free to enrolled children, as these Local Champions secure funds to cover the cost of the books and the shipping fees which is about \$25 per child per year. To ensure the future of the DPIL in our community, Local Champions hope to establish an endowment.

In Indiana, 52 Local Affiliates are already serving over 57,000 children enrolled in the DPIL from 54 counties. Clinton County now has around 6,000 children under five who could benefit, yet there is an enrollment limit of 3-400 children due to current funding limits. If you'd like to help, just use the link below and select the program for Clinton County!

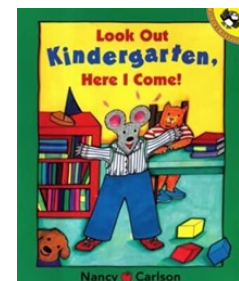
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← The first book a child will receive

&

the final book a child will receive. →



28th Annual Chicken Noodle Dinner & Country Store
September 11, 2021



Our drive through only event came out well with numbers showing over 400 meals served! More information will be shared at the October 13th meeting and in the next newsletter.

A very special *"thank you"* to Head Chickens (*Dana—Lead, Brittany, Sandie, & Stephanie!*) And on behalf of Dana, another big **"THANKS"** to everyone who worked on Friday and/or Saturday to prepare and to those who pulled double shifts during the Dinner and at the Country Store. Although things were a bit different this year, we can call this 2021 annual fund raiser a success!

On Friday afternoon, the Crossing School brought students to set up tables for the Country Store and those to stage the drive through area. They then stayed and worked on the assembly line filling boxes with applesauce cups, cookies, a roll, and tableware.

The Clinton Prairie Z Club girls were there on Saturday evening and pitched in to help out, running meals to vehicles and covering wherever help was needed.

Again, sincere "thanks" to everyone who helped support this year's event!

SEPTEMBER

10 Jeni Royalty 15 Britt Ostler
17 Rita Betts 26 Anita Stewart

OCTOBER

3 Brittany Butler 8 Debbie Isgrigg
14 Susan Kaspar 20 Jenny Neal
22 Sue Wolfe 24 Charity Craig



**Initiation & Installation
September 8, 2021**

(Attended by Marlene Brant & Stephanie Buntin)

2021 Z Club Officers
(Below, left to right)

Tillarah Rominger, Historian
 Yesenia Escarno, Historian
 Sofia Harshbarger, Hours Chair
 Tatum Nash, Co-President
 Nissa Freestone, Co-President
 Ava Brewer, Historian

Not pictured,
 Grace Good, Secretary-Treasurer



2021 Clinton Prairie Z Club Members
(Minus those in quarantine!)



2021 ANNUAL PICNIC



Seated:

Brittany Butler, Sandi Stevenson, Marlene Brant, Susan Kaspar, Jenny Neal, Anita Stewart, Nancy Harshbarger, Rachel Milburn, Stephanie Buntin

Standing:

Bethany Sheets, Tina Stock, Sue Wolfe, Dana Myers, Rita Betts, Susie Trees, Sharon Keck

This year's annual picnic on August 11th was again hosted by **Susan Kaspar**, at her lovely home in Little Lakes, however due to the intense heat the party was inside in her airconditioned solarium! Everyone enjoyed a great meal and most of all, the chance to reconnect as fellow Zontians & friends!

Thank you Susan, for opening your home!

District 6 Blanket Service Project



Our District Service Project continues with this second year of the biennium. Clubs throughout the district participate by purchasing &/or making blankets for local organizations. So far, members have donated fourteen (14) twin sized blankets and "thanks" to **Jenny Neal**, past Chair of the Service Committee, these were delivered to the WeCare Recovery Home early this Summer.

A new Service Committee has been established for the next two years and although they may choose another organization to support with blankets, collecting them will continue. **Dana Myers and Dawn Layton** are our Service Committee Co-Chairs, so please contact them if you are able to donate a blanket — or two! If you like to make things, fleece blankets can also be put together for this project.

Zonta Club of Frankfort—2021/2022 Board

Officers

President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer
Stephanie Buntin	Dana Myers	Rita Betts	Marlene Brant

Directors

Past Co-Presidents—Nancy Harshbarger & Jeni Royalty
2021/2022—Charity Craig & Tina Stock
2021/2023—Marvel Albitz & Rachel Milburn



65 YEARS!

For newsletter submissions, contact Jeni Royalty: jeniluroyalty@gmail.com