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NEWSLETTER OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF FREDERICK

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Calendar:

April 14th – Program – Speaker – Lynn Davis, Director, Frederick Child Advocacy Center.

April 26th – District 3, Areas 3 & 4, Spring Workshop, hosted by Zonta Club of Charles County, at University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center, 5 Garrett Ave., La Plata, MD, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (see page 3 for more information)

May 12th - Program to be announced.

June 9th – Women of Achievement Dinner, Homewood at Crumland Farms, 6 p.m.

June 27th – July 1st – Zonta International Convention, Orlando, Florida.

President's Column

It seemed as though that lion named March was never going to leave – I can't recall the last time we had snow on St. Patrick's Day! But the deep winter appears to be behind us; my spring bulbs are up and blooming and the cherry blossoms won't be far behind.

In the midst of all this snow, we took the opportunity to honor Miss Helen Smith by

placing flowers on her grave. In response, I received a lovely e-mail thanking us for the gesture. Which made me think how I wanted to be remembered. And my time with Zonta is very important to me. We may be a small club, but we have a mighty impact locally. Joining with other Zontians, we have a tremendous impact around the world.

Never let the cold of winter hide that inner Zonta glow. And never doubt that your actions, no matter how small, are seen and appreciated by many.

Honored to join with you in fellowship and service,

Deborah

Status of Women/Service Committee

As of our March meeting, we had received two applications for the Young Woman in Public Affairs Scholarship. We look forward to hearing from the committee about selection of a recipient.

Publicity is out requesting applications for the Jane M. Klausman Business Scholarship. Applications are due May 12, 2014. The scholarship is open to women enrolled in at least the second year of an undergraduate program through the final year of a Master's program in business, leading to a business management career. If you know of any women eligible for this award, encourage them to apply. Application form can be found on Zonta International website at zonta.org. For more information, contact Barbara Stastny.

As noted in the February newsletter, Miriam Dobson, current manager of the Health Department Pre-natal Program, will be attending the April meeting to receive our donations of baby items and update us on the program.

Profit from the Fall Auction Fund-raiser was \$3868! The Service Committee has some remaining funds to give in this fiscal year and will welcome suggestions for recipients.

Women of Achievement Dinner

Plans are moving forward for our Women of Achievement Dinner scheduled for June 9th, 2014. The Multipurpose Room at Homewood had been reserved for the dinner, to begin at 6 p.m. Pat Rosensteel is working on the menu. Eight Girl Scout Gold Award recipients have been identified; Jeannine will be contacting them. Pat is contacting a prospective guest speaker. Other members have signed up for assignments. A major need is to identify mentors. Hopefully all members have this event on their calendars and are planning to participate.

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Election

The Nominating Committee – Anne-Lynn Gross, Barbara Brittain, and Jeannine Jennings – will be reporting on the slate of nominees for the 2014-2016 biennium at the April meeting.

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Dues Are Due

Treasurer Donna Lane needs to receive your annual dues of \$115 for 2014-2015 no later than May 1st. This includes international, district, and local dues. If you have questions, contact Donna.

International President Lynn McKenzie announced a New Membership Opportunity in her March e-newsletter:

From 1 April – 31 May 2014, Zonta International will be holding a unique opportunity for new and charter members. If new or charter members join between 1 April – 31 May 2014, they only have to pay ZI dues for 1 year taking their membership to 31 May 2015. The dues payable will be the full annual rate of international membership dues for 2014-2015 (US \$80) plus the new/charter member fee (US \$15). These new/charter members will still need to pay the club and district dues for the period.

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Program Notes

Great Decisions Program was the subject in February when **Barbara Clary** was our guest speaker. A former Foreign Services Officer, she has been a participant in a Great Decisions Discussion Group for a number of years. Barbara Brittain has also been a regular participant. This program, educational arm of the Foreign Policy Association, was started in 1918. Each year they produce a study guide dealing with issues in eight of the most critical areas around the world. Discussion groups are formed and meet for eight weeks in the spring at various times and locations to discuss and react to each topic. For example, topics have included the Middle East, energy, China, Africa, etc. This year there were 19 groups in mid-Maryland, including groups at FCC and Mt. St. Mary's.

We had the pleasure in March of hearing again from **Mary Bowman-Kruhm**, who formerly spoke to us about the wells project in Kenya. This time she spoke about her career as a writer of children's books, mostly non-fiction. Becoming a writer takes a lot of time, not just for writing but for promoting and engaging with social media. She and a co-writer have received several awards for their work. She offered –

10 Ways to Become a Good Writer

1. Write
2. Write some more.
3. Write anything.

4. *Write for your eyes only.*
5. *Write and share it.*
6. *Write when you feel bad.*
7. *Write when you don't*
8. *Write what you enjoy.*
9. *Don't just think about writing,
but –*
10. *Write.*



Zonta Rose Day

Recognizing that Charter Member Helen Smith would have been 120 years old this year, we decided to remember her on Zonta Rose Day – March 8th. - by placing a dozen yellow roses on her gravesite in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Deborah Lundahl, Anne-Lynn Gross, and Barbara Brittain braved a very cold day with snow on the ground to carry out this task.



Remembering --

A faithful and active Zonta member, a number of years ago, Kathleen Murphy died on March 28, 2014, at the age of 97. She was active working with her husband for 50 years in the family business, Charles F. Murphy Plumbing Company.



Area Workshop

District 3, Areas 3 and 4, Workshop will be held on Saturday, April 26th, 2014, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at La Plata, MD, hosted by the Zonta Club of Charles County. Registration is \$25 and is due by April 18th. The service project will be *Orange My World* - a collection of toiletries in the color of orange. Orange is the international color for Domestic Violence Worldwide. Items collected will be donated to Judge Helen Harrington of Charles County District Court and the Drug Treatment Program for women who are sentenced to an in-house treatment program at The Jude

House in Bel Alton, MD. Check with President Deborah for more information and/or registration forms, if you can attend.



Birthday Greetings

April – 29, Barbara Stastny

*May – 3, Maida Wright;
22. Jeannine Jennings.*

June – 17, Anne Mossburg.



Notes from International

In her March e-newsletter, International President Lynn McKenzie reported on the Commission on the Status of Women meeting at UN Headquarters. Zonta was well represented, with 30 Zontians and Zonta staff joining thousands of women and men at the meeting. This level of interest and participation, especially in the efforts to advance the status of women worldwide, is inspiring and brings us one step closer to the perfect world we visualize, where there would be equality for all women and girls everywhere – without exception.

As we enter the last 100 days of the biennium, we are 25% away from reaching our Foundation goal of US\$4,938,000.

District 3 is one of the districts reaching the goal of having 100% of the clubs giving to the Foundation.

Recently-appointed UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka and new International Honorary Member, Dr. Marilyn Waring will be keynote speakers at the International Convention. Dr. Waring is Professor of Public Policy at Institute of Public Policy at Auckland University of Technology in New Zealand.



