

Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey October 2025 Newsletter

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Wed, Oct 1, 2025

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



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President Greetings

Greetings! The autumnal equinox is upon us. It's characterized by shorter days, cooler temperatures, and the vibrant changing colors of leaves as deciduous trees prepare to shed them. The air turns crisp, as the days grow shorter, Nature's canvas paints a masterpiece of color, my favorite time of year.

October is **Domestic Violence Awareness** month. We will participate in the Walk The Mile event on October 7th hosted by the YWCA Carlisle & Cumberland County to raise awareness to end violence against women and girls. If you would like to donate toward the success of our Zonta Team, contact me by October 7.

There is still room at the Zonta Club table at the **Greenlight Operation Gala** on October 16th held at the Historic Acres of Hershey. If you are interested in joining us, let me know ASAP. There are three seats left. Because we are a sponsor, the seats are free. Also, on the same night, DVSCP will host a **Candlelight Vigil** at the Camp Hill Borough Building at 6:00 pm. Zonta will have a table to display our information. If you are interested in attending, please let me know.

We will be represented by seven members at the **D3 conference** from October 10-12. Karen Shirey was instrumental in making reservations at the Crowne Plaza in King of Prussia and seeing to all the meeting details and logistics. Alice Kirchner will handle the IT needs and I will represent the Harrisburg-Hershey club as your delegate. I am looking forward to a weekend of connection, inspiration, and impact!

The Advocacy Committee is planning the **Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women** press conference focused on Food Insecurity on Monday, November 17th at noon. The committee has put together a list of like-minded organizations who will be invited to setup their information prior to the press conference. We have received much interest in this topic because the need is so great. Please mark your calendars to attend.

See you on Wednesday, October 8th **at the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg in the Richards Hall at 2986 N 2nd St, Harrisburg**. *If you won't be joining us or are bringing a guest for the meeting, please contact Deb Crum and me by noon Friday, October 3.* The meal (deli platter including turkey and a variety of other meats, variety of breads, large garden salad, lettuce, tomatoes, chips, apple pie, hot and cold drinks) is \$20. And if you'd like to carpool from the West Shore, please reach out to me.
Kathy Gates, President

October 8, 2025 Membership Meeting

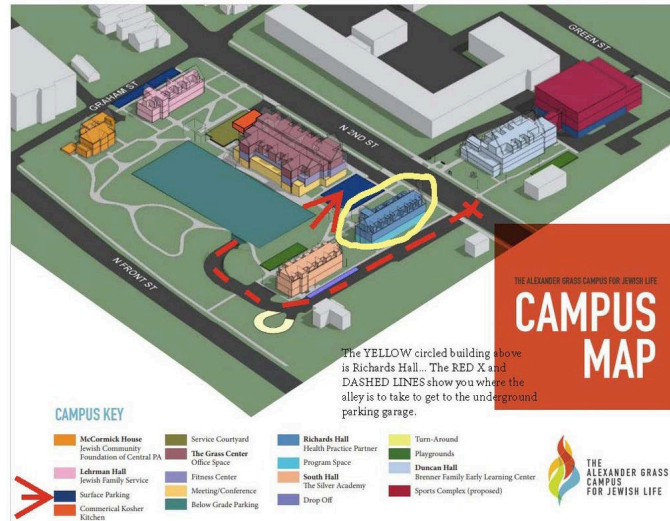
Stephanie Spurgeon,
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 Direct Services Supervisor





Stephanie Spurgeon is the Direct Services Supervisor for the Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties, an adjunct professor for Shippensburg University's Criminal Justice department, and a member of the Cumberland County Commission for Women. She graduated from the University of Tennessee with a Master of Social Work degree in 2019.

Stephanie has over ten years of experience working with children, families, and individuals that have experienced trauma. She completed Temple University's Grant Writing Certificate program in July of 2021. She lives in Carlisle with her husband, three kids, dog, and two wild kittens. She's an avid reader and novice gardener. Stephanie is passionate about empowering others to reach their goals, celebrating the small moments, and showing love to her community.



October Meeting Location Reminder - Richards Hall,
2986 N. 2nd Street, Harrisburg



Zonta advocacy is an action taken in the public interest or for the greater good with respect to advancing the status of women and girls and their human rights.

We are looking for members to assist and attend the following events:

- If you can walk a mile (or cheer!), join us **Tuesday, October 7** in Veterans Square in Carlisle to help YWCA raise funds as part of their **WALK THE MILE Because HERStory Counts**. "This is a community-wide stand against sexual assault, violence against women and girls, and the silence that too often surrounds it." Kathy Gates is coordinating our participation - please let her know if you can join.
- We are holding our **Zonta Says NO to Violence against Women** press conference on **Monday, November 17** at the Capitol with the theme of food insecurity.



The Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey
cordially invites you to join us on

Monday, November 17, 2025

at

12 noon in the Main Rotunda of the State Capitol

to attend the

"Zonta says 'No' to Violence Against Women"
Press Conference focused on FOOD INSECURITY



The Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization

www.zontaharrisburghershey.org
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Membership

If you know of someone who would like to learn more about the Zonta Club mission and service opportunities, invite them to attend the October 8th meeting. In support of the Zonta International mission of Building a Better World for Women and Girls, ZI celebrates the International Day of the Girl on October 11th.

Thanks to Amy Martin for creating a new Zonta Club brochure for us. We are finalizing the draft and will have some available at the October meeting. Thanks to Robbi Ritter for completing the District 3 Membership Grant application for the club this year.

It was great to see everyone at the September meeting. There were 14 members and 6 guests at the meeting at the Giant Center.

Zonta Anniversaries:

Karen Shirey 10/1/1988, Alice Kirchner 10/13/1999



Service Grants

In mid-September, 14 local organizations were invited to submit a Service Grant to our Foundation. Information and the application are on our [website](#) under the Get Involved > Service Projects > Service Grants Awards heading for organizations that may not have been included in the mailing.. Responses are due by Thursday, October 23.

Please look at your calendar and see if there is a place where you can share some of your time with organizations that we are lined up with service projects. We've looked for opportunities during weekdays, weekends and evenings. There are lots of opportunities - select the dates, times and activities that best fit your personal abilities. We realize members have varying personal and professional commitments and everyone should find the best 'fit' of projects for them.

We will be volunteering at [Mission Central \(5 Pleasant View Drive in Mechanicsburg\)](#) on **Tuesday, October 14th from 9am - 12pm**. Please visit their website at missioncentral.org. Suzanne can provide additional details. Please see the items below that are on their current 'need' list; if you are willing to bring any of the items to our October meeting, we'll take them along on our work day.

[HANNA's Pantry](#) provides food at no cost to Susquehanna Township residents two Saturdays each month, based on family size and income range. Volunteers distribute groceries to pantry members at Saturday distributions, prepare items for

distributions during the week, stock deliveries, inventory, work with student volunteers, maintain the vegetable garden, and much more.

There are multiple volunteer slots available for Saturdays in October, 9:30am – 12:15pm and we'd like to have a group of Zontians on hand to assist. Please let Alice know if you can join us on **Saturday, October 25**.

ZCHH signed up for **Tuesday, October 28** with the DVSCP Share a Meal Program, providing Fall comfort food. Please sign up with Alice to provide a food item and/or to be part of the team who sets it up on those dates.

Our Club is volunteering at the **Libby Urie Food Pantry** on Thursday, November 6 from 9-noon. Please contact Alice or Suzanne.



Please consider bringing donations for Mission Central to our October meeting - we have a volunteer work day coming up!!

"You'd be amazed at how much of a blessing your new and gently used items are to someone in need." Mission Central

Fundraising



Fundraiser's are Underway!

Our first fundraiser of the year, the New Cumberland Apple Festival Parking on Saturday, September 27th, was a wonderful success and raised \$955. A **BIG Thank you** to our members, former members, spouses, significant others and friends who gave their time to support this annual event!

Holiday Wreath Fundraiser – Oct.-Nov. 2025

The details of the 2025 Wreath Fundraiser were delivered to members via email on September 21. We are continuing with Sherwood Forest Farms for the 3rd year and NEW this year to customers will be a Direct Delivery option. **All orders are due by October 31.**

Be on the lookout; for more information on the Pecan Sale Fundraiser This is our 2nd year and a candy option was added for 2025!!

Save the date: Zonta BINGO April 18, 2026!

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

The Finance Committee appreciates your support of ZCHH-Foundation Fundraisers in support of our mission to build a better world for women and girls!



On 11 October, Zonta International, and the Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey proudly observes **International Day of the Girl**, one of our four annual days of action identified in our biennial goals alongside International Women's Day, Earth Day and the 16 Days of Activism.

This **International Day of the Girl** highlights our dedication to amplifying the voices of girls worldwide and advocating for their rights to education, health, safety and equal opportunities.

As Zontians, we unite to raise awareness and take action so that every girl can reach her full potential.

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National Trafficking Hotline [1-888-373-7888](tel:1-888-373-7888)

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