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NEWSLETTER OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF FREDERICK

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February, 2015

Calendar:

- March 8th – Zonta Rose Day
International Women’s Day,
March in NYC.
- March 9th – Program to be announced
- March 9th – 20th – UN Commission on the
Status of Women –
CSW59, New York, NY.
12th – Beijing + 20: What Happens
Next? - Dinner – 6:30 p.m.
13th – Zonta Gathering at Today
Show
- April 13th – Program to be announced
- May 2nd – District 3, Areas 3 & 4, Spring
Workshop, Clarksville, MD
(Note date correction)
- October 2nd – 4th – District 3 Conference,
Doubletree Hotel,
Williamsburg, VA.

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President’s Message

We started the New Year on a note of sadness, but it was a comfort that so many club members were able to attend the service celebrating the life of our Anne-Lynn Gross. She will be sorely missed, but fondly remembered.

Our numbers are small, but we continue to plan mighty things. At the Fall District meeting, attendees were given a Zonta pin proclaiming Conviction, Commitment, Courage. We draw strength from being among District and National and International members who share our passion

for service, and these three words seem to sum up our approach to life in Zonta.

March is the month that the UN Commission on the Status of Women meets in New York City, and several District clubs have members who are planning to observe some of the sessions. If anyone from our club is thinking this might be a great way to gain perspective on the status of women worldwide, I am sure the Washington, DC, club, or others, would be glad of your company. There is talk of perhaps an interview on the Today show with our District or International officers, and a photo op of Zontians outside the window all wearing the same color to show unity. Although the entire CSW meeting is almost a month long, the focus of our District clubs is March 12th or 13th.

The draft by-laws have been sent to the clubs, and we need to review our by-laws to adjust them. Among other things, the draft by-laws reflect the last Convention’s decisions to broaden the invitation to membership beyond those women who have held decision-making positions, and instead emphasize those who support and are willing to work for the ideals of Zonta. I think this change reflects the responses to the questionnaire that International urged us all to fill out a year or so ago. Perhaps this will inspire us to think about some new member prospects we might not have thought about in other years. Pat Rosensteel and Joan Quinlan have proposed a “buddy” system for better integrating new members into the life of the club. This will be discussed at a future meeting. Elizabeth and I have been thinking about how we might adjust our committee structure, and Elizabeth will present that for discussion at the next meeting. Also coming

up for discussion is how we might celebrate the 85th anniversary of our club.

Even though we are in the hibernating season of darkness and snow, we have much to discuss and plan for in the months ahead. We confirmed at the last meeting, that if schools are closed, or do close early because of weather, our meeting that night will also be cancelled.

Although I will be in Florida the next meetings, I will send warm thoughts and encouragement to you all until we are reunited.

Carole

Service

The Service Committee is now receiving applications for our 2015 Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarships. The goal of the YWPA Scholarship is to encourage young women to participate in public affairs by recognizing a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women. Women ages 16 to 19 who are living or studying in the Frederick area at the time of application are eligible to apply. If you know young women who qualify for this scholarship, encourage them to apply. Applications are available from Barbara Stastny or from ZI website – www.zonta.org. Application deadline is March 9th. Submit applications to Barbara Stastny.

The Salvation Army reported that our time manning the kettle generated \$147.73.

Meeting Notes

Donna Lane, Treasurer, reported at our January meeting that the income from our Fall Dinner/Auction Fund-raiser was about \$3000.

At our January meeting we decided to increase our dinner price to \$13.00, since Homewood raised the price they are charging us to \$11.50 plus tax, beginning the first of the year.

Also at the January meeting we confirmed a previous policy that we will cancel our meeting if schools are closed, or close early, that day, because of weather conditions.

Revised Model by-Laws for Clubs, incorporating 2014 revisions, is now available. We will need to move ahead with updating our by-laws.

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Program Notes

Hannah Gaffigan, speaker at our January meeting, gave a very interesting and informative talk on her family's experience with international adoptions. Moved by the need for homes for children from outside of the United States, she and her husband added to their family of three sons adopted

children from other countries. Their first adoption was a 4-year-old girl from Kazakhstan in 2002. After several years, noting a need for homes for children from Ethiopia, they traveled there and adopted three siblings – ages 9, 7, and 5 –two boys and a girl. The experiences in handling adoptions were quite different between the two countries. Raising the adopted children from other countries is sometimes hard, but she believes that every child should have a family and feel wanted, and they are providing that.

Among Our Members

Joan Quinlan reports that she has sold her house, effective March 6th. She will be looking into housing in downtown Frederick or possibly Montgomery County.

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Birthday Greetings

February - 18th – Donna Lane
March - 5th – Laura Duthoy, Cheryl Concannon

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Voices Against Violence International Project

During the 2014-2016 Biennium, Zonta International is partnering with UN Women to support **Voices Against Violence**, an informal education program for the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGS) focused on ending violence against women. The Zonta International project will run in the following 12 countries: Japan, Korea, Philippines, Democratic Republic of Congo, Burkina Faso, Rwanda, Nigeria, Malawi, Zambia, Canada, Brazil, and USA. The USA was not on the original list of countries to be included, but thanks to members' input to ZI we are now participating in this very important undertaking.

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UN Commission on the Status of Women – March 9-20, 2015

2015 is an important year for gender equality and women's empowerment with the 20th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the expiration of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the creation of a new, post-2015 development agenda.

Zontians are encouraged to join Zonta International and other NGOs committed to women's rights and gender equality at CSW59 to review progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and to address opportunities for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women in the post-2015 development agenda.

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Zonta International Updated Mission, Vision, and Theme

Mission – Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women through service and advocacy.

Vision – Zonta International envisions a world in which women’s rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential.

In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men.

In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

Theme – Empowering Women Through Service and Advocacy.

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Meetings: Second Monday of each month
Board and Business Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Dinner and Program 6:30 p.m.

Location: Homewood at Crumland Farms
Willow Road, off Route 15 North

Dinner: \$13.00

Reservations: Elizabeth Derr, 301-473-8113
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Please notify Elizabeth by 4 p.m. on the Friday before the meeting, if you have a standing reservation and will not be attending or if you do not have a standing reservation and will be attending. Reservations are also needed for guests. Except in absence due to an emergency, you will be expected to pay for the meal if you have a reservation and do not attend.

The next Z-Line will be published in April.
Please submit any information to be included to Elizabeth no later than April 1st.
Thanks.
