



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow Zontians,

I hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing summer with family, friends, and many adventures. Now, with autumn upon us, I am excited to begin Zonta activities! This year, let us fellowship and learn more about the strong women in our Clinton County club. At each business meeting, we would like to have a Zonta share time where one of our members does a little show and tell about themselves. You could explain your profession and why you chose it, something you are passionate about, or something that you think might be useful to the rest of the club.

Our survey last spring revealed that 75% of respondents value the opportunity to be a member of a mission oriented club, service, advocacy, and projects. I am so happy to be able to serve with such caring women, and I hope to learn more about you all soon. If you would be willing to do a "Zonta share", please let me know. We are making a list so we can schedule something different to do in addition to regular business at meetings this year.

Finally, be sure to mark your calendar as we have several events coming up that you will not want to miss including, the Annual Picnic and Fall Conference!

Rachel



ANNUAL PICNIC—WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28th at 6pm!

Please join in kicking off the new club year by spending the evening in fellowship with your Zonta sisters at Susan's home, 1348 Tulip Tree Drive—Little Lakes. We have invited our scholarship recipients, Areli Mendieta-Santos and Abigail Newton, along with their mothers, to join us as well!

All you need to do is come! The Board is providing everything for an enjoyable evening, so watch for your invitation later this month and reply with your "YES"!

Our **District 6 Fall Conference**, hosted by Area 4, will be held on **October 4-6** at the Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel in Carmel.

Stephanie, our Area 4 Director and Conference Chair, is counting on us, along with the Indy & Lebanon clubs, to help ensure a successful conference!

Fall Conference is a great time to gain knowledge of Zonta's work on a larger scale and to be involved in the decision making within District 6. Being the host area offers each of us the chance to put our skills and talents to work and/or develop new ones!

As host Area, our presence is important, so please plan to attend!

The Club pays your registration fee and hotel rooms are available at a special rate, so please, check these dates, then get them on your calendar!

District 6 Fall Conference
October 4-6, 2024
Carmel, Indiana

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THE FUTURE**



Building a Better World for Women and Girls

Planning Meeting – June 12, 2024

Gathering at Ellie's Retreat House, twelve members met to layout some plans for our 2024/2025 club year. Considerations were given to the results of the survey provided to all members in late Spring and completed by 15 members. This included discussing:

- ◇ meeting frequency with decision made to continue meeting twice in most months
- ◇ shorter business meetings with possible speaker, ZI YouTube videos or information, or leadership sessions
- ◇ less frequent financial reporting, such as quarterly or periodically including in newsletter
- ◇ events to partner with like-minded organizations &/or outreach projects to connect with local organizations, such as WeCare, or others

The club year calendar was completed with meeting dates and times showing the preliminary focus for each, along with other Zonta events. This information is provided here so you can get these dates on your calendar **NOW**, print to post on your fridge, and/or save a picture on your phone.

Note: This information may continue to be included in the yearly program booklet that will be distributed at the Annual Picnic on the 28th of this month, however thought is being given to change the format and simply include member contact data and general Zonta information.

“Thank you” to the Board for the delicious food they provided!

2024/2025 Calendar — Zonta Club of Frankfort

Unless noted otherwise, Club meetings are at noon & held at Paul Phillippe Resource Center (PPRC).

Board meets at the Frankfort Community Public Library (FCPL) at noon.

Wed. Aug 28	Annual Kick-Off Picnic — 6:00pm <i>Susan Kaspar's — 1348 Tulip Tree Drive</i>	Wed. Feb 5	Board Meeting
Wed. Sep 4	Board Meeting	Wed. Feb 12	Business Meeting
Wed. Sep 11	Business Meeting + Initiation of Jada Ray	Wed. Feb 26	Fellowship Event — Membership — 6:00pm
Wed. Sep 25	Program Meeting — 6:00pm <i>Zonta Int'l Convention Report — Kay Geisler, Lebanon Club</i>	Wed. Mar 5	Board Meeting
Wed. Oct 2	Board Meeting	SAT. MAR 8	CHICKEN NOODLE DINNER & COUNTRY STORE
Fri-Sun - Oct 4-6	DISTRICT 6 FALL CONFERENCE — Carmel	Wed. Mar 12	Membership Recruitment Event — 6:00pm
Wed. Oct 9	Business Meeting	Wed. Apr 2	Board Meeting
Wed. Oct 23	Program Meeting — Service — 6:00pm	Wed. Apr 9	Business Meeting
	<u>ZONTA SAYS NO! Event</u> <i>Area 4 & Local Organizations / October or November — Date tbd</i>	Wed. Apr 23	Advocacy & Service Event / Project
Wed. Nov 6	Board meeting		<u>AREA 4 SPRING MEETING / WORKSHOP</u> <i>Zonta Club of Indianapolis / April or May — Date tbd</i>
Wed. Nov 20	Program Meeting — Advocacy — 6:00pm	Tue. May 6	Board Meeting
Nov 25—Dec 10	Zonta Says NO! / 16 Days Campaign	Wed. May 7	Business Meeting
Wed. Dec 4	Board Meeting	Wed. May 14	Annual Meeting — Angry Donkey <i>Social 6:00pm / Dinner 6:30pm</i>
Wed. Dec 11	Christmas Party — Angry Donkey <i>Social 6:00pm / Dinner 6:30pm</i>	Wed. Jun 4	Board Meeting
Tue. Jan 7	Board meeting	Wed. Jun 11	Planning Meeting — 6:00pm — <i>location tdb</i>
Wed. Jan 8	Business Meeting	Fri-Sun – Jun 20-22	2025 NAIDM — SHERATON DETROIT NOVI <i>(North American Inter-District Meeting)</i>
Wed. Jan 22	Program Meeting — Advocacy — 6:00pm		

ANNUAL MEETING — MAY 17, 2024



Dana initiated our newest member, Andrea Sheese.



Marvel presented Dana with a scrapbook of her term as President.



Susie installed our 2024/2026 Officers.

As pictured: .

Bethany — Treasurer
Rachel — President
Jeni — Vice President
Sharon — Secretary

Once again, the Angry Donkey served as a wonderful venue! We recognized our **2024 YWPA Award winner, Michaela Jacobs** from Clinton Central. Michaela received a \$1000 award from the Zonta Club of Frankfort.

We acknowledged our fellow Zontians for reaching five-year milestones in their membership and service to the Club:

40 years—Carolyn Dunham & Marlene Brant

10 years—Kim Dahmen

35 years—Jeni Royalty

5 years—Linda Uitts, Rachel Milburn, & Tina Kimmel

30 years—Jenny Neal & Sharon Keck

In all, our members have over **480 years of service** to the Clinton County community!

Andrea Sheese, Administrative Assistant to fellow Zontian, Mayor Judy Sheets, was initiated as our newest member.

The 2024/2026 Board was installed:

Rachel Milburn — President

Jeni Royalty — Vice President

Sharon Keck — Secretary

Bethany Sheets — Treasurer

Dana Myers — Past-President & Linda Uitts—Directors

Directors continuing their service are **June Palmer, Nancy Harshbarger, and Susie Trees.**

Awards / Scholarships



2024 Career Advancement Scholarship

Areli Mendieta-Santos

Areli is a 2023 Frankfort graduate with an Academic Honors Diploma and has completed one year at Purdue majoring in Developmental and Family Science with a minor in Psychology, Spanish, along with Latin American and Latino Studies. She is also in the Nurse Aid In Training Program at Rosewalk Village in Lafayette.

Her career goals are centered around becoming a child psychologist, focusing on working with local communities to promote mental health and well-being, and bridging the gap between Spanish-speaking and English-speaking communities.

As Areli pursues her career as a child psychologist, her aim is to focus on addressing the mental health needs of local communities. She intends to use her skills and knowledge to create inclusive and culturally sensitive approaches, such as therapy and counseling for families who do not speak English. Her goal is to work within communities to promote mental health awareness, provide support to families, and advocate for resources that improve the overall well-being of children and adolescents. Areli is dedicated to making a positive impact on the lives of children and families, and is excited to continue her journey toward becoming a child psychologist!

2024

Jane M. Klausman

WOMEN IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

Abigail Newton

The 2024 JMK Scholarship recipient for the Frankfort Zonta Club is Abigail Newton. A 2023 graduate of Clinton Central, Abby is entering her sophomore year at Saint Mary's College and is majoring in Computing and Applied Mathematics. She carries a 4.0 GPA and is on the Dean's List. St. Mary's is an all-female institution. Her goal is to receive the best education possible. She strives to understand how to create technological synergies that can be used in the business world. She aspires to be an active contributor to an organization by using technology as a means to leverage data that is used to determine best practices and to drive decision making abilities.

The 2024 Area 4 Spring Meeting / Workshop was hosted by our club on April 20th with all three Indiana clubs represented and 22 attending at some point during the day.

Thanks to Rachel for securing the Frankfort Community Public Library for this event and to all those Frankfort Zontians who helped make it a success!



Building a
Balanced
Club
Diversity, Leadership
& the Zonta Spirit



JULY
5 Marlene Brant
17 Rachel Milburn



AUGUST
25 Stephanie Buntin



SEPTEMBER
10 Jeni Royalty
17 Rita Betts
17 Nancy Conklin



With final numbers reported for the 2022-2024 biennium, District 6 surpassed our \$144,000 goal with \$161,120 donated! Gifts were made by 139 or 30% of our 464 members, along with club contributions. Just think what that number could be if each member made an individual contribution during the 2024-2026 biennium...!

As your District 6 Foundation Ambassador, I offer my sincere gratitude as together we truly did help "build a better world for women and girls"! Jeni

Zonta Club of Frankfort—2024/2025 Board

Officers

President — Rachel Milburn Secretary — Sharon Keck
Vice President — Jeni Royalty Treasurer — Bethany Sheets

Directors

Past President — Dana Myers
2023/2025 — Nancy Harshbarger & Susie Trees
2024/2026 — June Palmer & Linda Uitts

*The monthly submission target date for 2024-2025 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!