

**Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey April 2025 Newsletter**

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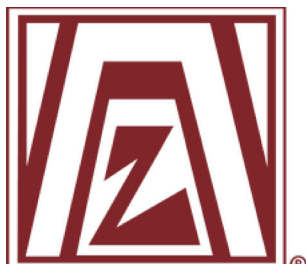
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President Greetings<sup>®</sup>

# ZONTA

## CLUB OF HARRISBURG-HERSHEY

In the month of April, we recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Month. On Tuesday April 1st, Day of Action supporters are wearing Teal. This is a day that we stand in solidarity to take action in spreading awareness to end sexual violence. Watch your social media for more postings to educate yourself, support survivors and take action to create change.

I wanted to thank everyone who participated in the 45th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, March 22nd. To Heather Jackson and her Committee for planning the event, Karen Shirey and her Committee for the Silent Auction, and those who attended and helped organize the event on that day, it was great teamwork. We received many nice comments about the day. Congratulations on a job well done.

I look forward to seeing you at the April 9th meeting at PSU Harrisburg, Library Conference Room ([777 W. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA](#)) at 5:30 pm. It is a closed meeting for members only to discuss past and future plans for the club. Come for a short social time at 5:30 pm. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm with a meal. Please notify Deb Crum by Friday, April 4th if you do not plan to attend. We will hold an installation of our new members.

Deb will also be accepting payment of 2025-2026 dues at the April 9th meeting.

I want to thank the Nominating Committee for creating the slate of officers for 2025-2027. We will hold an election at the April 9th Annual meeting.

The Advocacy Committee will once again attend the Crime Victims' Rights Rally to be held on Monday, April 7th and has planned a social media campaign for National Victim's Rights week from April 6-12th. (see information later in this issue).

Remember to attend the BINGO event on Saturday, May 3rd (see information later in this issue). Bring your friends and colleagues for an afternoon of fun!

Kathy Gates, President

## Advocacy

**NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**  
**KINSHIP**  
**CONNECTING & HEALING**  
 APRIL 6-12, 2025

**NOW is the time!!**  
 Reserve your exhibit space for this year's rally.

Here's how:  
 Please email Melany Nelson  
 (MPN@northwestvictimservices.org)  
 to reserve an exhibit table.

Exhibitor details:

- Exhibit tables are available at no cost, however, space is limited.
- Day of (4/7): Exhibitor tables are set-up by 9:30 AM & break down at 12:30 PM

Visit us on Facebook:  
 @crimevictimsallianceofpennsylvania

For more information email:  
 MPN@northwestvictimservices.org

The Crime Victims Alliance of Pennsylvania *presents*  
 Crime Victims' Rights Rally 2025

**REPRESENT your County!**  
**SUPPORT Survivors!**  
**Make a plan to ATTEND this year's RALLY!**

The 2025 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Theme is  
**KINSHIP**  
**Connecting & Healing**

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**April 7, 2025**  
 The Capitol Rotunda at 11:00a.m.

Please join the Advocacy Committee and Zonta members at the **Crime Victims' Rights Rally on April 7**. Zonta will have an exhibit table from 9:30am – 12:30pm in the Main Rotunda area.

Plan to attend and participate as we network with victim service professionals and state agencies focused on supporting survivors and victims of crime.



#### Advocacy Committee April Activities

##### April 6-12 - Crime Victims' Rights Week Activities

"This year's theme of KINSHIP is a call to action to recognize that shared humanity should be at the center of supporting all survivors and victims of crime. KINSHIP is a state of being with survivors that drives vital connections and increases access to services, rights, and healing. KINSHIP is where victim advocacy begins."

**Monday, April 7 - Crime Victims' Rights Rally**, Zonta will have an exhibit table from 9:30am – 12:30pm in the Main Rotunda area. The Rally will be at 11 in the Capitol Rotunda.

##### Thursday, April 10 5:30pm - Cumberland County Victims' Rights Rally/1 Mile Walk

Join the Advocacy Committee at the Cumberland County Victims' Rights Rally/1 Mile Walk to commemorate Victims' Rights Week. The event will celebrate victims and survivors and commemorate victim service volunteers, law enforcement and community members who have worked hard to instill trust in all victims. It will be begin at 6pm in the Historic Cumberland County Courthouse in Carlisle with doors opening at 5:30pm, followed by a 1 mile walk through town.

The Advocacy Committee will have a table to provide Zonta information to other organizations and citizens. If attending the rally, please wear navy blue in honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

##### Friday, April 12, noon-1pm - Lunch & Learn

Hear from a panel of survivors and victim service professionals as we get ready to close out the 2025 Crime Victims' Right Week celebrations on how to improve awareness for crime victims' rights. Register here for the Zoom lunch and learn.

##### April 6-12 - National Crime Victims' Rights Week Social Media Campaign

To align with the National Crime Victims' Rights Week theme, the Advocacy Committee will hold a social media campaign April 6-12. Check Facebook, email, and other sources for statements from PA Representatives/Senators and other organizations focused on survivors and victims of crime. As a reminder, when advocacy clips are posted on Facebook, please be sure to re-post to your personal page so our advocacy information can reach a far larger audience.

If you are interested in joining and participating with the Advocacy Committee, please contact the Chair, Amy Peffley.

## Membership

We are excited to welcome four new members who will be installed at the April 9th membership meeting – Amy Martin, Brianna Hoglen, Gloria Cudicio-Hayden and Mandi Fratini. Please congratulate and greet them warmly as they join the Zonta Club of Harrisburg and Hershey. A new member orientation will be scheduled in June.

Kathy will send a congratulatory e-mail to the graduating Golden Z-Club members in May 2024 to provide information about ZI and the website link that can help them locate Zonta Clubs in the areas that they may live in after graduation. Congratulations to them. They will join us for part of our April meeting.

In the March newsletter there was detailed information about the components of our dues, the benefits of our membership, and the impact our club makes both locally and globally. Each club year offers members a variety of opportunities to support Zonta's mission to **BUILD A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS.**

As we move toward a new club year, renewing members should send payment of \$161 to Deb Crum (home address found in your membership listing), or bring payment to the April 9th Club Business Meeting. Thank you in advance for your timely payment of dues (April 9th) that will allow the club to honor deadlines with District 3 and Zonta International.

Checks should be made payable to **"ZCHH" or "Zonta Club of Harrisburg and Hershey"**.

**Meetings Reminder:** we count you as a 'yes, I'll be attending and will pay' unless you inform Deb C that you will not be attending.

**April Zonta Anniversaries:** Maggie Fitter, Margaret Duncan, Renee Lariff, 4/5/24

**April Birthdays:** Amy Winter (new member!!), Grace Huber, Kathleen O'Malley, Alice Kirchner, Judy Redlawsk

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee would like to present the following nominees who have agreed to serve in a leadership position on the Zonta Club Board for 2025-2027.

Secretary – Alice Kirchner (2nd term)

Director – Deborah (Maggie) Fitter (1st term)

We will hold the election at the annual meeting on April 9th at Penn State Harrisburg. A majority of the membership is required to be present to establish a quorum. I hope that you will plan to attend the meeting.

Thanks to the current Nominating Committee for their work on preparing this slate.

## Service



ZCHH members began a kitchen project at the Restoration Home for Greenlight Operation in preparation for survivors being in residence later this year! Deb, Maggie, Kathy, Alice and Grace are working to help ensure the kitchen is equipped and organized to help support them.



**Golden Z Penn State Harrisburg**

Golden Z is once again out in the community. Their latest project was on March 29 at First Brethren on Hummel Street in Harrisburg, a local Soup Kitchen as volunteers from 8-12. THANKS for all the donations at our March meeting.

April brings them to their project at Hershey Medical Center, where they will hand out teddy bears, rubber duckies, and books to small children who are in a developmental study based on their mothers being substance abusers. We still have May and that will be our faculty appreciation at PSU. It's been an amazing semester of service and leadership.

**Service Day at JFS Libby Urie Food Pantry - mark your calendar  
Thursday, April 24 from 10am - 2:30pm**

The Libby Urie Food Pantry provides food assistance to all who are in need, regardless of race, income, gender, age or religion. On an annual basis, they distribute more than 10,000 lbs. of food to local community members who struggle to put food on their tables. They are the only food pantry that stocks Kosher items, and also have non-kosher food items and a selection of personal care items.

We will help with the selection/distribution of items to clients. Please contact Suzanne to sign up.

**Greenlight Operation Run 4 Restoration, Saturday, May 10th, City Island**

Greenlight Operation is gearing up for their 5th Annual 5K and are looking for participants, sponsors and volunteers!! Yes, YOU can help by cheering on the runners, providing help along the course, provide help at the children's area, be part of the hospitality crew or donate to a team of runners. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up [here](#). If you want to participate in the certified 5K or 1 mile fun walk, register [here](#).

What a great time!



### HAPPY 45TH ANNIVERSARY!

On March 22, 2025 the Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey celebrated 45 years. Friends and Family joined our celebration at the Vineyard at Hershey. With ticket sales, donations, and the Silent Auction, we raised more than \$3,700 for the Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey Foundation! We are so appreciative and thankful to those who attended, or supported with donations and silent auction items!

*A special note from Suzanne Gale...*

"It is with a lot of love and special gratitude that this little "thank you" note is coming especially to each of you who participated in making our 45th Anniversary so very special; it truly was "Fabulous" and so much fun. My family and I were so touched and are so very grateful that Mother's/Nanny's legacy is thriving and is in your hands. Thanks, Kathy, for your kind words and Heather thank you and thank you to all the hard-working committee members for a truly wonderful event. Please know that my mother, "Gusty", would be so proud of each of you. You all are "The Very Best"."

## Fundraising

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**BINGO**

**SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025**

**\$25.00 FOR 20 GAMES**  
Specials and blackouts sold separately

NON-SMOKING  
FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE  
CASH PRIZES

**HAMPDEN TOWNSHIP RECREATION DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY ROOM**  
5001 Hampden Park Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA

Doors open at noon, game starts at 1pm

Tickets available at the door;  
must be 18 or older to play

Net proceeds benefit local charities

**Mark Your Calendar!! May 3, 2025 -- 4th Annual BINGO fundraiser**

This is a great opportunity to raise \$\$\$'s, introduce Zonta to new community members and have FUN!

Tickets can be purchased at the April meeting; cash or check preferred, but credit cards will be accepted with a 2.3% surcharge to cover the fees. Members will receive an email to sign up for food donations and the committee is looking for a few more volunteers to assist on May 3.

A donation in honor of birthdays, anniversaries or other special events is a great way to support the Foundation throughout the year. Donations to the Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey Foundation may be sent anytime to;

Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey Foundation  
P.O. Box 590 ~ Hummelstown, Pa 17036

***Thank you for helping to build a better world for women and girls!***

## Zonta Says NOW



There are two significant threats to women achieving their full potential: *violence and climate change*. Through Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women, Zontians are very familiar with how violence and power imbalances can impact women's safety and careers; they may not be as familiar with how climate change magnifies gender inequality.

Zonta works to achieve gender equality and eliminate violence against women. However, the impacts of climate change are making it increasingly difficult to achieve these goals. At our March meeting, we began to better understand the impact of climate while taking a look at some of the challenges, solutions and legislative/regulatory issues in Pennsylvania.

Watch this 3 minute [video](#) to quickly understand the connection of Zonta's 'NO' and 'NOW' programs.

The materials from the March meeting are available on our [website](#)

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## Did you know?



National DV Hotline 1-800-799-7233  
National Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888

