



Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey

April 2021 Newsletter



Greetings!

And, here we are in April beginning to enjoy the buds of the trees, blue sky, bright sun, and warmer days. I keep wondering where the time is going? Exactly one year ago, toilet paper was impossible to be found; along with hand sanitizer and Lysol wipes. And the shelves at the stores were empty...something we've not experienced before (unless you have lived in Florida or hurricane states). There was quite a bit of uncertainty as we were homebound for a few weeks. Fast forward one year and toilet paper can be found without going on a scavenger hunt; and the shelves are almost back to normal and filled again. We are so blessed to live in a country where we have so many choices, 10 or more different brands of bread, etc.

I remember when my cousin's wife Jana's mother came to the United States to visit from Czechoslovakia some years back. Jana had 2 weeks to show her mother around the Philadelphia and Lancaster County area. Jana told me that the thing she remembered most about that visit, was when she took her mother to the grocery store to pick up a few items. When they were walking through the bread aisle, Jana's mother stopped, and began crying. "Mama, what's wrong?" said Jana. Her mother explained that never in her life did she see so many choices and types of bread. You see, in her village in Czechoslovakia, there was only one type of bread.

April is our yearly closed business meeting. Please plan to attend and give your input. We have decisions to decide upon regarding our future and you have the choice to be at the meeting and plan for the future. Let's make a difference locally, regionally, and globally!! It's our choice and we are blessed to be able to have such choices and privilege!!

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at our Membership Meeting on April 8, 2021.

Cheers, Amy





Meetings and Events – Upcoming plans

New or changed items.

	<i>Zoom meetings unless otherwise noted</i>
April 2021	
Wednesday March 31st, 6pm	Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, 8 th 5:45pm Social 6pm Meeting	April Business Meeting, Members Only
Saturday, 10 th 9am – noon	Membership Orientation
Tuesday, 13 th , 7pm	Membership Committee Meeting
Saturday, 24 th	District 3 Spring Workshop. See information on last page.
May 2021	
Thursday, 6th, 6pm	Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, 13 th 5:45pm Social 6pm Meeting	May Monthly Meeting

April 2021 – Annual Business Meeting

Per the Club By-Laws, the regular meeting in April shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of receiving reports of officers, the Board, and committees; of electing officers, and for all other business that may arise, and shall be open only to Zontians.

On April 8th at our Annual Meeting the club will elect 2 new positions on the Board, approve 2021-2022 Budgets for our 501c3 and 501c4 entities and approve Monetary Distributions for ZI and our Partner Organization.

The Nominating Committee recommends for the upcoming year the following: Sue Redmond for a 2-year term as Director and Lori Griffin for a 2-year term as Secretary. Other names may be submitted from the floor at the April meeting. Should there be any questions please contact Carol Staz nominating Committee chairman at cf.staz@verizon.com or (717) 350-0465.



Membership and Social Media Corner

The Membership Committee has scheduled a New Member Orientation on Saturday, April 10th starting at 9:00 am until noon. Alice Kirchner will conduct the training. This training is part of the club's efforts to keep our membership informed and feel engaged. Everyone is welcome to attend. The training will be presented via Zoom so please feel free to attend. There is always fun interaction during the presentation, too and a chance for us to get to know the newest club members better. Please e-mail me at kgates808@comcast.net if you plan to attend and I will send you the link to the Zoom call. See you there!

In March, we presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Debra Crum for her dedicated service as the club's Treasurer and for handling all financial matters for the Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey.

Did you know....



Deb joined the club in 2006 and served as the club's President from 2012-2014. She became Treasurer for the club in 2018. This year alone Deb has been instrumental in performing many financial duties in this position. The list includes collecting, recording and managing the membership dues, collecting the orders, money, bank deposits and planning the delivery and pickups at the drop off wreath spots with the distributor, creating Monthly financial reports to the Board and thank you notes for all donations. Collecting the payments and making deposits for the fundraisers, Preparing the budget for the upcoming year, Coordinating the distribution of the service monies at the end of the year for Shalom House, sending scholarship money to the winners, helping to lead the 501(c)3 / 501(c)4 project and writing the Monthly newsletter article for UN activities. Wow! That's quite a list. Thanks for your service to the club.

In March's newsletter, did you **Guess Who** said.... "I have donated over 8 gallons of blood since 1983."

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

It was her husband Bob who got me interested in donating blood. In 1982 he was donating platelets for a friend's brother who had cancer. I admired him for doing that. The blood mobile came to our IBM office location four times per year. In early 1983 when the next blood drive was coming up Bob suggested I donate. I had never donated before and decided to give it a try. I have been a regular donor ever since. I remember feeling helpless on 9-11 and, like many others, wondering what I could do to help. I made an appointment to donate blood. It made me feel like I was making a contribution. To me donating is a simple but powerful act.



The Membership Committee met on March 10th to discuss options for creating a mentoring program and came to an agreement on how to proceed. We have scheduled another meeting in April to further discuss the structure of the program.

The deadline to participate in the member bio project is April 15th. Your participation is optional. If you wish to participate, please let Claudia Barry know by that date.

It was great to see everyone on the Zoom meeting on March 11th. There were 21 members and seven guests at the meeting.



Guess Who? For April..... You might be surprised to learn that I played the sousaphone in the High School Band (the instrument that wraps around you and has a big bell on top that you swing while marching).

Kathy Gates, Membership and Social Media Chair

Zonta Club Harrisburg-Hershey Club Member Milestones

April Birthdays	April Zonta Anniversaries
Eileen Sullivan – April 6	
Grace Huber – April 7	
Kathleen O’Malley – April 17	
Alice Kirchner – April 22	
Elaine Weinert – April 23	
Judy Redlawsk – April 30	
	No April Anniversaries!



Service Committee News

Celebrating Zonta Rose Day in a Pandemic

Traditionally every year members of our Club have given Zonta yellow roses to Shalom House residents or other women we want to honor on or around March 8, Zonta Rose Day. As we have done with many aspects of our life during the past Covid Daze year, we redesigned this year’s event to be a Pandemic Zonta Rose Day Celebration.

Service Committee members Claudia Barry, Nancy Fodor, and Grace Huber purchased and donated fruit, snacks, crackers, candies, raisins, masks, tissues, and hand sanitizers which were placed in bags for Shalom House families. Nancy purchased yellow roses, and President Amy Peffley accompanied Grace and Nancy to deliver the items to the shelter. In total, 12 women and 15 children were part of our 2021 Pandemic Zonta Rose Day Celebration.



Grace delivering goody bags and roses



Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey

Founded in 1980, the women in the Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey are dedicated to improving the quality of life for women and children, locally and globally.

Every year on March 8 we celebrate Zonta Rose Day/International Women's Day by presenting special women with a yellow rose, our Zonta symbol of love and caring. This year we are honoring you and wish you well on your life's journey. Please know you are loved and treasured.

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Enclosure card with roses



On March 24, the Golden Z Club held a webinar with Jordan Pine speaking about Human Trafficking. As usual, Jordan was amazing. We had 53 participants including students, professors, Zontians, and guests. Our “adopt a grandparent” program continues with much love and caring. Currently, the members are working with the Easter bunny to provide baskets filled with chocolates plus to 20 children at the Shalom House. All the encouragement from Zontians is very much appreciated by the members.

Members of the Service Committee met at the New Cumberland Public Library Saturday morning March 27th to create a visual presentation of the Zonta organization and our club activities in the library’s display case area. Claudia Barry, Nancy Fodor, Eileen Baylor, Grace Huber, Amy Peffley, and Karen Shirey worked together to put together photos, memorabilia, and other objects that represent many Zonta activities and areas of interest. The display will be in place throughout the month of April.



Service Committee: Suzanne Gale and Karen Shirey, Co-Chairs; Claudia Barry, Nancy Fodor, Grace Huber, Heather Jackson, Amy Peffley, Pres.



The Shalom House Corner

For those of you who attended our March membership program, you will recall that Denise Britton, former Shalom House Executor Director and Donna Shuler, Active President of Shalom Services, took a few minutes and spoke to us about their new endeavors. Of course, Donna is still involved with the Dauphin County Courthouse Cafe'. Obviously, their roles are now expanded and still are

impacting others; with needs from social & wellness to family & mental needs thru additional partnerships. Denise can often be found working at the Community Church.

I wanted to further explore her new position and asked her to expand upon these new services. Here, is the explanation that Denise provided to us.

"" We are excited at the opportunities that are emerging – certainly for Work Force Development, as we are increasing the capacity to serve with some creative strategies and amazing partners.

Through Social Enterprise: A Pathway to Creative Solutions through Partnership & Collaboration: the essence of Collective Impact (now my area of focus)

With shifting our approach, we are able to expand upon the priority of developing relationships with organizations with like values and like-mindedness. That in turn allows expanded potential for partnership (for profit and non-profit) where there is shared vision, values and the standards of excellence it takes to empower and transform – much like our history of experience with the Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey!

A key component to social enterprise has been to embrace the potential of collective impact which is defined as a commitment of a group of stakeholders from different sectors to a common agenda for solving complex social problems.

To be effective demands a shift in how we think. It is absolutely a departure from the traditional non-profit models, a departure from the silo mentality and competitiveness ideology, yet proven effective time and again in addressing critical community issues. Given this focus with Social Enterprise, we are exploring new opportunities presently through the lens of Work Force Development, though there are no limitations on what issues can be addressed (individually or at the same time) which is very exciting. Because the nature of collective impact is well suited to a holistic approach, as we assess opportunities for business development, we can do so without diminishing focus (missionally) on the build-up of the whole person: socially, financially, spiritually, family, mental and physical wellness.

Raising awareness about collective impact and how social enterprise is interwoven is an ongoing work. That an environment is set forth that is creative, positive and focused allows for much hope and expectation that lives will be empowered and transformed!""

Submitted by Suzanne Gale

ADVOCACY CORNER

The Advocacy Committee has been busy meeting with state legislators and planning a social media advocacy campaign. The social media advocacy campaign will take place April 18th – 24th corresponding with National Victim’s Right Week. The week will be jammed packed with great information including statements from survivors! Please follow the campaign and share to your Facebook and social media pages. Looking ahead....we are going to have a rally this Fall at the State Capitol!! Stay tuned for details!!

Zonta Membership Dues for 2021-2022-Reminder

Last month I shared some detailed information about the components of our dues, the benefits of our membership, and the impact our club makes both locally and globally. As we continue to navigate our daily life a year after the onset of this global pandemic we continue to support and impact the lives of others through our membership in the Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey.

While not meeting “face to face” at this time I would request dues to be sent to my home address (found in your email membership listing). I thank you in advance for your timely payment of dues as we strive to meet our deadlines with District 3 and Zonta International.

Renewing members of the Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey should pay \$161.00 to Deb not later than May 15th, 2021; checks should be made payable to the;

Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey.

With deepest thanks for your ongoing club membership - Deb Crum, Treasurer


U.N. Buzz from *UN Committee*
Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021

 
Planet 50-50 by 2030
Step It Up for Gender Equality
From: UN Women Email NEWS

This is what leadership looks like: Meet Elena Crasmari, the only woman in her local council in Moldova



Elena Crasmari decided to run for office so that the local administration could meet the needs of all members of her community. She won a local councillor seat, making her the only woman on a nine-person team, and one of six local councillors with a disability in Moldova, out of 10,472 local councillors.

Elena Crasmari, local counselor in Dolna village, Moldova. Photo: UN Women/ Tara Milutis

Fast facts

- Women are under-represented in Moldovan politics and decision-making: only 25 per cent of parliamentarians, 22 per cent of mayors and 27 per cent of district councillors are female. Women with disabilities are even more so under-represented.
- Globally, the proportion of women in parliament has doubled since 1995 to 25 percent today, just one quarter of the decision-making positions. Only three countries have 50 percent or more women in parliament.

- At the local level, women hold over 2 million elected seats, or 36 per cent.
- Gender quotas increase women’s representation in legislatures and other sectors when they are well designed and effectively implemented. Yet only 77 states have quotas for local deliberative bodies of which only a quarter require 50 per cent men and women. Ambitious targets, enforcement and penalties for political parties’ non-compliance are needed for countries to achieve their targets.
- Women facing multiple forms of discrimination encounter additional barriers to participate and access decision-making, including disproportionate levels of increased violence.
- Lack of finance is a primary barrier to women’s participation in politics and to women’s organizations’ growth. Women candidates’ campaigns require greater support by public and private funds, and political parties must do more to finance women’s campaigns and promote their leadership.

[For more data on women’s leadership, see the UN Secretary-General’s Report](#)

“I went to the town hall to ask them to help me do something about the stairs of the medical facility,” says Elena Crasmari, 35, after having to get on her hands and knees to enter the building because of her disability. “The mayor handed me a bag of cement and some sand and told me I had to do it myself.”

Elena decided to run for local councillor as an independent candidate in Dolna village, a rural community of 1,155 people about 53km from Moldova’s capital city, Chisinau.

“I decided to run for office to show him that this wasn’t acceptable and that I was a person with full rights, just like him,” she says. “I wanted to take the first step in proving that people with disabilities have a chance.”

“Accessibility is not just about people with disabilities. It is also about elderly people, mothers with children, and other groups,” Crasmari adds.

“People need to know that everyone has equal rights, not only in theory, but also in practice.”

Fulfilling an inclusive agenda

Crasmari started her grassroots campaign to run for the local council, but first needed to collect signatures from at least five percent of registered voters in the community. She gathered all of the necessary signatures in just two days.

“I couldn’t believe that I was able to gather 60 signatures so quickly,” Crasmari recalls. “The residents of my village all wanted better medical services. They got tired of waiting for changes promised by the authorities. They wanted to see results.”

“After becoming a councillor, I got a small grant, which was used to repair a sidewalk in Dolna to make it accessible for everyone. I also contributed to the renovation of the medical centre. Now it has sanitary facilities and an access ramp,” Crasmari says.

Crasmari is seeing to the installation of two more ramps in her village, while also trying to raise funds to support local people with disabilities who are isolated during the pandemic.

“The COVID-19 pandemic affected our work so much,” says Crasmari. “I wish we could do more offline to help the community. The pandemic has affected all people with disabilities, especially women with disabilities experiencing domestic violence.”



Elena Crasmari (left), pictured in 2019, stands with a staff nurse in front of the inaccessible entrance to the village medical centre. After becoming councillor Crasmari's work contributed to the renovation of the medical centre. Photo: UN Women/Tara Milutis

With UN Women's support, Crasmari is planning to launch an initiative to empower women with disabilities. "I really want to make their voices heard. Also, I would like to create more employment opportunities."

"I hope that I'll be able to make all the state institutions – including our museum, the kindergarten and the town hall – accessible to people with disabilities," Elena says, "and to mothers with small children and senior citizens who come and pick up their pensions."

Overcoming challenges to deliver on promises

Elena gained confidence and skills that she needed to run for office with the help of training on women's political participation and civic engagement implemented by UN Women and its partners; skills she continues to use today.

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Crasmari has faced a lot of challenges as a local councillor, which at a time led her to consider resigning.

"I am the only women councillor among eight men, and although I have a lot of support, my work is harder than I thought it would be. I know I can't give up. I promised [my community] that I would help them. I have to do my best," she says.

In talking about the importance of women's leadership, Crasmari says, "It would be good to have an equal number of women and men in local councils, district councils, and the parliament. At the same time, it is also very important to be a competent employee."

"Change starts with us, and everyone can make significant changes in their communities by doing small things."



Wednesday, 28 April

Bandana Rana

Scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of the month at 4:00 pm.

https://www.zonta.org/Web/News_Events/Remarkable_Women_Powerful_Stories.aspx

District 3 Events



DISTRICT 3 SPRING "VIRTUAL" WORKSHOP 2021

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY APRIL 24th

*"Transitions, Changes,
New Opportunities"*

**Panel Discussion; Breakout Sessions;
Update from Zonta Int'l Foundation;
AND *Time to Socialize***

**Details Coming Soon
Registration Begins APRIL 1st**

