



# Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey

## January 2021 Newsletter



### Greetings

Happy New Year!

We accomplished quite a bit since last June and it's a tremendous feat on your part. We had no idea that one of our biggest fundraisers would be cancelled. We had no idea we would be meeting virtually for the entire year. We had no idea how things would continually change and, best of all, we have navigated through COVID with ease and success.

Thank you all for all you do; and, we have so much more to accomplish this upcoming year. Fasten your seat belt and let's get rolling!

Wishing you and your families a 2021 New Year filled with love, joy, peace, health, and prosperity.

Cheers, Amy



### Meetings and Events – Upcoming plans

New or changed items.

	<i>Zoom meetings unless otherwise noted</i>
<b>January 2021</b>	
Jan 3 -30 <sup>th</sup>	Zonta display at Joseph T. Simpson Library, Mechanicsburg. See article.
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”. See description below.
<b>February 2021</b>	
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> 5:45pm Social 6pm Meeting	Monthly Membership Meeting Focus on health with guest speaker, Nancy Mannion Bonalumi DNP, RN, CEN, FAEN. Nancy is a nurse who has worked all over the world in third world countries.

## January 2021 Speaker



Our January 14th Membership meeting guest speaker is our own club member, Cynthia Barbedette.

In honor of key January dates in Amelia Earhart's list of accomplishments, including **January 3, 1921** – began flying lessons with Neta Snook and **January 11, 1935** – first person to solo the 2,408-mile distance across the Pacific between Honolulu and Oakland, California; also first flight where a civilian aircraft carried a two-way radio, as well as her legacy as a member of Zonta International which we have acknowledged via the [Amelia Earhart Fellowships](#) (since the program's inception in 1938, Zonta has awarded 1,638 Amelia Earhart Fellowships, totaling more than US\$10.6 million, to 1,209 women representing 73 countries) we typically have an 'Amelia' theme for our January meeting.

Amelia Earhart's legacy is alive and well even in the 21st century. During this meeting, we'll learn how to navigate social media and find out how she has been inspiring a whole new generation of fans through social media and internet art. As part of this journey, Cynthia will introduce us to some general overviews of what various social media are best used for such as Reddit, Twitter, DeviantArt, Tiktok and more. Then she will give a basic tutorial on how to set up and use Instagram.



## Membership Corner

In December, we congratulated Suzanne Gale and Sue Redmond for their dedicated service of selling the most Holiday Wreaths this year. I understand the number of sales between the two of them was 48% of our total sold.

Did you know....



Suzanne Gale became a member in 2001 and her mother, "Gusty" started our Harrisburg-Hershey club in March 1980. Suzanne was President of the club in 2014-16. She served on the Board as a Director for numerous years and is currently co-chairing the Service Committee. Suzanne enjoys her 41-year career as a Realtor, currently with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Homesale Realty in Camp Hill.



Sue Redmond owns her own business, *Sue A. Redmond, CPA* located in Camp Hill and works with clients in Pennsylvania and Maryland. Sue rejoined the club in June 2019 and is currently serving on the Finance and 501C3/4 Committees.

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. Encourage your colleagues and

friends who share the Zonta Club mission to consider joining the club. Remember to invite them to attend the January 14th Zoom meeting.

Membership offers many opportunities to make a difference in the lives of women locally and globally while working alongside interesting and passionate members/volunteers. Here are some examples of our focus in 2020:

- Empowerment of Women through Service & Advocacy
  - Supported the passing of the Victims of Rape and their Children (HB 1984) and the End Child Marriage (HB 360) legislation.
  - Supported the annual 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign
  - Continued to build relationships with other like-minded organizations
- Two Scholarship programs – Young Women in Public Affairs & Jane Klausman
- Provide support for a local woman’s shelter – Shalom House – in monies, time and passion
- Learn and support the Zonta International (ZI) mission & goals
- Monthly Zoom Meetings with a Speaker

It was great to see everyone on the Zoom call on December 10th. There were 21 members and seven guests on the call for our Party with a Purpose meeting.

In December’s newsletter, did you **Guess Who** said she won the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow award in High School?



It was Eileen Sullivan. Here is a little more to her story.....

The Betty Crocker award was given to Eileen as a joke by everyone who knew her. She says she had the messiest locker in her class. She was more interested in whatever book she was reading than any recipe. She says she burned dinner so many times that her father automatically picked up fried chicken on his way home if he heard she was cooking. And they always needed it! Years later when she got married and had to prepare a meal, she found out that she loves to cook.

Eileen claims she did more in the sewing and needlework department, though. There were no Home Economic classes at her school, but she wanted to sew. The award may have gotten the adults to notice! Her aunt invited her for a weekend of intensive lessons, and her mother bought her a very basic machine to use. She has been sewing ever since.



**January 2021 Guess Who? You might be surprised to learn that ...**  
I lived on Governor’s Island in the New York Harbor next to the Statue of Liberty for two years.

*Kathy Gates, Membership and Social Media Chair*

## Zonta Club Harrisburg-Hershey Club Member Milestones

### January Birthdays

Deb Hughes, 1/8  
Diana Laughner, 1/26

### January Zonta Anniversaries

Carol Staz, 1/1/2016 (reinstated)  
Elizabeth Miller, 1/30/2020

## Happening\$ from the Finance Committee

We have two new numbers – 583 Wreaths sold and \$2615 raised from our No Show Gala.

*Thanks to everyone for your support – amazing teamwork, efforts and results.*

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## Service Committee News

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



After collecting Club members' donations in the Camp Hill Radisson parking lot, Zontians Amy Peffley, Nancy Fodor, and Karen Shirey delivered gifts, gift cards, and 30 Good Bears of the World (GBW) Teddy Bears to Krista Farah, Shalom House Program Director, and Lauren Bomberger, Shippensburg University Social Work Intern on Dec. 12. 48 GBW Bears were also donated for the students in the Harrisburg Preschool Head Start Program directed by Krystin Cobel.

We wish to thank all of the Zontian's who participated in this special service event; we all appreciate what you have done for the organizations.



Many thanks to the Club members who stepped up when Karen Shirey, Service Committee Co-Chair, received a call to help a Grandma and four grandchildren who had recently lost their home due to a fire. A good woman in Hummelstown took them in but there would be no Christmas without some help.

Karen put out a call to Zontians and her personal friends on Dec. 14. On Dec. 23, Karen and Wil delivered 4-5 outfits for each child, 3 toys for each of the little ones, small gifts to Grandma Angela and Ebony (who is housing them), five boxes of food, \$100 in Giant gift cards, and \$50 visa gift cards to Grandma and the two older children.

While sharing a hug, Grandma Angela said “Please tell everyone “Thank You!”.

What a blessing we received by being able to bring Christmas to this family!



On January 3 your Service Committee Members will be putting up a display at the Simpson Library in Mechanicsburg. The display will showcase our local Zonta Club and its projects and scholarships as well as Zonta International’s Service Programs and scholarships.

The Simpson Library is located at 16 N. Walnut Street in Mechanicsburg. The display will be up from Jan. 3 through Jan. 31. Current hours at the Library are Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 – 5 p.m.

Plan now to stop by to check out your Service Committee’s handiwork!





In spite of the pandemic, our first year as a club was successful. Our bank account is growing which allows us to go into next year financially strong. Our membership has grown and attendance at Zoom meetings is high.

As the school semester ended, we gave our adopted grandparents stockings filled with Christmas goodies and individual notes. We will not be meeting until after January 19th as PSU has a late start. Our immediate project for February is to set up a webinar with Jordan Pine of Greenlight Operations. Also, we will be doing a Valentine project for our grandparents. We hope to work with a daycar now that we have our ongoing adopt a grandparent project underway.

Your excitement about our club keeps me going. Thanks for your support and donations. Also, Elaine, you are a true blessing to the club. Karen, love the teddy bears.

Thank you all. Heather

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



### **Advocacy Committee**

2020 Brings a Unique Advocacy Observation of  
“16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence”

For the past seven years, the Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey celebrated the “16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence” by holding a rally at the State Capitol. Over the years we have reached out to legislators and agencies who advocated for women’s rights until our organization has become recognized as a force behind these efforts. With Covid-19 eliminating the possibility of holding our traditional rally, the Club’s Advocacy Committee collaborated with our Social Media Committee to put together a powerful presentation on each of the 16 days of activism which was shared on social media locally and throughout ZI District 3.

The content of the daily presentations included quotes from Senator Bartolotta and Representatives Delozier, Kim, Murt and Helm as well as videos and other media focused on eliminating domestic violence, human trafficking and early childhood marriage. A summary of the daily presentations is included in this newsletter.

Advocacy Committee Members: *Amy, Jemry, Nancy, Karen and Kathleen*

Social Media Committee: *Kathy and Jim Gates*

Please review and share the information about our **Young Women in Public Affairs Award** with interested individuals or groups. Eileen Baylor, our Scholarship Chair, has distributed it to 44 guidance counselors in 29 local high schools. It will be posted on our Facebook page and website.

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## **YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD**

Recognizing young women for their commitment to volunteerism, volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to empowering women worldwide



### **1 APPLICATION, 3 OPPORTUNITIES**

**Club award**  
Varies by club

**32 district awards**  
US\$1,500 each

**10 international awards**  
US\$5,000 each

**SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE:** Application for the 2021 Young Women in Public Affairs Award online at [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org).

**General Information:** The goal of the Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award Program is to encourage young women to participate in public affairs by recognizing the candidate's commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

'Public affairs' refers to all aspects of community life where decisions have to be made about issues which relate to and affect those communities in which people work and live.

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

**The Award:** Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey 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.

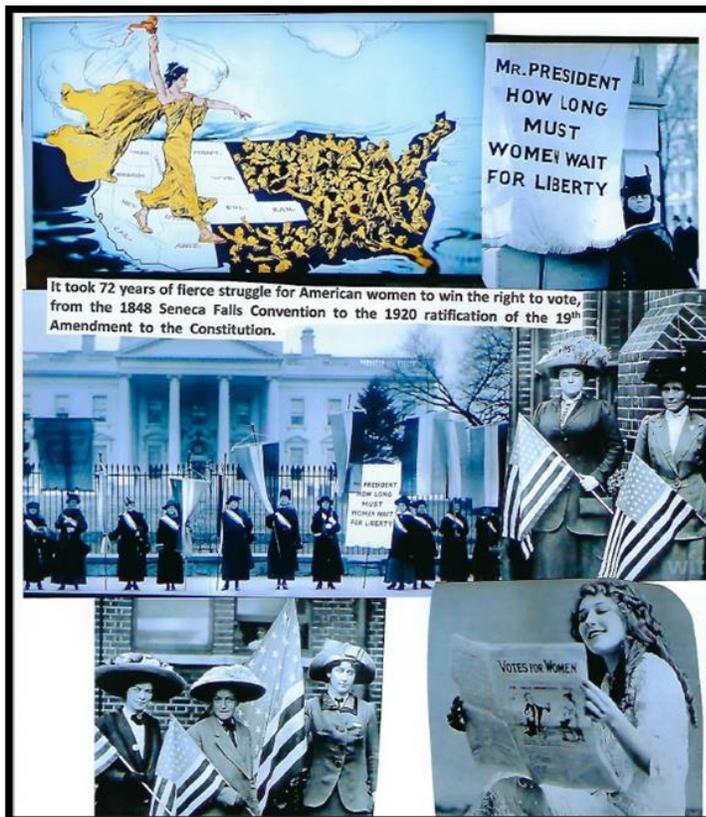
**How to Apply?** Complete an official application, following all instructions very carefully. Be sure to answer all parts of all the questions, noting the number of words requested. Then, ask the two persons who are writing your recommendations to send them directly to Eileen Baylor. You can also find the application on the Zonta International Website: [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org). Click on “Global Impacts” then “Education” then “Young Women in Public Affairs” then “Apply.” They may be filled in online but must then be printed and sent to me in the mail.

**Deadline: March 1, 2021**

**How may I use the Award Funds?**

1. Award funds may only be used for tuition, fees and materials (books, supplies and equipment for required courses) at a secondary school, college or university.
2. Recipients are not permitted to defer the YWPA Award.
3. Recipients may accept additional grants and awards from other sources.

**Send applications and direct any questions to: Eileen Baylor, [eileen1206@aol.com](mailto:eileen1206@aol.com)**



As we enter the 101<sup>st</sup> year since the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment in August 1920, we recognize we still need to use our voices and maintain our actions toward equality.

## 16 Days of Activism – 2020 Recap

Day	Facebook Post
1	Zonta honors 16 Days of Activism from Nov. 25 through Dec. 10. The Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign began on November 25th, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and will end on December 10th, Human Rights Day. Zontians worldwide will say NO to violence against women and take a stand to end child marriage. The global campaign is to get more people to not look away but to speak up and take action. From now through 10 December, Zontians worldwide will say NO to violence against women and work to end child marriage. See how at <a href="http://www.zontasaysNO.com">www.zontasaysNO.com</a> .
2	Video created by Alice Kirchner - “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.”
3	<p>Statement from State Representative Tom Murt (152nd Legislative District) - “I am impressed by ZONTA International and its membership of accomplished women. They work hard to support and uplift their fellow women, which includes work through their annual Say No to Violence Against Women awareness campaign taking place Nov. 25 through Dec. 10.</p> <p>“I have been a longtime supporter of this organization and its efforts and commend its members for their work toward a world without violence against women. Our efforts toward that goal have overlapped with the organization advocating for my legislation to criminalize female genital mutilation in Pennsylvania.</p> <p>“Although I am retiring from the state House of Representatives, I will continue to advocate for women and all those who suffer at the hands of violence.”</p>
4	Each year in October, the Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties (DVSCP) holds a vigil to honor the victims of Domestic Violence in these two counties. This year because of the Covid pandemic, they did not hold a vigil as usual, but DVSCP member Tonya Miller created a video to honor their memory. Thank you, Tonya, for a wonderful job!
5	Greenlight Operation recently held a training session focusing on anti-human trafficking. Greenlight Operation staff provided an overview of the issues in Pennsylvania and beyond, outlined ways to become involved, and provided an opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals in your community. The Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey supports Greenlight Operations to develop awareness of trafficking locally and globally. For more information about Greenlight Operations, go to <a href="http://www.greenlightoperation.org">www.greenlightoperation.org</a> .

6	<p>Statement from Representative Helm (104th Legislative District) - “One of the many unfortunate side effects of COVID-19 has been the increase in domestic violence. Many victims are stuck at home with their abusers and may not have access to the services and resources they need to escape their situations. In times like these, we are duty-bound to help those who need it.</p> <p>“As a state representative, and a woman in a position of power, I remain fully committed to ending violence against women and I thank the Zonta Club for the incredibly important work they do to reach that goal.”</p>
7	<p>Stop Sign - Zonta International launched a Campaign in 2012 called Zonta “Says NO to Violence Against Women.” Violence against women and girls threatens countries, inhibits economic progress, and prevents women from contributing to their community and creating better lives for themselves and their families.</p> <p>The Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey purchased this STOP Sign in 2015 to draw attention to the Campaign that Zonta “Says NO to violence Against Women.” The STOP sign is displayed at Capitol rallies, in libraries, at various Zonta events and on social media.</p>
8	<p>Statement from Senator Bartolotta (PA Senate 46th District) - “Pennsylvania has made incredible strides in recent years on women’s issues, including passing new laws to prevent domestic violence and promoting women’s education and entrepreneurship. None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the passionate advocacy of the Zonta Club and other organizations that are committed to achieving equality for women.</p> <p>“The victories we earn today will make a difference long after we are gone. I look forward to continuing to stand with you and fight for a brighter future for women and girls everywhere.”</p>
9	<p>Rally against Early Childhood Marriage Pic Collage and Info - The Rally was held June 2019 with “Unchained at Last” advocating against child marriage. In May 2020 HB360 and Senate Bill 81 were signed into law which set the age of 18 as the minimum age to obtain a marriage license in PA, making PA the third state in the US to have this type of law.</p>
10	<p>Statement from Representative Delozier (88th Legislative District) - “Having recently been appointed to my first position of leadership as majority chairman of the House Commerce Committee, I am honored to be a role model for young women who aspire to a future in politics. As a role model we need to use that voice to stand for important issues and be a voice for those who feel they have none.”</p> <p>“I admire Zonta International’s goals of empowering women worldwide through service and</p>

	<p>advocacy. I also applaud their belief that no woman should live in fear of violence and support that notion through my longtime advocacy for victims of rape and domestic violence. In addition, my bill for Marsys’s law to give victims a voice in our State Constitution brings Pennsylvania into the 21st century balancing the rights of the victim with the accused.”</p>
11	<p>Please be on the lookout for the Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey Billboard advocating an END to Human Trafficking in support of the 16 Days of Activism. It will be popping up in the Harrisburg area. Although we don’t have specific dates it will run, we hope to see it sometime during the 16 Day Activism period (November 25 - December 10). Please let us know if you have seen it and where.</p>
12	<p><b>US Senate Bill S. 1071 – Keeping Girls in School Act</b>  The economic benefits of girls’ education are substantial and can help lift households, communities, and nations out of poverty. Keeping girls in secondary school could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add \$92 billion to the economies of low and middle-income nations;</li> <li>• Cut child deaths by 50 percent;</li> <li>• Reduce child marriage by 66 percent;</li> <li>• Decrease violent conflict by 37 percent; and</li> <li>• Increase girls’ future wages by up to 20 percent for every year enrolled.</li> </ul> <p>The Keeping Girls in School Act passed the House in January 2020. Contact your Senator today and ask them to support S.1071.  Click here to Take Action!  <a href="https://www.votervoice.net/Zonta/Campaigns/77350/Respond">https://www.votervoice.net/Zonta/Campaigns/77350/Respond</a></p>
13	<p>Statement from Rep Kim (PA 103rd Legislative District) -  “I stand strong with the women and men in our community that condemn violence against women. We refuse to pretend this isn’t happening in our homes and allow people to suffer silently. My team is ready to assist anyone who needs our help.”</p>
14	<p>Silent Witness Initiative from DVSCP Website - In 1990, a group of women artists and writers in Minnesota became alarmed by the growing number of women being murdered by their intimate partners or acquaintances. These women partnered with local community-based agencies and formed the Arts Action against Domestic Violence. Together, they began to speak out against domestic violence and honored those who died as a result of this epidemic. The women created 26 free-standing, life-sized red wooden figures, each one bearing the name of a woman whose life ended violently at the hands of a husband, ex-husband, current or ex-partner, or acquaintance. A 27th figure was added to represent those uncounted women whose murders went unsolved or were erroneously ruled accidental. The figures were called the Silent Witnesses.</p> <p>On February 18, 1991, more than 500 women met at a church across the street from the</p>

	<p>Minnesota State Capitol with the Silent Witnesses. The women formed a silent procession escorting the figures single file across the street, up the steps, and into the State Capitol Rotunda for public statements and a press conference. The sheer volume of space the figures occupied spoke of their power, and their loss. The Silent Witness Exhibit was officially launched.</p> <p>Inspired by the exhibit, the project coordinators and supporters formed a national initiative dedicated to the elimination of domestic violence homicides. Today, there are Silent Witness Exhibits in all 50 states and in 20 countries. Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland &amp; Perry Counties maintains its own Silent Witness Exhibit each year during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. To commemorate the lives of the victims who died as a result of domestic violence in Cumberland &amp; Perry Counties, we would like to share their stories.</p>
15	Get the Facts from ZI website - Link to ZI website
16	Human Rights Day commemorates the day on which, in 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.



find us at 'Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey' a Community Organization.



**Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey**



It happened! Our Day 11 post mentioned the hope that our billboard would be displayed during the 16 Days of Activism. Here is 1 of the 2 that were on display during our campaign.

Thank you to Lamar Advertising for your donation of the digital billboard space.