



Zonta Club President's Year Summary June 2018- May 2019

Zonta Club of Fairfax County

Club Highlights

Service

The Fairfax County club continued to provide supplies for the food pantry at Fairfax County's Domestic Violence Action Center (DVAC). The pantry serves DVAC clients, providing emergency food and personal items. Club members purchase and deliver needed items each month. We also provided holiday gifts for a DVAC client and her two children.

The club continued to provide Thanksgiving food baskets for Cornerstones, a non-profit nonprofit organization that promotes self-sufficiency by providing support and advocacy for those in need of food, shelter, affordable housing, quality childcare, and other human services.

We started a new service project this year – "Adopt a Solider." We have provided personal care and other items, as well as "thank you" notes, to three women in the military who are stationed abroad.

Advocacy (include End Child Marriage involvement, if any, and Say No to Violence Against Women Campaign)

This year, Virginia hoped to become the 38th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. The club rallied behind this effort by sponsoring a "bus tour" that traveled around the state to promote ratification and by sending letters of support to our representatives.

Scholarships

The club presented scholarships to two women who attend George Mason University and to one woman who attends Northern Virginia Community College.

Membership/Mentoring

We added one new member this year. Four members did not renew membership for the 2019-2020 year. Three resigned because of work and/or family commitments, and one moved out of the country.

The Fairfax Club collaborated with the Arlington Club to apply for a membership grant. We received the grant and held a membership brunch with about 15 attendees. We had a guest speaker from an organization called Doorways and our Area Director, Gale Allen. The Arlington Club has since folded, but five Arlington members have joined the Fairfax Club for the 2019-2020 year. We also have another interested prospect.

Centennial Planning/Celebrations

The club has discussed giving a Centennial Award to a community organization with whom we have worked in the past. There are no firm plans as yet.

Fundraising

The Club's fundraising activities included:

- Celebrate Fairfax – a festival held each year in June. We staffed a beer tent and received a portion of the proceeds and tips.
- Brewfest – an August festival at which the club managed parking.
- Kidsfest – an October festival at which the club managed parking.
- Fairfax City Fall Festival – an October event at which the club staffed a beer tent.
- Holiday wreath sale.
- Boon Supply website sale – a website with gift items from which the club receives a portion of the sales.

Special Events

None

Club Sales

Wreath sales and Boon Supply sales.