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NEWSLETTER OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF FREDERICK

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December, 2015

Calendar:

December 14 – Holiday Meeting – Pot-Luck Dinner and Christmas Gift Wrapping – Home of Laura Duthoy, 6 p.m.

2016

January 11th – Program – Speaker – Sue Adams, Program Manager, Institute for Learning in Retirement.

January 11th – International – Amelia Earhart Day.

February 8th – Program to be announced.

March 8th - International Woman's Day. Zonta Rose Day

July 2nd – 6th - Zonta International Convention - Nice, France.

and their wishes. More fun will be had at our December meeting at Laura Duthoy's house when we wrap the presents in pretty paper and bundle them with our best wishes for the recipients early so that Social Services and Heartly House can see that the recipients receive their packages in a timely manner. Hope you plan to attend and bring a dish to share as we dine before the wrapping.

I am excited that we have new members and prospective members to mentor. In the excitement of the Christmas season, I hope we make sure to include these new friends in our plans and extend to them our warmest friendship to make them feel a part of us and of Zonta International.

Sincerely,
Carole

President's Message:

Dear Zontians,

I hope everyone had a blessed and thankful Thanksgiving, full of what makes you happy and content. Family comes to mind first, and then Zonta family. We are basking in the success of our Annual Auction, but busy buying things to give away to those persons in our community who need Christmas cheer the most. Thanks to Barbara Stastny for keeping track of who signed up to take care of which of our recipients

Fall Dinner/Auction Fund-Raiser:

Thanks to all who supported and contributed to our successful Fall Dinner/Auction Fund-Raiser on October 26th. There were about 78 attendees, including Area Director Joanne Gallos, two Zontians from Arlington, some former members as well as most of our members. Carole did a fine job with the live auction. Special thanks to Susan Dufney for the painted glasses and vases for the centerpieces and to Laura for the letters, record-keeping and arrangements with Dutch's Daughter. Donna did not have a report on the income yet at the November meeting.

Salvation Army Bell-Ringing:

We had a beautiful day for ringing the bell for the Salvation Army for Christmas on December 5th. With the help of Linda Minnick we had two ringers for each hour. Members ringing were Donna Lane, Pat Rosensteel, Grace Odom, Deborah Lundahl, Maida Wright, and Elizabeth Derr. No report yet on the amount given in our kettle.



Christmas Party:

Thanks to Laura for hosting our Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner and Gift-Wrapping Party again this year. After enjoying a bountiful meal, we will wrap gifts that we have bought for two senior citizens, cared for by DSS, and a mother and three children from Heartly House. Thanks to Jeannine and Barbara Stastny for arranging for the gift-giving.



New Member:

Welcome to new member **Grace Odom**, who joined the club in October. Grace works in Marketing and Communications at the Frederick Community Foundation. For your directory, her address is 1866 Murdock Ct., Frederick, MD 21702; e-mail - godom202@gmail.com ; phone - 240-285-5528.



Program Notes:

Cathy Hanson, Program Director for the Alzheimer’s Association, was our speaker in October. She described Alzheimer’s as a women’s issue – a woman’s disease; 75% of patients are women. This is the most expensive disease in the country. Medications are expensive, and patients’/families need help in the home. Advocacy is raising awareness of the need for research and treatment of this disease ;

there is \$350 million in the budget for Alzheimer’s. The Association offers education, support groups, support for caregivers, and other help for families. Alzheimer’s is an international epidemic.

In November we were privileged to hear from **Kathy Schey**, Director of Faith House, the soon to open “emergency” shelter for women and women with children. The target date for opening this new facility of the Frederick Rescue Mission is the beginning of 2016. Faith House will be able to house up to 20 people – women and children; they can be housed up to 90 days, with possible extension up to 270 days. Women can be self-referred or referred from any of the partner agencies. When admitted the woman will have a case manager. Support will come from Workforce Services, YMCA, United Way. The women will have opportunities for service and will participate in chores at the house. The house will be staffed 24 hours/day, 365days/year.



Directory Update:

Pat Rosensteel has a new address: 102 Crossing Pointe Ct., Frederick 21702.



Birthday Greetings:

December – 17, Carole Larsen.



Notes from International:

On 8 November 2015, Zonta International celebrated its 96th birthday. On 8 November 1919, delegates from the first Zonta clubs met in Buffalo, New York, USA, to found the “Confederation of Zonta Clubs.” Ninety-six years later, we are still empowering women around the world.

Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women. From 25 November to 10

December, thousands of Zontians around the world will be taking action to end violence against women. Together we will take our Zonta Says NO to Violence against Women campaign from awareness to advocacy and make lasting changes within our communities, governments and the world. While we take action and say “NO” to violence, we say “YES” to human rights and empowering women world wide through our service and advocacy.

63rd Zonta International Convention, Nice France. Persons registering for the convention before 27 February 2016 will receive limited-time value pricing. For more information about convention events, see the November issue of The Zontian, or visit the convention website – www.ZontaConventionNice.com.

Voices against Violence workshop was held in New York in October, supported by Zonta International Foundation, UN Women and WAGGGS. More than 45 women from 11 countries attended the workshop, where participants learned the curriculum to teach other youth leaders within their own communities. The program is on track to train 3,000 youth leaders, who will in turn reach 800,000 people worldwide with the Voices against Violence message. This special project works toward “Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls” since it can only be achieved once gender-based violence no longer exists. Voices against Violence is focused on ending discrimination, harmful social norms and gender stereotypes that influence such violence.

During November the Zonta International Foundation asked all Zontians to make an individual donation to the Foundation. If you missed doing this in November, I am sure that your individual donation would still be welcome. You can contact contributions@zonta.org.

January is Amelia Earhart Month, when Zonta honors the extraordinary

accomplishments and uncompromising spirit of Amelia Earhart. As we work to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls, the Amelia Earhart Fellowship provides opportunities for women pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering and math fields.

The boundaries of **District 31** are changing to include **Mongolia** as Area 3, effective 1 June 2016.

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Co-Presidents – Carole Larsen
Elizabeth Derr

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: Maida Wright 301-644-5835
Maidawright5@gmail.com

Please notify Maida by 4 p.m. on the Thursday 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.

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

