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NEWSLETTER OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF FREDERICK

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April, 2016

Calendar:

- April 11th – Program: Speaker – Elizabeth Chung, Founder of Asian – American Center, Frederick.
- April 23rd – District 3, Areas 3 & 4 Workshop, Mitchellville, MD, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., hosted by Prince George’s County Zonta. Registration deadline is April 13th.
- April 28th – Frederick Community College Donor/Scholar Recognition Reception.
- May 9th - Annual Meeting, Installation of Officers for 2016-2018, Induction of New Members.
- June 13th - Program to be announced.
- July 2nd – 6th - Zonta International Convention, Nice, France.
- October 24th - Annual Fall Dinner/Auction Fund-Raiser.

President’s Message:

Dear Zonta friends,

We have four or five members already signed up for the Areas 3 and 4 Spring Workshop to be held April 23 at the Country Club at Woodmore in Mitchellville, MD. You can still register through the mail or through Eventbrite. Why not join us? It is only one day 9-3, and Mitchellville is only an hour away. I am going and have

room in the car for three others. I bet one other driver taking three could accommodate all who are able to go. These workshops are fun and informative. We get to hear about what other Zonta clubs are doing, and we meet some really interesting women like ourselves. But you can still register. We will arrange car pools at our April meeting.

It IS spring! despite a minor setback of cold temperatures. Our club is full of plans and “housekeeping” with our upcoming election of officers, induction of new members, installation of officers, consideration of updating our by-laws, and many opportunities to collaborate with other service organizations to benefit our community. Have you noticed that concern over human trafficking is growing, with several local organizations and clubs joining us in similar concerns? Concern for homeless and needy children has also been taken up by several local groups. It seems to me that Zonta is/was at the forefront in recognizing a community problem that could and should be addressed. I welcome the company of all of the groups now working on solutions. It is enough to shake us out of our Winter doldrums and certainly has had us collecting food and supplies to answer Barbara Stastny’s call for Service donations!

Yours in Service,
Carole

Future Gatherings

Perhaps you are confused with the titles of coming Zonta events. I had to have a refresher conversation with Elizabeth to write this article!

In the hierarchy of Zonta, clubs are grouped into Areas. Our club belongs to **Area 3** which includes some of Maryland and into middle Pennsylvania. There are four Areas whose clubs make up our **District 3**, which stretches roughly from Long Island to Williamsburg.

Both Area clubs and Districts have a learning/sharing event each year. Area 3 and Area 4 have combined forces in the last few years to hold an annual Spring Workshop. We hosted one here in Frederick a few years ago. This year's Workshop will be held in Mitchellville, MD on April 23. The Workshop is a small scale event with a keynote speaker, and lots of sharing among clubs about their projects, and ideas we might try to make our clubs more effective in our communities.

District 3 holds a Conference of two or more days, **in the years that there is not a Zonta International Convention**. Last year, District 3's Conference was held in Williamsburg, VA. This year there is a Zonta International Convention in Nice, France, in July. **In the year of a ZI Convention**, a District may hold a Fall Conference which is usually only one day. Expect information about this year's Fall Conference later this Summer.

The two-day District Conferences are events with formal business meetings and a gala at night, a Zonta store where clubs can sell their fundraising items and baskets are raffled off. There are sessions in which much sharing of good ideas takes place, there are speakers, reports, an election of officers for the coming biennium, a memorial service for Zonta members who have passed. And lots of learning about the larger Zonta organization of which we are a part – and good food in a pleasant location which usually is inviting for an extended weekend with family.

Our club has been invited and has accepted an invitation to help with (be a "host" club) the 2017 District 3 Conference along with Philadelphia and Cumberland Co., NJ. We are all clubs with limited membership, and Frederick is located at some distance from the probable site – King of Prussia, PA. They have accepted our limitations and agreed that whatever tasks requested of us will be possible via e-mail or phone. I anticipate perhaps we could be in charge of the Zonta store for those two days, and/or arranging the memorial service, or something similar. An exciting and anxiety producing prospect, but something to look

forward to in the Fall of 2017. Who can see that far ahead!?

Area Workshop:

Here's a bit more information about the Workshop on April 23rd. The theme is *Unlocking the Potential in Women*, with three sessions on *Empowering Clubs – with Confidence, Knowledge, and Togetherness*. Each club is asked to bring a **club success story** – some action of the club that resulted in a successful conclusion – to share. The Service Project will be the Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County. Participants are asked to bring such items as toothpastes, toothbrushes, deodorants, lotions, shampoos, combs, brushes, etc., to contribute.

Service:

Regretfully we had no applicants for the Young Woman in Public Affairs Scholarship this year.

The Service Committee is now requesting applications for the Jane M. Klausman Woman in Business Scholarship. This 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. There are no age restrictions. Applicants must reside in or be enrolled at a school in the Frederick area. Applications may be downloaded from the ZI website, www.zonta.org. **Deadline for applications is May 2nd**. For more information contact Barbara Stastny, 301-639-9120.

Donations for Blessings in a Backpack were received at our meeting in March.

A recent mailing from Zonta International Foundation indicates that donations toward

Young Woman in Public Affairs have been up this biennium. They are suggesting that clubs consider additional donations to International Service, ZISVAW, Amelia Earhart, or Klausman.

Nominating Committee Report:

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of officers for the 2016-2018 biennium for election at the April 11th meeting: President – Barbara Stastny; Vice-President – Deborah Lundahl; Secretary – Laura Duthoy; Treasurer – Donna Lane; Board Member – Grace Odom. Maida Wright will be continuing for another year as board member. Nominations for the Nominating Committee will be announced. Other nominations may be made from the floor provided the person is qualified and has agreed to serve if elected.

New WEB Sites:

Both Zonta International and Zonta Club of Frederick have classy new web sites. Look at them when you have a chance - - www.zonta.org and www.zontafrederick.com. If you have suggestions or comments, pass them on.

Dues Are Due:

It is time to pay your annual dues -- \$115.00, which includes international, district, and club dues. Please submit your dues promptly to Donna Lane, Treasurer. She needs to send them to Zonta International and District by mid-May.

Zonta Rose Day:

Thanks to Barbara Brittain for delivering a dozen yellow roses to the FCC Breast Cancer

Resource Center in memory of Anne Lynn Gross.

Program Notes:

At our February meeting, as we kept wary eyes out for snow to begin, **Karen Butler** gave a very interesting classification talk. She has had varied experiences in education and health care, beginning with special education for handicapped kids and now as an occupational therapist. She was manager of the OT department at Loudon Hospital Center and has now been with Home Call for 19 years. In addition to her work she participates in a number of volunteer services – Women’s Civic Club, church, Schifferstadt, Hospice. She keeps her hands busy with needlework.

Trish Reggio, RN, MSN,, Women’s Health Navigator at Frederick Memorial Hospital, was speaker at our March meeting. Identified as a speaker following a recent Heart Health Seminar that was widely advertised and attracted over 350 women, Ms. Reggio spoke about the role of a health navigator and her specific role as women’s health navigator. As a member of the health care team, her mission is to guide patients through the medical maze stretching out before them. She is a relationship builder for the health care team and patient. She serves as a resource for the community in general regarding issues in women’s health. Navigators are part of the focus on keeping people healthy and out of the hospital.

Birthday Greetings:

April - 29th, Barbara Stastny.

May - 3rd, Maida Wright;
22nd, Jeannine Jennings.

District News Notes:

District 3 has established a Membership Grants Program to provide individual clubs financial support and resources focused on assisting clubs to increase membership and to promote and enhance services provided to members. The program is open to all clubs, but preference will be given to clubs with a membership of less than 25. Open application process begins June 1, 2016. Full applications must be submitted by August 15, 2016. This is an opportunity that we may want to consider.

In the recent District 3 Newsletter Lt. Governor Donna Clark noted that there has been a slow and steady increase in membership numbers this past year, from 519 at the 2015-2016 renewal to 543 in mid-January, 2016. One of the clubs in formation is Zonta Club of Mid-Maryland which will meet in the Crofton Area . Their first ZING on March 10 was well attended.

U.N. Chair Mary Ann Tarantula wrote about Equal Pay Day – the day that represents when women’s earnings “catch up” to men’s earnings from the previous year. In 2016 in the United States, Equal Pay Day is being observed on April 12th for women who work full time and are paid \$.79 for every dollar paid to men. For African-American women the day is August 26th. The gap is larger for women of color, so it takes longer for them to catch up. For Native American women the date is September 14th and for Latino women, it is on October 15th. There is still a pay gap for women who do the same or equal work as men. These statistics are based on wages earned in 2015.



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Co-Presidents – Carole Larsen
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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: Maida Wright 301-644-5835
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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 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 June. Please have any information that you would like to have included to Elizabeth Derr by June 1st. Thanks.



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