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President's message;

Dear Sister Zontians,

Fall is here even with all the warm weather we have been having. The leaves are starting to provide beautiful color for our area. As a club, we are off to a great start with plans for being active with service and advocacy. Of course our first fundraiser is in process with money for the pecans due at our Business meeting Thursday October 14th. The pecans should be here by the middle of November.

Our advocacy committee is connecting with 16 local organizations about having a picture taken with our Zonta Says No banner for the Zonta 16 Days of Activism. The service committee has some great ideas to share at the meeting. And as we have been doing please think of women for the Women Who Make a Difference Award. The program committee is working so that we will have a speaker or a program at our meetings. Membership is working toward the goals that the club established last meeting regarding membership and fellowship.

Our goals as discussed at the last meeting are:

1. Install 8 new members and increase member participation to 75% per meeting/event, and
2. Focus on human trafficking by working with local organizations.
3. We will continue working with local organizations to prevent domestic violence, abuse and for increasing education.

The D4 conference was a success and went well considering it was virtual. A number of members from our club were able to participate. Please check the D4 website as there will be information from the conference on the website. The 2 speakers were excellent. They were Fraidy Reiss from Unchained at Last and Liz Williamson from Truckers Against Trafficking.

Looking forward to getting together with you all.

Cheryl





PECANS, PECANS, PECANS. It's that time of year!!

Pricing will stay the same price as last year \$12.00 per bag.

Prepay when you order. Order deadline is October 14th Business Meeting

Delivery will be middle of November

Firsts for Women: September 2021

Zonta International celebrates "firsts for women" in all different sectors in countries and communities around the world.

Looking back on last month, we acknowledge the following women:

- Nimaben Acharya – first woman to be elected speaker of the Gujarat Legislative Assembly in India.
- Debbie Allen – first Black woman to receive the Emmys Governors Award.
- Elizabeth Beisel – first woman to swim the 10.4-mile route from mainland Rhode Island to Block Island.
- Jill Biden – first U.S. first lady to work a full-time job outside of the White House.
- Col. Leah Botona Boling – first woman and first person of color to serve as director of the Air National Guard Chaplain Corps.
- Caroline Buchanan – first woman to land a front flip on a mountain bike.
- Lisa Byington – first woman hired as a full-time TV play-by-play announcer for a major men's professional sports team.
- Vallerie Castillo-Archer – first woman executive chef at Yamashiro, a historic restaurant in Los Angeles.
- Maia Chaka – first Black woman to officiate an NFL game.
- Michaela Coel – first Black woman to win an Emmy for Limited Series Writing.
- Taylor Collins – first woman to win the South Florida PGA Professional Championship.
- Capt. Shaina Coss – first woman to lead elite Army Rangers in combat.
- Sara Cox – first woman to referee a match in the Premiership Rugby
- Dr. Patricia Bath and Marian Croak – first Black women to be inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame.
- Kristie Elliot – first woman in Canada to be offered a scholarship for American football.
- Ellen Fokkema – first woman to play for a senior men's team in a Dutch Football Association match.
- Franziska Giffey – first woman elected as mayor in Berlin.
- Maria-Elena Giner – first Hispanic woman to serve as the United States Commissioner of the International Boundary and Water Commission.
- Diede de Groot – first woman to achieve a Golden Slam in wheelchair tennis, which consists of winning all four major singles titles and the Paralympic gold medal in the same season.
- Shefali Juneja – first woman chairperson of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Aviation Security Committee.
- Siu Ling Ko – first woman and first Asian to lead subway car maintenance as vice president and chief mechanical officer of subway car equipment with New York City Transit.
- Leah Lang – first woman appointed as the Queensland government architect.
- Ashley Lynn – first woman in charge of player engagement for an NFL team.
- Marianne Markowitz – first CEO of First Women's Bank, the first U.S. bank founded, owned and led by women.
- Shivani Meena – first woman excavation engineer to work in an open cast mine in India.
- Liz Mills – first woman to coach a team at a men's continental championship when she led Kenya at AfroBasket, a basketball championship that takes place in Africa every four years.

- Prativa Mohapatra – first woman to lead Adobe India as vice president and managing director.
- Jessica Mendoza and Melanie Newman – first all-female broadcast team for a nationally televised Major League Baseball game.
- Lubna Olayan – first woman to head a Saudi foreign business council following her approval as president of the Saudi-Swedish Business Council by the General Authority for Foreign Trade.
- Penney Ooi – first woman to earn prestigious executive chairperson status at World Financial Group Insurance Agency.
- Florence Pan – first Asian American woman to serve as a federal district court judge in Washington, D.C.
- Sian Proctor – first Black woman to pilot a spacecraft when SpaceX's Inspiration4 Mission launched.
- Najla Bouden Romdhane – first woman to be named prime minister of Tunisia.
- Fallon Sherrock – first woman to reach a televised PDC (Professional Darts Corporation) Tour final at the Nordic Masters.
- Alyson Shontell – first woman named editor in chief of *Fortune*.
- Stergomena Tax – first woman to serve as Tanzania's defense and national service minister.
- Pamela Uba – first Black woman to win Miss Ireland.
- Elizma Visser – first woman to win Young Winemaker of the Year in the 2021 Tim Atkin South Africa Special Report.
- Tenia Watson – first Black woman to lead daytime talk show *The Real* as executive producer.
- Angela F. Williams – first Black woman to become the CEO of United Way Worldwide.

Moments we missed in August:

- Desiree Reed-Francois – first Hispanic woman to lead a Football Bowl Subdivision program as a full-time athletic director. As an organization that has fought for gender equality for more than 100 years, Zonta International believes it is important to celebrate and honor women who are making history. Each month, we will recognize women who have broken the glass ceiling and set an example for future generations to come.

Do you know of a first for women moment that should be recognized? Share with us at pr@zonta.org.

ZONTA CLUB OF WARREN DISTRICT 4 AREA 5



The Zonta Club of Warren honors, empowers and advocates for women, both locally and globally, seeking to end domestic and gender-based violence, human trafficking and poverty through service and education programs.























Global survey on Domestic Violence (DV) – under COVID-19

Zonta participated in a global survey on Domestic Violence (DV) – under COVID-19 as part of the UN and Advocacy committees which includes international Zonta.

Negative and positive impacts of the lock down in come countries depend on living conditions, social and economic situation. We think of our USA families, but globally women were affected too.

LOCKDOWNS created OBSTACLES

- Workload increase: home office, household, home schooling
- Women in informal or part time jobs increase if work was found at all.
- 90 % of caretakers are women and /or of public infrastructure low image and low wage, health risk and the breadwinner of the family.
- Restricted access to DV shelters, or full with victims
- Restricted access to health care because of lockdown
- Restricted access to courts as cases postpone or witness of injuries not available

CONSEQUENCES of increase of DV -

- Anxiety, uncertainty, hopelessness, stress, overload, burnout and underemployment
- Confinement with violent partners 24 hours a day
- No chance to leave the home alone
- Unwanted pregnancies
- Lost of authority of the former breadwinner especially in traditional patriarchal family systems
- Children, especially girls stop education,
- Less ways to communicate with victims
- Public unaware of the DV

HOWEVER SOME POSITIVE IMPACTS OF COVID in some countries -

- Increase awareness of DV in some world countries by their governments
- Increase coverage in the medias
- Increase budgets for women issues in health and women's rights
- Increase legislation on women's rights and other issues

Phyllis Wright -Advocacy committee members

District 4 Virtual Conference



Trafficking in persons is a violation of human rights

Trafficking in persons (also known as human trafficking) is a heinous crime and an abuse of human rights. It is commonly defined as the use of violence, deception or coercion to transport, recruit or harbor people in order to exploit them for purposes such as forced prostitution, forced labor, criminality, marriage or organ removal.

Each year, thousands of women, men and children (victims) fall into the hands of traffickers in their own countries and abroad.

Every country in the world is affected by human trafficking and migrant smuggling, either as a country of origin, transit or destination for victims, depending on diverse economic, cultural and historical factors including, but not limited to, gender discrimination, poverty and lack of education.

Perpetrators of human trafficking target the marginalized and the impoverished, entrapping victims, the majority of whom are women and girls, for sexual exploitation, forced labor, domestic service, and other forms of exploitation.

Migrants account for a significant share of the detected victims in most regions. Undocumented migrants and people who are in desperate need of employment are also vulnerable. Traffickers often present an opportunity to transport someone into a country but then force the person into an exploitative situation.

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.