



# ZONTA

## CLUB OF WARREN

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
**EMPOWERING WOMEN**  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy Summer Fellow Zonta Sisters!

As I write this, Cheryl Gruber is just finishing up her time in Hamburg, Germany at the 65th Zonta International's Convention. Thank you, Cheryl, for not only representing our local club but our district! We can't wait to hear about your experiences!

June was an important month in the fight against Human Trafficking with a 30-year sentence for R. Kelly in one case and Ghislane Maxwell sentence of 20 years for her role in another case. The outcomes are sure to bring more attention to not only to the topic Human Trafficking but also how cases are heard and their outcome. Also in June – an INTERPOL-Led crackdown on the criminal groups behind Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling has led to the rescue of nearly 700 victims in 44 countries. However, those in Texas suffered a different fate with at least 53 migrants losing their lives. So far 4 have been arrested in that case.

News of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade was headlining media during the month of June, too.

ZI joined the UN and global community in recognizing the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence (June 19<sup>th</sup>).

Last month NPRC Scholarship Winner Savannah Nichols was our guest and told us about her studies and plans.

A reminder that Summer Surprise is approaching – Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm – more information coming soon!

We continue to celebrate our newest members, our long-time standing members, and remember those who have passed on and are dearly missed.

I'm looking forward to the coming year to see how our local Zonta Club can continue to be of service – and advocates - to our community and each other.

Jennifer Bliss,

President



**Summer Surprise, Thursday, July 14, meet 5:15-5:30 at  
the Healing Garden**

**(located behind WGH parking garage), a few treats  
await, then off to an adventure in an undisclosed  
location which will provide plenty of  
opportunities for you to reflect, stretch and imagine.**

**Casual comfortable clothing. Cost is \$30.**





ZONTA CONVENTION 2022  
**HAMBURG**



**Zonta International's 6 major points**

- Climate change is an issue of human rights
- Women's involvement is needed
- Girls' education is key
- Equal economic opportunities are needed
- Climate change has a detrimental effect on health and safety
- Raising awareness is critical



**The Zonta USA Caucus and climate action**

- Advocacy Action**  
Representatives from 13 Districts with Clubs in the USA
- Subcommittees**  
ERA, Child Marriage, VAW, Health, Education & Work, Climate Change
- Zonta International Advocacy Committee**  
Women & Climate Change Webinar  
13 September 2021
- USA Caucus Think Tank Subcommittee**  
Coordinates with Climate Change Subcommittee



## ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CALLS ON ITS MEMBERSHIP TO:

- Increase their own awareness of trafficking in persons and raise awareness locally.
- Follow the monitoring reports of their governments and the monitoring committees of the Conventions and urge their government to implement the requirements and report on the measures.
- Include trafficking in persons advocacy actions in their advocacy plans.
- Advocate for national policies and local policies and legislation that take steps to prevent trafficking in persons, protect victims and punish perpetrators.
- Include anti-trafficking efforts through service to local communities.
- Develop partnerships/collaborations with other civil society organizations who are active in working to eliminate trafficking in persons.

Together, we can take steps to prevent trafficking in persons.

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