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

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## CLUB OF HARRISBURG-HERSHEY

**President Greetings**

Happy Spring! Spring is a season characterized by warmer weather, blooming flowers, and a renewed sense of growth. It's a time for new beginnings, renewal and rebirth.

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting on May 14 at the **Camp Hill Giant Food Store Community Room (upstairs)** at 5:30 pm. Come for a short social time with your colleagues, our guests and welcome our new members. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm with a light meal. We will hold an installation of Officers, an induction for new member Margaret Gingrich and hear from the local agencies who will receive our donations that evening. Please notify Deb Crum by end of day Thursday, May 8 if you do **not** plan to attend or will have a guest/s joining you.

We recently received the following exciting announcement: *"DVSCP has selected the **Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey** as the recipient of the 'Karen Shirey Exceptional Volunteer Service' award this year! The group has repeatedly supported the agency at multiple events, made donations and provided monthly support group lunches, among other things. For these reasons, the group as a whole was selected. Congratulations and thank you for bringing both your worlds*

*together to help others."* Our Club will have a table at their Annual Meeting on June 18th, 8 - 9:30am and there are 2 seats still available. Contact me if you would like to join us.

Thanks to the Advocacy Committee for planning a social media campaign for National Victim's Rights week from April 6-12. I hope you all enjoyed reading the statements from your Legislators and our biennium partner, Jordan Pine from Greenlight Operation.

Remember - BINGO event on Saturday, May 3! It is the last fundraiser for the 2024-25 year so encourage your friends and colleagues to join you for an afternoon of fun! Thanks to Deb Crum, Shannon Keppley and all the volunteers for organizing the day.

It has been a wonderful year as your President. We have accomplished so much. I think the Committees are working as I had hoped to build a stronger community to sustain the Club Leadership for the future. With so many things yet to accomplish, let's continue to *Build a Better World for Women and Girls* together!

Kathy Gates, President

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**BINGO**

NON-SMOKING  
FOOD AVAILABLE FOR  
PURCHASE  
CASH PRIZES

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

**SATURDAY,  
MAY 3, 2025**

**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*

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BINGO				
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25	44	40	18	63
37	60	★	13	30
33	5	27	48	53
21	70	57	68	56

Join us to give it all away!

Join us for the spreading of the green (uhmmm, money, that is!) at the May 14 membership meeting. Greenlight Operation is our selected partner for this biennium and will receive a donation from our Club. Community Check-Up Center and Healthy Steps Diaper Bank are the recipients of our Service Grants for 2024-2025.

Representatives from the 3 agencies will share information and updates about their programs with us. It's a wonderful time to hear about the significant work these agencies are doing in their commitment to building a better world for women and girls.



## Advocacy

The Advocacy Committee participated in rallies and held a successful social media campaign during April 6-12 - National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVWRW). The **2025 NCVRW 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 to services, rights, and healing. **KINSHIP** is where victim advocacy begins.



**L-R: Karen Shirey, Nancy Fodor and Kathy Gates**

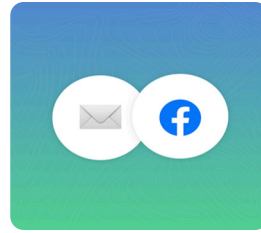
The Advocacy Committee joined other organizations, agencies, individuals, survivors, and allies who work on behalf of Pennsylvania's crime victims at a Crime Victims' Rights Rally at the Capitol on Monday, April 7.

Speakers for the event included David Strouse, Clinton County District Attorney and President of the District Attorneys Association, Suzanne Estrella, Esquire, Commonwealth Victim Advocate and Melany Nelson, Chair, Crime Victims Alliance of Pennsylvania.

On Thursday, April 10, **Karen Shirey** represented the Advocacy Committee at the 24th Annual Cumberland County Victims' Rights Rally at the Cumberland County Courthouse in Carlisle.

In addition to the Rally, the evening included the honoring of victim service volunteers, law enforcement, and community members who worked hard to instill trust in all victims.





## Social Media Campaign

Each day, April 6-12, statements regarding the KINSHIP theme were distributed to Zonta members, newsletter recipients, Zonta District 3 Presidents and posted on Facebook. The Committee reached out and received the statements from Senator Kim, Representatives Davidson, Delozier, Kinkead, Kutz and Webster. Jordan Pine, CEO and Founder of Greenlight Operation also participated.

## Membership



**Great news!** We installed 4 new members at the April membership meeting – (above, L-R) Mandi Fratini, Brianna Hoglen, Gloria Cudicio-Hayden and Amy Martin. AND we will welcome Margaret Gingrich to our membership in May. We are so pleased to have them join us on our Zonta mission. We will schedule an orientation meeting this summer.

**In-person 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 by the announced deadline.

**May Zonta Anniversaries:** Deb Crum 5/31/2006

**May Birthdays:** Gloria Cudicio-Hayden, Stacey Clark, Claudia Barry

## Service



The Zonta Club completed another service project by volunteering at the JFS Libby Urie Food Pantry in uptown Harrisburg and delivering the many bags of donated goods collected at our April membership meeting.

The Pantry provides food assistance to local residences in the vicinity; in 2024 they distributed 30, 918 pounds of food (more than 15 tons of food) to the community. A lot of the products, including hygiene items, are donated by food drives conducted by schools, groups and individuals. They offer their shoppers various choices in healthy items of frozen meat, veggies, fresh produce and canned goods. For additional information and assistance - please call them at [717.233.1681](tel:717.233.1681) for their hours and for the days which they are open. Thank you for all who have contributed to the Pantry.

**Greenlight Operation Run 4 Restoration, Saturday, May 10, 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](#). Our Zonta Club is a sponsor of the Run for Restoration and our logo is on the social media and name is on the race t-shirts.

## Fundraising

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

Zonta International calls on its membership to:

*Increase their own awareness of climate change and on its gender-related consequences and raise awareness locally.*

Zonta International Statement on Climate Change, 2021

How are the climate crisis and gender equality linked? Carbon pollution heats up the atmosphere and triggers more extreme weather events such as heatwaves, droughts, bushfires, ice loss, sea level rises, floods and storms.

These events cause social disruption —people lose their homes and jobs, the poor get poorer, there is more stress and violence—and gender inequality accelerates.

We can break this chain of events by reducing carbon pollution from fossil fuels and closing the gender gaps in leadership, education, economic opportunity, health, and safety

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



You are invited to join the District 3 Climate Change Think Tank Zoom meetings held once a month on Saturdays around noon hosted by Joanne Gallos. Contact Joanne ([jgallos@verizon.net](mailto:jgallos@verizon.net)) for details.

CLUB CALENDAR

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Did you know?



THE VIOLENCE AT HOME SIGNAL FOR HELP

**What Do I Do if I See Somebody Use the Signal for Help?**

Reach out to them safely to find out what they need. They may ask you to listen and be there for them. They may ask for help finding services. They may want you to call someone to help them. Let the person using the Signal take the lead.

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