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THE BRIDGE
Zonta District 15 April 2019

Official Zonta Mission: Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

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ZONTA DISTRICT 15 SPRING WORKSHOPS



Area 1 & 2
Hosting: Zonta Club of Gaylord Area
Saturday, May 4
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Otsego County Library
700 S. Otsego Avenue
Gaylord, MI

Please print the [attached registration form](#) and send your check or money order to:

Phyllis Mead
Zonta Club of Gaylord Area
PO Box 2203
Gaylord, MI 49734

OR order tickets online by clicking [here](#).

Area 3 & 4
Hosting: Zonta Club of Fenton
Saturday, April 27
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Denise's Wixom Grill
29710 S. Wixom Rd.
Wixom, MI 48393

Please print the [attached registration form](#) and send your check or money order to:

Zonta Club of Fenton
PO Box 481
Fenton, MI 48430

OR order tickets online by clicking [here](#).

For a downloadable flyer and agenda, click [here](#).

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 27 - Spring Workshop, Areas 3-4, Wixom

May 4 - Spring Workshop, Areas 1-2, Gaylord

May 15 - All club pledges to Zonta International due!

June 7-9 - North American Inter-District Meeting in Dallas, TX.

October 18-20 - Fall Conference, Detroit

GOVERNOR'S REPORT APRIL 2019



TOP TEN REASONS WE SHOULD ALL JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF ZONTA'S CENTENNIAL IN DETROIT!

10. GAZE! Not only at the lovely view from our hotel, but at the awesome SHOES worn by your Zonta friends!

9. PARTY! Be there or be square -- don't miss the Friday BIRTHDAY PARTY BASH -- Detroit-themed, of course -- as we celebrate 100 years with our Detroit I club!

8. LEARN FINNISH! Yes, you can chat with our District Liaison, Zonta International Director Salla Tuominen from Helsinki!

7. VOTE! We will exercise our rights as we select our District Board and Nominating Committee.

6. SHOP! You'll find the coolest items at our Zonta Marketplace -- while you support our clubs' local and international service activities.

5. DANCE! It's Motown baby -- and we'll be rocking the night away after our Saturday banquet!

4. GIGGLE! Seriously, is there anything "funner" than a girls' (or guys') weekend getaway in a fancy hotel?

3. CONNECT! Make new friends and hang out with old ones.

2. HONOR! You won't want to miss our presentations to our two district Centennial Award Recipients.

1. EMPOWER! Yes -- empower yourself and build up your ZONTA SPIRIT during this once in a lifetime celebration!

October 18 to 20, 2019 at the Motor City Hotel. Get your rooms before the ZONTA block fills!

Zonta International Foundation Report

Bonnie McArthur - Foundation Ambassador



The first year of the biennium will soon be over, and THANK YOU to the clubs who have made a Club donation to the Foundation. We are at 48.6%, just under ½ of the clubs as of the end of March. Each club should commit to donating each year - and 1/3 of the money you raise should be designated for our International programs.

Presidents, PLEASE remind your treasurers to send in your pledged amount by May 15 so they can be recorded for this year. It would be outstanding to be at 100% this first year.

If you are unsure, or confused about what we support through the Zonta International Foundation - or where those donations go - please join us at the upcoming Area Meetings. I will be sharing our current ZIF projects and can answer questions you might have. The Area Meetings promise to be a fun and informative day. Hope to see you there.

What impact are we making?

- Students in Madagascar demonstrate impact of Let Us Learn - hear their stories
<https://foundation.zonta.org/Media-News/News/students-in-madagascar-demonstrate-impact-of-let-us-learn>
- Last fall President Susanne von Bassewitz addressed Zonta's work to end child marriage at UN General Assembly side event - learn more
<https://foundation.zonta.org/Media-News/News/president-susanne-von-bassewitz-addresses-zontas-work-to-end-child-marriage-at-un-general-assembly-side-event>
- Meet the 2018 YWPA awardees -

<https://foundation.zonta.org/Media-News/News/read-about-the-2018-ywpa-awardees>

Thank you for your commitment to empower women everywhere. Please consider an individual donation to ZIF as well as your club contributions. Together we can change the world.



April Leadership Development News



2019 North American Interdistrict Meeting, June 7-9, 2019, Dallas TX

Two items of special interest at the 2019 NAIDM for those involved in Leadership Development.

First, a special "Training Skills for Zonta" 3-hour program on Friday morning, with facilitated opportunities to present, facilitate, give feedback and use group process to demonstrate and reinforce skills for adult learning. Participants will receive a certificate upon completion.

Second, a lunch and share opportunity afternoon for District Leadership Development Coordinators or their

representatives if they are unable to attend.

Zonta's 18-Year Commitment to Ending Early Marriage

Child marriage is any formal marriage or informal union where one or both of the parties are under the age of 18. Each year, 12 million girls are married before the age of 18. That is 23 girls every minute, or nearly 1 every 2 seconds. (girlsnotbrides.org.)

Two survivors of child marriage - one from Canada, Samra Zafar, and one from United States, Fraidy Reiss - will lead us in a strategy session for ending child marriage in North America. Yes, it happens here! And it has the same devastating effect on girls here as in other parts of the world - early end to education, health risks from early childbirth, isolation and disempowerment, and no recognized legal rights as a minor without spousal approval.

Come and learn the facts. Hear women tell their personal stories. Examine the myths and traditions that keep this practice alive. Be part of the solution!

Ongoing Professional Development

You will hear Zonta President Susanne von Bassewitz and meet the Zonta International Board. And you will have the opportunity to choose to attend four of 16 workshops built on the themes of Service and Advocacy, Leadership and Innovation, Media and Partnership, and Membership and Outreach.

Registration is on www.zontadistrict10.org. Be sure your club is represented so that you can receive a full report.

Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign

As we approach the 100th anniversary of Zonta International (ZI), members and clubs are encouraged to

contribute to the Zonta International Foundation (ZIF) Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign (CAEC). This campaign was initiated to grow the Foundation's long-term investments by the 2020 convention. The endowment

- grows over time ensuring a guarantee that we can maintain and enhance our funding of program goals in the future
- provides a long- term financial base of income, keeping the principal amount intact while dividends and interest can be used, if needed, for ZIF programs and projects in the future
- is separate from the biennial funding for the international service projects and educational programs which are approved at the ZI conventions

Make a Contribution

Former District 15 Governors Denise Quarles and Carole Calvert Baxter are the CAEC Regional Representatives. They can be contacted for additional information and to make presentations to clubs. Denise and Carole will also be available at the upcoming Area workshops to answer questions and to receive contributions for the endowment fund. Members and clubs are encouraged to consider a onetime gift or recurring gift plan for the endowment campaign.

Legacy Gift

Members can also make a legacy gift to the Zonta International Foundation. Through a planned gift, members can bequest a specific amount, or a percent of their assets, life insurance policy or other financial instruments.

Everyone who informs the ZIF of their provision of this kind of gift will become members of the Mary E Jenkins 1919 Society. Mary was a pioneer. In 1903 she became the president and owner of the Syracuse Herald. Several years later she helped establish one of the nine original Zonta clubs and became the first president of the Confederation of Zonta Clubs.

UNITED NATIONS REPORT

Visit the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW63) Zonta Side Event via UNTV

On March 14, 2019, Zonta International hosted a Side Event for the United Nations CSW63 titled "Strengthening Systems and Services That Empower Adolescent Girls to Say no to Child Marriage." It was structured as a panel discussion followed by questions from those present. The panel had a group of amazing women engaged in this issue, including our President, Susanne von Bassewitz, the Minister for the Promotion of Women and Children in Niger, representatives from the UNFPA, UNICEF, Save the Children and the European Union Ambassador. Here are some snippets from the panel discussion:

Mara Marinaki, European Union Ambassador called child marriage a "mass abuse of human rights, not only morally but economically and socially." She spoke about the investment of 260 million Euros in 8 countries in sub-Saharan Africa to address harmful projects to ensure protective legislation, access to quality education and the need to change mentalities.



Nora O'Connell, Save the Children, said that, in spite of laws, 18,000 girls per day are married illegally in the world. While child marriage is going down in Nepal and India, it has become a humanitarian crisis in the refugee

camps.

Madame Zeinabou Adam Elback, Minister from Niger told the group that 1022 marriages were annulled and girls were returned to school last year in Niger. In Niger school is free until age 16 which means girls can stay in school until they are 16 means marriage can be delayed.



Nankali Maksud, Senior Advisor, Harmful Practices, from UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage spoke about the strength of the partnership for the last four years with Zonta International and how 11 countries now have national strategies to end child marriage. The statistics indicated that 76% of girls are married before age 18 in Niger. Delaying marriage will mean fewer children and decreasing risk of gender violence.



Zonta International President Susanne von Bassewitz spoke about why Ending Child Marriage is so important to Zonta. Dr. von Bassewitz indicated that it is a great detractor to positive global development; it inhibits education and prevents young women from reaching their potential.

If you would like to get a "flavour" of being at the CSW63 and watch the whole event, just click on the link below.

We can be so proud of the work we are doing to address this issue which our Zonta International President calls a "crime."

Click [here](#) for more information.

WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

Encouraging women to pursue education, career opportunities and leadership roles in technology



1 APPLICATION, 3 OPPORTUNITIES

Club award
Varies by club

32 district awards
US\$2,000 each

6 international awards
US\$8,000 each

Applications must be received by the applicant's local Zonta club's deadline. To locate a club near you and download an application, please visit: foundation.zonta.org/womenintech

Who is Eligible?

Women of any age, pursuing a technology degree or closely related program full time and who demonstrate outstanding potential in the field. Only those graduating in December 2019 or later will be eligible for this year's award.

Women not enrolled in a university, who are pursuing continuing education in IT or a closely related field, are also eligible to apply with certain restrictions.

Log in to www.Zonta.org and go to

<https://membership.zonta.org/Tools/Award-Scholarship-Fellowship-Tools>. Just scroll down to find the documents.

Patty Johnson, District 15 Coordinator
Women in Technology Scholarship
d15WTSC@zonta15.org

JANE M. KLAUSMAN WOMEN IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

Dear District 15 Zonta Clubs,

The deadline for the application to our Governor is July 1, 2019. However, since I am the representative for the district I would like to receive the submissions by June 1, 2019. This gives me time to go through the applications and decide which one can be sent forward to our Governor. So, each club can set their own individual deadlines, as long as we get them in in time.

Thank you for working on this with me and I look forward to seeing more applications this year.

My information: Jenny Pelisek - Zonta Club of Chatham-Kent, jenny@farmerfox.com

Here's the link:

<https://membership.zonta.org/News/Details/2019-jmk-women-in-business-scholarship-materials-now-online>

[Here](#) is the list of colleges with business programs.

[Here](#) is the letter to be personalized and used to send to area colleges.

ADVOCACY REPORT **Denise Sylvester/ Hilary Henley**

On May 22 in Lansing, Michigan at the Methodist Church, join the Equal Pay Coalition for an event from 10 a.m. - 1

p.m. celebrating equal pay for equal work. More details will be coming and Governor Gretchen Whitmer has been invited to be a speaker. The Equal Pay Coalition is working with the Governor's office on a series of proposals for equal pay.

Thank you to those clubs who celebrated Equal Pay Day by having city proclamations, awareness activities, and working with local businesses to raise awareness of pay inequity.

Those who are attending the Zonta Inter-District Meeting in June, stay tuned for an advocacy action with the Zonta USA Caucus in Dallas!

ZONTA HISTORY

Zonta 2010-2019

2010 - Zonta initiates Say No - Unite to End Violence against Women campaign. Its goal is to collectively reach 100,000 actions by March.

2011 - Welcome 12 new Zonta Clubs, 8 Z Clubs and 1 Golden Z Club bringing the total as of June to 1,203 clubs in 64 countries.

2012 - Zonta supports lifesaving activities for people living with HIV and domestic violence in Rwanda.

2014 - Zonta adds 4 new clubs, 13 new Z clubs and 6 new Golden Z clubs. Conviction, Commitment and Courage are the buzz words to attract new members.

2015 - From Awareness to Action, Zontians unite around the world to end violence against women November 25 - December 10.

2016 - The Voice of Zonta is kickstarted with the refreshed mission and vision for Zonta to create a strong consistent brand, increase awareness of Zonta and the impact of our work worldwide, provide Zonta members the tools,

guidance and content the need to represent Zonta in a consistently branded fashion.

2017- Zonta clubs are encouraged to use the HeForShe platform to engage men and boys in their communities to join Zonta International as equal partners in our mission to empower women and girls and achieve gender equality.

2018 - Why Zonta? The Golden Circle. Why do we do what we do? We believe in making the world a better place by promoting gender equality in a supportive community of like-minded people. How do we do what we do? Through service and advocacy in our communities and internationally. What do we do? WE EMPOWER WOMEN

2019- The best is yet to come. Celebrating 100 years.

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Please review your Facebook posts and websites and remove content that you may have copied in violation. Use your own photographs when you can, or just use fancy font!

Thanks.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

CHATHAM-KENT

Members of the local club of Zonta International visited MPP Rick Nicholls's office on April 9, which is recognized as Equal Pay Day in Ontario. While the specific date of Equal Pay Day varies from year to year, it falls in April which means that it takes women fifteen months to earn what men make in twelve. Despite the introduction of the Ontario Pay Equity Act in 1987, women have not achieved equity.



Racialized women, Indigenous women, immigrant and migrant women, women with disabilities, elderly women and women who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and queer (LGBTQ) are especially affected by the inequity.

Discrimination in pay is not limited to one career or demographic. Pay discrimination affects women of all ages, races, and education levels. The Chatham women joined others throughout the province who visited MPP offices to provide information and demand pay equity.

Pictured here are (l to r) Wanda Bell, Paula Farron and her son Mason and Hilary Henley.

CHARLEVOIX



Congratulations to Mary Kurtz of Charlevoix, who has been named the recipient of Charlevoix Zonta Club's 2019 Rose Award.

The Rose award is presented annually to a woman in the Charlevoix community who has provided significant service to area women. Kurtz, co-owner of Charlevoix Cinema III, is well known throughout the business community, and recognized for her steadfast commitment and hands-on involvement in a variety of volunteer activities. Kurtz's interests and focus include coordinating, stocking and maintaining the personal products pantry at the Charlevoix Food Pantry; volunteering at the Charlevoix Community Breakfast (twice weekly); serving on the local Rotary Club's Board of Directors, as well as through her volunteer work with Rotary International. Additionally, Kurtz has served on the boards of several local non-profits including Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation and Charlevoix Circle of Arts. Kurtz is also involved with Live from Charlevoix, an area non-profit hosting the winter concert services at Charlevoix Cinema III.

Kurtz and husband Luther are co-owners of Charlevoix Cinema III, as well as a variety of other area businesses. In 2018, Charlevoix Cinema III hosted more than 65 non-profit or fundraising events, including Zonta Club of Charlevoix's September 2018 premiere of LITTLE STONES documentary.

Kurtz generously devotes her time, talents and treasure in providing support to women in the local community. Her work exemplifies the core values and mission of Zonta International, an organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. A donation in Mary Kurtz's name is being made to Zonta International Rose Fund. [roseday2019](#)

DETROIT I

District 15 Fall Conference
October 18 - 20, 2019

Booking is open for accommodations only at the Motor City Casino. Click [here](#). For more information, contact Kristine Armaly at karmalyzcd2019@gmail.com



ZONTA CLUB OF DETROIT I
DISTRICT 15 FALL CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 18, 19, 20 - 2019

Booking is open for accommodations only!

<https://booking.motorcitycasino.com?package=101819ZONT>

- Large King Rooms w/rollaway option (no extra charge)
- Handicap Accessible Rooms available
- Email Kristine Armaly (Detroit I) with questions

karmalyzcd2019@gmail.com





BEER TASTING AND CHILI COOK OFF!

Presented by the Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County

Saturday, April 27, 2019

1 PM to 5 PM

\$12 advance tickets/\$15 at the door



ZONTA
CLUB OF
NORTHWEST
WAYNE COUNTY

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Please join us for chili,
craft beer, music,
games, 50/50 raffle and
fun!

DJ and Music Entertainment
by
CC King Entertainment!

Ticket includes Beer flight
of 4, chili and treats!

Additional 4 flights available
for \$5 at the event

Where: Canton Brew Works
8521 N. Lilley Road
Canton, MI 48187

www.facebook.com/NWWayneCtyZonta

PETOSKEY



Congrats to Kati Gunnell, our 2019 Young Women in Public Affairs Awardee!

Each year Zonta of Petoskey and Zonta's around the world choose a young woman who is highly involved in her community and exhibits awareness of the status of women worldwide.

Kati attends Harbor Springs High School and has been active in tennis and volleyball. She has been recognized for many volunteer activities, including foreign language tutoring, Red Cross Blood Drives, being a camp counselor and much, much more. She intends to study psychology and business and hopes to work to change the field of women's healthcare.

We are so glad that there are young people out there working to empower women.

Zonta Club of Pontiac North
Oakland's Annual

Spring Breakfast



Sunday, June 2, 2019

Wyndgate Country Club
1975 West Gunn Road Rochester Hills

9:30 am - coffee &
conversation

10 am - breakfast & program

Cost: \$30 – guests welcome

Guest Speaker: Vickie Gould "How to Say Yes to You and Move Forward and Win"

Installation of 2019-20 Officers and Board: District 15 Governor
Joy Smith

2019 Scholarship Recipient

Zontian of the Year

RSVP by May 23 to Marilyn Valeri Colton
517-546-3891 or
marilynvalericolton@gmail.com

Zonta Club of Traverse City

presents

Hats Off to Women

Wednesday
May 1, 2019

11:00-Noon • Exhibitor Booths & Networking
Noon-1:00 pm • Lunch & presentation

Celebrate the contributions of
women in our community

- Enjoy a special lunch with friends
- Door Prizes
- Hat Contest

Location:

The Hagerty Center

Tickets:

\$27.50 per person

• Includes Lunch •

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT :

MyNorthTickets.com

ZontaClubofTraverseCity.org





Z-Tee Off Golf Outing



Monday, June 3rd, 2019
9AM Shotgun Start
LochenHeath Golf Club

Visit www.ZontaTC.org to register

Save the Date!

TROY SOUTH OAKLAND

Check out our latest newsletter [here](#).



Zonta Club of Troy-South Oakland Newsletter

P. O. Box 760251
Lathrup Village, MI 48076
March 2019



Mission Statement:

To promote and protect women's rights by providing health, educational, legal, political and professional opportunities to women worldwide

President's Message:



Pam Washington

Dear Troy-South Oakland Zontians....

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication during the year that led up to our Annual Casino Charity Event.

Asking for money and/or donations is never easy and I am consistently amazed how each one of you were able to put your fears aside and get the job done.

Numbers from our event are still being tallied as of this writing, but I am totally

confident that our event was a financial success.

Alexander Zonjic and Serieux did a wonderful job entertaining our guests for the evening.

A special Thank You goes out to the five young men from the Xi Beta Chapter of the Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity from Lawrence Tech University (LTU) who added a touch of class and professionalism to our event. Under the leadership of Zontian Brenda Mansfield, they escorted our guests to their tables, explained the activities of the evening and controlled the flow of the food line.

Last, but not, least, I'd like to thank our Silver Sponsor, International Industrial Contracting Corporation for their support and generosity in helping us achieve our goal of empowering women and eradicating violence against women and girls. Their sponsorship was secured by our own Bea King, and we are forever grateful for her unparalleled commitment to this club!

Pam Washington, President

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