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## NEWSLETTER OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF FREDERICK

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### Calendar:

October 13<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting; Service Committee Presentation to Second Chances Garage

October 27<sup>th</sup> – Annual Fall Dinner/Auction, Dutch’s Daughter Restaurant, 581 Himes Avenue, Frederick. Silent Auction begins at 6 p.m. Tickets - \$35.

November 8<sup>th</sup> – Zonta International’s 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

November 10<sup>th</sup> – Program to be announced.

December 8<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Meeting.

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – District 3, Areas 3 & 4, Workshop.

October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – District 3 Conference, Williamsburg, VA, hosted by Area 4 Clubs.

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### President’s Message

Dear Friends,

Our club had half our members at the District 3 Conference a few weeks ago. What an exhilarating time it was! We had small group discussion of ways our clubs could and do learn about trafficking, and how we can get involved in education and solutions in our home communities. There was a lot of energy generated by 100 Zontians. I was glad I went, and proud of our turnout. Thanks to Barbara Stastny and Jeannine for driving the seven of us.

Trafficking is a hot topic this month as it is the focus of the month of October, and the Commission on Women and a lot of other community organizations sponsored a public forum on the topic. Let’s remember to partner with them next year and have our name and logo associated with those who stand against violence against women. I was glad to see that the Zonta publicity on this issue is now reading “Zonta Says No to violence against women”, instead of stopping with just the words Zonta Says No. It clarifies our intent and will garner more support for our cause, I think.

We learned about a lot of different Service projects the other clubs are doing. It should encourage us to redouble our efforts to sell tickets for our Auction, and to continue to request donations from the businesses we patronize. Be thinking of your own basket or other donation to the auction, too. If you are able, think about buying a ticket for someone you want to thank for their kindness, or a prospective member who might get interested from the good time we have at the auction. It is a really good dinner, and good company, even if they do not think they want to buy anything....but of course we think they will.

Looking forward with an Attitude of Gratitude for the whole upcoming service year,

*Carole*

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### Dinner/Auction Fund-Raiser

A few additional notes about our Dinner/Auction Fund-Raiser - The theme selected is *Attitude of Gratitude*. Susan Dufney has made centerpieces for us again.

Hopefully all are selling tickets and have solicited and/or prepared auction items. Barbara Stastny has tickets – **sell as many as possible**. Since our numbers are fewer we each need to sell more tickets! Remember that gift baskets in the silent auction cannot contain alcohol. A cardboard outline can be made to represent the bottles if you want to include this in your basket. Actual bottles will be distributed at the end of the auction.

Final plans and assignments for the event will be made at the October 13<sup>th</sup> business meeting.



### **Other Fund-Raisers**

We are selling Greater Frederick Save Around 2015 Coupon Books and Panera Strips again this fall. You can obtain these items from Laura Duthoy. They will also be available the night of the dinner/auction.



### **Service**

The Service Committee planned, with club approval, to give their remaining \$600, half to Second Chances Garage and half to Student Homeless Initiative Partnership. Rick, from Second Chances Garage will attend our October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to receive his donation and update us on their services.



### **Notes from District Conference**

As noted in President Carole’s message, seven of us attended the District Conference in Downingtown, PA. The theme was *Unlocking the Potential in Women: Empowerment, Knowledge, Confidence, Togetherness*. Club Achievement Awards were presented for Advocacy, Amelia Earhart, PR and Communications, membership,

Service, and United Nations. Many clubs, including ours, did not submit these reports.

The main focus of the program was on Advocacy and Service. Each club is expected to establish and participate in one or more of the proposed service and advocacy projects. Our club seems to be doing well with service. We need to focus more on advocacy.

Sister Michelle Loisel, Executive Director of Dawn’s Place in Philadelphia, was present to receive donations brought by the clubs for the work of this agency, focused on care of women victimized by Commercial Sexual Exploitation. Our club gave \$100 in gift cards.

ZI Foundation Ambassador Lisa Fraser Kimbrough raised \$3250 for the ZI Foundation by way of a 50-50 Raffle and individual/club donations during the day.

The annual U.N. Event, with Zonta International President and the Zonta delegation to the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women will be held at the National Arts Club in New York City on March 12, 2015. The theme will be Beijing + 20 – What Happens Next?



### **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes is one of the activities during this month to increase awareness of domestic violence and raise money to support Heartly House. October 11<sup>th</sup> is the date of the walk in Frederick. Mayor Randy McClement reports that he will participate in the walk. Several groups of men at Mt. St. Mary’s University have been pictured in the FNP in walks sponsored at the University.



### **Program Notes**

It was a pleasure to have Area Director **Joanne Gallos** attend our August meeting to

install officers and share information about Area and District activities and the International Convention. In commenting on the need to recruit new members, she noted that it is often hard to find young members. She also noted that a large percentage of Zontians were at one time Girl Scouts.

**Turby Lagarde**, a downtown resident and landlord and active participant in NAC, was guest speaker at our September meeting. She shared information about issues related to living downtown and work being done by the city government and the residents through NAC's to deal with problems such as blighted properties, parking, alcohol abuse. They have also been involved in beautifying the downtown with hanging baskets.



### Among Our Members

**Maida Wright** reports that she will be moving to Homewood, Apartment #253, in November.

**Joan Quinlan** is teaching an ILR course – *Coping with Life: the Upside of Our Down Times* – this fall.

The **Anne Lynn Gross** Breast Cancer Resource Center has awarded scholarships each fall and spring semester to an FCC student diagnosed with and treated for cancer. This fall they will be providing a computer for the use of visitors to the center to access information about breast cancer and treatment options.



### Birthday Greetings

October – 22, Joan Quinlan;  
30, Elizabeth Derr

November – 12, Deborah Lundahl



### Statement from the ZI President

Dear Zontians,

As you have likely seen and heard in the news media lately, there is an Ebola outbreak in four countries in West Africa, including Liberia – the site of the Zonta-supported Liberia Fistula Project. UNFPA, Zonta's partner in Liberia, recently provided us with an update on the situation in Liberia and its impact on the fistula patients and medical staff at the fistula treatment and rehabilitation centers supported by Zonta and UNFPA.

As of 18 July, the fistula rehabilitation center at Phebe Hospital in Bong County has been temporarily closed. Due to the high risk of exposure to Ebola in Bong County, the 34 fistula survivors that were at the rehabilitation center were sent back to their counties of origin with the help of UNFPA and the Ministry of Health & Social Welfare.

Planned activities for the Liberia Fistula project have slowed significantly at this time, as the President of Liberia has declared a state of emergency and the Ministry of Health and Social welfare has asked all partners to suspend other activities to support the national response plan to the Ebola outbreak. Once the crisis has passed the plan is to reopen the fistula rehabilitation center at Phebe Hospital to continue to empower fistula survivors.

Our thoughts are with the fistula survivors, medical staff and all other Liberians affected by the current crisis. We will continue to keep you updated on the status of the Liberia Fistula Project as we receive information from UNFPA.

Warm regards,  
Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard



### District 3 Website

The District 3 Website is full of valuable information. If you have not checked it recently, you may want to do so – [www.zontadistrictthree.org](http://www.zontadistrictthree.org).



