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NEWSLETTER OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF FREDERICK

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August, 2015

Calendar:

- August 10th - Program – Speakers – Tibby Middleton and Barbara Kenny
- September 8th – International Literacy Day
- September 14th – Program to be announced
- October 2nd – 4th – District 3 Conference, Doubletree Inn, Williamsburg, VA.
- October 12th – Program to be announced
- October 26th – Annual Fall Dinner/Auction Fund-Raiser, Dutch’s Daughter Restaurant, Frederick.
- November 25th – December 10th – 16 Days of Activism – Zonta Says NO To Violence Against Women.
- July 2nd – 6th, 2016 – Zonta International Convention – Nice, France.

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President’s Message:

We outdid ourselves for our 85th Anniversary celebration! Hooray for our new banner! Hooray for the balloons! Hooray for our new nametags! Hooray for the cake, the fried chicken and all the very yummy food you brought! No one went home hungry. Most of all, hooray for the great turnout! Everywhere I looked, our members were in smiling conversation with our 18 potential members, or our guests

At last count, there were 38 people planning to attend. Deb Lundahl’s brother had to go to the hospital that afternoon, and we were sorry Deb could not have been with us. Our good friend Susan Dufney who has made our Auction centerpieces for many years, was able to come, and specially welcomed. We were so glad that our former member Joan Quinlan was able to come, and ended up rejoining at the urging of our District advisor. Even though she may not be able to make many of our meetings, her heart is with us, and she is ours while she works with Joanne to start up a club near her new home in Silver Spring.

We were sorry to hear that our District Governor, Margo Sheridan, had a flat tire on the Baltimore Beltway on her way to the picnic and could not make it. I hope she was rescued by AAA without further trouble. Our District 3, Area 3 Director, Joanne Gallos, was with us, and brought us a card of congratulations from the Annapolis Zonta Club, and along with her own card of congratulations, a poem written by her husband (printed elsewhere in this newsletter). It seems that although men are welcome to become members, that some of the significant-other men in her club banded together and referred to themselves as Zonta Boys – hence the signature at the end of the poem.

One of the most fun activities of the picnic was distributing our checks to Blessings in a Backpack, SHIP, and a special donation in honor of Anne Lynn Gross to “her” Breast Cancer Information Center at FCC, presented by Donna Lane.

The rain cleared away in time, there was a nice breeze, I think I saw or heard at least one person talking to Donna about

membership dues – it was a good evening!
Thank you all for all your hard work before
the event, at the event, cleaning up after the
event. This is Zonta at its best. Let's invite
our guests to our next meeting August 10, or
our September 14 meeting, and keep the
momentum going. Fall will be perfect for
warming up conversations and finding things
for our friends to do for Zonta as we plan for
our Auction fundraiser October 26. Many
hands make light work. The picnic proved it.

Proudly,
Carole

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**A Poem to Honor the Zonta Club of
Frederick on their 85th Anniversary
July 2015**

In 1930, just after the Crash
Fifteen women made quite a splash.
They chartered a club which took a
stand
To help out women throughout the
land.

The Zonta Club of Frederick was
their name
And helping the less fortunate became
their fame.
Their sacrifice, sometimes, was beyond
belief,
Like donating their pay to Emergency
Relief.

Through decades of turmoil it was
their bounty
To support the needy of Frederick
County,
And worthy causes throughout the
world
Their expanding legacy unfurled.

The work continues from year to year,
And it's worthwhile- that much is
clear,
From Christmas bell that they help
ring
To White Elephants and buddies
doing their ZING.

The Frederick Club gained
prominence
Through Heart and Art and
Scholarships.

So it's with great pride we gather here
To help them mark their eighty-fifth
year.

SPG, Zonta Boy, July, 2015

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UN Commission on Status of Women:

At the Fifty-ninth Session of the [UN]
Commission on the Status of Women 9-2-
March 2015, the following excerpted
statement was submitted by Zonta
International, a non-governmental
organization in General Consultative Status
with the Economic and Social Council.

“Founded in 1919, Zonta International works to
advance the status of women worldwide through
service and advocacy. Zonta has had an active
role at all four of the women’s conferences,
beginning with its Past International President
Helvi Sipila, who served as the Secretary General
for the First World Conference held in Mexico
City in 1975. Sipila went on to spearhead the
establishment of UNIFEM and INSTRAW, now
part of UN Women, and was a driving force
behind Zonta’s work with the United Nations.

“Since 1923, Zonta has funded projects in 36
countries, empowering women and contributing
to a life free of violence for women with more
than US\$19million. Most of this funding has
been through United Nations agencies. In
addition, Zonta’s representation in 67 countries
has guaranteed millions of dollars and hundreds

of thousands of volunteer hours to implementing the commitments made in Mexico City, Copenhagen, Nairobi and also in Beijing. Today Zonta continues to be on the front lines for women's rights through local and global projects that promote self-sufficiency, equal rights, access to education and health, and the prevention of violence against women.

"Equal rights and a life free of violence is NOT a women's issue. It is a societal issue that has to be solved by women and men working together to reach common goals. As a non-governmental organization, Zonta International encourages the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly to adopt a strong, sustainable Post-2015 development framework, and calls upon governments to shape the International Development Cooperation for its effective implementation."

Heady stuff, to the World from this organization we belong to! I am proud to be a Zontian, aren't you?!Carole

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Art in the Park:

The Annual All-Playground Art Show, for which Zonta provides prizes and judges, was held on August 5th. Laura, Carole, Maida, and Elizabeth served as judges. There were a lot of entries in all categories – painting, drawing, magic marker, crayons, and mixed media - and age groups from 6 and under to teens and leaders. There were more than the usual entries in the teen category this year, with some really excellent art work. The park leaders purchase and wrap the gifts – lots of them, stretching our dollars. We have the opportunity give them to the youngsters who gather for a program and presentations. It really is a fun event.

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Service:

We had no applications for the Klausman Scholarship again this year. In addition to service funds presented at the picnic to SHIP,

Blessings in a Backpack, and FCC Cancer Resource Center, the committee has allocated \$250 for Mission of Mercy, which Barbara hopes to present at our September meeting. Members will be asked to bring donations of food for the Food Bank, in September. There will also be a gathering of items for Blessings in a Backpack in February and for the Health Department Pre-Natal clinic in May.

Thanks!

Special thanks are due to Barbara Stastny for designing and securing our new name badges and the large banner, unveiled at the picnic, and to Pat Rosensteel for chairing the 85th anniversary and membership ZING arrangements. Support of all of the members contributed to the success of the event.

We have received thank-you notes from a number of our guests. We will share these at the next meeting.

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It's almost time

Our Annual Fall Dinner/Auction Fund-Raiser is coming on October 26th. Laura will have copies of the letter to send out for donations and for us to give to businesses we use. Be thinking about donations you can request and your own donation for the auction. Also, be thinking about friend/guest to invite for the dinner. There will be more discussion of plans at the August meeting.

Remembering –

A former active member of Frederick Zonta, **Jeanette Boyd** died on August 3rd, 2015, at the age of 95 at Asheville, NC. Jeanette owned and operated Merle Norman Cosmetics Studio here in Frederick.

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There are **no birthdays** of club members in August or September.

Call to Conference:

Dear District 3 Zonta Members & Guests,

Welcome to District 3's 2015 Conference "Unlocking the Potential in Women through Empowerment, Knowledge, Confidence, and Togetherness". The Zonta clubs of Areas 3 and 4, your district Board, and your conference chairs Area 3 Director Joanne Gallos and Area 4 Director Kimberly Rosenfield have all been working diligently for several months to make this a special and fun filled weekend with informed speakers, meaningful area workshops, and especially our shared fellowship and togetherness. Our key objective is for you and your clubs to develop new and innovative ways to use the conference "Key" to unlock the potential of women in your community and empower them through advocacy and service.

We are privileged to have our Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation President Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard join us at the conference with a message through Skype. In addition, International Director Gertraud Ribitsch from District 14 in Graz, Austria will attend our entire conference.

This is an important conference as your future District 3 Board leaders for the Biennium 2016-2018 will be elected by you. In addition, we will be voting on important changes to our governing and guiding documents. I want to encourage your club to send as many members as possible to the Conference this year to share with each other in this very special historical region. This Conference always has significant meaning for new Zontians. It is a great experience of sharing with other clubs and meeting new members from different areas of the District. Our club presidents' reports are always a favorite as we learn about their amazing service projects, advocacy events, and club activities.

Please also save time to enjoy Saturday evening's Gala event and have fun listening, dancing, and relishing each other's company. There will be surprises here too!

Thank you for choosing to be part of this year's conference in Williamsburg, VA. I know you will have fun, meet new friends, and depart with a renewed spirit for Unlocking the Potential in Women.

Yours in Zonta,
Margo Sheridan
Zonta International District 3 Governor

You can register for the Conference online and pay by credit card. The link to register online is <https://zontadistrict3williamsburg2015.eventbrite.com>.

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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
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Please notify Maida 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 October. Please submit any information to be included to Elizabeth no later than October 1st. Thanks.
