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Hello Zonta Family!

“Around the world and across history – innovative women have imagined, developed, tested, and perfected their creations, and yet most of us would be hard pressed to name even a single woman inventor.”

I recently read this sentence on a Facebook post and it prompted me to do a bit of research and I thought I would share it with all of you!

If you’ve ever used a paper bag – you can thank Margaret E. Knight – the 19th century most famous female inventor! Over the course of her career, she invented over 100 different machines and patented 20 of them. Josephine Cochrane came up with the idea of a mechanical dishwasher. Mary Anderson was already a real estate developer and rancher when she came up with the idea of windshield wipers in 1902. A firm declined her invention in 1905 and it wasn’t until 1922 when Cadillac became the first car manufacturer to include them on all their vehicles. We can thank Melitta Bentz for the creation of coffee filters. Anytime we type a command on our computers we can thank programming pioneer Grace Hopper. She was a mathematician and US Navy Reserve Officer, too! Stephanie Kwolek, who was born in Pittsburgh in 1923 to Polish immigrant parents, invented Kevlar in 1964. On the same day she died (in 2014) DuPont announced the sale of the one millionth protective vest using her invention.

So, whether we are inventing “something” or reinventing ourselves – lets ALL encourage one another and not forget about those who got us where we are today!

Jennifer Bliss,
President

**Thursday, September 14, lunch
meeting at JDFC**

SUMMER SURPRISE

Summer Surprise is Wednesday, August 16th. Cost is \$30 for members; \$55 for non-members or guests. (NOTE \$25 of the cost for each member is being paid by the club) This is a hands-on activity that will be done indoors. Dress is casual and light refreshments will be provided.

Reservations and full payment are due no later than Monday, August 7th. Payment via check can be mailed to Jean Denardi, 20 Morrison St, Warren, Pa, 16365 or transferred electronically via Zelle to jdenardi26@gmail.com.

Specific details on the time and location to meet will be provided closer to the event.

Contact Jean Denardi (email jdenardi26@gmail.com or text 814-706-3246) to make reservations or for any questions.



ZONTA LATTE



White Cane Coffee



Schedule for Zonta Latte:

We meet the 4th Saturday of the month at 10 am at White Cane Coffee.

August 18, 2023

September 23, 2023

What is Human Trafficking?

Human Trafficking is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of people through force, fraud or deception for exploitation. In every region of the world, traffickers exploit vulnerable women, girls, men, and boys of all backgrounds for profit.

Even without knowing, we might have come across its victims.

Traffickers often use violence, blackmail, emotional manipulation, removal of official documents, fraudulent employment agencies, and fake promises of education and job opportunities to trick and coerce their victims.

Human trafficking takes place for many exploitative purposes



38.8 %
Forced labour



38.7 %
Sexual exploitation



10.3 %
Mixed forms



10.2 %
Criminal activity



0.9 %
Forced marriages



0.7 %
Begging



0.3 %
Baby selling



0.2 %
Removal of organs

Advocacy – Child Marriages in USA

A recent Zonta USA Caucus reported update on child marriages in USA. The Connecticut Governor recently signed a bill to increase legal age to be married from 16 to 18 years of age to be a legal marriage. The Michigan House and Senate voted to ban child marriage and it is the 10th state to eliminate this human abuse. They couple must be 18 to be a legal marriage. Vermont was the 8th state to end child marriage.

According to "Unchained at Last" web site, PA in 2019 passed a bill to end child A legal marriage the couple must be 18. There were 3,052 PA minors wed from 2000-2028, According to this web site many religious communities practice arrange /forced marriages and this is were "Unchained at Last" organization targets to stop child marriages.

The Stop Child Marriages organization states - 86% of children who married were girls and most were wed to adult men ages 18 and older. Nearly 300,000 USA children married between 2000- 2018. This is not a worldwide statistics, but a USA statistic. Only 1/5th of our states – 10 ban child marriages.

Consequences of child marriage –

1. early end to education
 2. higher divorce rates
 3. higher risks of HIV and other sex related diseases
- health problems resulting from early marriage as frequent and risky pregnancies.

Zonta advocacy helps us to be aware of families face in our own national as well as the girls around the world.

Phyllis Wright - Zonta Advocacy member

ELEVATOR SPEECH

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.