



April / May 2023



President's Message

Spring is here, but winter chill is still hanging around. As we wait for warmer weather, we look forward to flowers blooming. As we wrap up another Zonta year, we had several members attend Area 4 Spring Workshop, hosted by the Zonta Club of Lebanon.

As we continue through Spring, we begin to plan our annual meeting, coming up on Wednesday, May 17, held at the Angry Donkey at 6:00pm. We accomplished great things this year, thanks to many of you!

Hope to see all of you at our upcoming events. Dana

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR!**



**DISTRICT 6 FALL CONFERENCE**

**October 6 — 8, 2023**

**Hosted by Area 3 in Alton, Illinois  
Called to Service: Zontians Serving  
Through All Walks of Life**

The NAIDM is fast approaching and it's a great opportunity for YOU to attend various workshops, suitable to Zonta and your personal/professional life! As members of Area 4 and District 6, we are being counted on as the face of this event, welcoming members from all over the US and Canada!

**PLEASE**, sign up & show up to share our Hoosier hospitality!

<https://www.zontanaidm.org/>



**Upcoming Meetings**

- May 3 Board Meeting — Frankfort Community Public Library at noon
- May 10 Business Meeting — Paul Phillippe Resource Center at noon
- May 17 Annual Meeting — Angry Donkey: Cocktails at 6:00 & Dinner at 6:00  
(see Evite of Sunday, 4-30, for more details & to RSVP by 5-12)
- June 14 Planning Picnic — Evening gathering; location tbd. PLEASE be there!



**We're so excited and just can't stop talking about it!  
We raised over \$10,500 from our  
30th Annual Chicken Noodle Dinner & Country Store!  
WAY TO GO!**



### **Zonta Welcomes YWCA Sexual Assault Advocates on International Women's Day**

*For those who were unable to attend or missed the article on the March 8th meeting, below is the piece posted by Clinton County Daily News on March 28, 2023...*

On March 8, International Women's Day, Zonta members welcomed staff of the YWCA Greater Lafayette to learn more about the work of the Sexual Assault Advocate office in Clinton County. Local advocates, Ashley Miers and Bree Palmer were joined by Ericka Lee, from the Greater Lafayette YWCA.

The satellite office of the YWCA, located in the Healthy Communities of Clinton County (HCCC) building, has been opened for six months. As advocates, Ashley and Bree work to help local survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and stalking find their voice and ensure their safety. Through case advocacy, support groups, legal advocacy, and emergency shelter, YWCA Greater Lafayette is on a mission to support and empower survivors of violence. and with local advocates their Domestic Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (DVIPP) is here to keep victims safe, including helping to make a safety plan and working with community partners to obtain additional resources.

Education is crucial to preventing violence and the YWCA states: Violence Prevention Education is a key pillar of YWCA's Domestic Violence Intervention & Prevention Program. In order to break the cycle of violence we must educate the community on what healthy relationships look like, how to identify the warning signs of intimate partner violence and child abuse, how to provide support and to victims and survivors, and what to do if you suspect someone is experiencing domestic violence. As a community, we can work together to build safe neighborhoods, homes, and schools.

According to the American Medical Association (AMA), sexual assault continues to represent the most rapidly growing violent crime in America, claiming a victim every 45 seconds. Because many of these attacks occurring daily go unreported and unrecognized, sexual assault can be considered a "silent-violent epidemic" in the United States today.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the theme for this 22nd anniversary is "Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity." This April's campaign calls on all individuals, communities, organizations and institutions to change ourselves and the systems surrounding us to build racial equity and respect.

Join Frankfort Mayor and Zontian Judith Sheets, along with YWCA and other local advocates this Friday, March 31, at noon on the Courthouse Lawn as she proclaims April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month here in Frankfort.

*Note: Information on the March 31st event can be found at:*

**<https://clintoncountydailynews.com/mayor-sheets-proclaims-april-as-sexual-awareness-month-in-frankfort/>**

## Area 4 Spring Meeting / Workshop



Hosted by the Zonta Club of Lebanon, the [Area 4 Spring Meeting / Workshop](#) was held at the Ulen Country Club on April 15th. District 6 presenters were Governor Cheryl Trudeau, Lt. Governor & Membership Chair Isabel Vidal, Leadership Development Chair Yvonne Chalfant and LD Indiana Liaison Stephanie, & Foundation Ambassador Jeni. Highlights of the information shared included:

### **New Club Manual & Renamed Tools**

The **Club Manual** has been revised with the Marian de Forest Membership Manual incorporated.

Membership Tools are now called **Club Tools** and Membership Dues Tools called **Club Dues Tools**.

**Club Creator** — Districts are encouraged to build a Club Creator team; Isabel is chairing the D6 Club Creator Committee

### **Newer Member Resources/Tools**

**Zonta Connect App** — includes news feed with latest updates, discussion forums tailored to your Zonta role and special interests, easy access to member resources, member directory with private and group chats, calendar of Zonta events

*Downloads: Apple App Store for iOS devices OR Google Play Store for Android devices*

**Zonta WOW Channel** = Google “zonta wow”      **Zonta You Tube Channel** = <https://www.youtube.com/zontainternational>

### **Leadership Development (LD) & Core Competency (CC) Program — Questions for Clubs:**

Who is responsible for CC? / Do you have a LD committee? / What’s the most common way your members are pursuing CCs?

**CC Tips:** Work with Nominating Committee to ensure nominees/newly elected officers are CC prepared before taking office.

New members need to be CC prepared to take leadership positions. Focus for both of these: Governance & Specialized committees

**Zonta Foundation for Women** – D6 biennium goal is \$144,000 and we are just short of \$45,000 as of the end of March.

Sara Bean, Lebanon Club President, updated us on bills linked to domestic violence in the Indiana General Assembly. Two of these were:

**House Bill 1196** – CDL (Commercial Driver’s License) training regarding human trafficking; awaiting Governor’s signature

**Senate Bill 158** – Bail delayed 24 hrs. for person arrested for certain crimes against family/household member; Governor signed 4-20

*To learn more on these or other bills linked to Zonta advocacy: [i](#)(search “violence” or “trafficking”)*

The keynote speaker was Allyson Gutwein, who spoke on the theme of the event, “[Gender Equality / Equity for Women and Girls](#)”. Allyson just completed 4 years as the executive director of the Zionsville Chamber of Commerce and beginning on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup>, was to begin her new role with the Boone County Convention and Visitors Bureau as their executive director. Allyson challenged us with 4 questions tied to goals, impact, improvement, and successes within Zonta towards gender equality and equity.

Judi Wilson, D6 Z and Golden Z Club Chair, updated us on her efforts to reach out towards developing these clubs clubs in our area.

Pauline Coderre, Indiana Liaison — D6 Advocacy Committee, shared information on a proposed Area 4 advocacy working group and that and Area-wide walk against domestic violence is set for [Saturday, September 23, 2023](#) at Lincoln Park in Zionsville.

Area 4 has 64 members and representing our club was Marvel Albitz, Stephanie Buntin, Jeni Royalty, Susie Trees, and Tina Stock, so a big “THANKS” for our Frankfort members who attended and helped make the day a success!



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”.

Except for a few items, the Service project to gather and prepare manicure and pedicure kits for Ascent 121 is complete! Each kit was placed into a shoe-sized plastic box and contained the following:

Manicure Kit

- Nail polish remover pads
- Small package of Q-tips
- Hand towels
- Bright nail polish
- Scented candles
- Package of cotton balls
- Hand scrub
- Cardboard nail files
- Nail stickers
- Wrapped candy

Pedicure Kit

- Nail polish remover pads
- Small package of Q-tips
- Toe scrub brush
- Hand towels
- Bright nail polish
- Scented candles
- Package of cotton balls
- Foot scrub
- Lotion
- Pedicure toe dividers
- Fuzzy socks
- Wrapped candy

Once the remaining items are added, the 24 kits will be delivered to the Ascent 121 facility in Indy. A big **“THANK YOU”** to Stephanie and every member who contributed to this project!

**“Thank you” to all who supported the Foundation on Rose Day with your gift!**  
**Together, we continue to... Build a Better World for Women and Girls.**



**Happy belated & future birthdays...**

**APRIL**

- 4 Tina Kimmel**
- 9 Carol Byrnes**
- 16 Cindy Swope**

**MAY**

- 5 Kim Dahmen**

**JUNE**

- 1 Nancy Harshbarger**
- 16 Tina Stock**

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

**Officers**

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|------------|----------------|------------|---------------|
| President  | Vice President | Secretary  | Treasurer     |
| Dana Myers | Rachel Milburn | Rita Betts | Marlene Brant |

**Directors**

- Past President—Stephanie Buntin**
- 2022/2023—Marvel Albitz & Jenny Neal**
- 2022/2024—June Palmer & Kaytianne (Rottler) Gellenbeck**

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!