

## President's Message:

Dear Members,

I hope you are all safe and healthy surviving the pandemic, and the election. I hope everyone of you voted!

Zonta is a non-partisan organization. That means we do not campaign as a Zonta Club for a candidate or party. However, we do advocate for women's rights and the ideal that women are paid equally for the same work and have the same chances to succeed. Unfortunately, that has yet to happen. However, we can celebrate this! The United States has its first female Vice President Elect. This has been a long time coming and is only the very beginning, but it is a first step! Hooray! Someday maybe it will not matter if the candidate is a woman...only that she is qualified.

I have been trying to forward the many emails from other Zonta Clubs, newsletters, and information from Zonta International. I try to review these emails and only send them to the members that should receive them. I know, at times, the emails are overwhelming!!

I did forward an email to all members from Joann Gallos regarding a Zoom presentation to Maryland State delegates and senators. Please consider forwarding this invitation. Child marriage is a serious issue and Maryland has not passed this legislation.

Jeannine

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## Virtual November meeting

Our November meeting on will be virtual once again. Jeannine sent out the agenda, minutes, and financial reports. To log in, you may need to copy the link listed below into the address bar. The guest speaker is

Jennifer Dougherty, former mayor and local business owner. She will speak at 6:30 p.m., after we hold our monthly business meeting.

At the October meeting, Phyllis York presented a video and answered questions about SWAG, Sisters Wholesome Aspiring Toward Greatness, a mentoring program for middle school girls.

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## Program Committee Report

It was suggested that we have speakers at our Zoom meetings and the Program Committee will meet to develop the agendas. The talks would only last about 15 minutes. This would provide good information about a variety of topics. There will not be a physical Christmas gathering this year due to the pandemic. Frederick County Department of Social Services is not seeking additional items due to a large grant they received.

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## Membership Committee Report

Barb has membership packets available if you know of someone that is interested in Zonta. If you would like one, let her know and she will get one to you.

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## Communication Committee Report

We continue to wait for our new website to go "live." The latest problem is with a required password on the webhosting site. Eileen and Allison, who is creating our website, are communicating with Judy Johnson who has the original password. Once this issue is resolved, we hope to post the new site shortly thereafter.

A virtual workshop on using on using social media successfully to recruit new members will be held on Saturday, December 5, 10-11 a.m. It will be led by District 3's PR chairs, Cathy Campbell and Win Easterling. Topics include: How to develop a Social Media Team; When & what to post; How to gain the most followers; Why you want to follow "like" clubs or non-profits; and How to create that "bond" with them. Eileen sent the flier with information and the

Zoom link to join to all members. The meeting will be recorded and shared so those not able to attend may view it.

Please share our Facebook Page with your friends and invite them to like it.

You can post comments, articles and photos that support the Zonta mission and organization.

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

## U.N. Sustainable Goals

### GOAL #2 – END HUNGER

Why Is This Important? Before COVID, food insecurity was already on the rise. Now the pandemic is an additional threat to food systems (climate shocks, conflict, locust crisis, COVID-19). Small scale food producers are hit hard by this crisis.

Worldwide statistics: 21.3% of children under 5 are stunted, and 6.9% of children under 5 are affected by wasting disease.

#### What Can I Do About it?

Zontians can investigate the status of food insecurity in their own counties and states, then follow legislation that could improve the situation, and educating other legislators about the solutions.

Nationally, your active engagement in policymaking can make a difference in addressing food insecurity for many more children.

Learn more at

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

*(Pat will include in each newsletter a U.N. Sustainable Goal?)*

### Fundraising

The club received four donations from members and six donations from others, bringing the total to \$1,275.00. More names and addresses are needed so they may be contacted about donating. This is taking the place of the annual

fundraiser, so it is especially important to the future of our club.

### You Are Invited

Join the Zonta Club of Annapolis

November 19th at 6:30pm on Zoom

“A Dialogue on Early Marriage in Maryland and the U.S.”

by Bobbee Cardillo, Zonta District 3 Chair, Zonta International Advocacy Committee Member, and Zonta US Caucus Co-Convenor



Devastating Consequences of Early Marriage\*

- Early End to Education
- Lower Wages, Poverty
- Increased Risk of Domestic Violence
- Higher Divorce Rates
- Higher Risk of HIV and Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- Early, Frequent and Higher Risk Pregnancies

When: November 19, 2020 at 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8839169388?pwd=RXU2YU1CdGw4ZWdsQW9LUDBHbzZNaU09>

Meeting ID: 883 916 9388 Passcode: 181174

Or Phone: +1 301 715 8592 (Germantown), or +1 929 205 6099 (New York) (with same Meeting ID and Passcode)

\*Data facts from UNICEF USA, Girls Not Brides, Unchained at Last, Zonta International, Zonta International US Caucus

