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NEWSLETTER OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF FREDERICK

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February, 2016

Calendar:

February 8th – Program – Classification Talks
Grace Odom, Karen Butler

March 8th - International Women’s Day;
Zonta Rose Day

March 14th – Program to be announced

March 14th – 26th – United Nations
Commission of Status of
Women, New York City.

March 18th – Zonta International
President’s Dinner

April 11th – Program to be announced

April 26th – District 3, Area 3 Spring
Workshop, location to be
determined.

July 2nd - 6th – Zonta International
Convention, Nice, France.

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Service:

The Service Committee is requesting applications for our 2016 Young Woman in Public Affairs Scholarship. The goal of the YWPA Scholarship is to encourage young women to participate in public affairs by recognizing a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women. Women ages 16 to 19 who are living or studying in the Frederick area at the time of application are eligible to apply. Applications are available from the ZI website – www.zonta.org. If you know young women who qualify for this scholarship, encourage them to apply. For

more information contact Barbara Stastny – www.barbopvc@aol.com. Applications should be submitted to Barbara, 823 Geronimo Drive, Frederick, MD 21701, by March 7th.

We will be gathering donations for Blessings in a Backpack at our March 14th meeting. Barbara Stastny has a list of requested items, which is quite specific, for the backpacks. She will have this available at the February meeting or by e-mail.

In the Treasurer’s report at our January meeting, Donna listed a net income of at least \$3000 from our Dinner/Auction Fund-Raiser in October. She did not have the exact amount at that time.

The Salvation Army sent a thank-you letter and a report that \$146.31 was generated in the red kettle during our time of bell-ringing on December 5th.

Thanks to all for the Christmas gifts given for the Heartly House family and the two senior citizens we adopted. Thanks to Laura for again hosting our delicious pot-luck dinner, to all who attended and helped with the gift-wrapping, and to Barb Stastny and Jeannine for delivering the gifts. Thanks were received from DSS and Heartly House.

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Meeting Notes:

At the January meeting we reaffirmed the Inclement Weather Policy – we will cancel our meeting if schools are closed, or close early, that day because of weather conditions. It was also suggested that we cancel if schools cancel all evening activities. If there is a question about having our meeting, we will communicate by e-mail. Maida checked

with Tammy about the policy for Homewood; she does not have a specific policy but would want to know by noon about cancellation. Weren't we fortunate that "Blizzard 2016" did not hit on our meeting time!

At the request of the club Laura made a reservation with Dutch's Daughter for October 24th, 2016, for our annual Dinner/Auction Fund-Raiser.

The Nominating Committee – Barbara Brittain and Jeannine Jennings – will be working on a slate of officers for our 2016-2018 biennium. Please consider accepting a position if requested, or volunteer if you would like to serve.

Donna and Elizabeth will be working shortly on updating our by-laws, in keeping with the revised Model By-Laws from 2014.

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New Member:

Welcome to new member, **Karen Butler**, who officially joined the club in January. Karen is an Occupational Therapist, working for Home Call. She has attended a number of meetings so many of you already know her. We look forward to hearing her classification talk in February. For your directory: her address is 9209 Bethel Road, Frederick, MD 21702; e-mail – akabutler@aol.com; phone- 301-694-5315, cell- 301-606-5307. Maida will be her "buddy".

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Programs Notes:

Speaking at our January meeting, **Sue Adams**, Program Manager for FCC Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR), gave a very interesting and informative presentation of the ILR program. ILR is designed for the "third age of learning", with courses designed by and for adults aged 55 and over. ILR recognizes the intellectual, social,

spiritual, and physical interests of mature adults. This spring ILR is offering 67 classes of which 27 are new. A number of Zontians have been regularly participating in ILR offerings. The offerings truly are varied and interesting.

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Among Our Members:

We have been thinking of **Deborah Lundahl**, with sympathy on the passing of her mother in January.

A number of our members have been traveling this winter. **Carole Larsen** and Pinoak have been on an extended trip, with a cruise from Buenos Aires, Argentina, around South America, to Santiago, Chile. We look forward to hearing more when she gets back **Pat Rosensteel** and Bob are off on their annual ski trip. **Donna Lane** enjoyed a recent trip to Arizona.

For your directory, note that **Barbara Stastny** has a new address ; 823 Geronimo Drive, Frederick, MD 21701.

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Birthday Greetings:

February – 18th, Donna Lane
March – 5th, Laura Duthoy

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International Women's Day; Zonta Rose Day

Celebrated annually on March 8th, International Women's Day was officially established in 1977 by the United Nations as a day for women's rights and international peace; however, the earliest International Women's Day celebration dates back to 1911 when more than one million women and men in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland attended IWD rallies campaigning for women's rights to work, vote, be trained, hold public office and end discrimination.

March 8th also marks Zonta Rose Day, an opportunity for Zonta clubs around the world to raise awareness in their local communities of Zonta International's mission to advance the status of women worldwide. Clubs celebrate Zonta Rose Day by such ways as planning a service project in their local community, inviting a friend or colleague to learn more about Zonta International, making a donation to ZI Rose Fund. Donations to the Rose Fund enable Zonta to continue supporting projects and programs that help women achieve a life free of violence and empower them to overcome gender barriers that hinder their access to health, education, and professional advancement. The campaign for donations to the Zonta Rose Fund runs from February 5th- March 4th.

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Zonta International Convention:

Is anyone planning to attend the International Convention in Nice, France, in July? If so, please be aware that the early bird registration – offering the lowest registration rate – ends February 27th. If we have no members planning to attend, we need to arrange for a proxy from another club to represent us.

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A Message from International President Maria Jose Landeiar Oestergaard: Welcoming 2016

Dear Zontians,

As we welcome the new year, I would like us to reflect on the past and to embrace the future.

2015 has been a crucial year for laying the new ground for the Sustainable Development Goals and 2030 Agenda. It has also shown further development for Zonta and our Foundation. 2016 will be the year of establishing the new Zonta website, our new communication and discussion platform where we inspire and energize each other, which we will launch very soon.

Our conviction, commitment and courage mean a greater responsibility on every one of us to develop ourselves and to help the development of women in the world. We lead by our standards and impart higher values to empower women worldwide through service and advocacy.

A new year does not mean a simple change in the calendar, but signifies new opportunities for positive changes to make the world around us a better world for women.

I know that we all will:

- + continue working with the best of our abilities and show the world our power to improve women's lives.
- + be the change that we wish to see and take initiatives to make things happen.
- + fill the right ingredients to cook up long lasting success stories.
- + be the one who can sail through stormy waters and offer light on dark roads.
- + unfold new horizons, fulfill new wishes, harbor new hopes and rediscover the strength within us to bring about positive changes for women worldwide.

The new year has arrived. Welcome 2016 and happy new year to all women in the world!

Warm regards,
Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard

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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
Maidawright5@gmail.com

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 excepted to pay for the meal if you have a reservation and do not attend.

The next Z-Line will be published in April.

