

President's Message:

Dear Members,

It is a new year and I have high hopes that this year will be much better. I think we will be meeting by Zoom for several months more and into this. I hope some of you have received your vaccine and the rest of us are not too far behind.

I will continue to forward the many emails but will try not to forward the emails you are also receiving from Zonta International.

This month was a little tense for me. I try not to worry about my children (unsuccessfully), but spent January 20th watching television and praying everything would stay safe.

Jessica was working the Inauguration and she recruited Greg as a volunteer.

Everything went well and I am back to worrying about other things. I was very grateful for the safe and calm transition of power.

I am looking forward to our next meeting on February 8th. I will send log on and reports closer to the meeting date. Maida was working to find a speaker appropriate for Black History Month. In March, Eileen Kane will be speaking. I had not kept up with all her accomplishments and there were many. Jeannine

Virtual January 2021 meeting

Our first meeting of 2021 will be on January 11 and will be virtual once again. Jeannine sent out the agenda, minutes, and financial reports. There will not be a speaker to conduct important club business, such as the Speakers' Program for the future. At future meetings, the speaker will be at the beginning of the meetings, followed by club business.

Program Committee Report

Regarding future programs, several possibilities were shared by members, primarily for February's Black History Month. The speaker will be announced shortly. In March Elizabeth Kane will be the speaker. She is a Foreign Service

Officer, serving with the US Department of State for 27 years. She will speak about climate change and what the State Department is doing to combat it (her bio is at the end of the newsletter.)

Other suggestions were to obtain speakers who work in environmental policy and a video presentation on childhood marriage in Maryland. It was suggested that Laura contact Dutch's Daughters to reserve an October 2021 date for the auction.

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. We received one inquiry regarding new membership. Jeannine will contact her to talk about Zonta.

Communication Committee Report

The updated website is now live. There still needs to be updates, but it contains more timely information. Allison said she will be willing to help us if needed. Members can send their suggestions and comments to Eileen.

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 Development Goals

Goal #3 – Good Health & Well-Being

Why Is This Important? Before COVID, progress was made in many health areas, but needed acceleration. Since COVID, it is noted that healthcare disruptions could reverse decades of improvements. In fact, hundreds of thousands of additional under-5 deaths may be expected this year.

Worldwide statistics: Less than half of the global population is covered by essential health services.

What Can I Do About it?

Locally, Zontians can investigate the status of health care (supply, cost, and accessibility) in their own counties and states, then follow legislation that could improve the situation, and educate legislators about the solutions. Specifically, it worth learning more about the health care disparities experienced by racial and ethnic minority populations, especially since the pandemic.

Nationally, your engagement in policy and advocacy can make a difference in addressing health care issues.

Learn more at

<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment>
(Pat will include in each newsletter a U.N. Sustainable Goal

Treasurer’s Report

The club continues to ask for donations from members, who have not donated, and others due to the COVID-19 restrictions that prevented the Club from conducting its major fundraiser in October. A total of \$2,953.61 was received thus far.

Fund Distribution: As funds become available: Children of Incarcerated Parents Program and The Family Partnership will receive \$300 each. The remainder of the service funds will be sent as required in 2021.

The following amounts were allocated: YWPA - \$500; Klausman - \$500; Art in the Park - \$200;

Helen Smith Scholarship - \$500; Returning Woman Scholarship - \$500. Additionally, a check will be sent to Heartly House in January once the amount is decided.

Jennifer Dougherty speaks at December meeting

Jennifer provided insight on her political and business career and coping with COVID. Jennifer was the first female mayor in the City of Frederick, serving one term. She remains involved and active in politics still.



As owner of Magoo’s Pub and Eatery in Frederick City, she spoke about the challenges she faced during COVID restrictions, such as protecting her clients and employees. She said it was a struggle but was incredibly grateful for the support the community extended, especially her “regulars,” so the restaurant could expand carry-out meals and remain open once they could do so. Using heaters outside at tables helped to draw customers to the restaurant.

She praised the local elected officials, who were faced with making decision as to business operations within the County and City. Everyone was facing unknown challenges and adjusting almost daily.

Zonta International's impact showcased in 2020 Annual Report

Zonta International is pleased to share the 2020 Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women Annual Report. Go to <http://zonta.org/annualreport> to read about the impact donors' gifts made on women and girls all around the world over the last year.

Our collective impact, however, goes well beyond one year. Zonta clubs, Zontians and friends of Zonta have joined efforts and taken action to achieve gender equality and provide opportunities for women and girls for the last 100 years. In the same year, we

celebrated our centennial anniversary, the Zonta Foundation for Women's dedicated donors contributed more than US\$5.8 million to support our projects and programs and the Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign.

Young Women in Public Affairs Awards announced

Applications for the YWPA Awards are being accepted through March 28, 2021.

Women, aged 16-19 on April 1st each year, studying at a secondary school, college, or university in a Zonta district/region, or who are studying elsewhere but are citizens of a Zonta country are eligible to apply. The Zonta Club of Frederick awards \$500 annually to the selected applicant. There are 32 District awards of US\$1,500 each and 10 International awards of US\$5,000 each.

Applications and requirements are available at www.zonta.org/YWPA Awards and must be received by March 28. Further information is available on our Facebook page and website.



March 5 – Laura Duthroy
March 5 – Cheryl Concannon
March 23 – Karen Butler
March 20 – Elaine Lynch