

## President's Message:

Dear Members,

I thought I should start this message by wishing you a Happy New Year and then the thought crossed my mind that we seem to be back in almost the same situation as last January. DeJaVu! DeJaVu is a borrowed French word expressing when you have done something and you experience the same feelings/ the feeling that one has lived through the present situation before (Google definition). We made it through last year and can make it through 2022. Currently and until the number of Covid cases drop, we have Zoom and can at least meet and talk. Our Zoom account is available for committee meetings and I hope that members of those committees try to meet. Either Karen Butler or I am able to schedule those meetings. Please stay healthy and safe!

Jeannine

## Information from Zonta International

### Zonta Convention registration now open

The 2022 Zonta International Convention will have both an in-person and virtual option. We hope to greet all our members in Hamburg, but we also invite all clubs to have a virtual representative(s) so we can celebrate the reach and diversity of our global community. There is an early bird option.

### January is Amelia Earhart Month

Every January, Zonta International celebrates the trailblazing spirit and indelible legacy of Zontian, Amelia Earhart. Below is a quick list of what is planned for our 2022 Amelia Earhart Month.

1. AE Month takes over the Firsts for Women on **Facebook** and **Instagram** channels this January! Follow us as we celebrate the women in aerospace and space sciences who set

their sights on new horizons and shattered glass ceilings. Like, comment and share so your whole network knows how amazing these women are.

2. Events – All past Fellows will be invited to a Zoom hangout with President Sharon on AE Day, 11 January. An all-member event, featuring a panel of AE Fellows discussing real-world events and the impact of their research on our everyday lives, is being planned for later in the month. Watch for more information to come.
3. [Donate to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund](#) to support future women trailblazers in aerospace engineering and space sciences.

## Half Year Dues Now Available

From 1 December to 31 May, Zonta International dues are half-priced. Do you know a gender advocate in your life? Invite them to a club meeting or event to get them interested in joining Zonta International to empower women. This not only applies to prospective new members, but also to former members interested in re-joining Zonta.

## Key Dates

January 11th: [Amelia Earhart Day](#).

January 24<sup>th</sup>: [International Day of Education](#).

February 6<sup>th</sup>: [International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation](#)

February 11<sup>th</sup> : [International Day of Women and Girls in Science](#).

February 28<sup>th</sup>: [Convention early bird registration ends](#).

February 20<sup>th</sup>: [World Day of Social Justice](#)

March 8<sup>th</sup> : [Rose Day](#) International Women's Day.

## Zonta Conference

Zonta International's 65th Convention will be held in Hamburg, Germany, from 25-28 June 2022. This will be a special convention, as it is the first one of the second century of empowering women through service and advocacy.

The convention venue will be the newly opened Congress Center Hamburg. Sustainability was a top priority for the architects of the redesign, and the CCH hopes to receive a Gold Certificate from the German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB).

The Zonta International Board confirmed that the 2022 Convention will have both an in-person and virtual option. They hope to greet all our members in Hamburg, but we also invite all clubs to have a virtual representative so we can celebrate our global community.

There are four types of registration that includes in-person and virtual. Early registration ends February 28. Registration is open at:  
<https://registration.experientevent.com/showZON221>

More information is available on the ZI website.

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## **“New Day’s Lyric” – by Amada Gorman**

“May this be the day  
We come together.  
Mourning, we come to mend,  
Withered, we come to weather,  
Torn, we come to tend,  
Battered, we come to better.  
Tethered by this year of yearning,  
We are learning  
That though we weren’t ready for this,  
We have been readied by it.  
We steadily vow that no matter

How we are weighed down,  
We must always pave a way forward.

This hope is our door, our portal.  
Even if we never get back to normal,  
Someday we can venture beyond it,  
To leave the known and take the first steps.  
So let us not return to what was normal,  
But reach toward what is next.

What was cursed, we will cure.  
What was plagued, we will prove pure.  
Where we tend to argue, we will try to agree,  
Those fortunes we forswore, now the future we foresee,  
Where we weren’t aware, we’re now awake;  
Those moments we missed  
Are now these moments we make,  
The moments we meet,  
And our hearts, once all together beaten,  
Now all together beat.

Come, look up with kindness yet,  
For even solace can be sourced from sorrow.  
We remember, not just for the sake of yesterday,  
But to take on tomorrow.

We heed this old spirit,  
In a new day’s lyric,  
In our hearts, we hear it:  
For auld lang syne, my dear,  
For auld lang syne.  
Be bold, sang Time this year,  
Be bold, sang Time,  
For when you honor yesterday,  
Tomorrow ye will find.  
Know what we’ve fought  
Need not be forgot nor for none.  
It defines us, binds us as one,  
Come over, join this day just begun.  
For wherever we come together,  
We will forever overcome.”

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## From the Facebook page of Unchained at Last:

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Forced marriage is considered a form of modern slavery by the International Labour Organization and can be a form of human trafficking. If we want to end slavery and human trafficking, we need to end forced marriage. Learn more at: <https://bit.ly/353ITnJ>

Unchained at Last is the only organization dedicated to ending forced and child marriage in the United States through direct services and advocacy. [www.unchainedatlast.org](http://www.unchainedatlast.org)

Provided by Pat Rosensteel

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## Communication Committee Report

We are working with Allison to try and transfer our website to a different hosting site. The current site, Canaca, is difficult to communicate with as they are located in Canada. Judy Johnson, who previously managed our website, originally set up Canaca as the hosting site. Allison suggested using GoDaddy as our new site and provided information as to the cost.

Please send your committee reports and input for the March/April newsletter to Eileen by February 27. Please consider submitting anything you think would interest our members.

Anyone may “share” appropriate material from our Facebook page to their personal page.

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## Future Meetings

Due to the upswing in Covid and concerns of some members, we will again meet through Zoom. We will not meet at the Common Market on 7<sup>th</sup> Street until further notice. Homewood is still closed for outside groups.



## Zonta Foundation for Women highlights stories of resilience in 2021 Annual Report

The 2021 Annual Report was posted on ZI website January 5, 2022. The first year of the 2020-2022 Biennium was unlike any other as the world grappled with the COVID-19 pandemic," Zonta Foundation for Women President Sharon Langenbeck said in the report. "And yet, I have been encouraged by the resilience I have seen—from women and girls continuing to pursue their education and career goals despite the uncertainty of what school would look like, to our international projects making adjustments to accommodate pandemic restrictions and still fulfill the objectives, to Zonta clubs uniting to provide health care workers with personal protective equipment and working to provide relief and support for women and girls and other vulnerable populations."

The 2021 Annual Report features personal stories that demonstrate the significant impact the Foundation has made in the lives of women and girls around the world, from North and South America to Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania.

We are grateful to all of our donors for their loyal support of the Zonta Foundation for Women. (copied from ZI Website)

The report is available on the website at [https://www.zonta.org/Web/News\\_Events/Articles/Zonta\\_Foundation\\_for\\_Women\\_highlight\\_s\\_stories\\_of\\_resilience\\_in\\_2021\\_Annual\\_Report.aspx](https://www.zonta.org/Web/News_Events/Articles/Zonta_Foundation_for_Women_highlight_s_stories_of_resilience_in_2021_Annual_Report.aspx)

## Afghan Resettlement

It is expected that approximately 100 people will be resettled in Frederick, mostly between January 15th and February 15th. Finding housing is critical at this time, so if you can help identify permanent housing opportunities, please share that information with RWC, The Resettlement Welcoming Committee. Please see included the flyer below for contact information.



## Help Set Up Homes for our Afghan Allies

Afghan Allies helped our troops by serving as interpreters, translators, cultural advisors, drivers, and more. When they became the targets of anti-American violence, the U.S. evacuated tens of thousands to the U.S. We expect 100 Afghans to be resettled in Frederick. The **Resettlement Welcoming Committee (RWC)** is a partnership of Frederick faith communities and nonprofit organizations working to help as many families as possible. We need your help!

### How Can I Help?

**Donate:** You can donate the following new or gently used items:

<b>Furniture</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>
Couch or equivalent seating/person	Pots & pans
Kitchen table & chairs	Set of dishes (bowl, plate, cup) & tableware (fork, knife, spoon)/person
Dresser	Mixing/serving bowls
Lamps for each room	Knives, can opener & cooking utensils
Bed frames	<b>Linens (preferably new)</b>
Mattress & box springs (new)	Blankets/Comforter for each bed
<b>Cleaning Supplies</b>	Sheets, pillow, & case for each bed
Dish soap	Bath towel & washcloth/person
Bathroom/all purpose cleaner	Bathmat
Laundry detergent	Blankets/comforters for each bed
Sponges, cleaning rags, & paper towels	Kitchen towels
Two waste baskets and trash bags	
Mop or broom	

To donate furniture or household items or to volunteer to help, contact us at [Frederick.RWC@gmail.com](mailto:Frederick.RWC@gmail.com).

**Monetary Donations** can be made at the Asian American Center of Frederick, a 501(c)(3) organization. (@ bit.ly/DonateRWC-AACF) Please note RWC Afghan Families on your donation.



## New Year Thoughts from Our Members

Mary Bowman-Kruhm -- Living alone, I miss having someone with whom to talk things through. Since Covid suggests I may continue to be alone a lot in 2022, I am resolving to take a deep breath more often and even get a cup of tea before responding.

Pat Rosensteel – My resolution for this year is one word (per Julie Gaver) – “Minimize” – Minimize things, doubts, fears, and worries.

Eileen Mitchell – I will focus on what’s positive in my life and try very hard not let the negative things take over.