



## Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey

### December 2020 Newsletter



### Greetings

Season's Greetings!

To say this year went quickly is an understatement! We are entering my favorite month of the year.... the month we continually bless others with gifts of love and encouragement. I wanted to bless you all with a small donation in your honor to the No Show Gala to recognize your birthday and Zonta Anniversary.

Wow! The Advocacy Committee (Karen, Nancy, Jemry, Kathy, Kathleen & Amy) worked diligently to create a wonderful program for the 16 Days of Activism. Please be sure to visit our Facebook page and share the daily Advocacy Theme. Also, I wanted to update you all on a new position, Advocacy Coordinator, within the Advocacy Committee that has been graciously filled by Kathleen O'Malley. Kathleen will follow state legislation and keep the club updated on the current bills.

The Finance Committee had a super, stellar fall fundraising era! Congrats to the committee for all the coordinating and planning of fundraisers. As a reminder, the fundraisers help finance scholarships we award, grants to Shalom House, and donations to Zonta International.

Service is rock and rolling with drop-offs at the Radisson, library displays, Golden Z events, and so many other wonderful events.

The Membership Committee is busy holding orientations, gathering up bios, and working to implement a mentorship program. Also, the committee is working hard on finding ways to recruit new members.

Nominating Committee is gearing up for spring elections.

A special thanks to the group of members who have been timelessly working to get our club ready to implement 501C(4) status by April 2021. This is a major, meticulous undertaking and they are doing a superb job!

Thank you all for your tremendous efforts and help to promote the programs for our club to be successful and to help change the lives of women and children throughout our area and the world. Thank you all so much for your time and efforts. You are all truly amazing women working towards a common goal and being respectful of one another. I appreciate each and every one of you and am looking forward to our future projects. Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas, Hannukah, and holiday season with your loved ones.

Blessings to all, Amy



## Meetings and Events – Upcoming plans

New or changed items.

	<i>Zoom meetings unless otherwise noted</i>
16 Days of Activism	FaceBook campaign from November 25 through December 10. Read and share the messages.
<b>December 2020</b>	
Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> 6pm	Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> 5:45pm Social 6pm Meeting	Monthly Membership Meeting Speaker: Terry Scott, co-owner The Perfect Match Boutique Party with a Purpose: celebrating the holidays with Shalom House. See Service Committee article for more details Presentation: Proposed 501C4 by-laws
Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup> , 10am	Radisson Parking Lot to drop off gift cards and winter accessories for Shalom House. See Service Committee article for more details.
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> , 6pm	Special Meeting: final discussion and approval of 501C4 by-laws
<b>January 2021</b>	
Jan 3 -30 <sup>th</sup>	Zonta display at Joseph T. Simpson Library, Mechanicsburg
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> 5:45pm Social 6pm Meeting	Monthly Membership Meeting “Finding Amelia Earhart in Modern Times”. Join as club member Cynthia Barbedette helps us learn how to navigate social media and find out how Amelia has been inspiring a whole new generation of fans through social media and internet art.

### December Speaker



Our December 10<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting guest speaker is Terry Scott, co-owner of The Perfect Match Boutique. Through her business, Terry helps women after breast cancer surgery with products to give them back their symmetry and self-confidence as well as compression items to help ease the side effects of lymphedema.

Her passion has always been one of helping others and giving back to her community, through Church, PTO and fund-raising events for domestic violence and cancer.

[Perfect Match Boutique – Meeting the needs of women after breast surgery](#)



## Membership Corner

In November, we congratulated Cathy Paul for her years of dedicated service managing our Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser. Did you know....



Cathy spent most of her professional career in Financial Services. Since relocating to Harrisburg in 1990, she became a member of The Rohrbaugh Group at Prudential Securities as a Financial Planner and Financial Advisor. She joined the HR Department at Gannett Fleming in 1999 as their 401(k) and Pension Administrator until her retirement in 2010.

Cathy joined the Zonta Club in 1993. She has served the Harrisburg-Hershey Club as Board member twice, Treasurer, Vice President, and President from 1996-1998. In District 3, she served as District Treasurer for four years, and District 3 Area Director for two years. Cathy suggested the wreath project in 1994 and we have been selling wreaths every year since then.

The new member orientation was held on Saturday, November 7th with 8 members in attendance. Thanks, Alice Kirchner for presenting. We plan to hold another training in the Spring of 2021.

The presentation given by Alice Kirchner during the November meeting has been posted on the Zonta Club website and on Facebook as part of the 16 days of Activism. Zonta International, through its global reach of clubs in 63 countries, drives our mission for a more equal world. Listen for an example of how local efforts contribute to significant results on key causes through our Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign. Thanks, Alice, for a job well done!

The Membership Committee is working on a project to collect bios (and pictures) from all of our members. We feel this will be a good resource for new members. Claudia Barry is taking the lead on this project. Please prepare to respond to this request when she reaches out to you. Thank you!

Kathy Gates has been asked to serve on the District 3 Membership Committee. Congratulations Kathy on your appointment!

The Zonta Club fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31. Starting December 1, the dues for membership are 1/2 the yearly cost or \$97.00 for new members.

It was great to see everyone on the Zoom call on November 12th. There were 18 members and five guests on the call. Please remember to invite your friends to attend the December Zoom meeting for our Party with a Purpose.

### Social Media

Be sure to check out the new dropdown tab called "Legislation" that was added to the Zonta Club website under the Advocacy & Education category to keep all of us familiar with pending legislation.

After some discussion about the security of personal information on the website posted behind the "Members Only" tab, we felt a stronger more secure password was in order. Anyone needing information about the new password or help signing in, contact me at kgates808@comcast.net.

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In November's newsletter, did you **Guess Who** said they "shot a "Robin Hood" in archery? A "Robin Hood" is a once in a lifetime shot when your arrow hits another arrow so perfectly that it splits the arrow that was already shot into the target. Also called "telescoping an arrow". It occurs 1:3000 shots!



It was Elizabeth Miller. Here is a little more to her story...

*"I got into archery a few years after I met my husband in early 2000's. He is a hunter and we were looking for something we could do together. We joined an archery club in Lebanon and we would practice in doors at the club. I got that Robin Hood in 2008 and after that I went deer hunting and have been very successful in my archery career. Now my grandsons are doing the same thing!! This year my 12-year-old grandson got a 6 point buck his first time at archery! So proud!!"*



**December 2020 Guess Who? You might be surprised to learn that I.....**  
I won the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow award in High School. Following the ceremony, I went to my locker to put it away and when I opened the door, everything fell out of my messy locker. We all had an awkward laugh since I had just been honored with this esteemed award.

*Kathy Gates, Membership and Social Media Chair*

### **Zonta Club Harrisburg-Hershey Club Member Milestones**

#### **December Birthdays**

Eileen Baylor, 12/6  
Debra Crum, 12/13  
Nancy Fodor, 12/18

#### **December Zonta Anniversaries**

Diana Laughner, 12/1/1992  
Claudia Barry, 12/5/2019  
Grace Huber, 12/13/2018  
Maria Todaro, 12/13/2018



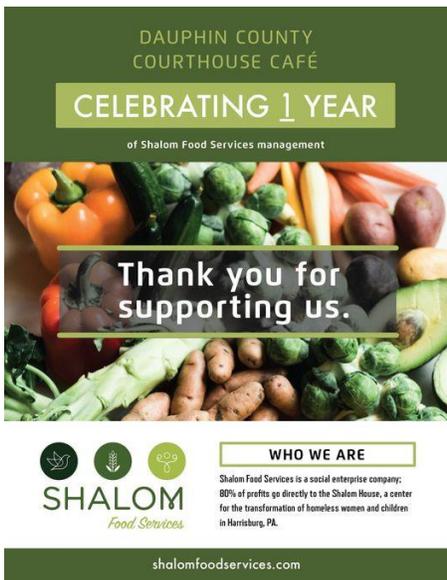
## The Shalom House Corner

Enclosed is a short and interesting update from Denise Britton pointing out the importance of partnering with a big picture and goal in mind.

While it's a different focus than we have might have seen up to now, it makes sense. Stay tuned for future developments.

*"Under [Shalom House] Properties, we continue to explore opportunities to partner and collaborate in community, to include providing administrative support for the successful set up of overnight shelters for men for the cold months ahead. Seem like a contradiction to mission? Not at all. If we can support partners that have outreaches to men, where help is offered to "lift up" to stability and independence, we are in fact helping the women and children served through Shalom programs and services. Relational issues have been a significant factor in the lives of too many women and their children experiencing homelessness and poverty issues. If our partners can interrupt the issues and challenges that men have been (and are) facing, that is a step towards interrupting broken relationships, and potentially providing bridges back to healthy and whole families."*

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*Congratulations to Shalom Food Services for celebrating their 1 year anniversary of managing the [Dauphin County Courthouse Café!](#)*

Shalom Food Services is a social enterprise organization started in 2018 to provide various food services to the Harrisburg community and surrounding areas.

In addition to using its outreach to teach children and communities about the importance of healthy eating, 80% of profits from Shalom Food Services go directly to supporting the hard work of the Shalom House.

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In early November 2020, The Central Penn Business Journal held their annual **Game Changer Celebration**, an award for the best of the best individuals' and companies in the community. We are very proud of Denise for being honored in the category of employees from 1 to 25; we salute you, Denise, along with the accomplishments of Shalom House under your leadership.

Please click on the link below to see this wonderful acknowledgement given to Denise. I'm so happy to add that when I watched the ceremony, saw Denise and heard her presentation, it brought

tears to my eyes. You may ask why is this so - our Zonta Club was mentioned several times as a partner, our "Vision of Hope" program collaboration and a picture of us at the last "Just Say No Rally" at the State Capitol Building. Again, **Thank You** Denise for being so special and including the Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey in your presentation.

You can view the program by visiting <https://vimeo.com/474902415/9e8838ea4a>. Denise's comments begin at 12:45 minutes into the video.

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



## Service Committee News

*This year's "PARTY WITH A PURPOSE" is like none other!!!!*

The Service Committee has decided since we are unable to meet in-person and honor Shalom House at our annual dinner party celebration, we are requesting donations in the form of gift cards. The residents of Shalom House love to receive these gifts so that they can go out and shop for their own personal needs. Please provide gift cards in increments of \$25.00 from either Walmart or Target or wherever you prefer. Please put each gift card in a separate envelope and do not wrap it.

We invite you all to meet on Saturday, December 12th at 10:00 am in the Radisson parking lot in Camp Hill to give Amy the gift cards along with any scarves, mittens, gloves for the women and children. The SHARP program currently has 8 women and the shelter anticipates that there will be 6 women. There are 4 children – 7 and 4 years, 10 month old boys, and a 3-year-old girl.

Please email Suzanne if you plan to meet us at the parking lot.



L-R - Amy, Claudia, Nancy, Karen

## East Shore Library Display! and more....

Thanks to the members of the Service Committee for setting up the display at the East Shore/Colonial Park Library in November.

The Committee will be setting up a dual case Zonta display from Jan. 3 -30, 2021 in the Joseph T. Simpson Library at 16 N. Walnut Street in Mechanicsburg PA. Plan to kick off the new year by stopping by Simpson Library to see how creative the members of your service committee are!!!

*Service Committee - Amy, Karen, Grace, Claudia, Nancy,  
Heather and Suzanne*

## Happenings from the Finance Committee



***In Memory Donations***- It is such a treasure to keep loved ones who are no longer with us in our thoughts. And shared memories can keep them close in our hearts too. We are grateful for the \$325 in donations we have received from club members in memory and honor of their loved ones who have passed. We thank them for using this special way to honor the memory of:

Chris Carlson | Viola Chenoweth | Richard & Irene Knarr

***Wreath Sale***-This is the club's largest annual Fundraiser and we were unsure how the Pandemic would affect sales this year.

We are thrilled to report that our sales have actually surpassed the last few years. The club sold **578** wreaths!! A special shout out to members Sue Redmond who added a new source of 93 wreaths, and Suzanne Gale who was busy on the phones selling 55 wreaths over last year. Thank you to all club members for their sales efforts and wreath "donations". We are working on the final tallies and expect profit to exceed last year by at least \$2,000.

Everyone's support is appreciated!



*We also thank Sue Kichman, the office manager at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Homesale Realty Group in Camp Hill for permitting the wreaths to be delivered to the building for distribution.*

**The NO SHOW BLACK TIE  
GALA**

**The NO Show Black Tie Gala** -is a first time Club Fundraiser for the club spearheaded by President Amy Peffley with able assistance from Vice President Jemry Small, and invitation lists from club members. 125 invitations were mailed to friends, family, past members, businesses, organizations and colleagues.

We are happy to report (with donations still coming in) that we have received \$1,905 to date! *Special Note*; one donation was in honor of Karen Shirey's Birthday. These funds will be added to our Service Fund and allow for anticipated distributions in the Spring that will likely exceed our donations in the prior year.



Thanks to  
buyers,  
sellers  
and  
helpers!

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Proceeds from our donations and fundraising efforts will be distributed following our April 2021 meeting. The money provides the source of our contributions to:

- Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship
- Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship
- Shalom House
- Zonta International – International Service, Education and Special Funds



Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020

From: UN Women Email

UN Women announces the theme for International Women's Day, 8 March 2021 (IWD 2021)

*“Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world.”*



The theme celebrates the tremendous efforts by women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is also aligned with the priority theme of the 65th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, “[Women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls](#)”, and the flagship [Generation Equality campaign](#), which calls for women's right to decision-making in all areas of life, equal pay, equal sharing of unpaid care and domestic work, an end all forms of violence against women and girls, and health-care services that respond to their needs.

Women stand at the front lines of the COVID-19 crisis, as health care workers, caregivers, innovators, community organizers and as some of the most exemplary and effective national leaders in combating the pandemic. The crisis has highlighted both the centrality of their contributions and the disproportionate burdens that women carry.

Women leaders and women's organizations have demonstrated their skills, knowledge and networks to effectively lead in COVID-19 response and recovery efforts. Today there is more acceptance than ever before that women bring different experiences, perspectives and skills to the table, and [make irreplaceable contributions to decisions, policies and laws](#) that work better for all.

Majority of the countries that have been more successful in stemming the tide of the COVID-19 pandemic and responding to its health and broader socio-economic impacts, are headed by women. For instance, Heads of Government in Denmark, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, New Zealand and Slovakia have been widely [recognized for the rapidity, decisiveness and effectiveness of their national response](#) to COVID-19, as well as the compassionate communication of fact-based public health information.

Yet, women are Heads of State and Government in only 20 countries worldwide.[1]

In addition to persistent pre-existing social and systemic barriers to women's participation and leadership, new barriers have emerged with the COVID-19 pandemic. Across the world women are facing increased domestic violence, unpaid care duties, unemployment and poverty. Despite women making up a majority of front-line workers, there is [disproportionate and inadequate representation](#) of women in national and global COVID-19 policy spaces.

To uphold women's rights and fully leverage the potential of women's leadership in pandemic preparedness and response, the perspectives of women and girls in all of their diversity must be integrated in the formulation and implementation of policies and programmes in all spheres and at all stages of pandemic response and recovery.

Additional information related to the United Nations Observance of IWD 2021 will be made available on UN Women's website closer to the date. The hashtags for social media will be #IWD2021 and #InternationalWomensDay.

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### And in closing....



During our November meeting, Cynthia awakened our sweet teeth with a recent recipe. As promised, here it is for all to enjoy!

It's from the website [SmittenKitchen](#) (*Deborah Perlman, the Writer, Cook, Photographer and Occasional Dishwasher*) which Cynthia highly recommends.

While Deb has many brownie recipes on her website, she has admitted that this recipe is the top winner and no matter how much she has tried to improve it, it's best just keeping it simple and real. I agree.

- 3 ounces (85 grams) unsweetened chocolate, roughly chopped
- 1/2 cup (4 ounces or 115 grams) unsalted butter, plus extra for pan
- 1 1/3 cups (265 grams) granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon flaky sea salt or 1/4 teaspoon table salt
- 2/3 cup (85 grams) all-purpose flour

Heat oven to 350°F. Line an 8×8-inch square baking pan with parchment or foil, extending it up two sides. Butter the parchment or foil or spray it with a nonstick cooking spray.

In a medium heatproof bowl over gently simmering water, melt chocolate and butter together until only a couple unmelted bits remain. Off the heat, stir until smooth and fully melted. You can also do this in the microwave in 30-second bursts, stirring between each. Whisk in sugar, then eggs, one at a time, then vanilla and salt. Stir in flour with a spoon or flexible spatula and scrape batter into prepared pan, spread until even. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out batter-free.

Let cool and cut into desired size.