



**ZONTA**  
CLUB OF  
HARRISBURG-HERSHEY  
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY



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**December 2017**



### *A Message from the President:*

Dear Sister Zontians and Friends of Zonta,

As we enter this special holiday season, I am reminded that I am grateful that I had the opportunity to serve as the President of the Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey in 2017. During the year, the enthusiastic and focused women of this Club accomplished a great deal in the areas of fund raising, service projects and advocacy efforts. Let's take a quick trip down memory lane and look at all that has been accomplished in just one year.

- We developed a partnership with a Zonta International Club in Sierra Leone, Africa and supported them during their natural disaster
- At the District 3 Fall Conference, the Club received the prestigious Governor's Award from District 3 Governor, Donna Clark. Of the 29 Clubs in District 3, we were the Club selected to receive the Governor's Award. The Club was also awarded three Achievement Awards for Advocacy, Public Relations and our efforts to inform members of Zonta's connection with the UN.
- In March Club Members gathered with the wives of the International Fellows Program students at the Carlisle War College in Carlisle, PA. International food was shared during lunch and Zonta members mingled with the women and children from over 40 countries who attended the lunch.
- Fundraising is our second name! In May we were honored to be able to donate over \$4,000 to Shalom House in Harrisburg. The May donation was enhanced by a special new fund-raiser that was started in the fall of 2016 and is still continuing – the famous “pumpkin roll” by Member Peg Baker. We awarded two \$1000 scholarships to local women who exemplify Zonta's goals, and donated more than \$3,000 to Zonta International projects to enhance women around the world.
- And let's not forget the programs and presenters. I hope that all members gained new knowledge and enjoyed the variety of programs.

During the hustle and bustle of the days ahead, we can all look back on our Zonta year with pride and a warm smile!

I want to thank each and every member of the Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey for participating in the service, fundraising and advocacy efforts throughout 2017! Merry Christmas!

*Nancy*

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**Mission: Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals  
empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.**

**Zonta International: [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)**

## *December Program: Party with a Purpose*



The Club's December "Party with a Purpose" has become a wonderful tradition for our Club. It provides a great opportunity to enjoy a special evening to share holiday greetings with each other and as well as our love and gifts with our Shalom House family.

Shalom House Executive Director Denise Britton has provided some gift ideas along with her grateful greeting, "It is hard to believe we are gearing up for Christmas once again! My thanks to all the Club members for making the season so special for our women and children!"

### *"Wish List"*

The sweats outfits are on virtually every list (again) so that continues to be a popular item this time of year (varying sizes, with most being XL and XX, with a few Small / Medium / Large mixed in)

Other requests have been scarf and hat combinations, gloves, and towels & wash cloths (basic colors).

For our kids -- ▶

.....Girls - Barbie Dolls, Bratz Dolls, Dress Up Clothes, Gel Pens and Paper, Chapter Books,

.....and for our youngest guests -- diapers (6-9 months), Baby books, Stuffed Animals.

.....Boys - Blocks, Mickey Mouse Toys (4-7 years), Educational Toys, Remote Control Car, Basketball.

Thank you so very much! You gals are "The Best"!

*Denise Britton, Shalom House Executive Director  
Suzanne Gale, Past President and Shalom House Liaison*

**Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey  
Monthly Meeting – December 14, 2017  
Radisson Hotel, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill PA  
Veranda Room**

**5:30 p.m.** Social Hour      **6:00 p.m.** Dinner and Meeting

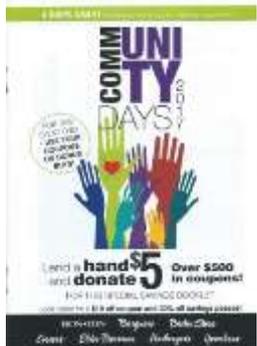
**PROGRAM: Party with a Purpose**

**MENU:** Potato leek soup, Sugar Cured Ham, Choice of Starch, Chef's Choice of Vegetable, Assorted rolls, Coffee/Tea, Triple Chocolate Layer Cake

Cost \$22.00

Please call or email Eileen Baylor at 717-774-8333 or [eileen1206@aol.com](mailto:eileen1206@aol.com) by Monday, December 11 no later than **12 p.m.** to cancel your standing reservation or add a guest to the reservation list.

 <b>MARK YOUR CALENDAR</b> <b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Other Information</b>
<b>RALLY</b>	<b>Monday, Dec. 4</b>	<b>12pm</b>	<b>Capitol Bldg. Main Rotunda</b>	<b>Rally to recognize the “16 Days of Activism” and draw attention to Human Trafficking.</b>
Board Meeting	Tuesday, Dec. 5	5:00pm	Radisson Hotel – Small dining room	All Club members are invited to attend. If you are a member and would like to spend the evening with the Board, please let Nancy know.
Human Rights Day	Sunday, Dec. 10		Worldwide	December 10 marks Human Rights Day and the end of “The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence.” Eleanor Roosevelt was Chair of the Drafting Committee of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that was adopted on December 10, 1948.
Monthly Meeting	Thursday, Dec. 14	5:30pm	Radisson Hotel – Veranda Room	<b>Program – Party With A Purpose.</b> Please invite guests and remember to bring a gift for a woman or child living at Shalom House. Please see the Program Section of the newsletter for gift suggestions.



The sale of BonTon Community booklets was once again very successful. Between sales to our members and in-store selling **we raised \$705!** We will also receive a check from BonTon in the near future for a share of coupon booklet sales at store registers.

A big thank you goes to Club members who purchased booklets and a special thank you to Deb Crum and Carol Staz for assisting me in sales at the store.

*Cathy Paul, Bon-Ton Fundraising Project Coordinator*

## Our November Meeting and other November Happenings



**Aiyanna**



Pres. Nancy Fodor (L) shared Zonta Yellow Roses with Aiyana Ehrman (C) and Michelle Ehrman (R) from “Imagine Goods”, a company focused on helping women and children escape trafficking



**Michelle**



Zontians enjoyed shopping for “Imagine Goods” Products



November is also “Wreath Sales/Delivery Month” Our Club rivals the energizer bunny in November! Details on this successful Fund Raiser follow in the Newsletter.





## **Opportunities for Leadership in Our Club**

We will soon begin the nominating process for our Zonta Club's elected offices for the 2018-2020 biennium. To continue our Club's successes and achievements (and there have been **many** lately!), we are counting on having continued strong Board leadership for the next biennium.

This year, offices to be filled will be President, Vice President, Treasurer, one Director and three members of the Nominating Committee. (The offices of Secretary and one other Director are filled for two-year terms in the opposite years-2017-2019) so that we don't have a total Board turnover at one time.)

The election of officers will be held at the Club's annual membership meeting in April 2018.

Many of you have already held one or more of the Club's elected offices (as I have) and can attest to the many benefits and positive experiences that holding an office can bring. If you have not yet had the opportunity to hold an office....or would like to have another opportunity... please give serious consideration to getting in touch with a Nominating Committee member.

One of us can give you information on the duties and responsibilities of each office and how your skills could best fit a particular office. Also, we can talk about other aspects of serving on the Board such as the time commitment and other expectations that you would be asked to fulfill. If you would like to talk with a Club member who has held, or currently holds, an office that interests you, we can put you in touch with one of them.

The members of the Nominating Committee are Deb Crum, Sue Collins, Suzanne Gale and Mary Ann Mihok. Please contact one of us in the next few weeks to let us know that you are interested in, and/or have questions about, one of the offices for 2018-2020. If we don't hear from you, you may be hearing from us!

*Mary Ann Mihok, Charter Member  
Nominating Committee Chair*

*Editor's Note:* **Thank you in advance for remembering the commitment you made when you joined Zonta to SERVE ENTHUSIASTICALLY WHEN CALLED UPON FOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS.**



## **ADVOCACY REQUIRES ACTION**

### **ZONTA ADVOCACY -- YOUNG LIVES AT RISK**

PA State Senate Bill 554 sponsored by Senator Greenleaf was referred to Judiciary on April 26, 2017. It has not moved out of judiciary and thousands of lives desperately need action on this bill.

The Safe Harbor Bill, SB554, will provide immunity to sexually exploited juveniles and will treat them as victims instead of criminals (not as prostitutes deserving a jail sentence). It will provide these young people with services of restoration instead of incarceration. **Your help is needed now.**

**Call Ron Marsico, chair of the Judiciary Committee**, at his Capitol Office 717-783-2014 or his district office 717-652-3721. Tell him you are advocating for the passage of Senate Bill 554, the Safe Harbor Bill.

Our Club held the 4th annual ZONTA SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN rally on Monday, December 4 at Noon in the Main Rotunda of the State Capitol. Members also participated in the rally held on December 5 advocating for The Safe Harbor Bill.

*Elaine Weinert, Vice President  
Advocacy Committee Chair*



Every year our club offers two scholarships, one is the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA), and the other is the Jane Klausman Scholarship for College Women in Business. The YWPA applications have been sent to local high schools for distribution via the Guidance Offices. Applications are due back to us by March 1, 2018. If you would like to help with this and have not emailed me, please do so at [dianal@capitolcom.com](mailto:dianal@capitolcom.com).

If anyone knows an eligible student and they would like more information or an application, please have them visit our web site at <http://zontaharrisburghershey.org>.

### **Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA):**

**Eligibility:** Pre-college/university women, aged 16-19 at time of application.

**The Award:** Local club winner receives \$1,000; District winner receives \$1,000; and ten International recipients are selected from the District winners to receive awards of \$4,000 each.

**General Information:** The goal of the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Program is to encourage more young women to participate in public and political life by recognizing a young woman's commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements, and dedication to the advancement of the status of women. Applicants are asked to reflect on their lives, their commitment to the communities in which they live, and the role models that have inspired them to become involved in their community or in a specific prospective career. (See application for details.)

The applications were sent out to local schools in November, they are due back March 1<sup>st</sup>. The committee will review and determine a winner by March 15<sup>th</sup>. I will email the applications; each committee member is responsible for scoring and retuning their results to me by March 15 so it can be forwarded to the District by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Diana M Laughner, Scholarship Committee Chair*



## Partnering with Men for Gender Equality

In her message to Zonta members in the September 2017 issue of *The Zontian*, International President Sonja Hönig Schough focuses on Goal No 5 of the 2015 U.N Sustainable Development Goals: **Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls**. President Sonja states that we must focus on Goal No. 5 as none of the other goals can be obtained if we do not achieve gender equality.

One of President Sonja's recommendations for achieving Goal No. 5 is to enlist men and boys to support our cause. In 2014, UN Women launched the **HeForShe** campaign which is described in an article titled, "Engaging Men to Take Action," on page 10 of the September 2017 issue of *The Zontian*. The campaign is described as "a dedicated platform and systematic approach through which men and boys can become ambassadors of equality."

To learn more about the **HeForShe** Campaign, you can visit the campaign's website at [www.zonta.org/heforshe](http://www.zonta.org/heforshe). The site begins with President Sonja's introduction to the campaign followed by some descriptive information:

*"Gender equality is not a women's issue –it is an issue for all human beings which can only be achieved by women and men working together as equal partners. Together we are stronger and by joining efforts with like-minded organizations, we can do even more."*

*-Sonja Hönig Schough, President, Zonta International*

In September 2017, and following up the direction approved by the 2016 Convention, Zonta International President Sonja Hönig Schough announced Zonta International's support for UN Women's **HeForShe** campaign, a global movement that aims to mobilize 1 billion men to accelerate the achievement of gender equality. Through innovative online, offline and mobile phone technology, **HeForShe** identifies and activates men and boys in every city, community and village around the world.

Recognizing that gender equality is not a women's issue, but a human rights issue, it provides education and tools to help men and boys to identify what matters to them and what they will do to contribute to gender equality. Individuals, organizations and students can take advantage of the tool kits that facilitate the transition from awareness to action, and thus increase the participation and commitment of men and boys to change the world and to achieve gender equality in this 21st century!

The website gives five easy steps for Zonta Clubs to TAKE ACTION with a **HeForShe** Campaign in their local community.

**Perhaps our Club can take a look at this resource and consider partnering with men in the Harrisburg-Hershey area on the issue of gender equality.....another great way to spread the word about Zonta while working to achieve Goal No. 5!**

**Put a bow on it and call it 'almost wrapped'!!**



...as in, the final tally isn't quite ready, but I can report that our Club sold 497 wreaths, several over-the-door hangers and easels and will be adding more than \$3700 to our Service Fund. THANK YOU for your help with this fundraiser, and enjoy the wreaths throughout the Christmas / New Year's / President's Day / Valentine seasons!

*Alice Kirchner, Club Treasurer  
Holiday Wreath Sales Coordinator*



**SAVE THE DATE: March 6, 2018**

The Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey will share our Zonta Story with women from around the world when we meet with the spouses of international students at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle. There are more than 40 countries represented in this year's Class of 2018.

*Karen Shirey, Coordinator  
U S Army War College IFP Program.*



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## **Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey**

**Monthly dinner meetings are held the second Thursday of each month from  
5:30 – 8:00 p.m., September through June, at the Radisson Harrisburg in Camp Hill PA  
Cost: \$22.00**

### **Board of Directors, 2016-2018**

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Diana Laughner, Director  
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### **Monthly Birthdays**

December 6	Eileen Baylor
December 13	Debra Crum
December 18	Nancy Fodor

### **Monthly Anniversaries**

December 1	Diana Laughner - 25 years
December 11	Peg Baker – 3 years
December 11	Lori Griffin – 3 years