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FROM THE DESK OF THE GOVERNOR

Dear District 3 Zontians:

Belated Happy New Year to you!

In this issue we have plenty of information and announcements you will want to mark on your calendar. The Area Directors are very busy preparing an informative, fun day for the Spring Workshops (page 7). We look forward to seeing you at either work-shop. The NAIDM will be held just in our backyard in McLean, VA. President Sonja Honig Schough will participate and several of the ZI Board will be in attendance.

Registration information is on page 7. Don't miss the opportunity to attend!

Planning for the 2017 Fall Conference is ongoing! On page 10 there are some opportunities to help. Please help promote all the great scholarship opportunities that Zonta has. The YWPA Award, the Emma L. Conlon Service Award, and the JMK Business Scholarship. You can find all the information about each included in this issue.

It's hard to believe that 8 months have passed since I took office as Governor. I am dedicated to Zonta and our mission. I am always available and strive to see as many of you as I can. I hope I have the opportunity to thank each one of you at one of the many events that have been planned.

Donna Clark

Zonta District 3 Governor, 2016-2018



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JANE M. KLAUSMAN WOMEN IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP - Mary-Helen Risler

Promotional materials and the application for the 2017 Jane M Klausman Scholarships are available from the ZI website.

Each club is encouraged to participate by evaluating the applications from students in your club's geographic area--your club does not need to offer its own monetary award to "participate". Each club sets its own deadline to ensure that the club's submission will be forwarded to the District by the July 1, 2017 deadline.

Students who reside/attend school in an area without a participating club are instructed by ZI to contact the closest club for consideration or alternatively to submit an application directly to the District for evaluation during the District evaluation process. If your club chooses to not evaluate applications, please forward any inquiries to mhrzonta@atlanticbb.net and/or instruct the interested student to submit a completed application by the deadline below.

The application deadline is July 1, 2017. Applications must be mailed or emailed no later than July 1 to Mary-Helen Risler at mhrzonta@atlanticbb.net or 907 Chesapeake Dr. Stevensville MD 21666.

<http://www.zonta.org/Global-Impact/Education/Women-in-Business-Scholarship>

Mary-Helen Risler
Zonta JMK Scholarship Chair

MEMBERSHIP CORNER - Joanne Gallos



Congratulations to all of you for your recruitment and retention success this quarter. District Membership is now 573, with 21 new and reinstated members this quarter. Many clubs held potential recruitment in a club member's home for a less formal environment, and a more active participation with current club members. And it was successful!

New Members: Mentioned in the last newsletter but not officially recorded as members are the 8 for Trenton/Mercer plus 1 reinstated member (Pam Kelly), and 1 for Long Island. Harrisburg-Hershey has 2 new members plus 1 reinstated member (Amy Peffley), New York has 2 new members (one of whom was a

forwarded application), 1 for Washington DC, 1 for Prince George's County Area (plus a Golden Z club), 1 for Philadelphia (their first male member), 1 for Peconic Bay, and 2 for Northern Valley (1 a young professional).

Retention: All clubs that reported said they had unique and fun club events for club retention. Clubs with new members provided an orientation by club members. Harrisburg-Hershey honored Mary Ann Mihok for her 37th year in the club.

March is a recruitment month for many. A preview of upcoming events: **Annapolis** hosts with Grant money a Reception with potential members through 'Meetups.com', members' referrals, and a special invitation to former members. **Howard County** hosted with Grant money a Zing, resulting in four potential members. **Fairfax**, showing 'Sold' at George Mason University, invited from the list potential members to the club's March meeting and social brunch, with current and former members for a 'get to know us again'. **Hampton Roads** plans a Trivia Night Zing March 27th at Wasserhund Brewery, whose owner speaks at their next meeting and brings beer samples. Potential members are invited to both events. **Mid-Maryland** had a February Zing dinner dance with a Mystery theme. **Trenton/Mercer** has a new member orientation and Olivia Wicki, a ZI YWPA recipient at their meeting. **Washington DC** has a new members' tea in March. The Northwest **New Jersey club in formation** SOM committee will meet at the end of March. There were 9 potential members for our District that was forwarded to me from ZI. One has joined the New York club. All were contacted. Thank you and please do a follow up.

Club Loss: Margo Sheridan transferred from Arlington to Myrtle Beach, VA. Diana Garcia transferred to Leilehua, Hawaii. Washington DC lost a long-time Zontian member Carol Beaver and Annapolis lost long-time member Sharron Reed.

Thank you, clubs, for your participation. Please keep me posted; I am here for you, and would like to visit your club, especially our new Membership events. This quarter I attended the Maryland 29th Annual Domestic Violence Memorial Service, District 2017 Conference Call plans, Mid-Maryland Dinner and Dance Zing, Annapolis club garden plans at Navy Stadium walking path, and a special Tribute to Carol Beaver with the Washington DC club. I will attend the CSW61 in New York.

Warmly,
Joanne Gallos
Zonta District 3 Lt. Governor

Welcome to our new Zonta Members

(as of February 28, 2017)

Area 1

Elizabeth Ramirez Coppola
Narciz Guliyeva
Vanessa Singh

Area 2

Lauren Simeone Berman
Carolyn Cummings
Mildred Hamilton
Rukhsana Hasib
Mindy May
Patty Price
Meg Rosner
Maria Wieger

Area 3

Audrey Estep
Jeremy Fearn
Jasmine Sacarello

Area 4

Evangeline Covington

(ZI defines a new member as having paid dues to club, district and ZI.)

Transfers

Area 4

Bonita Williams

FROM THE DESK OF THE LT. GOVERNOR - Joanne Gallos

What's GMD? Why the hype on GMD? GMD is the new Global Membership Drive. GMD was just released from ZI in a PowerPoint presentation to District Governors and Lt. Governors. Both ZI Membership and Communications/Public Relations have joined to develop new and to update current membership materials for clubs to use to aid in their membership retention and recruitment. The goals are: 1) To engage and retain current members by creating a real passion for Zonta and its mission, and 2) To boost recruitment by motivating clubs to achieve a breakthrough in membership growth. Key for retention in clubs is to bond and engage all club members, and to create a passion in our clubs for Zonta, at the club, District, and International levels. Key for boosting recruitment in clubs is to identify those who embrace the Zonta ideals, and recruit committed skilled members who are willing to join us in advocating, service, and fundraising and then step up to a leadership position. Exciting new materials and updated materials will be available in April on the ZI website. I will let all the club Presidents and Membership Chairs know when this is so you may use whatever you want. I know that many of you are already using the best practices that each of us shared at the last Area Directors Workshops and Conference. If you have more to share, please send to me so I can post on our District website. Please also share innovative ideas for recruitment. March seems to be a strong month for club recruitments in our District.

Warmly to all of you,
Joanne Gallos
Zonta District 3 Lt. Governor

SPOTLIGHT ON AREA 1 - Suzanne Scalcione

In honor of Amelia Earhart, ZCNY members were inspired by three women who are studying at the Aviation High School in Queens, Long Island invited guest speaker Dr. Sharon De Vivo, President of Vaughn College and Zonta club of New Rochelle held a screening of the PBS program "Women in Space". The program began with a short video from fellow Zontian, Michele Gates from NASA, and on January 14th ZCGQ held their annual Amelia Earhart event at the Cradle of Aviation Museum. Greater Queens is also preparing for its WOY this May. Clubs have been busy fundraising this winter/spring. Westchester is sponsoring a "A Night at the Opera" on March 6 and their educational and public service program is scheduled for April 27 focusing on Women's health and well-being. A Program for Baby Boomers and Older Adults to Improve: Health; Financial Well-Being; Social Connections; and Overall Quality of Life. Zonta club of Peconic Bay organized two successful Chinese cooking classes fundraisers with menu tasting. Profits will provide micro-loans for women who want to start their own business, an international project, or offering a new scholarship locally. Both Peconic Bay (March 10) and Zonta Long Island (April 3) are planning "Sip and Paint Nights". Long Island is also hosting its 5th annual Birthing Kit assembly day March 18th. To date 2,000 kits have been distributed to Haiti and Africa. In February Zonta New Rochelle attended a webinar held by the NYC Coalition Against Domestic Violence entitled "Beyond Curriculum: Strategies for Engaging Youth in Dating Violence Prevention". Based on the information received the club is looking into partnering with My Brother's Keeper in showing a film directed at young boys and men. All Area 1 clubs continue working with and donating to various organizations. Westchester is involved with 'My Sisters Place', Suffolk county works with 'Madonna Heights,' Long Island, 'Aspire house', and Queens, 'Soles for Souls'. New Rochelle Zonta will host an 'Extraordinary Women in Film Series' with the Friends of the New Rochelle Library. The films selected this years are Maestra, on March 2nd, Queen of Katwe on March 16th and on March 30th, three short documentaries in one, reveal the "hidden" female pioneers who revolutionized the computing and Internet technology we use today. The Computers, The Coders and The Future Makers. Please note that ZCNY will again host a celebration honoring International President Sonja Honig-Schough. Tickets are still available for Thursday, March 16. Please contact Leslie Wright at leslieerwaywright@gmail.com for tickets and more information.



Suzanne Scalcione,
Zonta District 3 Area 1 Director

STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING CONFLICT - Regina Adesanya

The mission of Zonta "empowering women" seems to suggest that all interactions will be cordial and empowering. However, there will be times that we will encounter situations in our clubs that require us to bring all of our professional acumen to bear. Conflict as we know is any interaction that disrupts the smooth flow of activity within our clubs or throughout the projects in which we engage. Regardless the cause of the conflict, there ARE strategies to manage and resolve it.

1. Understand the situation-find out all sides of the story before acting.
2. Acknowledge there is a problem-ignoring the situation will not make it disappear.
3. Take your time-a quick fix may not be possible.
4. Focus on the problem, not the individuals involved.
5. Agree on ground rules before getting the parties involved together.
6. Keep communication open-ACTIVE listening works.
7. Be decisive.

Conflict is inevitable but it's how we deal with it that makes Zonta a strong, vibrant organization. Keeping our focus on our mission will enable us to not only empower others but to stay empowered also.

In upcoming newsletters, we will focus in more depth of how to manage each of the strategies.

Regina Adesanya
Zonta District 3 Conflict Resolution Chair

SPOTLIGHT ON AREA 2 - Pamela Morgan

District 3 Area 2 Zonta Clubs have been busy with myriad activities this quarter, with Amelia Earhart events being front and center. The Zonta Club of Southern Ocean County had a presentation of the life of Amelia Earhart provided by Zontian Pat Roberts. The Zonta Clubs of Essex County and Morristown Areas hosted an Amelia Earhart Day screening of the Oscar nominated film "Hidden Figures." District 3 Amelia Earhart Chair Sharon Jones, working in conjunction with Zonta Club of Essex County President Theresa Perry-Lewis and Zonta Club of Morristown Area President Barbara Woodhull worked tirelessly to identify a venue, ultimately partnering with the Newark Multi-Plex Theater. The morning began with a complimentary continental breakfast courtesy of the Zonta Clubs that was available to patrons throughout the event. After the screening, Toby Terranova, Vice President of Membership for the Air Force Association delivered the keynote address entitled "Missing Figures," where he focused on the current under-representation of women in the STEM professions.



District 3 Amelia Earhart Chairperson Sharon Jones accompanied me to visit the Zonta Club of Northern Valley to provide an Amelia Earhart commemoration. The evening started with me performing an induction for Leah Tarantula, the youngest member of the Northern Valley Club. Leah, who is club president Mary Ann Tarantula's daughter-in-law is already an enthusiastic Zontian, and a joy to have as a new member of our organization. After the induction, I conducted a short multiple choice Amelia Earhart quiz, helping members to recall previous knowledge they had about Amelia's life, and to also learn a few obscure facts about her life. After we discussed the answers to the quiz, we screened "Air Girl," a film short about the legendary New Zealand pilot Jean Batten, who was a contemporary of Amelia Earhart. This engaging film provided the club members a glimpse into the personal conflicts that women pilots faced in the mid-1930s. After the screening AE Chairperson Sharon Jones provided the club members insight into the particulars regarding Zonta International Foundation's Amelia Earhart Fellowship. Club president Mary Ann Tarantula received positive feedback from her club members regarding the commemoration.

In addition to Amelia Earhart activities, Area 2 clubs continued their activities to uplift the status of women in their local communities. From the Zonta Club of Trenton/Mercer's activities with the Rescue Mission t Trenton, their work on Domestic Violence, and their food distribution program, to the Zonta Club of Ocean County's support of Coastal Volunteers for Medicine, a group of doctors and nurses who volunteer their time for individuals (mostly women and children) who can't afford medical insurance, Area 2 Zontians are making a difference in the lives of women. Zonta Club of Essex County president Theresa Perry-Lewis is scheduling a day for "Women Build" with the Franklin, NJ Habitat For Humanity. If you are interested in participating please contact Theresa directly at tperrylewis@aol.com.

Pam Morgan
Zonta District 3 Area 2 Director

Z AND GOLDEN Z CLUB NEWS - Joanne Gallos

The Emily L Conlon Award Application Form for Z and Golden Z clubs is due at ZI by April 30, 2017. The projects and programs of these clubs best express the ideals of ZI to empower women through local and international service and advocacy. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners, with cash awards to their clubs, are those Z or Golden Z clubs which have performed at least three service projects in a school service, community service, or international service. For the application form and more information on the award, go to the ZI url <http://www.zonta.org/Local-Action/Emma-L-Conlon-Service-Award>

Special congratulations to the Prince George's County Area Club for their new Golden Z Club with Bowie State University. New Z and Golden Z clubs are part of our membership challenge during this biennium for the excellent service they provide in their communities and schools, and, since members of these clubs are potential future members for our Zonta clubs.

Below is the list of current District Z and Golden Z clubs:

Annapolis Z Club	Severn School
Charles County Area Z Club	North Point High School Z Club
Philadelphia Z Club	St. Marks High School
Prince George's County Area Z Club	Largo H. S. Z Club
Prince George's County Area Golden Z Club	Bowie State University
Ringwood Z Club	Pompton Lakes High School
Ringwood Z Club	Wayne Valley High School

Joanne Gallos
Zonta District 3 Z and Golden Z Chair

SPOTLIGHT ON AREA 3

ANNAPOLIS

Service: At Holiday dinner, members: gave family gifts to a cancer patient in hospital; gave sheets to Chrysalis House, a local addiction treatment center. Club distributed information about YWPA award to county high schools, and distributed Zonta Rose Day postcards to persons that advance women's issues.

Advocacy: Attended the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women Legislative Reception. At the Maryland Annual Memorial for Victims of Domestic Violence, Zontians displayed hand-held signs stating "Zonta Says No".

Program: The Maryland Wing of the Civil Air Patrol discussed their inception in WWII to now for our Amelia Earhart program.

Additional: Updated club's and foundation's bylaws, and combined the two groups except for treasurers. Members preparing to host Areas 3 & 4 Spring Workshop. We also elected a nominating committee.

CUMBERLAND

Service/Advocacy: Omie Home presentation by Dorothy Marketto, International Director for Omie's Home for Children and Beyond, a local organization built and operating an orphanage in Secunderabad, India with 37 children supported through donations. This is our club's international service project. (A rewrite from 'Daily Journal', of 'USA TODAY' network).

Fundraiser: Successful Christmas fundraising auction raised money for scholarships.

Program: Our guest speaker for our Amelia Earhart tribute was Diane Pitman, Director of Veteran's Affairs for Cumberland County and U. S. Army nurse for 9 years.

MID-MARYLAND

Service/Advocacy: We did a "Walking in my Shoe's" exhibit at the WE3 Women's Empowerment Conference. Each pair of shoes represented a victim of Domestic Violence in Prince Georges County.

Fundraiser: Valentine Mystery Dinner/Dance held with silent auction for 200 attendees. We raised more than \$10,000.

Program: Amelia Earhart guest speaker was Dr. Aprille Ericsson, renown for her achievements and contributions in the field of aeronautics, engineering and science at NASA. Our speaker in February was from Doctors Community Hospital, related heart issues to women, and her team provided heart screenings our meeting members.

Additional: Attended a memorial service for the Maryland Victims of Domestic Violence.

HOWARD COUNTY

Club Activities Three Amelia Earhart scholars, Dr. Camli Badrya, Elena Petro, and Elena Shrestha presented a program "Women in Aerospace Engineering". 15 guests attended.

Advocacy: Mary Lou Shippe attended the 55th Civil Society Forum and Civil Society Development meeting at the UN. Group meetings discussed current problems, lessons learned, positive and negative situations in all parts of the world and how countries are trying to increase Strategic Development Goals in their regions.

Service: Holiday gift bags for victims and survivors of human trafficking were delivered to AGAST (Advocacy Group Against Slavery and Trafficking). We delivered Motel Food boxes filled with specific food for Grassroots' homeless families in a motel.

HARRISBURG-HERSHEY

Service: On 7 March 13 club members meet with the wives of students who are part of the International Fellows Program at the US Army War College (USAWC). (Ranking IFP officers from foreign countries come for a year of study.) Our club plans to introduce them to Zonta, show them where Zonta clubs are located around the world and share information about what Zonta may be doing in their home countries. And we will get to learn about their lives.

Additional: Zontians wore red to commemorate American Heart Month in February. Guest speaker Velkis Ramirez from the WIC (Women-Infants-Children) and Hamilton Health Center, and Kathy Gates commemorated American Heart Month on the benefits of laughter via a reading.

YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD - Linda Foster

Zonta International established the Young Women in Public Affairs Award in 1990.

The Award recognizes young women, ages 16-19, who demonstrate superior leadership skills and a commitment to public service and civic causes, and encourages them to continue their participation in public and political life. For a full list of the eligibility and application requirements, please refer to the application at zonta.org. Ten (10) international scholarships of \$4,000 each and up to 32 district/region scholarships of \$1,000 each are awarded each year.

All District 3 YWPA applications from each of our clubs must be in to the YWPA District Chairperson at ljfoster01@gmail.com before 24 March, as she must submit the finalist to our District Governor before 01 April 2017.

Linda Foster

Zonta District 3 YWPA Chair

SPOTLIGHT ON AREA 4 - Carol Beechler

Washington DC Club – The major event for this club was the very sad loss of their senior member, Carol Beaver. Their March 1st dinner meeting was a “Remembrance of Carol Beaver”. They are also planning an Orientation and Prospective Member’s Tea on March 12th.

Hampton Roads - In celebration of Amelia Earhart month, club members went to see the movie “Hidden Figures”. Eight (out of 14) members plus spouses and significant others attended. This was a fun event to do in place of their monthly dinner meeting.

The Arlington Club has been active with service projects this winter, Doorways and the Arlington Food Assistance Community including AFAC’s Empty Bowls fundraiser. The Club is embarking on a new fundraising (and membership) effort with its “A Morning for Me!” Seminar on March 18th.

The Prince William club also celebrated Amelia Earhart month by attending the movie, “Hidden Figures”. February’s meeting had them putting together personal care bags with donated travel size products to donate them to local charities in need.

The Fairfax club held a screening of the movie, “SOLD” in conjunction with George Mason University. The event was free and intended to educate the public on the epidemic of human trafficking and also to share club information for possible new members. 60 people attended and several requested additional information on the club.

The Charles County club is gearing up for their next Service Project. They have sent out service project parameters to approximately 75 non-profits in the Southern Maryland area and are awaiting proposals. They have 11 prospective new members.

Prince Georges County hosted at their February meeting Dr. Regina Hampton, a prominent breast surgeon who spoke about breast care and what to expect if you develop breast cancer.



Carol Beechler
Zonta District 3 Area 4 Director

FROM THE DESK OF ZI DISTRICT 3 LIAISON

I am delighted to have this opportunity to reach out to you all through your Governor’s newsletter - and I am equally pleased to have been appointed by President Sonja as your District liaison with the International Board and International Representative for your District Conference.

Although I was born in Australia, my grandfather was a proud American, born of Swedish immigrant parents in Rockford, Illinois. As a consequence, I have always felt a strong affinity with America and Americans, and I am looking forward to meeting many of you at your District conference in September, and at the North American Inter-district Meeting in June.

I recently participated in the seventh European Inter-district Seminar, prior to the ZI and ZIF meetings in Vienna. Passion for Zonta inspired 300 participants to travel to Austria from across Europe to spend a day listening, learning, meeting old friends and making new ones. I know the same experience awaits me in Virginia in just a few months’ time - please come and introduce yourself to me.

My first eight months as a member of the ZI and ZIF international boards has been both interesting and fulfilling and I would encourage all of you to consider stepping up to serve Zonta beyond the club level. As individuals, our successes are built on our failures - and there is no safer place to learn from our mistakes than in Zonta, surrounded and supported by like-minded women. Reach out and they will always help you to grow confidently into a Zonta leader.

Sincerely,

Judith Anderson OAM
Director, Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation

IN REMEMBRANCE - Carol Beaver

Carol Beaver gave new meaning to the term “force of nature.” She was smart, perceptive, kind, and fiercely loyal. She started working for the federal government in the late 1940s while she was still in school. After receiving her bachelor’s degree, Carol continued with the government as a cartographer for more than forty years, eventually becoming the first woman to serve as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s director of aeronautical charting. She truly was a dedicated public servant – when she was selected to attend George Washington University for a year, her biggest fear was that she would flunk out and waste taxpayer money!

Carol was a devoted wife to Larry Beaver, a World War II pilot, for almost 69 years.

In 1965 Carol joined the Zonta Club of Washington, D.C., beginning a Zonta career that last almost fifty-two years. Carol served as club president twice, was lieutenant governor and governor of District 3, and as governor was a member of the Zonta International board of directors. She chaired several Zonta International committees and was a member of others. In 2015, the Zonta International board extended to her the Meritorious Service Award, the highest honor given to a Zonta member. In the letter accompanying the award, the international president listed Carol’s Zonta activities and recognized her “tireless and remarkably long commitment to Zonta’s mission and vision at the local and international levels.” In 2010 Carol spoke at a District 3 conference about how Zonta friends had helped her in her career. Toward the end of the speech she said this:

“Because I really believe that encouragement and actions by Zontians had a great deal to do with what I think was a successful career, I have tried to reciprocate by working to accomplish Zonta’s mission and by trying to help Zontians if I could. Zonta has been my primary activity for many years and it will continue to be so.”

And it was. Until recently, Carol came to almost every club meeting and event. She hosted more events and meetings at her home than I can count, and was our eminence grise, always able to provide insight on any issue. A frequent criticism of senior members in an organization is that they are sometimes negative, responding to proposed projects with, “We tried that and it didn’t work.” Carol would respond, “We tried that and it didn’t work, but maybe it will this time.”

Carol’s contributions to Zonta at all levels were exceptional, but I think her greatest contributions to so many of us were her friendship and her concern. She really, really cared about all of us; she wanted us to succeed, and she wanted us to do good in our communities and our world. In her memory, we will keep trying.

Mary Ellen Bittner
ZI Past International President
ZI District 3 Past Governor

TREASURER’S LEDGER - Rosa Goldsmith

Springtime! The busiest time of the year for Club Treasurers!

As flowers are in bloom, your volunteer club treasurer may feel doomed! In addition to keeping the books, key responsibilities at this time are: (1) collecting annual dues from club members; (2) paying ZI & district dues; (3) updating membership roster; (4) preparing the budget for next fiscal year; and (5) finding a volunteer to review the club books. It can be overwhelming and time consuming!

The most difficult part is the ongoing collection efforts (emails, letters, phone calls, etc.) for late paying members, like those that miss the April 1 deadline (per club bylaws). Many club members do not realize that the delayed payment of annual dues has an aftereffect on club treasurers struggling in the final days to meet the June 1 deadline for ZI and district dues. As a club member, you can help by paying your dues on time and verifying your personal information is correct on the Zonta database website (MyZonta).

Board members can also help the club treasurer during this busy time. They can review the current treasurer reports and proposing changes to the budget for the next fiscal year, if needed. Leadership can reach out to members in the club that have a financial background and ask if they can volunteer their skills in reviewing the club books.

A final word, don’t hesitate and be late, please pay your annual dues on time so that your club treasurer pays ZI and district dues on time. The 2017 District 3 Conference is this fall. Payment of dues at the district and international level need to be received by June 1, 2017 in order for a club to be able to vote at Conference.

Rosa Goldsmith

NORTH AMERICAN INTER-DISTRICT MEETING - Judy Johnston

North American Inter-District Meeting 2017

You don't have to fly to Reno or Cleveland or Niagara Falls, Canada for this year's North American Inter-District Meeting. Just get on 95 and drive down to Northern Virginia, register in a four star hotel with rooms for \$109 a night, and rub elbows with the Zonta International President. It's right here in District 3 and it won't be on the east coast again for many years to come. I have been to all of the Inter-District Meetings since they began about 20 years ago, and each year I say, this is the best one yet. And it is. But this year we are going above and beyond.

We are taking about 100 Zontians to Capitol Hill for a briefing with members of our International Advocacy Committee (and the immediate past Chairman of the International Advocacy Committee). Our Zontians will then be directed to the offices of their Senators or Congressmen to meet with their elected officials or senior staff to lobby for Zonta's advocacy issues. Zontians are coming from nearly every state in the union, so we are really going to cover Capitol Hill.

And that is only part of what is going on June 2-4, 2017 at this year's meeting. Go to our website at www.northamericanmeeting2017.com and take a look at our agenda, our speakers and our hotel. Meet Zontians from all over the U.S. and Canada, and talk to members of the Zonta International Board. How can a Zontian possibly spend a better weekend? Make sure to register before the price of registration goes up...and make your reservation at the hotel as soon as possible, we've had to extend our room block twice, and we're not sure how many more rooms we can get at the price of \$109 a night (and that's the room rate whether you have one, two, three or four people in the room). Come on, District 3 Zontians, sign up now.

Judy Johnston

Chairman, North American Inter-District Meeting 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS

District 3 Area 1 & 2 Spring Workshop

April 29, 2017

Community Reform Church

90 Plandome Road, Manhasset, NY 11030

Host Club: Long Island

Click [here](#) for the registration form.

District 3 Area 3 & 4 Spring Workshop

April 22, 2017

Elk's Club

2 Pythian Drive, Edgewood, MD 21037

Host Club: Annapolis

Click [here](#) for the registration form.

North American Inter-District Meeting

June 2-4, 2017

Hilton McLean Tysons Corner

7920 Jones Branch Road, McLean, Virginia

www.northamericanmeeting2017.com

Zonta District 3 2017 Fall Conference

September 29 - October 1, 2017

Hilton Wilmington/Christiana

100 Continental Drive, Newark, Delaware

To reserve your room, please click here.

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/I/ILGCHHF-ZI3-20170929/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

RESIGNATIONS

Recently, District 3 received the resignations of two members of our team. Debra Crum, Area Director 3 and Nancy Ramsay, District 3 Service Chair have resigned effective immediately. Both ladies have resigned due to personal reasons.

It has been a pleasure to work with both of the ladies. As Governor I can't say enough good things about them. They were both warm and enthusiastic. They brought great ideas to the table and always had a smile that was contagious. We will miss them greatly. Thank you, Debra and Nancy! Many blessings.

It's that time!

All **achievement reports** are due to the D3 Chairs on June 30, 2017. Current templates can be found on the District 3 website. All awards are awarded by chairs from the reports sent to them. If you want your club recognized for their outstanding work, you have to submit the report!

FOUNDATION UPDATE - Lisa Fraser Kimbrough

Dear District 3 Zontians,

This is a very special month for us as we honor women around the globe - March is International Women's Month. More specifically, we celebrated Zonta International Rose Day and International Women's Day on March 8th. Please consider making a donation to the Zonta International Foundation Rose Fund to confirm your support of our mission to Empower Women through Service and Advocacy.



Your donation to the Rose Fund enables Zonta to continue supporting projects and programs that help women achieve a life free of violence and empower them to overcome gender barriers that hinder their access to health, education, and professional resources.

To make your donation to the Rose Fund, follow these easy steps:

1. Go to zonta.org/donate.
2. Designate a gift amount and choose the Rose Fund in the dropdown menu.
3. Select "This gift is in honor, memory, or support of someone," choose "In honor of" and enter their name. Then check "Please notify the following person of my gift" and enter in their contact details.
4. Enter payment details.
5. Click "Donate Now" at the bottom of the page.

If you prefer to mail in your donation, download the mail-in contribution form.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Fraser Kimbrough
Zonta International Foundation Ambassador

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - Joan Mallory



Joan is a former professor of music at Nyack College and head of their music dept. Her favorite composer is Puccini and One of her wishes for a long time was to teach a high end interactive opera course to adults. Now, Every month Joan hosts a night at the Opera for fans and novices alike.

When she's not teaching music, she's active in Zonta, her church and in her community. Her enthusiasm, generosity and talent shine through in her participation in Zonta and we are so excited to have her as a member.

ZI News

Follow Zonta's participation at the Commission on the Status of Women

As an NGO with General Consultative Status at the UN, Zonta International is invited to participate in the annual Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. Zonta will join Member States, UN agencies and other NGOs to explore women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work at CSW61, 13-24 March. Learn more about Zonta's participation now and follow news and updates from the CSW on Zonta International's social media pages throughout the CSW.

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International Week of Service

25 March - 31 March 2017

Add to Your Calendar:

The International Week of Service is a chance for service organizations around the globe to partner with one another to make a big difference in their communities. Zonta clubs are encouraged to invite a local service organization to help with a previously scheduled service project during the last week of March, or start working with an organization and plan an event together.

In addition to addressing needs in the community, the International Week of Service is an opportunity for service organizations around the globe to make connections, exchange ideas and discuss the best ways to make a difference.

Visit <https://weekofservice.org> for more info

Zonta District 3 Fall Conference

Cumberland, Frederick and Philadelphia have been planning the Fall Conference for the past several months. And we could use your help. Contact donna.clark1@verizon.net if you can.

1. Typically, on Saturday afternoon there are three workshops. We would like to hear suggestions from you about the topics that most interest you.
2. If you are attending and would like to be involved during the event, please consider volunteering. We have many areas that need coverage. Just a little time would be most beneficial!

We have some exciting new ideas this year and we know you'll be pleased. Please make plans to attend. Each club should plan to send a delegate(s). This is a voting year. Plan to attend to have a voice!



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Zonta International, politics and political parties

We Zontians contribute to shaping our societies via service and advocacy. To be effective advocates for human rights and fulfill our mission to empower women worldwide, we must actively engage in the political process.

Bearing this in mind, however, Zonta International, its districts and clubs SHALL BE nonpartisan and nonsectarian (Zonta International Bylaws, Article III, Section 1, Policy)

“Nonpartisan” means “not influenced by, affiliated with, or supporting the interest or policies of any person or party”.

We may express ourselves and become involved in principles and public issues having a bearing on our Objects¹ but never be influenced by, affiliated with, or support the interests or policies of any person or party.

Supporting our mission, we request **ALL** political parties to:

- respect women’s human rights and
- propose and implement legislation that improves the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women.

We do this by writing to legislators of all political parties focusing on the *subject* and not on the *spokesperson* for a specific change.

Individual Zontians may support or oppose political parties or candidates only as private citizens.

Yours sincerely,

Sonja Hönig Schough
President Chairman

Maria José Landeira Oestergaard
International Advocacy Committee

¹ The Objects of Zonta International shall be: (a) To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local level through service and advocacy. (b) To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of members. (c) To promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. (d) To be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programs, and to provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations and the world.

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