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President's message:

Dear Sister Zontians,

Currently our world is changing and challenging us in many different ways.

Zonta International made a statement regarding what is occurring in Ukraine. "Zonta condemns aggression and acts of war and stands with our members in Ukraine" We need to keep our fellow sister Zontians in the Ukraine in our thoughts and prayers. Additionally to remember all the Zontians and others who are assisting the refugees from Ukraine.

International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day is March 8th. "Each year on 8 March, the global community celebrates International Women's Day, recognizing women for their achievements regardless of national, ethnic, linguistic, economic or political divisions. The Zonta International community also celebrates Zonta Rose Day on 8 March, a time to reflect and give tribute to the women who have empowered us" from the ZI website. Is there a special woman who has empowered you?

Our service project Women Are Wonderful and Free the Girls was a great success. Those that attending and volunteered had a great time. JDFC was able from the event to send \$500 to Free the Girls. Thank you to all who helped.

Lucky Numbers Luncheon was wonderful and enjoyed by all. A special thank you to Marina for leading this years LNL and to her committee. Thank you to each member for helping to make LNL a success with your gifts, sponsors, and volunteering during LNL. There were many very positive comments from those who attended. We will be donating over \$1000 to the Library Teen Maker room in honor of Barb Tubbs.

Have you thought about taking a picture of "You being Outstanding" and sent it to Governor Janice Durmis? Maybe a fun project for a few to do together.

The D4 Service talk session on Monday February 28th was very informative. There were some good ideas shared that maybe we can do some as a club. Also discussed was the possibility of a District wide project or for service projects specific to different areas in the District. Do you have any ideas of service projects? Maybe combine advocacy and service for a specific project. The D4 website and the ZI website both have service project ideas.

The deadline for the District 4 spring workshop registration is MARCH 14th. The cost is \$10 and registration information in on the D4 website. The workshop will be virtual on March 26th from 9:00AM to 1PM. The speaker will be Roxy Rapedius: CRAZY BUSY. We will plan to meet as a club for the workshop and have fun.

Our next meeting will be March 10th at noon and will be both in person and zoom. In addition to the usually business, we will be voting on our slate of officers for 2021-2022 and on 9 potential new members. A special thank you to Tina for leading the membership committee and to her committee.

Have a great day and stay safe.

Cheryl

2022 COMMUNITY GRANT AWARD

Our Community Grant Award went to the HOUSE OF HOPE.

Wendy Clawson presented a check for \$1,000 to Board

Member Nancy Rogowski



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Zonta International stands with our members in Ukraine

We have been in communication with our Zonta members in Ukraine and are inspired by their strength and resilience as evident in the excerpt of their message below.

"We are calm and resolute; we keep in touch with family and friends. The main thing is that we maintain our strength of spirit -- then we will not be defeated.

Today, Ukraine needs us, and we are called on to give a part of ourselves if we are to live in a democratic country governed by the rule of law."

As a global organization dedicated to working for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of members and promoting justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, we strongly condemn foreign aggression and acts of war, as are being witnessed in Ukraine.

We know that in times of conflict and war, women and girls, especially those who are displaced from their homes, are at increased risk of sexual and gender-based violence. Women also bear the primary burden of keeping their families together, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of their children and addressing the long-term emotional and physical damage inflicted by war.

As women and children move from Ukraine into neighboring countries, we encourage our global membership to use their voices to advocate to ensure that the safety and wellbeing of women and girls are at the forefront of the humanitarian response.

We also know that our members are generous and want to directly support Ukrainians and their immediate needs. While Zonta International is not positioned to respond to emergencies, we encourage our members to direct their support to relief organizations like our long-time partners at UNFPA and UNICEF that are already working on the ground in Ukraine and in nearby countries that are accepting refugees. We also acknowledge that Zonta District 27, of which Ukraine is a part, is also working with local Zontians to assess and respond to local needs.

As I said <u>in my earlier statement</u>, Zonta International will continue to build and support a global community of individuals who share a common commitment to equality and peace for all.

Sharon Langenbeck, Ph.D.

2020-2022 President

Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women



I am sitting here at my dinning room table, going thru the events of the past few days. My thoughts are already drifting to our LNL 25th Anniversary. :)

My thanks goes out to every single member! Without all of us working together we could never pull off such an amazing event.

Our 50/50 was over a thousand dollars, and we also raised over a thousand dollars on the Money/Lottery tree in memory of Barb Tubbs. We will be presenting a check in the near future to the Warren Library.









SAVE THE DATE MARCH 4, 2023