

## President's Message:

Dear Members,

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the picnic on July 12<sup>th</sup> at Laura's home. It seems like a very long time since I have seen anyone except for those in my bubble. Before the pandemic, my husband and I would have lunch and play dominos with some long-time friends. Last week, we finally were able to play dominos. We are getting back to normal, but still being careful.

This past weekend, I attended the North American Inter-District Meeting (NAID) virtually. Most of the other virtual participants were from Canada as Canada is still locked down. This conference (called a meeting as Districts have Conferences) had many excellent workshops. The virtual attendees were assigned to the workshops on increasing diversity and inclusion. The discussions on implicit bias were eye opening and unlike many workshops I have attended, had some practical suggestions for improving diversity in your club. Diversity all includes ensuring that all age women are represented in each club.

There were several announcements:

1. The 2022 Zonta International Meeting will be held in Hamburg, Germany.
2. On the NAID website, there was an announcement that the 2023 NAID meeting would be in Anchorage. I was excited as I have always wanted to visit Alaska again. Unfortunately, just before the meeting closed, the second announcement did away with those plans. No Anchorage. The location was simply too expensive! So, the 2023 NAID meeting will be in either Indiana, Illinois, or Wisconsin. Anyone up for a road trip in 2023?
3. There was an announcement in the chat by Zonta Club of Hamilton in District 1. The Zonta Club of Hamilton 1 would be hosting an online session on Going Beyond Shiny Diversity. This will be on

September 14th at 7:00 p.m. Eastern. To register go to

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/u5UqduCsqjMqE9H1n3leOsTUD\\_XtgBJz\\_SQKOThe](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/u5UqduCsqjMqE9H1n3leOsTUD_XtgBJz_SQKOThe)  
e on-line session is free.

I very much enjoyed the meeting but was totally zoomed out by Sunday at noon.

Each month, Zonta International sends a leadership update to the Presidents of all the clubs. Frequently much of this information is also sent to all members from Zi in separate emails. Each newsletter, I will try and select some highlights for your information that may not have been sent out to all. This month, I highlighted the Istanbul Convention.

See you at the Picnic.

Jeannine

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## The Istanbul Convention Celebrates 10-year Anniversary

The Istanbul Convention, adopted in 2011, is the global gold standard for addressing violence against women and domestic violence and has proven to be a highly effective tool which generates positive changes. It can, and has, literally saved the lives of women and girls by lowering the rate of femicide.

Zonta International reaffirms support for The Council of Europe Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence. Over the last year, as COVID-19 has spread across the globe, violence against women and girls, particularly domestic violence, has increased dramatically. As countries have implemented social distancing and lockdown measures to limit the spread of COVID-19, women and girls already at risk of violence have faced increased danger. These unique and challenging circumstances call for a coordinated and holistic response to preventing and responding to violence against women and girls and domestic violence. Now is the time for governments, nongovernmental

organizations (NGOs) and the private sector to come together to prioritize strategies and resources to prevent violence against women and girls and address the needs of women and girls who have been victims of violence. That is why in September 2020, Zonta International issued a renewed call for ratification of The Istanbul Convention. From combating sexism to increasing national 24/7 helplines and support services and enhanced law enforcement, over the last decade governments bound by the convention have taken action to prevent violence, protect women and girls and prosecute the perpetrators. We must continue to build on these efforts to ensure that all women and girls are able to live lives free from violence.

Therefore, Zonta International, as an organization dedicated to gender equality and the eradication of all forms of violence against women and girls, is greatly concerned by the news that several countries have indicated their intent to withdraw from the Council of Europe’s Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence precisely at the time when it is needed most. We must not take steps backward.

Zonta International, a non-governmental organization with participatory status at the Council of Europe, opposes all forms of violence against women and girls. We urge all countries that have ratified The Istanbul Convention not to withdraw from the Convention, which provides a comprehensive framework to prevent violence, to protect victims, to prosecute perpetrators and to implement state-wide policies that are effective in preventing and combating all forms of violence against women.

For those countries that have yet to sign or ratify the Convention, we urge them to do so now and demonstrate their commitment to gender equality and an end to violence against women and girls.

Zonta International remains committed to promoting and protecting the rights of all women and girls to live life free from violence. We will work with the United Nations, Council of Europe, partners, Zonta clubs and individual members to support gender equality and meaningful actions to prevent violence against women and girls across the globe. Zonta says No to Violence Against Women!

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### Highlights of Speaker at June Meeting

In June Mary Ryan Reeves spoke about her part in the Claire McCardell project. She shared some of McCardell’s life and accomplishments.



McCardell studied at the Parsons institute in New York and went on to study in Paris. She met Picasso who helped inspire fabric for her creations. Chagall was another inspiration for her fabrics.

She designed two popular dresses, one called the monastic dress and one the popover dress. She was instrumental in getting pockets into women’s clothing and for leather soles on ballet flats for everyday shoes.

McCardell wrote an autobiography called “What Shall I Wear?” One quote is that “Casual never means careless.”

Mary is the illustrator for “Claire: The little girl who climbed to the top and changed the way women dress.” The illustrations are delightful.

Mary also shared information about the project for a statue of Claire McCardell and the dedication October 17 in Frederick.

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## Communication Committee Report

Please send your committee reports and input for the September/ October newsletter to Eileen by August 29. Please consider submitting information, even if it is information about your activities or anything you think would be of interest to our members. Anyone may share appropriate material on our Facebook, just like a personal Facebook Page. You can post at:

<https://www.facebook.com/zontafrederick/>

## U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (submitted by Pat Rosensteel)

### Goal #6 Clean Water & Sanitation

*Taken from the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals website*

Why Is This Important? Clean, accessible water for all is an essential part of the world we want to live in.

Billions of people worldwide still live without safety managed drinking water, sanitation and hygiene services, which are critical for protecting human health and containing the spread of COVID-19. Over the last century, global water use has increased at more than twice the rate of population growth. In addition to water stress, countries face growing challenges linked to water pollution, degraded water-related ecosystems, water scarcity caused by climate change and cooperation over transboundary waters. The world is not on track to achieve SDG 6.

Worldwide Statistics: Between 2000 and 2020, the global population using safely managed drinking water and safely managed sanitation services increased by 2 billion and 2.4 billion, respectively. Despite that progress, 2 billion people lacked safely managed drinking water, 3.6 billion lacked safely managed sanitation, and 2.3 billion lacked basic hygiene services in 2020. The one in three people who still lacked basic handwashing facilities with soap and water at home are especially vulnerable to COVID-19.

## What Can I Do About it?

Although this is not as widespread a problem in the U.S. as in other countries, there are still pockets of our population experiencing inadequate clean water supplies and inferior sanitation. One simple solution is to avoid wasting water. Zontians can advocate for better conditions when they learn about legislation that can help improve these conditions. And don't forget that part of your dues goes to help support the targets named in the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals.

Learn more about all the Sustainable Development Goals at:

<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment>

<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/takeaction>

## District 3 Calendar of Note

### July 2021 –

- Amelia Earhart (AE) Fellowship Application posted by ZI
- 1 – Young Woman In Public Affairs (YWPA) recipients notified by ZI
- 11 - World Population Day
- 30 - International Day of Friendship
- 30 - World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

### August 2021

- 12 - International Youth Day
- 15 - Jane M. Klausman (JMK) applications due to District
- 19 - World Humanitarian Day

### September 2021

- 3-5 – European Inter-district Seminar
- 8 – International Literacy Day
- 21 – International Day of Peace

## Welcome to our new members:

Kate Cullen  
Barbara Vander Schalie

## September and future meetings

The September meeting will feature Kate Cullen’s induction and classification talk and, possibly, Barbara Vander Schalie’s also. It will be held at Tom Slater’s office, 129 W. Patrick St., Suite 9. It is in a cluster of offices called West Patrick Square (there is a sign). The office is opposite the Courthouse, just a little bit down from Crabapple’s, on the right. Do not go as far as the old Barbara Fritchie House.

A committee is being formed to identify options for future meetings locations. At this time, Homewood is still unable to allow “outside” groups in. Please consider volunteering. We need you and your best ideas. Even if you are not on the committee, please send any suggestions to Mary Bowman-Kruhm.

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## Fall Fundraiser – Saturday, October 23

Save the date for our Fall Fundraiser. It will be held at the Red Horse Steak House on West Patrick Street at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$35. For the first time, we are using PayPal to purchase tickets, but checks are still welcome. We are also looking for donations for auction items from local businesses. A letter for prospective donors is available.

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## Members’ Birthdays

July 13 – Pat Rosensteel  
July 16 – Barbara Brittain  
July 29 – Mary Bowman-Kruhm  
July 30 – Anne Slater




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## ZI Firsts for Women: July 2021

ZI celebrates “firsts for women” in different sectors around the world. Looking back on last month, we acknowledge the following women:

- RoseAnne Archibald – first woman elected as national chief of Canada’s Assembly of First Nations.
- Ashleigh Barty – first Australian woman to win Wimbledon since 1980.
- Daisy Chittilapilly – first woman to head Cisco India as President.
- Alice Dearing – first Black woman swimmer to represent team Great Britain in the Olympics.
- Hidilyn Diaz – first woman to win Olympic gold for the Philippines after winning the women’s 55kg weightlifting event.
- Leah Goldstein – first woman to win Race Across America (RAAM) solo cycling division.
- Lee Kiefer – first American woman to win an Olympic gold medal in individual foil fencing.
- Sunisa "Sunni" Lee – first Hmong American to be named to a U.S. Olympic team.
- Fiame Naomi Mata'afa – first woman to be elected as prime minister of Samoa.
- Momiji Nishiya – first woman to win a gold medal in skateboarding at 13 years old.
- Candace Parker – first woman basketball player to be on the cover of the NBA 2K video game.
- Joely Proudfit (Luiseño/Payómkawichum) - first Indigenous woman to serve on the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls.
- Nino Salukvadze – first woman to compete in nine Olympic Games.
- Mary Simon – first Indigenous woman to be appointed as Governor General of Canada.
- Tracy Sormanti – first women to be inducted into the Patriots Hall of Fame.
- Loa Dika Toua – first woman to compete in five Olympic games in weightlifting.
- Anastasija Zolotic – first American woman to win an Olympic gold medal in taekwondo. Follow ZI’s new Firsts for Women Instagram account (@firstsforwomen).
- Veronica Toro Arana – first Puerto Rican woman rower to compete at the Olympics.