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## NEWSLETTER OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF FREDERICK

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December, 2014

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### Calendar:

December 6<sup>th</sup> – Salvation Army Bell-Ringing

December 8<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Meeting – Pot-Luck  
Dinner and Christmas Gift –  
Wrapping - Home of Laura  
Duthoy, 12 Kline Blvd. –  
5:30 p.m.

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January 11<sup>th</sup> – Amelia Earhart Day

January 12<sup>th</sup> – Program – Speaker – Hannah  
Gaffigan, Foster Mother of  
three Ethiopian siblings.

February 9<sup>th</sup> – Program to be announced.

March 8<sup>th</sup> – International Woman’s Day

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

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

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### President’s Message

We had a great time at the auction with so many members stepping up and participating! The spirit of giving continued as we all shopped and shopped for our Christmas families and our Christmas seniors. On to the wrapping! We continue in fellowship as we work together for the good of Frederick County, a little bit at a time.

I am heartened to see that our Zonta International project topic of concern about violence against women is gaining more and more publicity world-wide and in our

community. Just about every week the newspaper has an article on the topic, or about another organization which has taken up the concern. In addition, our speaker last month from SHIP is apparently gaining lots of publicity and support from the community on behalf of homeless students in our County schools. I was glad that we were able to make a donation to that worthy cause from our Service budget. We are in a great position to partner and cooperate with other organizations which share our concerns for the needs of our community. This underscores that Zonta is relevant and attuned to action that matters. We could emphasize this when we speak with our friends and encourage them to join us.

I am told by my daughter that the current generation of young working people, is looking for meaning, and work that will make a difference. Great! Maybe we should be recruiting our grandchildren, young neighbors, young fellow church goers – wherever we meet that generation, even in Starbucks! If you get a chance over the next month full of family gatherings, ask the coming generations what they think about joining a service club like Zonta, and bring their responses back for our discussion of how we could change to be more attractive to that generation. We may not want to change, but the discussion might be enlightening.

May the warmth of caring for others continue to grow and glow in you in the coming months,

*Carole*

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**Passing of Anne-Lynn**

*A sad loss has occurred for Frederick Zonta and for Frederick music and the county as a whole with the death of Anne-Lynn Gross on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Anne-Lynn had been an active member of our club since 1986. She served as president from 1994-1996 and for many years took care of publicity, participated in Art in the Park, handled the live auction at our fund-raisers and generally supported club activities and projects. She attended at least five International Conventions and was honored to sing the American and Swedish National Anthems at the opening ceremony at the Convention in New York City in 2004. Even after her breast cancer metastasized, Anne-Lynn remained active and continued to participate in her musical groups and in Zonta until just a month before her death. She devoted her energies and resources to fighting breast cancer and supporting breast cancer patients. She has made a difference in the world!*



**Fall Dinner/Auction**

Thanks to all for your participation and support of our fall Dinner/Auction Fund-Raiser in October. There were about seventy persons in attendance, including almost all of our members. Full report of income was not available yet at our November meeting, but Treasurer Donna reported \$2600 from the live and silent auctions. While obviously quite ill and remaining seated, Anne-Lynn successfully auctioned the live auction items for almost \$1000. Special thanks to Susan Duffney for the centerpieces and scarves, to Joan for doing the programs, and to Laura for the letters, record-keeping, and arrangements with Dutch's Daughter.



**Christmas Party**

Thanks to Laura for hosting our Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner and Gift-Wrapping Party again this year, on December 8<sup>th</sup>. As always we will enjoy a bountiful meal and her beautiful decorations. After dinner we will wrap the gifts we have brought for two senior citizens, cared for by DSS, and a mother and two children from Heartly House.

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**Bell-Ringing**

Only a few members were able to ring the bell for the Salvation Army on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to much help from Linda Minnick we were able to cover our scheduled 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



**Program Notes**

In October we were pleased to have **Rick Trawick**, Director of Second Chances Garage, attend our meeting to update us on the services they provide and receive our donation. As you will recall, they refurbish donated vehicles and give them back into the community to individuals and families, referred by other non-profits, to provide these needy persons with safe and reliable transportation. In October of this year they placed their 60<sup>th</sup> car since starting their service in 2010. They also sell refurbished, donated cars off their lot to persons not eligible for the program. Clients are also offered financial coaching and budget planning as part of the program.

Our speaker in November was **Ed Hinde**, speaking for SHIP – Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership in Frederick County, a non-profit addressing the urgent needs of hundreds of Frederick County students encountering homelessness. A homeless child is defined as one lacking a fixed, regular and adequate night-time residence. Growing out of the identified need of a

twelve year old boy for shoes – he had only flip-flops – a year ago, this organization now provides help in four primary ways – clothing, food, funding of extracurricular activities and emergency shelter where no other options exist. We provided a service fund donation to this non-profit, too.

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### **Greetings from Jacque Brown**

Hi, Libby! I hope all is well with you and the fellow Zontians! I would love to hear an update on all of you. We moved to Johnstown, PA last fall and I finally got around to hanging up the pictures from my old office in the new one and I had my beautiful Zonta Pledge and it made me think of you all.

Please share with the group that Tim and I added another to our family – Raegan Sean Brown, born September 2, 2014. Three girls now! Kennedy is 11 now and in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, she’s doing well in her school here. She’s on the Reading team, in band and doing the school musical. Avery is four and enjoys her preschool and loves helping with her new little sister. Raegan is a pretty calm baby. She is starting to sleep mostly through the night and is becoming more active each day. I’ve attached some pictures for you. (I will bring these to share.)

I miss you all and hope you are doing well!

Love,  
Jacque

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### **Among Our Members**

Maida Wright reports her new address and phone numbers, as of November 18<sup>th</sup>: Unit 253, 7401 Willow Road, Frederick, MD 21702. Phones: 301-644-5835 (L.L.) and 301-694-6518 (cell).

Barbara Brittain announces the birth of her new grand-daughter, MacKenzie Rose, on

October 30<sup>th</sup>. Daughter of Mike and Becky Staley, she weighed only 2 lbs, 14 oz. and was in NICU when Barbara reported her birth.

Anne Mossburg reports her e-mail address: [A.mossburg615@comcast.net](mailto:A.mossburg615@comcast.net).

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### **Birthday Greetings**

December – 17, Carole Larsen.

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### **A Message from International President Maria Jose**

Zonta’s advocacy campaign “Zonta says NO to Violence Against Women” unites the Zonta world in the global appeal to all governments to end violence against women and girls once and for all.

As the **16 Days of Activism** start today, the 25<sup>th</sup> of November, I encourage all Zontians to participate actively in the campaign and to contribute with our activities to the strongly needed sustainable change.

Let our voice be loud and clear:

### **Zonta says No to Violence Against Women**

And let everyone know that we Zontians take the necessary steps to eradicate violence against women once and for all.

Violence against women is not a women’s issue, but a societal issue. It is often rooted in misinterpretations of history, inadequate laws, culture and religion, but can also be based on social structures and traditional ideas of feminine and masculine identities. Violence against women is most frequently about power and control, and we know its consequences to women’s physical, mental and reproductive health.

Sustainable prevention requires an understanding of the root causes and the use

of multiple complementary strategies operating on individual, relationship, and the community and society levels, starting early in life during childhood, continuing in the schools and continuing during adulthood.

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Elizabeth Derr

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**Zonta International Foundation  
Update**

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: \$12.00

Reservations: Elizabeth Derr, 301-473-8113  
[Libbyd5518@aol.com](mailto:Libbyd5518@aol.com)

Thanks to the generous support of Zonta districts, clubs and individual members, the Zonta International Foundation achieved the highest fundraising total in its history during the 2012-2014 Biennium, totaling **US \$5,101,925**. This total was the result of **22,171 donations from 7,553 club and individual donors**.

Please notify Elizabeth 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.

In light of the ongoing Ebola crisis in Liberia, many Zontians have expressed concern about the people of Liberia, especially the fistula survivors and the medical staff caring for them in the health centers supported by Zonta International. At this time, all activities related to the Zonta-supported Liberia Fistula Project have been suspended to allow the medical staff to focus on responding to the Ebola crisis. Zonta International, however, remains committed to the Liberia Fistula Project and has granted an extension to UNFPA to resume project activities once the Ebola crisis is under control. UNFPA has agreed to update Zonta regularly on the status of the situation in Liberia, and we will inform the membership whenever we receive an update.

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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 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks.

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