



# Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey

September 2020  
Newsletter



## Greetings from the Club President

Hello and welcome to the 2020-2021 year!! We have a lot of exciting and ambitious opportunities to conquer this year. The year has been interesting for us already with, the infamous, COVID 19. We have adapted well and will continue to conduct business in new and exciting ways.

We will be focusing on new fundraising opportunities this year. As most of you are aware, our most fun and easy fundraiser, the Apple Festive parking, has been cancelled. The Finance Committee is busy working on ways to try and recover those funds as well as raise additional funds.

We have some exciting speakers planned, events lined up, as well as some events and speakers in the pipeline for this upcoming year. Nancy Fodor is spearheading an upcoming library window display. Jemry and her team are working to creatively plan fundraisers and work on other gifting projects, etc. Kathy and her team are working on revamping the membership application, planning new membership orientation, as well as working on a membership grant. Suzanne and her team are gearing up for some fun service projects throughout the year. And, we are working on trying to organize some advocacy events which may be difficult with COVID.

Please plan on rolling up your sleeves and jumping in to help with projects. The more we collaborate together, the better the synergy we produce and more effective we are. If you are asked to help with a task or event, please jump and give it all you got!! Not only are you helping with a project, but you are also getting to know members of our club!

I am so excited for this upcoming year and working with each and every one of you!

Fondest Regards,

*Amy*





## Meetings and Events – Our year in Preview

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| <b>September 2020</b>                                    | <i>Zoom meetings unless otherwise noted!</i>  |
| Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> 6pm                            | Executive Board Meeting   |
| Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup><br>5:45 Social<br>6pm Meeting | Monthly Membership Meeting<br>Speakers: Pat Latona, District 3 Zonta Governor and Denise Britton, Acting President, Shalom Properties |
| Mid-month  | Holiday Wreath Sale information distributed   |
| <b>October 2020</b>                                      |   |
| Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> 6pm                            | Executive Board Meeting   |
| Sat, 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10am-1pm                            | District 3 Governor’s Seminar – educational opportunity, no charge  |
| Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup><br>5:45 Social<br>6pm Meeting  | Monthly Membership Meeting<br>Pending speaker confirmation  |
| Wed-Thur, 14 <sup>th</sup> -<br>15 <sup>th</sup> All day | Friends Helping Friends Event at Boscov’s, Colonial Park Store, Harrisburg  |
| Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup>                               | DVSCP Vigil – FaceBook and website  |
| <b>November 2020</b>                                     |   |
| Mon, 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                     | Wreath orders AND payment due to Deb Crum   |
| Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> 6pm                            | Executive Board Meeting   |
| Sat, 7 <sup>th</sup> , 9:30am                            | Membership Orientation for New Members; Zoom and/or in-person and socially distanced  |
| Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup><br>5:45 Social<br>6pm Meeting | Monthly Membership Meeting<br>Speaker is Jordan Pine, Founder of Greenlight Operation   |
| 16 Days of<br>Activism                                   | Stay tuned for plans to participate somehow, somewhere  |
| Sun/Mon, 22 <sup>nd</sup> and<br>23 <sup>rd</sup>        | Wreaths available for pickup (East Shore and West Shore locations) and delivery to your buyers  |
| <b>December 2020</b>                                     |   |
| Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> 6pm                            | Executive Board Meeting   |
| Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup><br>5:45 Social<br>6pm Meeting | Monthly Membership Meeting<br>Party with a Purpose – celebrating the holidays with gifts for Shalom House                             |
| Sat, 12 <sup>th</sup> 11am                               | POSSIBLE Gift Wrapping for Shalom House, Colonial Park Mall   |
| <b>January 2021</b>                                      |   |
| Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> 6pm                            | Executive Board Meeting   |
| Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup><br>5:45 Social<br>6pm Meeting | Monthly Membership Meeting<br>Amelia Earhart Celebration  |

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| <b>February 2021</b>                                     |  |
| Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> 6pm                            | Executive Board Meeting  |
| Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup><br>5:45 Social<br>6pm Meeting | Monthly Membership Meeting<br>Focus on health with guest speaker, Nancy Bonalumi, a nurse who has worked all over the world in third world countries |
| <b>March 2021</b>  |  |
| Mon, 1 <sup>st</sup>                                     | Applications due for Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship   |
| Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> 6pm                            | Executive Board Meeting  |
| Sat, 6 <sup>th</sup> OR 13 <sup>th</sup><br>Time TBD     | Rose Day Service Project with Shalom House   |
| Tues, 11 <sup>th</sup><br>noon                           | IFP (International Fellows Program) gathering at Carlisle War College Barracks <i>No Membership Meeting in March due to this event</i>               |
| <b>April 2021</b>  |  |
| Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> 6pm                            | Executive Board Meeting  |
| Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup><br>5:45 Social<br>6pm Meeting  | Business Meeting, members only   |
| <b>May 2021</b>  |  |
| Sat, May 1 <sup>st</sup>                                 | Applications due for Jane M. Klausman in Business Scholarship  |
| Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> 6pm                            | Executive Board Meeting  |
| Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup><br>5:45 Social<br>6pm Meeting | Monthly Membership Meeting<br>Year end celebration, honoring Shalom House and Scholarship winners  |
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| <b>June 2021</b>   |  |
|  | Planning Meeting to be scheduled   |
| <b>July and August</b>                                   |  |
|  | No membership meetings   |



**Save the Date October 3, 2020**  
10am - 1pm



**Awards Presentation**  
+  
**Strategies for Virtual Advocacy & Service Projects**  
+  
**Recruitment & Retention & Much More**

**Details & Registration To Follow**

**GOVERNOR'S VIRTUAL SEMINAR!**



## Membership Corner

We would like to welcome Cynthia Barbedette to our membership in July. We will conduct a short induction ceremony during a Zoom call at the September meeting. Please join me in welcoming Cynthia to our Zonta Club family. We start off our new membership year with 26 members.

The Membership Committee has been busy this summer. We worked on several projects including a new revised membership application. It will be presented to the Board for approval and then posted on the Zonta Club website. The Committee members are Carla Russo, Claudia Barry, Alice Kirchner and Kathy Gates serving as Chair.

The Zonta club membership booklet is in the process of being updated for 2020-21 and will be placed behind a new tab on the Zonta Club website called Members Only. We will continue our practice of initially giving new members a paper copy of it. If you would like a new booklet mailed to you, please send your request to [zontaclubhbg@gmail.com](mailto:zontaclubhbg@gmail.com).

In August, the Membership Committee worked on an application for the District 3 Membership Grant Program. Our request for this grant was focused on the need for retention of our membership. We will be developing a questionnaire and sending it through Survey Monkey throughout the year with a single question or thought in order to give the members the opportunity to share ideas and feel connected during this pandemic. Thanks to the committee for their work on this grant.

Due to the fact that we will hold our meeting via Zoom calls throughout the rest of 2020, please remember to reach out to your fellow Zontians and say hello from time to time. Deb Crum sent an updated list of the club members via e-mail on August 17<sup>th</sup>. If you need a copy, please sent a request to Deb or [zontaclubhbg@gmail.com](mailto:zontaclubhbg@gmail.com).

August 26<sup>th</sup> was the centennial of the ratification of 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution - the culmination of more than seven decades during which women fought for the right to vote. This date is now recognized nationwide as Women's Equality Day. Hooray to the women who fought for the Right To Vote and Thank You!

*Kathy Gates, Membership and Social Media Chair*



Sympathies to Kathleen O'Malley on the recent death of her brother Jack.



## The Shalom House Corner

**Congratulations are, most definitely, in order for Denise! She has the honor of stepping in to a new position. Please see the enclosed information from Denise:**

"I wanted to let you know that I am in the process of transitioning to a position of Acting President for Shalom Properties -- leaving the position of Executive Director. After all of the changes and growth in the last year, it would be impossible to continue to serve two boards (Shalom House and Shalom Properties) and effectively address the needs where my skills are best suited and where the organization now needs to make appropriate staffing adjustments to accommodate an organization that has expanded as it has still focused on empowerment and transformation 😊

I am looking forward to working closely with the Properties Board (Shalom Properties is also a non-profit entity, a subsidiary to the overall enterprise of Shalom Transformational Services). It is there where the vision and mission can best expand, and I am able to focus my time continuing to build partnerships and collaborations, sharing the ongoing dream of creating a healthy and whole community, one healthy and whole person at a time 😊"

**Needless to say, we are so very proud of Denise and will be with her 100% step of the way with her new adventure.**

### **And, now for an update on Service Project for the Community Center.**

When I was President of the club, one of my goals was to start a library for Shalom House; fortunately, it was established! Now, don't you think it would be wonderful if we continued this project, but just moved it across the street to the Community Center? I did mention this at one of the last Zoom meetings in the summer, so, now, it is official.

Both Karen and Nancy immediately picked up on this and reached out to me and inquired as to the kind of books; I'm enclosing a summary for everyone's benefit.

We wish to provide them with many different types of books and learning materials for both for children and adults. Here are some suggestions of topics for the adults: self-help, cooking books, self-esteem, maybe a light-hearted novel. And for the teens and younger children books that show diverse groups such as, Asian, Spanish, African American and Latino's. For some of the older children, hands-on books - how to draw and helping to cook for teens. Of course, some cute baby books where the mother could read and the child could touch and feel the books. Please feel free to include whatever you feel would be appropriate for the ladies and children.

### Another opportunity for Shalom House:

As you can imagine, many shelters are in constant need of just the basic items to assist the residents. The following items would be appreciated, at any time throughout the year, and would help support the operations: lysol and lysol wipes, paper products (including towels and toilet paper), paper plates, plastic ware, large zip-lock bags, quart size zip lock baggies, reusable and disposable food storage containers, alcohol 91% to use in spray bottles as hand sanitizer as well as spray bottles.



## A HUGE DONATION RECENTLY CAME TO SHALOM HOUSE ....

When Zonta member Deb Hughes and her friend, Eileen Young, were asked to distribute the contents of a friend's estate, they gathered, cleaned and, in some cases, ironed linens and delivered 10 large crates of same to Shalom House on July 27. There are no limitations to the Zonta Club of Harrisburg's service, even in the middle of a pandemic! Thank you, Deb and Eileen!

It is, indeed, at times challenging to be a resident of Shalom House, but so much is learned within the walls of the house. And, much progress is being made by the women who live there -- either it be the influence from whom the ladies meet or the learning experiences from others or even that they can (and do) see themselves as having special value and sharing that with one another. That, in itself, is such a shining light moment for them! And, sometimes visions of hope are shared in a documentary form for others to read...such is the case with the Voices of Hope.

Please, in your spare time, go to the website of "Voices of Hope" and read how lives are changed through life coaching and in many other ways. We here at Zonta are so very proud of this project and are so glad the way we have assisted and are helping the 'Ladies' at the house. The website shows so many things and is truly a vision of how life can be---and is being-changed and transformed. When you log on to Voices of Hope <https://voices-of-hope.mn.co/> either *Join In* - or -*Explore*. Either way, you'll see amazing ways lives change and how life " hopes" are impacting and connecting.

*Suzanne Gale, Liaison to Shalom House, Service Committee Chair*

**Opportunities for your awareness and participation – be sure you are counted.**

**WOMEN'S  
EQUALITY  
DAY**

**United States  
Census  
2020**



## Club Officers, Committee Chairs and Project Leaders

### Board Members:

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|------------------|----------------|
| President        | Amy Peffley    |
| Vice President   | Jemry Small    |
| Secretary        | Maria Todaro   |
| Treasurer        | Debra Crum     |
| Director         | Carla Russo    |
| Director         | Suzanne Gale   |
| Past President   | Elaine Weinert |
| Nominating Chair | Cathy Staz     |

### Committee Chairs:

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Service       | Suzanne Gale    |
| Golden Z Club | Heather Jackson |
| Finance       | Jemry Small     |
| Advocacy      | open            |
| Membership    | Kathy Gates     |
| Nominating    | Carol Staz      |

### Events/Projects:

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Amelia Earhart      | TBD  |
| Archives Storage    | Alice Kirchner                                 |
| Bylaws              | By Committee and Board                         |
| Greeters/Attendance | Kathleen O'Malley and Eileen Sullivan          |
| IFP Luncheon        | Karen Shirey, Suzanne Gale and Eileen Sullivan |
| Newsletters         | Alice Kirchner                                 |
| Parking Project     | Diana Laughner (cancelled for Sept. 2020)      |
| Scholarships        | Eileen Baylor                                  |
| Social Media        | Kathy Gates                                    |
| United Nations      | Debra Crum                                     |
| Webmaster           | James Gates                                    |
| Fundraising         | Finance Committee                              |

## Zonta Club Harrisburg-Hershey Club Member Milestones

### September Birthdays

### September Zonta Anniversaries

Judy Redlawsk, 9/1/1981  
 Eileen Sullivan, 9/8/2016  
 Kathy Gates, 9/10/2015

## **Happenings from the Finance Committee:**

We met a couple of times over the summer to establish goals for the 2020-2021 year. Our committee will focus on 1) how to raise funds during this pandemic, 2) how to invest standing funds, and 3) to further the work centered on “gifting”.

To date our fundraisers are “Christmas in July” totes, Holiday Wreaths, Boscov’s coupons, No Show Gala, and virtual Bingo.

Carol Staz is spearheading a small group to discuss and set guidelines for our standing funds.

For future membership discussion: Finance Committee discussed the possibility of offering to our members the option of contributing an annual fixed dollar amount in lieu of participating in the yearly fundraising efforts. We would still offer a couple of fundraisers over the course of the year (parking for the Apple Festival, holiday wreaths). Please think this over because we start discussions in early 2021.

*Jemry Small, Finance Committee Chair*

### **Zonta Tote Bags Fundraiser a Success!**



Many thanks to everyone one who supported our first fundraiser in this Covid Daze. We sold out of our 100 Zonta tote bags quickly and raised \$574 for our Service Funds. Thank you to Muffin Enterprises Inc. for providing the bags to us at cost. We’re off to a good start on our fundraising efforts.

*Karen Shirey, Coordinator, Tote Bag Fundraiser*



### **\$\$\$ ~ Holiday Wreath Fundraiser – 2020 ~ \$\$\$**

There have been many posts over the last few months about fast forwarding to the Holidays!

While we do still have time to bid farewell to summer and to stop and smell the “pumpkin spice”, it isn’t too early put our club’s largest Fundraiser – The Holiday Wreath Sale on your Fall radar. We are working on the details and will supply information and tools in the coming weeks. This would be the year to really “stretch” our creative muscles and think outside of the box to grow our sales! Please share any ideas you may have with the club.

The Finance Committee appreciates your support of this Annual Fundraiser!

GREENLIGHT OPERATION  
**ART FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 2-7 PM**  
FAMILY FRIENDLY • ART • FOOD TRUCKS

The Greenlight Operation Art Festival (formerly known as *Breaking Chains*) is an annual art festival and community event hosted by Greenlight Operation to raise awareness and support for anti-human trafficking efforts. By working with and supporting local artists, we are fighting to free the enslaved, together.

With your help, our collaborative efforts will create Greenlight Districts—places known for liberating, collaborative, and restorative practices. For every piece of art sold, a percentage of the proceeds will go towards the purchase of the first restoration home for trafficked survivors in Cumberland County.

**JOIN US FOR A DAY FILLED WITH FUN ACTIVITIES AND ART THAT  
WILL HELP BRING RESTORATION TO TRAFFICKED SURVIVORS!**



CHRISTIAN LIFE ASSEMBLY (WEST PARKING LOT)  
2645 LISBURN ROAD CAMP HILL, PA 17011  
LEARN MORE AT [GREENLIGHTOPERATION.ORG/EVENTS](https://www.greenlightoperation.org/events)

Greenlight Operation has an upcoming outdoor Art Festival on September 19th to raise awareness about the issue of human trafficking and funds for the restoration home. They're also looking for volunteers and will follow CDC guidelines, and it will be at a large outdoor venue to add an extra level of precaution. If this is something of interest, please email Amy Peffley!



**BOXES  
OF  
SUNSHINE  
JUNE  
13,  
2020**



Sp Adobe Spark

Thanks to the members of AAUW Harrisburg Club for joining the Zonta Club of Harrisburg in preparing LOTS of Boxes of Sunshine for Shalom House. This is becoming a fun annual tradition, and didn't skip a beat during Covid-19.