

Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey March 2025 Newsletter

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**ZONTA****CLUB OF
HARRISBURG-HERSHEY**

President Greetings

On March 8, 2025, Zonta International will celebrate International Women's Day under the theme, "**For ALL women and girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment.**" This year's theme calls for action that can unlock equal rights, power and opportunities for all and a feminist future where no one is left behind. March 8th is also Zonta Rose Day. It is a special day to reflect on past achievements and honor individuals working towards gender equity. Reach out to a fellow Zontian and tell them how much you appreciate the work that they do.

We are having a **Party!** Join the Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey in celebrating its 45th Anniversary on Saturday, March 22 from 11:30 – 2:00. The event will be held at The Vineyard of Hershey. There will be a wine presentation and tasting, light luncheon, silent auction items and open bar (soda and beer are available), all in the big red event building at the lower end of the property. See the invitation later in this newsletter. Invite your family and friends. Let's make this a party to remember.

I look forward to seeing you at the March 12th meeting at the Camp Hill Giant Food Store Community Center. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm with a lite meal. Come early to socialize with your friends and guests. The speaker will be Rachel McDevitt from StateImpact PA at WITF who will share her work on solutions to climate change. (see bio later in this newsletter) Please invite guests to this presentation and let Deb Crum know if you do not plan to attend or will bring a guest.

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) Perhaps you have seen the advertisements for CSW69 in your Zonta International reading? CSW is the largest annual gathering on women's rights worldwide. Zontians are working to build a better world for women and girls by shaping global standards on gender equality and women's empowerment, but we must recognize the global threats to women. CSW69 will meet from March 10-21, 2025. See more information at zonta.org/Web/Web/About/Changing_the_World_for_Women/CSW.aspx?hkey=eb64e45c-0ea3-4206-8b22-e3068cfba1dd

Happy St. Patrick's day on March 17th.
Kathy Gates, President



RSVP for our 45th Anniversary?

Details and link to the invitation and RSVP form are available [here](#):

March 2025 Meeting Program



Speaker

Rachel McDevitt reports on energy, the environment, and climate change for StateImpact Pennsylvania at WITF.

Rachel covers Pennsylvania state government's policy on climate change, its effects on people, and lawmakers' approach to the industries that generate many of Pennsylvania's greenhouse gas emissions. Her work through the collaborative Climate Solutions puts special focus on communities and individuals working to address the effects of climate disruption.

Her stories have aired nationally on the NPR shows Morning Edition, All Things Considered, Weekend Edition, and Science Friday.

Rachel joined WITF in 2014 as a Radio Pennsylvania reporter before becoming the local host of All Things Considered in 2017. The western Pennsylvania native started her journalism career with the CBS affiliate in Bridgeport, West Virginia. Rachel holds a degree in Communications and Spanish from Temple University.

Rachel will talk about her work covering climate change, including what main issues face Pennsylvania and the solutions people and communities here are considering. She will also give a brief history of environmental rights in PA and touch on the latest policies at the state and federal levels.

You can participate in Rachel's presentation via a Facebook Live event on the [Zonta Club Harrisburg-Hershey Facebook page](#) on March 12, 6:30-ish.

Advocacy



The Advocacy Committee is currently working on upcoming Spring projects and events.

- **National Crime Victims' Rights Week** is April 6-12, 2025. The Committee is developing a social media campaign during this week. 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.

There will be a **rally on Monday, April 7th at the State Capitol in support of National Crime Victims' Week**. We will have a table with Zonta information as well the opportunity to network with other organizations. Please look for information to follow in the next few weeks.

- **House Bill 274**, sponsored by state Reps. Jason Dawkins (D-Philadelphia) and Seth Grove (R-York), would provide unemployment benefits for people if they voluntarily leave their job for their safety or that of a family or household member.

The state's unemployment compensation law currently requires a person who quits their job to prove their reasons for quitting are "necessitous and compelling," and that they made reasonable efforts to maintain the employment relationship, a co-sponsorship memo says.

The person who leaves work as a result of domestic violence can be eligible for benefits, but has to wait until the separation from employment is adjudicated, a process that can take weeks or months, according to the sponsors of the legislation.

The proposed legislation, which *cleared the Pennsylvania House Labor & Industry Committee by a 26-0 vote*, would create an "express lane" for claimants citing domestic violence as the reason for unemployment and allow the survivor to confidentially submit "reasonable evidence of recent domestic violence."

Nancy Fodor, Advocacy Committee Member, spoke with Representative Dawkins office on Tuesday, February 18. The Bill should be considered by the full House of Representatives on or around March 17. If passed, the Bill will then go to the Senate Labor & Industry Committee.

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

Membership

As current members of Zonta, it's helpful sometimes to reflect and remind ourselves of the reasons we first joined Zonta and the benefits we both receive and provide through our membership. Hopefully you see what YOU might describe as reasons you belong:

- Joining with like-minded people committed to empowering women through service and advocacy, locally and internationally
- Service opportunities – hands on service opportunities within your local community
- Advocacy opportunities – working with other Zontians and organizations on issues affecting women at local, national and international levels
- Fellowship and networking opportunities – meeting people you may not normally meet, exchanging ideas and learning from one another on local, national and international levels
- Combined efforts of an international organization with the influence of over 1,100+ Zonta clubs in 64 different countries

Whether you are already a member or reading this and contemplating membership, you are encouraged to consider the impact that you can make toward achieving the vision of Zonta:

Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

It's approaching time for payment of your annual dues. Renewing members of the Zonta Club of Harrisburg and Hershey should send payment in the amount of \$161.00 to Deb Crum no later than April 9th, 2025. The amount paid to Deb includes dues for our Club, District 3 and Zonta International.

The timing is earlier than prior years to ensure we meet our deadlines to District and Zonta International and more closely follows dues timing recommendations in the ZI Club Manual. Checks should be made payable to the "ZCHH" or "Zonta Club of Harrisburg and Hershey". Please take this opportunity to make sure your address, phone and email information is up to date on our records. Dues may be mailed to Deb (see members list) or delivered to her at the March or April in-person meetings).

New members paying full dues when joining in April or May will be covered from April of the current year through May of the following year, or 14 months. If you are interested in joining or know someone who is, please reach out to Kathy Gates.

Further details about the breakdown and use of the dues is available on our [website](#). Kathy or Deb will be happy to help you with questions.

Nominating Committee

The Committee has 2 open positions for the upcoming term - Secretary and one Director. If you are interested in filling a leadership position for 2025-2027, or have questions on the duties, please contact Diana Laughner, Amy Peffley, or Karen Shirey. We thank those members who have volunteered to serve in a leadership role and support the sustainability of the Zonta Club of Harrisburg and Hershey.

Meetings

It was great to see 16 members and 11 guests at the February Membership Meeting held via Zoom on February 12th.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the March 12th face-to-face meeting at the Camp Hill Giant Community Center. Come early to visit with your fellow Zontians. Meeting will begin with a lite dinner at 6:00 pm. **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. Deb would also love to prepare for your guests so please let her know.

March Zonta Anniversaries: Cathy Paul - 3/1/1993

March Birthdays: Renee Lariff

Service



Young Women in Leadership Award - DEADLINE NEARING

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 in 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 will be working at a soup kitchen in March and collecting canned goods for them. Please be so kind as to **help by bringing canned goods to our March meeting**. In April we will be delivering our adorable bears (thanks 'Good Bears of the World') to children at the hospital in Hershey. May is teachers appreciation day, especially since so many members are graduating. We are actively recruiting new members in our classes and promoting our scholarships.

International Fellows Program (IFP, US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks) April 1, 2025

Each year approximately 80 senior military officers from around the world receive an invitation from the Chief of Staff of the United States Army to attend the U.S. Army War College. The academic year is full of studying, research, and fellowship as these officers are instructed in areas ranging from military concepts and doctrine to national and theatre level strategies.

Many of the attending officers bring their families since the program lasts a year. For the past 10+ years our club has sponsored a luncheon where spouses of the military students join us for a mid-day opportunity to share food, re-discover our commonality and celebrate International Women's Day. Following lunch, we have a short program to share information about Zonta, hear from several of the spouses about their experiences thus far and capture our beloved photo of the whole group!

Our participation runs from 10:45am to approximately 1:30pm. We will meet at the Agway in Carlisle at 520 East North Street Carlisle, PA 17003. We will then head to the chapel's banquet room to set up tables and Zonta displays. Details with agenda and actions for getting cleared for the base will be sent via email during March.

We ask Zonta members to bring a dessert if you are attending. If you plan to bring anything in addition, please **do not** bring any pork products. Other food will be provided by our IFP committee, spouses and volunteers with the IFP program at the War College.

We hope Zonta members and interested guests can join us as we know you'll find it to be a rewarding experience. Please feel free to reach to Claudia Barry with any additional questions.

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.

**AMELIA EARHART MEETS the INTREPID with ZONTA'S ASSISTANCE
February 22, 2025**

Our thanks and congratulations go out to ZI District 3 Governor, Dorothy Knauer (Essex Club), Victoria Pilotti (NYC Club) and Barb Woodhull (Morristown Club) for introducing Zonta and Amelia Earhart to the world on "The Intrepid" during " Kids Week". Thanks to the other clubs that participated in some way: Trenton-Mercer, Howard County, Harrisburg Hershey, and the New Rochelle NY Club. Zontian's developed many special opportunities at the Zonta booth to learn about Zonta and Amelia; participants learned about wind & air dynamics and had hands on activities with a peg-board display, coloring station, trivia cards and a cross-word puzzle about Amelia (designed by our own Karen Shirey), a Q-R Code to learn more about Zonta's mission and its various services and advocacy programs. How truly wonderful it was to have so many Zonta Club members working together and being involved in this unique event for girls and boys who attended.

The Intrepid, now a part of the Intrepid Museum, is a multi-level air-craft carrier launched in 1943 and survived many attacks as well as a torpedo strike in WWII. The ship served in the Cold War and Vietnam War and as a NASA recovery vessel. It is located at Pier 86, on the West Side of New York at 46th Street. It showcases many vessels, such as, a submarine and many planes. And, you'll get chills, just like I did, when being in the company of the Space Shuttle "Enterprise". Thanks Dorothy and all the other Zonta sisters who help everyone reunite with the fabulous American author and aviator, Amelia Earhart, who hailed from Kansas. We are so very proud that she was a Zontian and was the 1st woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean, just one of her many accomplishments. And, we are so proud of all the many accomplishments Zonta and Zonta International has achieved over the 100 + years of its existence.

PLEASE NOTE: There is another opportunity for D3 Clubs & members to volunteer with Zonta on Saturday, March 8 at the Intrepid for Girls in Science & Engineering Day. Please let Governor Dorothy if you are available to assist.

Thanks to Suzanne Gale for this recap.

February Activities



Top L and clockwise:

- Karen, former President of the Zonta Club of Hunter Newcastle Australia made the beautiful Pavlova Dor dessert in Australia while hosting our club member Deb Hughes!!
- Zontians from multiple clubs gathered to support the ZI program for the Kids Week at the Intrepid Museum, with focus on Amelia Earhart. See the article in the newsletter
- Karen, Grace and Alice preparing lunch at the DVSCP shelter.

Fundraising



SAVE THE DATES:

May 3, 2025 -- 4th Annual BINGO fundraiser

Please be on the lookout for more details on the event, member ticket sales and other ways for you to support this event. This is a great opportunity to raise \$\$'s, introduce Zonta to new community members and have FUN!

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!

LA Fire update from California Zonta Club of Burbank Area President

This is a follow-up from my announcement at our February meeting regarding the LA Fires.

As many of you know, I wanted to understand if there was a sister Zonta Club in that area that needed help. Our District 3 Governor, Dorothy, contacted District 9 Governor, Gloria Salas, in that area. We received an email from the President of the Zonta Club of Burbank Area acknowledging that they have set up a fund for the victims. Here, in part, is some of the communication that I had with their President, Lynn.

She writes:

"For the Zonta Burbank club members, two of our 23 members were evacuated during the fires but were able to return home with no property damage. Most everyone in the greater Los Angeles area knows at least one person who lost their home in either the Eaton or Palisades fire. I've never seen such widespread devastation in Los Angeles, other than perhaps the LA Riots in 1992 (a very sad chapter in our city's history). It is overwhelming to think of all the rebuilding that must be done; I'm sure you can relate as I think your section of Pennsylvania was devastated by a huge flood many years ago.

Our club is committed to looking for the ways in which we can bring the Zonta mission to life with an express focus on those who lost their homes or jobs due to these devastating fires. We are talking with our community partners and trying to find the right places where we can lean in, acknowledging that we must be in this for the long haul.

Here's a link to our page for collecting donations to our foundation:
zontaburbank.org/phoenix-fundraiser-la-wildfire-relief

I so appreciate your kind words and thinking of us. We can feel your warm fellowship across the many miles and know that we love hearing from you and knowing that we have sister clubs who care."

Warm regards,
Lynn Lipinski, President, Zonta Club of Burbank Area

So, if you would like to share a donation to the LA Fire Victims - please do so by clicking on the link above knowing that your money will directly go to the victims of the fire. They accept PayPal or personal check. Thank you so kindly.....Suzanne

CLUB CALENDAR

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Did you know? International Day of Women

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

8 MARCH



Gender equality is a fundamental human right and a key target of UN Sustainable Development Goal 5, requiring the elimination of all discrimination against women and girls.

Source: UN, "Sustainable Development Goal 5: Achieve Gender Equality"



Women, especially in rural and marginalized communities, are more vulnerable to climate change but play a crucial role in leading efforts for environmental solutions.

Source: UN Women



Women are underrepresented in STEM fields. Expanding access to STEM education and careers is key to achieving gender parity in these high-growth sectors.

Source: UN Women



Despite progress, women remain underrepresented in leadership roles globally across government, business, and media. Increased female leadership is vital for inclusive decision-making.

Source: UN Women



The gender pay gap persists worldwide, with women generally earning less than men for the same work. Achieving equal pay for work of equal value is crucial to achieving economic equality.

Source: World Economic Forum, "Global Gender Gap Report"



Closing the gender gap in labor markets could add trillions of dollars to the global economy. Ensuring women's equal participation in the workforce is key to driving economic growth and innovation.

Source: UN Women

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