

President's Message:

Dear Members,

From November 25th until December 10th, Zonta International sponsors the **16 Days of Activism** campaign and asks each Zonta Club to participate in an activity the club chooses. This year, I hope we will be able to do a daily post on our Zonta Club of Frederick page for these 16 days. I was trying to do a Facebook post and did a nice word document. Now if only I knew how to transfer this to Facebook!!? I was supposed to be finishing my newsletter submission and instead spent a few hours and still was unable to transfer the document. I sent my daughter a text message and hope soon to have some idea how to do this. Sometimes I feel really old and out of it.

Also, I have noticed when speaking to friends if I mention that I have a Zonta meeting or anything about Zonta, the first reaction is “huh” “what is that” and a blank look. Although I have been a member for many years, I do not know everything Zonta does. So, I thought I would highlight one accomplishment of Zonta International. I am also including information on the 16 Days of Activism. Hopefully when Zonta International announces the winners of the “Elevator Speeches,” we will all have a short speech to enlighten our audiences about Zonta!

Jeannine

Zonta International and the United Nations

Zonta International holds General Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council and Participatory Status with the Council of Europe. This means we are included in discussions of issues affecting women.

Zonta teams engage in these important intergovernmental organizations and in important events and campaigns to further our global advocacy efforts and our mission to empower women worldwide. The Zonta International United Nations (UN) Committee teams represent Zonta in New York at the UN Headquarters, Geneva (Human Rights, ILO, WHO), Vienna (UNODC), Bangkok (ESCAP) and at UNESCO in Paris. The teams ensure that Zonta's priorities are presented and that the Zonta voice is clear in mission-related meetings at their respective sites. They meet and work with decision-makers from UN agencies and countries where Zonta has funded projects and/or where Zonta clubs reside. The current priority area of focus is the Sustainable Development Goals, which set the UN agenda through 2030, concentrating on Goal 5 and areas that relate to women's empowerment. The teams also monitor and report on ongoing issues such as human trafficking, women's employment, human rights, the gender pay gap, and much more. Team members work in coalition with other like-minded organizations, especially via NGO committees, on issues of mutual concern, such as early, child and forced marriage, trafficking, and climate change.

Information from Zonta International

ZONTA SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN CAMPAIGN

25 November-10 December 2021

During the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, all Zonta clubs and districts are encouraged to take part in the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign and to take local, national and international actions to influence the making and implementation of laws, as well as changing gender-based attitudes and behaviors to end violence against women.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

25 November 2021

Women's rights activists have observed 25 November as a day against gender-based violence since 1981. This date was selected to honor the Mirabal sisters, three political activists from the Dominican Republic who were brutally murdered in 1960 by order of the country's ruler, Rafael Trujillo. On 7 February 2000, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 54/134, officially designating 25 November as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and in doing so, inviting governments, international organizations as well as NGOs to join together and organize activities designed to raise public awareness of the issue every year on that date.

ZONTA SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN SUMMIT

30 November 2021

This Giving Tuesday, Zonta International is hosting a one-day online summit to share how as a society we can come together and say NO to violence against women and girls. Join us to hear live guest speakers, participate in interactive workshops and leave with life-

changing actions you can take. Together, we can make the world safer for women and girls now and in future generations. Admission is US\$10 per person, with all proceeds going to the Zonta Foundation for Women International Service Fund to support global initiatives to address gender-based violence. Members who participate will have this donation count toward their Every Member Every November Zonta Foundation for Women giving total. Each member should receive an email with the information to sign up. If not, the information should be available to the ZI website

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

10 December 2021

Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December—the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The UDHR is a milestone document that proclaims the inalienable rights which everyone is entitled to as a human being—regardless of race, color, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, or other status.

Every Member Every November

Every Member Every November Everyone has the power to make a positive difference in the lives of others by giving to those in need. Through the collective efforts of Zonta's members, we can make a measurable impact in the lives of women and girls across the world. Annually in November, we celebrate Zonta's anniversary by inviting members to directly support the Zonta Foundation for Women. So, join us this November and pledge to support the Zonta International projects and programs

Rally for Women's Rights

This event is not Zonta sanctioned but you may want to join others at a Rally for Women's Rights in front of the Frederick Courthouse, Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 10:30-11:30am. The rally is the day the Supreme Court begins deliberators on Roe v. Wade but is not simply advocating abortion rights; it is a rally for women's rights. Older people, including those with walkers, canes, oxygen, etc. are especially welcome. Additional information available closer to rally date.

Signs are welcome and appreciated.

Communication Committee Report

The 16 Days of Activism are November 25-December 10. Our club will post items on Facebook during this time that bring attention to the non-profits and charitable organizations in our community with missions of advocacy compatible with that of Zonta International. Please send Eileen information to post each day. She needs these ahead of time in order to design the posts.

Also, please send your committee reports and input for the January/February newsletter to Eileen by December 26. 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 from our Facebook page to their personal page.

November 8 Meeting

The November 8 meeting and future meetings will be held at the Common Market on 7th Street. Homewood is still closed for meetings. Food is available for purchase there, but you must order before 4:30 p.m.

The speaker is Catherine (Kate) Kranitz, who will speak about meditation.



- Catherine (Kate) Kranitz – November 1
- Eileen Mitchell – December 15
- Carole Larsen – December 17