



ZONTA
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DISTRICT 3
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Zonta Club President's Year Summary June 2018- May 2019 **Zonta Club of Frederick** **Club Highlights**

Service

At Christmas Zonta Club of Frederick adopted two low-income senior citizens and a family with a sister serving as caregiver and two younger children. All members participated and purchased gifts. We wrapped the gifts at our holiday gathering and meeting. Also, in December members participated in bell ringing for our local Salvation Army.

In March our club partnered with Heartly House (Frederick County's domestic violence shelter) and Hood College Graduate School and Center for Global Studies to present *Little Stones*, an award-winning documentary. This documentary highlights the work of four women, all affected by domestic violence, using their talents to both help victims and increase awareness in their communities. The showing was in recognition of International Women's Day, in support of Heartly House, and highlighted the mission of Zonta International.

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

On March 11, 2019, Zonta Club of Frederick partnered with Heartly House and Hood College Graduate School and Center for Global Studies to present the documentary *Little Stones*. Zonta Club of Frederick organized and publicized the event. Hood College provided space, refreshments, and publicity.

Little Stones profiles four women, each of whom are contributing a stone to the mosaic of the women's movement through their art. The film and accompanying education initiative are designed to raise awareness about global women's rights issues, and challenges facing women globally. The 60-minute documentary follows Brazilian graffiti artist Panmela Castro, Senegalese rap-singer Sister Fa, Indian dance therapist Sohini Chakraborty, and fashion designer Anna Taylor as they use their art to combat violence against women, sex trafficking, and to empower women and girls globally.

The doors opened at 6:00 p.m. Members of Zonta greeted attendees and answered question about Zonta. Six local agencies were available to provide information about the services offered to our community to combat violence against women. The Mental Health Association of Frederick County had counselors at the site for those attending who needed to talk during or after the documentary. There were approximately 70 attendees. Attendees were asked to consider making a cash, check, or on-line donations to Heartly House of Frederick.

Scholarships

Information regarding the YWPA was sent to local high schools. Two applications were received with one scholarship awarded for \$500.00. Information for the Klausman

scholarship was sent to local colleges. No applications were received. Zonta Club of Frederick also sponsors two scholarships at the Frederick Community College (FCC). The first is a scholarship to an art student in honor of Helen Smith, a charter member of Zonta Club of Frederick. Priority for the second scholarship goes to someone residing in Heartly House.

Membership/Mentoring

Our membership remains stable. One member failed to rejoin due to family health issues. However, a past member rejoined. New members are assigned a buddy/mentor and given a notebook with information. All members are encouraged to attend workshops, conferences, Governor's Seminars, and conventions.

Centennial Planning/Celebrations

Zonta Club of Frederick will celebrate its 90th anniversary in April of 2020. A tea is being planned to celebrate Zonta Club of Frederick's 90th anniversary and Zonta International's 100th anniversary. The tea will highlight Zonta Club of Frederick's history and accomplishments and Zonta Internationals projects and mission. The tea will also promote membership.

Fundraising

Zonta Club of Frederick holds an annual dinner with a silent and live auction at Dutch's Daughters restaurant. Donations from local business and Zonta members are sold. Program ads sales cover the cost of the programs. In the past, this dinner raised \$4,000 to \$5,000 but recent dinners have raised only \$3,000. Our club size has declined and some of our elderly members find it difficult to attend evening functions.

A white elephant auction is held at our July picnic. Our club also sells "Panera strips" and "Save Around" Coupon Books. These funds are all for the service budget.

Special Events

Our special event was a showing of the documentary, *Little Stones*. Please see descriptions listed under Advocacy and Service.

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