

# Zonta Club of Harrisburg and Hershey

*January 2023 Newsletter*



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

Greetings Friends!

Happy New Year!

We had an amazing December meeting! Andrea Timbone from Greenlight Operation joined us and updated us on GO restoration home; trainings; and answered questions from the group. Our December meeting was also our annual Party with a Purpose. Our members were so generous and collected many useful items needed by GO. Such a fun, enjoyable, and educational meeting!

A special thank you to the Advocacy Committee for a very informative 16 Days of Activism Social Media Campaign concluding with the Party with a Purpose. Thank you so much to all who contributed to the information presented each day. Thank you to Kathy and Jim Gates for posting the information each day of the campaign on the Zonta Club of Harrisburg and Hershey website and Facebook page. Thank you to our members who shared the posts each day as well.

Please join us as we meet on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> for our Membership Meeting via Zoom.

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Ending human trafficking is something we all need to work together to end for good. Let's try and educate our friends and families this month to help with the cause. You can see some history on page 4 of this newsletter.

Please feel free to Voxer or email me with any ideas you may have for the upcoming year or future.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our January meeting. 😊

Wishing you a Happy New Year filled with blessings and joy!

Cheers, Amy

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## Meetings and Events – Upcoming plans

New or changed items.

	<b>Zoom meetings unless otherwise noted</b>
<b>January 2023</b>	
Thur, 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30pm	Executive Board Meeting
Wed, 11 <sup>th</sup>	National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
Thur, 12 <sup>th</sup> , 5:45pm	Monthly Membership Meeting – speakers from GOTR and PAIRWN

<b>February 2023</b>	
Thur, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 6:30pm	Executive Board Meeting
Thur, 9 <sup>th</sup> , 5:45pm	Monthly Membership Meeting
Sat, 18 <sup>th</sup> , 8:30 am -12:30 pm	Greenlight Operation work day at Restoration Home
<b>March 2023</b>	
Wed, 1 <sup>st</sup>	YWPA Applications due to Club
Thur, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 6:30pm	Executive Board Meeting
Tue, 7 <sup>th</sup> , 11 am – 2 pm	IFP Event at Carlisle Army War College
Thur, 9 <sup>th</sup> , 5:45pm	Monthly Membership Meeting
<b>April 2023</b>	
Thur, 6 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30pm	Executive Board Meeting
Thur, 13 <sup>th</sup> , 5:45pm	Annual Membership Meeting at PSU Harrisburg
Sat, 15 <sup>th</sup> , afternoon	B-I-N-G-O; Hampden Community Center
<b>May 2023</b>	
Thur, 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30pm	Executive Board Meeting
Thur, 11 <sup>th</sup> , 5:45pm	Monthly Membership Meeting at PSU Harrisburg

### January Membership Meeting



This year we've selected two organizations to receive funds from our Club in addition to Greenlight Operation. This month we look forward to hearing from Girls on the Run and Pennsylvania Immigrant and Refugee Women's Network.



### Membership and Social Media Corner

Those of us who attended the Open Stage Theatre performance of A Christmas Carol on December 3<sup>rd</sup> had a great time. We hope to offer other opportunities to get together in 2023.

The Party with a Purpose event on December 8<sup>th</sup> was wonderful. Thanks to the Committee for putting a great party together to celebrate the holidays. It was nice to have Andrea Timbone of Greenlight Operation with us. See the picture of all the gifts and the group in their Zonta sashes and holiday fair. Thanks to everyone who participated.

If you have anyone who may be interested in the Zonta Club membership, please let me know. The membership dues for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year (December-May) are ½ price. Remember to send a colleague the January Newsletter and invite them to the Zoom meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>. The current club membership is 25.

## Social Media

The 16 Days of Activism event on social media from November 25th to December 10<sup>th</sup> was successful. Thanks to the Advocacy Committee for coordinating the posts for each day to honor the work done to empower women locally.

Check out the Events tab on the Zonta Club website for pictures and video clips from the speakers at this year's Zonta Says NO rally. Thanks to Jim Gates for videotaping the speakers and editing the tape to post the presentations.

Jim Gates is offering a face-to-face iPad Foundation for Adults class through Fredricksen Library in Camp Hill starting on Tuesday January 24 at 6:30 pm in the Community Room. (Tuesdays: January 24 and 31, February 7, 21 and 28, March 7)

... If you've got an iPad and you are pretty sure you're not using it to its full potential, join experienced teacher James Gates in this face-to-face class to explore some of the many uses of the iPad that you may not know. From the settings and keyboarding tips, to the camera and Photos app, to productivity apps and even iPad accessories, this class will teach you to use your iPad in many new ways. Register online or at the library beginning January 2....

## Nominating Committee

If you are interested in serving in a leadership capacity of the club, please contact me or the members of the committee, Cathy Paul and Eileen Baylor. The slate will be presented to the Board at their March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and presented to the membership for a vote at the April 13<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting. Remember your club installation promise to serve the club enthusiastically. Thank you.

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

#### **Birthdays**

Deb Hughes – January 8  
Shannon Hackman – January 12  
Diana Laughner – January 26

#### **Zonta Anniversaries**

Carol Staz – January 1, 2016 (rejoined!)  
Elizabeth Miller – January 30, 2020

*Kathy Gates, Membership, Social Media and Nominating Committee Chair*



## In the News

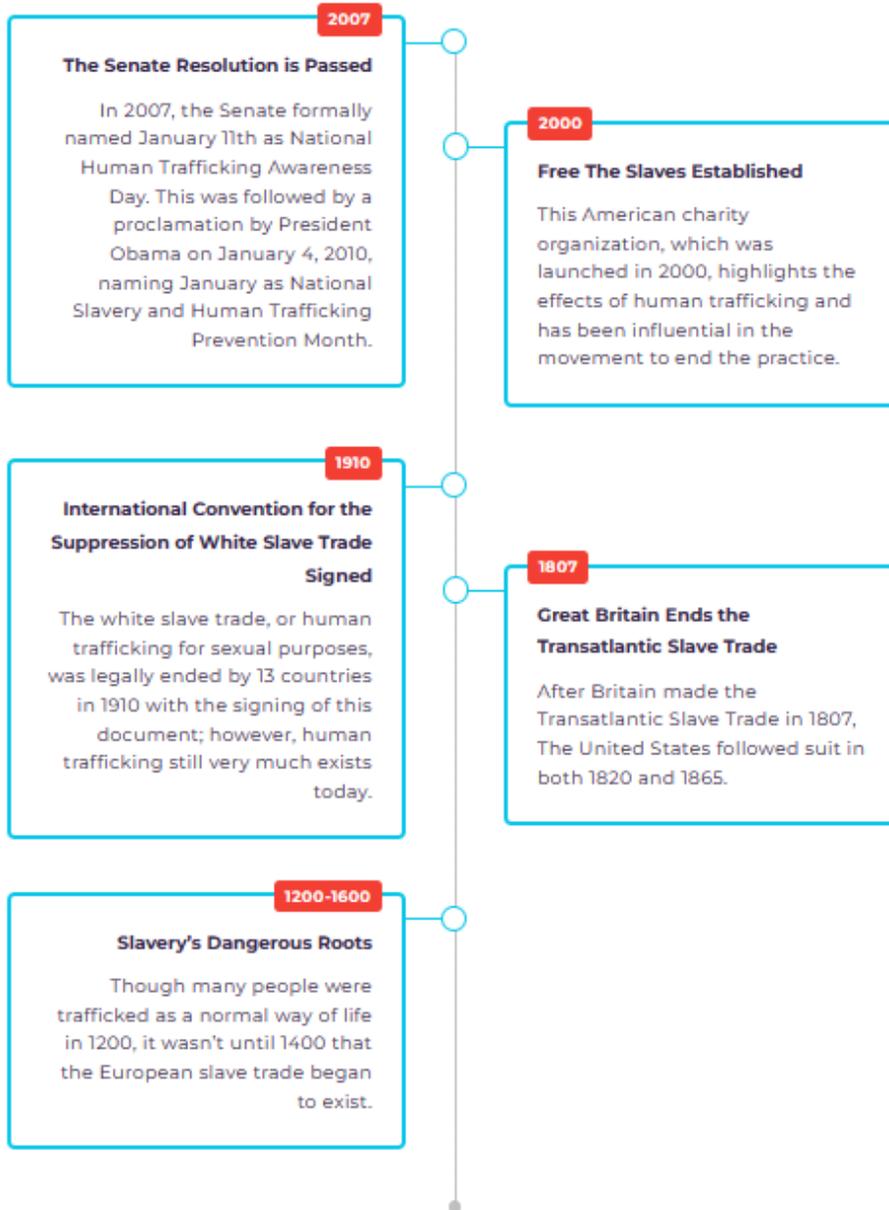
### [Woman Corp | Home](#)

Welcome to Woman Corp, the company founded on the disturbing fact that the American government protects corporation's constitutional rights more than the rights of human women.

[Zonta USA Caucus](#) take a look at the latest information and issues in the advocacy action center.

January 11, 2023

## NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY TIMELINE



<https://nationaltoday.com/national-human-trafficking-awareness-day/>



Do you have the Human Trafficking Hotline number in your phone?

1-888-373-7888

## Service Update

We've scheduled a workday at the Restoration Home for Greenlight Operation on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Right now, we'll probably be painting; each work day includes other organizations and activities so we'll also need to be flexible to other opportunities for service that day.



Greenlight Operation will be scheduling their 5K 'Restoration Walk' on City Island in the Spring and a Gala in the Fall. As details for volunteer opportunities are firmed up, I'll share them with you.

The Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship applications will need to be reviewed in March and I'll ask for support for that during the next few weeks.

The Service Committee will meet in January to plan for additional service opportunities this year.

*Alice Kirchner, Service Committee Chair*



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### **Plan now to be part of our 2023 IFP Program at Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle PA on Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

Every year the U. S. Army invites senior military officers from foreign countries to study at the U. S. Army War College (USAWC) in Carlisle PA in what is known as the International Fellows Program (IFP).

Because our Zonta Club is geographically close to the USAWC, our club members and guests have an unusual opportunity to create a mini-UN gathering where we can spread the word about Zonta International (ZI) in Carlisle, PA!

The program is scheduled from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. The day includes sharing lunch with the spouses of the international students and presenting them with information about Zonta International. We also celebrate Zonta Rose Day and International Women's Day (March 8) by presenting the IFP ladies with a yellow rose.

Mark your calendars now so you can be part of this unique program.





It has been a busy Fall and Winter Fundraising Season with Applefest Parking, Boscov Coupons, Wreath Sales, and the No-Show Gala!! ***Thank You*** to all who have supported these fundraisers. We have also received some Miscellaneous Donations along the way to help supplement our efforts.

Below you will see a recap of our Fundraising results compared to last year; we have a year over year shortfall at this point. The dramatic price increase for the wreaths is the main culprit for the decline. **BUT**, we are optimistic the April 2023 Bingo Event (mark your calendars for April 15<sup>th</sup>) will surpass our budget and exceed last year!! We received a lot of good feedback from our first event that we believe will help grow the sales in 2023. The Finance Committee will be evaluating all Fundraisers as we begin the budget process for 2023-2024.

<b>Fundraising</b>	2022	2021	Variance
Parking	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,685.00	\$ (325.00)
Boscovs	\$ 560.00	\$ 665.00	\$ (105.00)
Wreaths	\$ 2,629.02	\$ 4,946.60	\$ (2,317.58)
No Show Gala	\$ 1,530.00	\$ 2,660.20	\$ (1,130.20)
Miscellaneous	\$ 668.58	\$ 314.07	\$ 354.51
Total 12/31/22	\$ 6,747.60	\$ 10,270.87	\$ (3,523.27)

U.N. Buzz  from UN Committee



From: UN Women Website [www.unwomen.org](http://www.unwomen.org)

**In the words of Jaha Dukureh: “As long as I am alive, I will wake up every single day and scream to the world that FGM is wrong and child marriage is not different from rape.”**

12 DECEMBER 2022



*Jaha Dukureh is the UN Women Goodwill Ambassador for Africa. A renowned activist, she herself is a survivor of female genital mutilation (FGM) and child marriage. On 19 to 27 November 2022, Jaha undertook a mission to Liberia to support the Liberian Government in their efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls, including harmful practices such as FGM and child marriage.*

*Jaha Dukureh, UN Women Goodwill Ambassador for Africa, speaks in Liberia on 21 November, 2022.*

*Photo: UN Women/Nurudeen Sanni*

“I went through FGM when I was one week old. I have been a child bride twice in my life. The first time when I was married off, I was 15 years old. Girls like me don’t usually make it this far.

One of the greatest honours of my life has been the appointment as UN Women Goodwill Ambassador for Africa. I care about this work. It’s my life and passion. It’s about my daughter’s future and the future of girls in our continent.

In my country alone [The Gambia], more than 77 per cent of women have already been subjected to FGM. Globally, it is estimated that more than 200 million girls and women alive today have undergone female genital mutilation.

Every year, more than 600 million girls around the world are forced to get married against their will. When you do this, you are giving another person the right to rape them over and over again.

Hundreds of millions of girls have gone through some of the things that I have been through but they never get the opportunity or the platform to stand in front of people and share their story and get seen and get heard. It’s not an easy thing to come and share my story over and over again but I feel like someone has to do it. We cannot import solutions and expect change. Change has to be led by people with the lived experience that can stand up and say, we are against this for this reason because we know what it feels like and we have been through it.

This is why when it gets tough and I want to give up, I really can’t do it because I know that if I give up it will be harder for the next girl to stand up.

As long as I am alive, I will wake up every single day and scream to the world that FGM is wrong, and scream to the world that child marriage is not different from rape. We all have a moral obligation to ensure that violence against women ends. We can do this through advocacy. We can do this through individual work. We cannot stay silent.

We need to ensure that we are supporting communities to lead that change themselves. Because if we do anything other than get communities to lead the change themselves, 20 years from now, 30 years from now, we will be back in the same communities talking about ending FGM, ending violence against women and girls and all these things we have been talking about for decades.

Right now, what is crucial is handing power back into the hands of communities and looking at different, better ways to build prosperity. A lot of times we consider FGM and issues like that as fixed traditional practices. The only way we can change that, is if we work hand in hand with traditional leaders who understand our traditions and understand that tradition is not static. Cultures change. We have a lot of traditions, but once we realize as a community, that not all these traditions are good for us, we leave them behind. Now it’s time to ensure that, no girl, not only in Africa, but around the world, continues to suffer as a result of FGM.

Violence against women and girls continues to happen in this continent because women are not economically empowered. Until women are earning their own money, we will not end violence against women.

My commitment to the people and Government of Liberia is that I will make myself available and I will work with you to ensure that the lessons that we have learnt from other countries can be considered in relation to Liberia so that we don’t lose anything. It’s a win-win for everyone. We stay strong. We uplift women out of poverty.

## December Happenings



Our *Party with a Purpose* – what fun! Andrea Timbone, Operations Coordinator for Greenlight Operations attended to receive the fabulous collection of safety and cleaning supplies for the Restoration Home.

The Zonta Club provided many items from the registry of items needed. Our donations ranged from a wet-dry shop vac to LOTS of paper towels! Greenlight Operation received more than 50 items for a value in excess of \$1000 from our *Party with a Purpose*!

Their registry continues to be updated with items to support the needs of their Restoration Home; you can provide additional support to them or share this information with others. [Shop for Greenlight Operation's Gift List \(myregistry.com\)](https://myregistry.com).

### Why Zonta?

We believe in making the world a better place by empowering women. We find joy in doing this in a supportive community of like-minded professionals from diverse countries and cultures.



#### Our Causes

Zonta stands for women's rights. We advocate for equality, education and an end to child marriage and gender-based violence.



#### Our Programs

Zonta expands opportunities for women and girls through our international education programs and service projects.



#### Our News and Events

We shall not rest until women's rights are recognized as human rights. See the actions our members and partners are taking to achieve our mission.