

Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey February 2025 Newsletter

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To: zontaclubhbg@gmail.com

Have questions? Reply to this email and we'll respond as soon as possible.



President Greetings

ZONTA

CLUB OF HARRISBURG-HERSHEY

The month of February is known for many holidays. We celebrate most notably Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day and President's Day. But for many of us, we also raise awareness for Black History, Heart Health, Woman's Health and Cancer Prevention during the month, too. Heart disease is the leading cause of death for women in the United States and can affect women at any age. Let's educate our friends and families this month to recognize these cause(s).

The Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey will celebrate its 45th Anniversary this year. The club was chartered in 1980 by Suzanne Gale's mother Gusty Gale. So, to honor this anniversary, we are having a party to celebrate it. You are invited to join us at The Vineyard of Hershey on Saturday, March 22 from 11:30 – 2:00. There will be a wine presentation and tasting, light luncheon, silent auction items and open bar (soda and beer are available). The invitation and response form are on our [website](#). We hope you will all plan to join us for this celebration. The invitations are available for you to invite your family and friends. Let's make this an anniversary to remember.

We are excited to receive a \$500 award from the McInroy Sheffer People Trust thanks to Suzanne Gale and will use it in the Young Women in Leadership Award. Applications are due March 8th so share this opportunity with your community of friends.

The February 12th meeting will be held via Zoom again this month due to the winter weather. I look forward to hearing Rep. Emily Kinkead, a member of Pa legislature as our speaker (see information later in this newsletter) and seeing all of you online. Please invite any guests to this informative presentation.

Kathy Gates, President

You and your guests are cordially invited to the

45th Anniversary Celebration

of the founding of the Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey

The Vineyard at Hershey
598 Schoolhouse Road, Middletown PA 17057

Saturday, March 22, 2025

**11:30 am-2pm - Wine Presentation and Tasting,
Light Fare, Silent Auction**

2-4pm – Live music and social time

Cost: \$45.00/person / cash bar available

Please Respond by Friday, March 14, 2025

Sponsored by Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey Foundation
www.zontaharrisburghershey.org

February 2025 Meeting Program



Speaker

PA Representative Emily Kinkead (D) PA 20th Legislative District, was part of our November 2024 Assembly focusing on tightening the consequences for violation of Protection from Abuse orders. Our Advocacy Committee discovered a kindred spirit in Rep. Kinkead and we're delighted she'll be joining us this month. Emily is an attorney (University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 2016) and attended Bloomsburg University of PA, 2009 B.S. Biology, B.A. Political Science, Minor: Chemistry, Gender Studies.

Emily was elected to her current post in 2021, covering a portion of Allegheny County. She's currently a member of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs, Appropriations, Human Services, Judiciary and Labor & Industry Committees. As found in her LinkedIn profile, Emily is a "Proud progressive legislator with a commitment to fighting for racial and gender justice. Commitment to doing the most good for the most people, while centering the individuals and communities that have struggled the most. Attorney with a deep and abiding love of the law and a dream of seeing everyone equally and equitably treated under it."

In the new session of the legislature, she has co-sponsored 13 pieces of legislation, many focusing on protecting individuals from a variety of penalties. We look forward to exploring effective advocacy actions, identifying plans for working together and gaining a better understanding of the legislative process.

Our February meeting is a **Zoom only** meeting; Club members will receive an email with the Zoom link. If you would like to join the meeting, please contact zontaclubhbg@gmail.com to receive the Zoom information.

Advocacy

The USA Caucus of Zonta International developed a video to help members who might wrestle with this question.... *"How can we do advocacy, I thought we were non-partisan?"* In less than 2 minutes, you'll get a very clear answer!

<https://zontausa.org/advocacy-political-yes-non-partisan-yes/>

There is a wealth of information on the USA Caucus [website](#) including resources on topics of women's health, the ERA, human trafficking and equal pay.

Membership

Check out our fabulous Zonta artifacts display at the beautiful Simpson Library located at 16 North Walnut Street in the heart of Mechanicsburg during the month of February. Thanks to Suzanne Gale and her team for setting up the display.

We are always interested in growing the membership and there is an opportunity to join at this time of year. If you know of someone who would like to learn more about the Zonta Club mission and service opportunities, invite them to attend the February 12th Zoom meeting. The membership dues for the 2nd half of the year (December-May) are offered at a reduced price.

It was great to see everyone on the Zoom call on January 8th. There were 19 members and 5 guests on the call.

February Zonta Anniversaries: Amy Peffley - 2/9/2017 (re-joined)

February Birthdays: Maggie Fitter

Service



Young Women in Leadership Award

The Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey is accepting applications for the 2025 Young Women in Leadership Award. Application information is available on our website. Please encourage young women between ages 16-19 to consider applying.

The Zonta Club Harrisburg-Hershey Young Women in Leadership Award winner will be a candidate for an additional \$5000 award, selected by Zonta International.

2025

ZONTA YOUNG WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

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







1 APPLICATION, 2 OPPORTUNITIES

Club award
\$1,500

37 international awards
\$5,000 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: zonta.org/YWLA.

CLUB DEADLINE:

Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey Foundation

March 8, 2025

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

zontclubhbg@gmail.com

The Young Women in Leadership Award is a Zonta International program funded by contributions to the Zonta Foundation for Women. Zonta International is a leading global organization of individuals working to build a better world for women and girls.

We will provide lunch at DVSCP again in February and March and appreciate the support in making that possible. While we don't get to spend time with the residents/clients, our time with the staff and volunteers is always meaningful.

Golden Z Penn State Harrisburg

Golden Z is gearing up for a busy semester. Early February they will meet with another club to make Valentines Day cards for a local nursing home. The valentines and candy will be delivered on February 10. In March, they are off to help at a soup kitchen. April and Easter brings them to a medical center with teddy bears for the kids. Since many Golden Z are graduating, they plan on having a teachers appreciation day. A fund raiser might also be on the horizon.

It was such a meaningful, worthwhile and humbling experience several Zontians shared in January as we gathered together to assemble hygiene packages and other goods for a world-renowned charitable organization, **MISSION CENTRAL** at their warehouse located in Mechanicsburg.

The doors of Mission Central opened in 2002 and their mission is "Connecting God's Resources with Human Need". They react to national and global disasters plus outreach for those who are really in need of assistance. Mission Central provides space for additional non-profits including Healthy Steps Diaper Bank, Bethesda Mission Food Pantry, New Digs Ministry and Computer Ministry.

In 2023, the Mission Central Warehouse served 6.3 million people with over \$17.4 million in resources." JUST IMAGINE THAT !! Here at the warehouse, they receive, store and disburse items such as food, school kits, care kits and cleaning buckets just a few of the things they do. Items are shipped out without charge to the recipient. This, too, is a place where one can donate clothing and household goods, lunchboxes, blankets, computers to help improve the life of others. So, if you have items to donate - please consider them.

For additional information, please visit their website at: missioncentral.org.

We wish to thank their volunteer coordinator, Judi, for her assistance in the workroom as well as taking us on a grand tour. Thanks to Alice, Grace, Karen, Margaret, and Suzanne for sharing time as in our heart of hearts we know that we certainly made a difference with this Service Project and what a heart-warming feeling that is!! Our thanks to Mission Central for all that they do for the WORLD!!! You all are the best! (Thanks to Suzanne Gale for this recap).

January Service Activities



Fundraising



SAVE THE DATES:

March 22, 2025 -- 45th Anniversary of Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey
May 3, 2025 -- Annual BINGO fundraiser

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 CLUB OF ESSEX COUNTY AND
ZONTA CLUB OF MORRISTOWN AREA PRESENTS...

THE DEEP SEA SEARCH FOR AMELIA EARHART'S ELECTRA

as part of our Amelia Earhart commemoration



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 10AM VIA ZOOM

This fascinating session will be led by Dave Jourdan, who conducted two deep ocean expeditions in search of Amelia Earhart's Electra airplane in the waters near Howland Island.

Discover the thrilling story behind the search for one of history's greatest mysteries and learn about the cutting-edge technology used in the quest to uncover Amelia Earhart's legacy.

Register here to join us: <https://tinyurl.com/ZontaAE25>

We're invited to join the sponsoring Zonta Clubs for this event.

Register here.

CLUB CALENDAR

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