

## President's Message:

Dear Members,

March is Women's History Month. According to google, Women's History Month celebrates the often-overlooked contributions of women in history, society, and culture. It has been annually observed in the United States and other countries, including the United Kingdom and Australia, every March since 1987.

March 8<sup>th</sup>, International Women's Day (IWD) celebrates the achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. IWD has occurred for well over a century, with the first IWD gathering in 1911 supported by over a million people. International Women's Day has been sponsored by the United Nations since 1975. IWD grew out of efforts in the early 20th century to promote women's rights, especially suffrage. In its campaign for female enfranchisement, the Socialist Party of America in 1909 held the first National Woman's Day. Mass meetings were held across the United States. In some countries International Women's Day is a holiday.

Zonta International celebrates Rose Day on International Women's Day on March 8<sup>th</sup> and asks each club and each member to recognize women who make a contribution to society. When we donate flowers to the women who are residing in Heartly House, we recognize their courage; their courage to change their lives, to keep their children safe, and to survive.

As part of our celebration of Rose Day, consider telling a woman you admire, a woman who made a difference to you, or a woman who served as a role model what they mean to you. As women, let us lift up women!

Jeannine

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## A Special Tribute

Thank you to the following members who are celebrating significant milestones in their support of Zonta International and, in particular, Zonta Club of Frederick. The winter edition of Zonta District 3's newsletter honored these special women for their long-standing commitment to the ideals of Zonta.

Anne Mossburg – 1972 (50 years in April)  
Carole Larson – 1983 (39 years in June)  
Barbara Brittain – 1993 (29 years in Nov.)  
Maida Wright – 1993 (29 years in Nov.)

Barbara Stastny – 1996 (26 years in June)  
Pat Rosensteel – 1997 (25 years in Jan.)  
Laura Duthoy – 1998 (24 years in Feb.)

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## Significant Dates:

March 8<sup>th</sup> : Rose Day & International Women's Day.

March 14<sup>th</sup>: Zonta Club of Frederick meeting at 5:30 pm

March 14<sup>th</sup>: 25<sup>th</sup>: Commission on the Status of Women66

April 1<sup>st</sup>: Deadline for YWPA application

April and mid-May: 2023 Membership Dues

April 11<sup>th</sup>: Zonta Club of Frederick meeting at 5:30 p.m.

April 30 – District 3, Area 3 and 4 Workshop (virtual)

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## Communication Committee Report

With the generous support of Allison, we were able to transfer our website to "GoDaddy." Our site is funded for the next five years.

Please send your committee reports and input for the May/June newsletter to Eileen by April 24. Please consider submitting anything you think would interest our members.

Anyone may "share" material from our Facebook page to their personal page to get more publicity.

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## Meetings

Our monthly meetings remain in-person and Zoom. The location is the Common Market on 7<sup>th</sup> Street in their community room. The room will be available at 5 p.m., with meeting at 5:30 p.m. Look for emails from Jeannine for the Zoom link. Please note: the café closes at 4:30 p.m. If you order before then, you can pick up as late as 5:30 p.m. Call 301-663-3416.

--March 14: Pilar Olivo, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Liaison for the Office of Children and Families, will speak on the topic of Adverse Childhood Experiences. She works with schools and law enforcement

--April 11: Anne Mossberg will talk about her 50 years as a member of Zonta Club of Frederick.

The speaker for February's meetings was Jessica Letora from Frederick County Safe Babies Court Team Program. Jessica is the coordinator. The organization protects the health, safety, and relationships of children ages 0-3, who come under court jurisdiction.

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## Non-profit Status progress

Progress is being made as part of the club's efforts to attain non-profit status. A new mission statement was crafted and passed unanimously. It reads "To educate and empower women in the Frederick County community to act on issues and concerns affecting women in Frederick County, the State of Maryland, and globally as a member of Zonta International."

Attorney Stephen Slater will serve as "resident agent."

We will incorporate as "Zonta of Frederick Incorporated, doing business at Zonta Club of Frederick, located in Frederick County.

## 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. It will be in-person and virtual.

Our Club approved funding to pay for Pat's registration as our voting representative.

Early registration ends March 31. Registration is open at: <https://registration.experientevent.com/showZON221>. More information is available on the ZI website.

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## Heartly House honored on Rose Day 2022

March 8 is ZI Rose Day. It is celebrated alongside International Women's Day.

These lovely yellow rose cookies were created by Baked by Bean for our club to give to Heartly House clients to brighten their day. Yellow roses are a symbol of ZI community service.




Thank you to Cheryl for delivering the cookies.

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## Heartly House Takes Back the Night Poster Contest

Heartly House is having a Take Back the Night Poster contest and would like donations of art supplies. Items can be dropped off at Barbara Stastny's Veterinarian Practice on Opossumtown Pike. For more information, contact Barbara.

**AREA SPRING WORKSHOPS 2022**



**Area 1 & 2 SATURDAY, APRIL 23 In-Person**  
Workshop AND Zonta Club Trenton-Mercer's 90th Anniversary Celebration in Princeton, NJ  
**Open to All members - \$30**

**Area 3 & 4 SATURDAY, APRIL 30 Virtual**  
**Open to All members - \$15**

**Zonta International Service Projects - Pam Morgan-ZI & D3 UN chair**  
An in-depth look at the goals of ISP projects including updates on each project.

**Nuts & Bolts of a Zonta Club - Two Club leaders**  
How to create a thriving, successful club adapted to your club's dynamics. Learn new ideas about club structure, using manuals, resources, & calendars. Plus the important roles & responsibilities of club leadership, & committee chairs in the process.

**Member Engagement - Two Club leaders**  
Enthusiastic and active members! Learn how some clubs generate and maintain engaged members. And how they overcome challenges,

## Member's Corner

*Members may submit general information any time about topics others may find interesting, like this one.*

### **Pat's Trip to Switzerland and Malta**

"In February, Bob and I took a group from our Four Seasons Travel Club on our annual trip to Europe – ostensibly for skiing, but some of us do not ski! Along for the ride was a group from the Hagerstown Ski Club. All in all, we had 72 travelers with us.

First stop was Zermatt, Switzerland, at the base of the Matterhorn. Cold, with enough snow for the skiers, and picturesque for the sightseers (like me!). The Hotel Astoria welcomed us back, as our club has been there a few times in the past. We enjoyed breakfast and dinner at the hotel and lunches on the mountains.

At the end of a week, we said goodbye to those traveling back home, and moved on to

Malta. The weather was quite a bit warmer there, although it felt cold to the Maltese! We stayed at the Waterfront Hotel in Sliema, just minutes by ferry to Valletta, the Country's fortified capital city. We enjoyed walking the ancient city, exploring the food and culture, and especially a boat ride into the Blue Grotto.

We were glad to return home after 12 days, as the many requirements in place in the different countries for Covid made traveling a bit tricky. But only one person in our group contracted the virus on the last day, and he had to stay in country for five more days. -- Many thanks to Eileen for taking care of our kitties while we were away!"



### **Zonta International's mobile app, Zonta Connect, is here!**

Take advantage of all the app's features, including:

- A news feed with the latest updates
- Discussion forums tailored to your Zonta role and special interests
- Easy access to essential member resources



- A member directory with instant private and group chats
  - Calendar of Zonta events.
- Search for “Zonta International” in your app store.



- March 5 – Cheryl Concannon
- March 5 – Laura Duthoy
- March 20 – Elaine Lynch
- March 23 – Karen Butler
- April 29 – Barbara Stastny
- May 3 – Maida Wright
- May 22 – Jeannine Jennings

### Zonta International stands with our members in Ukraine

We have been in communication with our Zonta members in Ukraine and are inspired by their strength and resilience as evident in the excerpt of their message below.

*“We are calm and resolute; we keep in touch with family and friends. The main thing is that we maintain our strength of spirit -- then we will not be defeated. Today, Ukraine needs us, and we are called on to give a part of ourselves if we are to live in a democratic country governed by the rule of law.”*

As a global organization dedicated to working for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of members and promoting justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, we strongly condemn foreign aggression and acts of war, as are being witnessed in Ukraine.

We know that in times of conflict and war, women and girls, especially those who are

displaced from their homes, are at increased risk of sexual and gender-based violence. Women also bear the primary burden of keeping their families together, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of their children and addressing the long-term emotional and physical damage inflicted by war.

As women and children move from Ukraine into neighboring countries, we encourage our global membership to use their voices to advocate to ensure that the safety and wellbeing of women and girls are at the forefront of the humanitarian response. We also know that our members are generous and want to directly support Ukrainians and their immediate needs. While Zonta International is not positioned to respond to emergencies, we encourage our members to direct their support to relief organizations like our long-time partners at UNFPA and UNICEF that are already working on the ground in Ukraine and in nearby countries that are accepting refugees. We also acknowledge that Zonta District 27, of which Ukraine is a part, is also working with local Zontians to assess and respond to local needs.

As I said in my earlier statement, Zonta International will continue to build and support a global community of individuals who share a common commitment to equality and peace for all.

Sharon Langenbeck, Ph.D.  
2020-2022 President  
Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women

