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## **Seasons Greetings to our Zonta Family!**

While trying to get into the holiday spirit – I went straight to Google! Not only for creative and fun ideas but for a little trivia and history. I found some interesting tidbits that I thought I would share with all of you!

The term Happy Holidays has been around since the 1800's! Holiday is derived from the Old English word haligdæg and later haliday – which means holy day. It came into common use in the 1500's. The term Xmas was originally spelled Xianity and dates back to 1100. X, or Chi, is the Greek first letter of "Christ" so "X" and back in the 4th century, Constantine the Great often referenced the shorthand version. Some say it was as early as 1021 that the abbreviation "XPmas" was used to reference the holiday, which was later shortened to "Xmas".

The first commercial Christmas card was in 1843 England. It depicted acts of charity, clothing the naked and feeding the hungry, and a multigenerational party scene.

Did you know that Sweden celebrates Christmas with a giant, straw Yule Goat?

In the 1823 poem, A Visit From Saint Nicholas, which originally introduced the world to Santa's reindeer, two of the flying creatures had slightly different names. Donner and Blitzen were instead Dunder and Blixem, which is a Dutch way to refer to "thunder and lightning."

One of the oldest running Christmas Markets dates back to the 1600's in Germany.

For those of you who enjoy Hallmark Holiday Movies – did you know they only take 2 weeks to film?

Jingle Bells was the first song played in space by the crew of NASA's Gemini 6A Space Flight on December 16th, 1965.

When you think about Christmas creatures, reindeer and polar bears probably come to mind...but what about spiders? In Ukraine, families often add spider web ornaments to their trees as nod to a seasonal story about the critters once using their silky string to decorate the tree of a poor widow and her children.

I find holiday traditions from around the world exciting to learn about and with Zonta being an International organization I thought it was fitting to share some of these findings.

No matter how we celebrate the season – I hope we all can brighten someone's day!

Jennifer Bliss, President



# Christmas Party

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT THE  
CONEWANGO CLUB, MAIN DINNING ROOM.  
ARRIVAL/SOCIAL TIME 5:30—DINNER SERVED 6:00-6:30  
DIRTY SANTA GIFT OF \$20.00 (something local)**

## **Dirty Santa Rules:**

Have all participating guests place their anonymous, wrapped gift in a central location.

Have every guest draw a number from a bowl starting at #1 and ending at how many people are playing.

Whoever drew #1 selects a gift from the mysterious pile of gifts, opens it, and reveals what it is to everyone.

Whoever drew #2 can either select a gift from the pile or choose to steal #1's gift (this is where the dirty in "Dirty Santa" comes in). If #1's gift is stolen, they must choose a new gift. They cannot steal their original gift back.

This continues with each person having the chance to choose an unclaimed gift or steal a gift someone already has in their possession.

A gift can be stolen more than once.

When all gifts have been unwrapped, usually the person who drew #1 is allowed one more turn to make the final steal or choose to keep what they already have. If #1 is satisfied and keeps their gift, the game ends. If they choose to steal, the game continues until someone chooses to keep their gift.





**EVERY YEAR WE PARTICIPATE IN DONATING A \$10.00 GIFT TO THE SALVATION ARMY, THAT THE CHILDREN GIVE TO THEIR MOTHER'S FOR CHRISTMAS. WE WILL BE COLLECTING AT OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER.**

**PLEASE WRAP THE ITEMS  
THANK YOU FOR MAKING A MOM SMILE!**

# **ZONTA SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

## **Days of Activism**

**25 NOV**

International Day for the  
Elimination of Violence Against  
Women

**1 DEC**

World AIDS Day

**10 DEC**

Human Rights Day

*"Zonta envisions a world where no woman lives in fear of violence. Through the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign, our members and allies stand together, uniting our voices to advocate for all those who have suffered gender-based violence. Zonta is needed now, more than ever, to continue its work to end violence and build a better world for women and girls."*

- Ute Scholz

Zonta International President

# HAPPY 95TH ANNIVERSARY

## The House of Representatives

### Citation

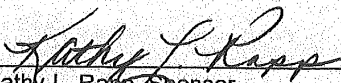
**Whereas**, The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania takes great pleasure in recognizing those organizations which contribute to the benefit of their communities and ultimately to all the citizens of this Commonwealth; and


**Whereas**, The Zonta Club of Warren is being honored upon ninety-five years of service to the Warren community by the Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry; and


**Whereas**, Active in its community for more than nine decades, the Zonta Club of Warren is a member of Zonta International, a worldwide service organization of executives in business and other professions working together to advance the status of women. It is divided into thirty-one districts and one region, and areas are established within districts to implement administrative functions. Dedicated to honoring, empowering and advocating for women, the organization has more than one thousand two hundred clubs in sixty-seven countries and is comprised of more than thirty-three thousand members. Throughout its history, the Zonta Club of Warren has made inestimable contributions to the welfare of society through a sense of fellowship and through its programs, which are designed to enhance the quality of life for all. A succession of dedicated leaders and members has made this possible, keeping ever mindful of the noble maxims of the organization.

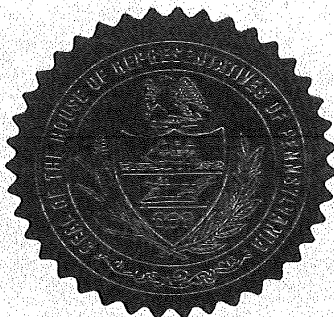
**Now therefore**, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania salutes the Zonta Club of Warren upon its richly deserved recognition; offers best wishes for continued growth and success in the years to come;

**And directs** that a copy of this citation, sponsored by the Honorable Kathy L. Rapp on November 16, 2023, be transmitted to the Zonta Club of Warren.

  
Kathy L. Rapp, Sponsor

  
Joanna E. McClinton, Speaker of the House

**Attest:**  
  
Brooke Wheeler, Chief Clerk of the House



In the Senate, September 11, 2023

**Whereas**, *The Senate of Pennsylvania takes great pride in recognizing those organizations which, through adherence to the highest standards of service, contribute in a meaningful way toward a better and more productive society; and*

**Whereas**, *The Zonta Club of Warren is being honored with a 2023 Milestone award from the Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry during its Annual Chamber Dinner and Awards Banquet; and*

**Whereas**, *The Zonta Club of Warren is being honored for ninety-five years of service to the community. Zonta International was founded in 1919 and seeks to honor, empower and advocate for women through service and education programs. Partnering with United Nations agencies and like-minded organizations, it operates in sixty-seven countries with more than thirty-three thousand members and one thousand two hundred clubs. The Zonta Club of Warren is a member of Zonta International District 4, which is comprised of thirty-nine clubs in a region spanning western Pennsylvania, western New York and western Ontario, Canada. The organization has developed a strong reputation for the highest quality of service throughout its history. By steady adherence to the principles of fairness, reliability and integrity, the Zonta Club of Warren has become a leader in the community and a model that is worthy of emulation. Over the years, those in leadership positions, as well as its members, have contributed in a tremendous way to its growth and development.*

**Now therefore**, *the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulates the Zonta Club of Warren upon its richly deserved recognition; extends warmest wishes for a future replete with ever-increasing success;*

**And directs** *that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Scott E. Hutchinson, be transmitted to the Zonta Club of Warren.*



*Scott E. Hutchinson*  
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Senator Scott E. Hutchinson

*Kim Ward*  
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Kim Ward, President Pro Tempore

**Attest:**  
*Michael C. Gerdes*  
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Michael C. Gerdes, Secretary

# Lucky Numbers

**March 2, 2024 is only 94 days away!**

**This is the perfect time to take a look at all the sales that are going on. It's never too early to start thinking about our only fundraiser. We will have 250 tickets, which will be \$40.00 each.**

**Each Zonta member is responsible to donate a basket with a value of \$75.00. Members who sign up to help at LNL also need to purchase a ticket.**

**Here are some links to help with ideas.**

[silent auction basket donation ideas.pdf \(coreysgoal.org\)](#)  
[500 Silent Auction Basket Ideas – Fundraiser Help](#)

**At this moment we have 235 tickets spoken for. Terry will be handing them out at our Christmas Party**

## CHRISTMAS PARADE

**Even if you did not sign up, all are welcome to participate!!!**

**Warren is Dec 1st starting at 6PM. Please be at the area behind the Tops parking lot by 5:45PM. I don't know where we will be in the line. Last year we were close to the end. If you didn't sign up please feel free to come and walk.**

**Youngsville is Dec. 2 at 4PM. Please be at the High School parking lot by 3:45.**

**Since we don't have many pecans left and only some chocolate covered ones, we didn't pay a vendor fee for a table this year for Warren. Youngsville doesn't have a vendor fee and we may take some of the chocolate pecans there.**



**ZONTA**

CLUB OF  
WARREN

**BUILD A BETTER WORLD  
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**

## **Help Us Support Women and Girls Escaping Violence**

Join us in making a difference by donating items that help survivors reclaim their lives after traumatic experiences.

Your generous donations will directly impact the lives of survivors, showing them that they are not alone on their journey toward healing and recovery. Let's come together to create a supportive community and help these women take back control of their lives.

We are collecting the following items for these brave women and girls.

**Hygiene Products (toiletries, lotion, etc.) and Feminine hygiene products.**

**Personal care products to restore a  
sense of self-care and well being.**

**All donations will be  
distributed locally to  
non-profits in Warren  
County**



**SOME DROP OFF LOCATIONS ARE:**

**WHITE CANE COFFEE**

**JEFFERSON DEFREES FAMILY CENTER**

**SENIOR HELPERS**

**TYBOUT HOUSE**

**YMCA**

**YOUNGSVILLE LIBRARY**



ZONTA  
SPIRIT

BE PREPARED PLAN  
AHEAD

**January 11:** Noon – Career Center?  
Reminder for nominations for Women Who Make a Difference and Community Grant  
Program: Amelia Earhart  
Women R Wonderful

**February 8:** Dinner – Plaza  
Women R Wonderful February 10<sup>th</sup>  
LNL  
Vote for Women Who Make a Difference and Community Grant  
Program: Zonta Spirit

**March:** March 2<sup>nd</sup> LNL

**March 14:** Lunch – Career Center or if Dinner ?  
Women Who Make a Difference awards  
LNL wrap up  
Program: International Women’s Day – End Child Marriage, Infant Mortality  
Nominations for officers and board and nominating committee to Board by April meeting

**April 11:** Dinner – Cable Hollow?  
Vote on officers, board, nominating committee  
Induction of new members  
Program: Climate Change (Zonta says NOW)

**May 19:** Dinner - ?  
Installation of Officers, board, nominating committee  
Program to be decided: Maybe something related to leadership or about women  
Judge Skerda suggested speaker

**June 13:** Lunch  
Scholarship recipient or a program about education: NPRC or HiEd.

