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NEWSLETTER OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF FREDERICK

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February, 2014

Calendar:

February 10th – Program – Speaker:
Barbara Clary – Great
Decisions Discussion
Series, Foreign Policy
Association.

March 8th – International Women’s Day
Zonta Rose Day

March 10th – Program – Speaker: Mary
Kruhm – Writing Books
for Children and Youth.

April 14th – Program to be announced

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

President’s Column

We’re a month into the new year (or just starting if you operate under the Chinese New Year – happy year of the Horse). How are those New Year Resolutions going? I’ll admit it, some of mine have fallen along the wayside.

How quickly we all start off with good intentions, only to make excuses when the goal was not achieved or appeared to become too difficult. One of my excuses has been the weather; that little rodent is scheduled to make his prediction tomorrow as I write this column. But why have I let that stop me – there is a wonderful enclosed mall only two miles from my house. I could easily drive there and walk in climate controlled comfort. But no, it is far easier to just sit at home and wonder why the pounds have crept back on.

So I challenge you, as a club, what resolutions have we made? We have gained some wonderful new members. But do we stop there and say we have done our part to advance the mission of Zonta? Or do we continue to reach out to prospective members in new and exciting ways? I don’t have the answers to that question, but I believe it is a challenge we must embrace if the Zonta Club of Frederick is going to continue to be relevant in the next twenty years

Here’s hoping the Groundhog predicts an early Spring.

Deborah

Status of Women/Service Committee

Applications are currently being received for the Young Woman in Public Affairs Award and the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship. Our club gives a \$500 award for each of these programs and the winning applications are sent on to compete for the District awards.

YWPA applications are due by March 10, 2014. Young women ages 16 – 19 on April 1, 2014, are eligible to apply for this award. The goal of this program is to encourage more young women to participate in public affairs by recognizing a young woman’s commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women. Applicants are asked to reflect on their voluntary commitment to their school and to their community and the problems limiting the advancement of the status of women in their own country and worldwide.

JMK Women in Business Scholarship applications are due May 12, 2014. 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. The program is designed to encourage women to enter careers and to seek leadership positions in business-related fields in their communities and throughout the world.

Applications can be found at the Zonta International website at zonta.org. If you know any women eligible for these awards, encourage them to apply. For more information, contact Barbara Stastny.

The Service Committee will again be collecting items for the Health Department Pre-Natal program, to give to participants on home visits and to encourage class participation. Miriam \Dobson, current manager of the program will be at our April 14th meeting to collect the donated items. They are especially excited to have donations of "tummy time" blankets. These are smaller, firm blankets that the mothers put on the floor when the babies are about two weeks old, to help them develop their muscles. Other items accepted are baby oil, onesies and other small size clothing (their babies are usually around 7 – 8 pounds), diapers size 1, washcloths, baby shampoo, and the list goes on. Baby powder is out but cornstarch is still ok.

Women of Achievement Dinner

Planning has begun for our annual Women of Achievement Dinner on June 9th. Initial contacts are planned for a keynote speaker and Girl Scout gold award recipients. All members are needed to share ideas for mentors and to participate in planning of this event.

Election

The Nominating Committee will be contacting members soon to run for office for the 2014-2016 biennium. Please give serious consideration to accepting nomination if you are asked to serve.

Program Notes

We were indeed fortunate to have Laura Hawk, a senior at Urbana High School, who is working on her Girl Scout gold award, as our speaker in January. She presented an Introduction to Human Trafficking, a power point presentation which she has developed to use to educate groups about this serious problem, which includes forced labor, organ harvesting, child exploitation, and forced prostitution. The most common form worldwide is sexual, with labor being second. 14,000 to 17,000 human beings are trafficked into the U.S. annually. 600,000 to 800,000 people are bought and sold across international borders each year, 50% of them children. Laura is working with Samaritan Women, in Baltimore, on her project.

Our speaker at the March 10th meeting will be Mary Kruhm, who spoke to us previously about the Well Project in Kenya, which she is supporting. In March she will be speaking about her other vocation – writing books for children and youth.

Zonta Rose Day

Zonta Rose Day, which coincides with International Women's Day on March 8th, is a day to reflect on world wide voluntary work done by Zontians to improve the status of women. Zontians are invited to send a rose to someone who has made a difference in your life. Be thinking about someone or some group that we can recognize and gift with yellow roses this year. Zonta International Foundation is offering an opportunity to send a yellow rose tribute to

someone who has made an impact in your life. When you donate to the Rose Fund Zonta International Foundation will mail a virtual rose bouquet to the recipient or recipients of your choice. Donation to the Rose Fund enables Zonta to continue supporting international service projects and educational awards. To send a Rose go to [donate link on zonta homepage](#).

Women Fly It Forward

The annual Women Fly It Forward event is coming to the Frederick Municipal Airport on March 8th. Several of our members have participated in this event in previous years and have found it informative and enjoyable. The purpose is to promote awareness of opportunities for women in careers in the field of aviation. The Sugarloaf Chapter of the Ninety-Nines International Organization of Women Pilots is the sponsor. Activities at this event include a chance to fly a general aviation plane, as well as to talk and network with women in the aviation industry. There will be more hands-on activities this year, and flight simulators will be available. For more information visit womenflyitforward.blogspot.com

Among Our Members

Pat Rosensteel and Bob are on a ski vacation in Switzerland through February 13th.

Carole Larsen and Pinoak were caught in ten inches of snow in Virginia Beach on their way to Florida. Since they were planning to visit in that area, it did not delay their plans.

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Birthday Greetings

February – 18 - Donna Lane

March – 2 - Anne-Lynn Gross

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April – 29 – Barbara Stastny

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Zonta International Convention

It's time to be making your plans to attend the International Convention in Orlando, FL, June 27th – July 1st. International conventions are wonderful experiences as you meet and interact with Zontians from all over the world. We are fortunate to have it so close to us this year, so do check the information and consider attending. We will also be needing a delegate from our club.

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President – Deborah Lundahl

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
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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.

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The next Z-Line will be published in April. Please submit any information to be included to Elizabeth no later than April 1st. Thanks.

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