

#### **October / November 2022**

"When you arise in the morning give thanks for the food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies only in yourself." - Tecumseh



As I'm sure you all know, there will be no "President's Message" this time as Dana is recovering from a brain aneurysm suffered on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. During surgery the next day to repair the one in her brain, another was discovered in her neck which was addressed with a procedure called coiling to block blood flow into the aneurysm. While some improvements are being made every day, Dana, along with Kevin and their family, has a long road ahead, so we must continue to keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

As Dana wrote in last month's newsletter, she was looking "forward to serving with (her) fellow Zontians within our community and showing what we can accomplish". Let us continue to show her our support by doing all we can to fulfill this for her as we work together towards great accomplishments in our community. As Dana progresses, I know she will be so pleased that we are moving forward with this work until she is able to rejoin us!

Please send cards: 2008 Washington Drive, Frankfort, IN 46041

Thank you. Jeni

November \*5th 12th at 10am — Area 4 Zonta Says NO! Walk — Lebanon Park If you didn't sign-up, no worries—come join us at the Park or at the Lebanon Arni's about noon! \* postponed due to forecast: rain + wind advisory; same time on the 12th



#### November 9th — Business Meeting

#### November 16th — Program Meeting

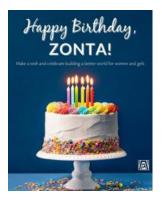
Ascent 121 is committed to helping survivors of commercial sexual exploitation with a mission to "empower young people and their families through long-term recovery services to position them for their next chapter in life".

During this joint program the Advocacy & Service Committees will be sharing information about the work of Ascent 121 and discussing the survivor services they provide, followed by presenting plans to &/or build activity kits to be donated to Ascent 121. Below is a list of supplies that members can donate to build the kits. The plan is to continue to collect items through the 16 Days so additional kits can be built.

Nail polish remover pads (no bottles)	F
Hand scrub	(
Nail stickers	ł
Pedicure toe dividers	-
Fuzzy socks	5
Bottled drinks	

Package of cotton balls Cardboard nail files Hand moisturizer Toe scrub brush Scented candles Small package of Q-tips Bright nail polish Hand towels Foot scrub Individually wrapped store bought candy (no nuts)

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Celebrate Zonta's 103rd birthday!

Donate to the Zonta Foundation for Women!

Every donation gives a woman or girl a chance, an opportunity, and a voice toward her own empowerment.

Other Upcoming Events





Zonta Says NO! / 16 Days Campaign - November 25—December 10

November 16th — Tentative date for Mayoral Proclamation signing

November 25th — Yard signs will be delivered by this date to businesses with greater visibility. There will be 20 new, additional signs and holders, so if you would like one to display for your business or home and have not been contacted, please let Rachel or Jeni know.

#### Christmas Parade—December 3rd at 6pm

We will have a float again this year with a "**Zonta Says NO!**" theme. No official sign-up is planned, so just show-up and walk with the float. If you would like to provide wrapped candy to be shared with the kiddos along the route, please let Brittany or Britt know!

#### <u>Aw, Nuts!</u>

Based on order sheets from members, an order has been placed for 36 cases of nuts. These will be picked up the week of November 14th with delivery to each member by the end of that week, so wait for a call or text!





Wednesday, December 7th — Christmas Party

Please make plans to join your fellow Zontians at the Angry Donkey as we celebrate! Social time will start at 6:00 with dinner at 6:30. We will again have a Dirty Santa exchange for those wishing to participate with gifts around \$20. Details on the menu and cost will be included in the Evite, so please be sure to watch for that and reply <u>"YES"!</u>

Our United Nations Program in October was "<u>Climate Change Is NOT Created Equal</u>". Presented by Susie Trees, this fact was shared: <u>When natural disasters strike, they (can) hit poor communities first...and worst!</u> And since women make up an estimated 70 % of those living below the poverty line, they are the most likely to bear the <u>heaviest burdens!</u> We also heard about the new "Zonta Says NOW to gender-equal climate action" initiative that is working on Zonta's role in addressing this issue of inequality. (*See the "Zonta Says NOW" flyer on the next page*.)

We also heard about the new International Service Project, "Engaging Girls in Climate Change in Madagascar", with the Goal: Support girls and a generation of children and adolescents by providing environmental education in Madagascar through child-friendly schools. In the last 2 years, this country has faced 3 climate change related emergencies - flooding in the north, prolonged drought in the south, and disease outbreaks in all 22 regions!

Through our own climate action, Zontians CAN "Build a Better World for Women and Girls"! Let's DO IT !!

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#### to gender-equal climate action

#### Climate change is a gender equality issue. Why?

- As our lands and oceans heat up and more plants and animals die — too many women cannot grow or collect enough food to feed their families.
- As drought hits—too many women and girls must walk further for water and fuel, making them more vulnerable to assault and less likely to have time for education.
- As floods, fires, storms and rising sea levels destroy homes and local economies — too many women do not have the financial resources to recover and descend further into poverty.
- Globally, as only a quarter of parliamentarians and a third of climate negotiators are women, the voices of too many women are not heard around decision-making tables, and gender disadvantages are becoming more entrenched.

In this critical decade for humanity, Zonta Says NOW to gender equality in climate action will encourage Zontians to:

Educate women and girls to learn to adapt and mitigate climate change impacts, planning for more resilient communities, and choosing more sustainable lifestyles. This is what our new International Project, Engaging Girls on Climate Change in Madagascar, is doing!

Advocate for women's rights to close the gender gaps in finance, land ownership, pay, STEM and the digital economy, so women have a fighting chance of recovery as the world and economies are disrupted by extreme weather events.

Inspire more female leaders in our communities, workplaces and governments so more women's voices are heard, and decisions are fairer for everyone.

Educate community leaders and corporate and nonprofit decision makers to consider the effect on women and girls before engaging in climate-related and other community decisions.

In the 2022-2024 Biennium, the Zonta Says NOW Working Group has the challenge of putting the Zonta Says NOW Statement on Climate Change into action. The Working Group is guided by the United Nation's 17



Zonta Says NOW tearn meets for the first time face-to-face in Hamburg.

Sustainable Development Goals and the recommendations of the 66th meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women, which focused on climate change, the environment, and disaster risk reduction.

The Working Group currently consists of Zontians from Australia, South Asia, Europe and the USA who worked together on the Zonta Says NOW workshops at Convention. These Zontians have been gaining experience setting up Zonta Says NOW Think Tanks in their districts and discussing how Zonta Says NOW can be applied locally, nationally and globally.

The Working Group is drafting a Zonta Says NOW strategy to list priorities, short, medium and longterm goals, identify possible activities, and develop key messages. When completed, the draft strategy will be circulated to the International Zonta Says NOW Think Tank and then reviewed and revised collaboratively at an online workshop before being released.

Zontians will be updated with progress on a soon-tobe-released Zonta Says NOW web page on the Zonta International website.

Through our climate action, Zontians can build a better world for women and girls. Let's do it!

If you have specialist skills and experience that you can contribute to Zonta Says NOW, please email the Chair of the Working Group, Carole Theobald, at zontasaysnow@gmail.com.

#### 2022 District 6 Fall Conference



Fall Conference was held October 7-9 in Brookfield, Wisconsin and hosted by the Milwaukee Club. Our club was represented by Marlene, Jeni, Stephanie, and Susie T., shown here with other Area 4 members from the Indy and Lebanon clubs.

Stephanie, Marlene, Jeni, Pauline Coderre, Judi Wilson, Joanne Solomon, Tania White, Lisa Richards, Susie, & Pam Anderson.



The Milwaukee Club held their 7th annual Zonta Says No to Violence Walk on Friday and attendees were able to participate.

Left: Susie, Jeni, and Judi Wilson (Lebanon) with the <u>65 pennants containing the names</u> and stories of the Milwaukee victims of domestic violence who died in 2021.

Right: The impressive, 8 story lobby of the Milwaukee City Hall where the walk kicked-off and where in concluded with messages from several speakers.





Following the afternoon Board meeting on Thursday, members enjoyed an evening of food and fellowship at a local restaurant.

#### FALL CONFERENCE — SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION Susie Trees, District 6 Awards Chair

It is a proud day to be a Zontian in our District 6, ladies! As your District Award Chair, I had the pleasure of getting to know each of these scholarship award recipients, arranging for them to be at Fall Conference, and then to introduce all 5 scholarship award recipients at our District Fall Conference luncheon.

District 6 has 2 Amelia Earhart Fellows, who spoke to us via video message, both now involved in research with NASA, and our 3 District Scholars of the YWPA Award, the JMK Women in Business Award, and the Women in Technology Award were each there in person to tell us how their Zonta Scholarship is helping them pursue their educational goals! All five women were awarded International Scholarships as well, by Zonta International, which is quite special for District 6!

Please take a moment and read each biography pictured, as these are very special young women Frankfort Zontians can be proud to support through our donations to the Zonta Foundation for Women!



Proposed Program: Aerospace engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

Ms. Awate is a Ph.D. candidate in aerospace engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her primary focus is the study of rotary wing aerodynamics and, more specifically, the dynamic stall process that occurs as wings or blades move rapidly. This complex dynamic stall phenomenon typically results in a highly unsteady flow field and renders aircrafts uncontrollable. The goal of her research is to understand and to predict the prevalent vortex shedding process to inform future designs and control mechanisms for such flows.

In her research, Ms. Awate combines low-order modeling approaches with advanced non-intrusive flow diagnostic methods in wind tunnel experiments to understand the physical underpinnings behind the dynamic stall phenomenon. She hopes her experiments will contribute to the development of new in-situ flow sensing and control capabilities on helicopters, maneuvering aircrafts and wind turbines.

After completing her doctoral degree, Ms. Awate envisions working for NASA, where she is part of the Pathways program within the flow physics branch. Her long-term goals include starting the first aerospace sciences academy in her home country, Senegal, tackling gender and racial disparities within the STEM faculty body and search committees and teaching at the collegiate level. In her spare time, Ms. Awate enjoys baking, dancing, reading, and creating arts and crafts.



2022 Amelia Earhart Fellow

# Maaninee Gupta

#### Citizenship: India

#### Proposed Program: Aeronautics and astronautics at Purdue University, USA

A member of the Multi-Body Dynamics Research Group at Purdue University, Ms. Gupta's Ph.D. research focuses on the field of orbital mechanics.

Within this domain, Ms. Gupta's research involves spacecraft trajectory design, modeling the true complexities of a space-based dynamical environment. A key aspect of simulating this complex motion is the inclusion of secondary gravitational forces that directly influence spacecraft dynamics, resulting in an inherently challenging nonlinear dynamical system. Upcoming missions that will operate in the vicinity of the moon, such as the NASA's Lunar Gateway, will benefit from such comprehensive analyses that account for the intricacies associated with accurately modeling spacecraft motion.

While the process is theoretically and computationally grueling, this higher-fidelity gravitational analysis results in unique orbits that are remarkably useful for missions to and near the moon. Although numerous orbits are available at our disposal in cislunar space, resonant orbits possess significant advantages that can aid long-term mission success. Spacecraft in such orbits remain in resonance with the lunar orbit and, thus, provide naturally recurring access between the Earth and the moon. Additionally, resonant orbits exhibit natural stability, which can minimize the long-term spacecraft operational costs. Accordingly, Ms. Gupta's research seeks to investigate the availability of Earth-moon resonant orbits and their applicability to current mission demands.

With the expertise gained in her doctoral research program, she hopes to contribute toward spacecraft trajectory design in support of humanity's return to the moon. Besides research, she enjoys doing crosswords, playing tennis and watching Formula One.



2022 Young Women in Public Affairs Awardee

# Khadijah Dhoondia

#### **District 6**

#### **Citizenship: United States**

Khadijah Dhoondia was very involved in her high school, with roles as a student representative for her school district board—where she reached out to students and staff to represent their perspectives in monthly board reports—and president of the National Honor Society, speaking to community members in need. She was also an officer of Key Club and student senate, vice president of Future Business Leaders of America, elected representative for the Principal Advisory Board and more.

Khadijah co-founded and acted as the chief marketing officer for LOAF, which served 3,000 people with food pantries and shelters for women, refugees and homeless people. She led 13 team members to raise US\$31,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, which awarded her the Community Involvement Award. As a participant in the American Civil Liberties Union Summer Advocacy Program, she discussed the history of racial injustice and civil liberties with government officials. She was a youth speaker with Who is Hussain?, delivering speeches at marches in Milwaukee and virtual advocacy in Zambia to inspire social justice and advocate positive representation of Islam. She earned the Girl Scouts Silver Award for organizing an intergenerational reading event with the Girl Scouts and an assisted living home.

An incoming freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Khadijah is majoring in neurobiology on the pre-medicine track. She hopes to pursue an MD-PhD, a dual doctorate program for students who are interested in careers as physician-scientists. She aims to support patients through clinical practice and contribute to scientific advancement through research. She also plans to volunteer and is interested in serving at a local free clinic and internationally with the Peace Corps.



#### 2021 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholar

# **Courtney Jentz**

#### District 6 Citizenship: USA

#### Pursuing bachelor's degree in accounting and finance, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, USA

Courtney Jentz is a senior studying accounting and finance at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater's College of Business and Economics. She has always found joy in helping other women succeed in business. As a KPMG campus ambassador and volunteer at UW-Whitewater's Women in Business Day, she has had the opportunity to interact daily with other women in business and motivate them toward success. A founder of two small businesses, Courtney discovered her passion in business lies in finance and investing.

Through the Applied Investment Program at her school, she is one of a select group of finance students managing a \$US1.1 million portfolio for the university. She is excited to use the skills she learned in the program to help others manage their own money and stand out as a woman leader in a male-dominated field. As vice president and service event coordinator of Beta Alpha Psi at her university, Courtney helped organize various events for her chapter to give back to the community. In the past year, she worked with a local senior living center, homeless shelter, and a veteran's organization to bring joy during holiday seasons where many did not have the luxury of seeing their families.

Courtney's goals include becoming a certified public accountant (CPA) and working as a manager for a large accounting firm. She hopes to make a substantial impact in the business field by empowering women through her successes and showing them that they can also be successful.



# 2021 Women in Technology Scholar

# Jennie Patricoski



### Citizenship: USA

Pursuing master's degree in information technology, Carnegie Mellon University, USA

Holds J.D., Technology Law, Notre Dame Law School, USA; bachelor's degree in political science and communications, University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB), USA

Jennie Patricoski is passionate about information security and dedicated to promoting both privacy rights and women's rights. She is pursuing her master's degree at Carnegie Mellon University while working as a security intelligence analyst at Tesla, where she performs network monitoring, conducts domain takedowns, provides legal research and supports the company's risk management and insider threat programs.

When Jennie was studying at UCSB, six people were killed and 14 injured in a misogynistic terror attack near campus. Jennie connected with community leaders and UCSB's student government and together, they spearheaded a crowdfunding campaign to reduce the number of guns in the area. She applied for law school based on her passion for human rights, but switched her focus after learning about how cybersecurity is a relevant national security concern for airlines.



#### Happy Birthday..., Past and Future!

#### **OCTOBER**

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#### **NOVEMBER**

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Just a reminder to update your ZI information	<u>Update Profile on Zonta International</u> Sign In from the ZI website (zonta.org) Go to My Zonta > Directory
Zonta International Updates With the move of so many members to eliminate home phones, ZI would like members to update their information on the website. Thanks!	Member Directory Enter your Last and First name Press the Enter key or Find Click on your name My Profile / About Me Scroll down to: My Personal Details Update Home, Work, and/or, Cell Phone # Click Save at the bottom

#### **ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS**

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<u>Previous changes:</u> Page 6 = Christmas Parade — December 3 Page 8 = NAIDM — June 29 — July 2 North American Inter-District Meeting Indianapolis—Hosted by District 6

With the NAIDM being held in Indy/Area 4, there will be various opportunities for Indiana members to get involved, so be sure to get this on your calendar!

#### Zonta Club of Frankfort—2022/2023 Board

<u>Officers</u>

**ZONTA CLUB** 

OF FRANKFORT

2022 / 2023

Club # 373 — Chartered October 5, 1956

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**BUILD A BETTER WORLD** 

FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

President Vice President Dana Myers Rachel Milburn

New theme:

sident Secretary *Milburn Rita Betts* 

Treasurer *Marlene Brant* 

#### **Directors**

Past President—Stephanie Buntin <u>2022/2023</u>—Marvel Albitz & Jenny Neal <u>2022/2024</u>—June Palmer & Kaytianne Rottler The monthly submission target date for 2022-2023 will be the **25th of each month**. **Send submissions to:** jeniluroyalty@gmail.com.

All submissions should be in a simple Word document format. Committee Co-Chairs are encouraged to submit meeting dates or other information related to your committee work. Suggestions for improvement are welcome as well! Thank you!