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THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

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### **President's Message May 2022**

Happy May with the first of starting with rain, but it is warmer. Hopefully, this rain will bring beautiful flowers in abundance.

At our April meeting we inducted nine new members. I extend a warm welcome to all of you. We are so pleased that you have joined and look forward to sharing, learning, and collaborating with you. If you have any questions, please ask. We will be inducting two new members at the May 12th meeting at the Conewango Club at 5:30PM.

The Zonta a year ends May 31st with the new year starting June 1st. The June meeting is at noon on June 9 and our scholarship recipient will be speaking. Our new President Jennifer Bliss will lead the meeting.

This is also the beginning of the 2022-2024 biennium for Zonta with the Convention held at the end of June. I am looking forward to attending and returning to share with you the 2022-2024 goals that aligned with Zonta's mission and vision. Additionally, there may be changes to the ZI bylaws.

The Zonta International Board has voted to change the tagline from "Empowering Women and Girls Through Service and Advocacy" to "Build a Better World for Women and Girls." More information regarding this rebranding will be coming in the first six months of the biennium.

A quick reminder that if you have not paid your dues (\$135) for 2022-2023; they are due now.

Looking forward to seeing you at our May meeting as we welcome new members and install the officers for 2022-2023. Jennifer has asked that the sign-up sheet for the committees for 2022-2023 be available at the May meeting. The committee listing and descriptions will be at the meeting and at the June meeting. Please think about the committee/s you would like to work with in the coming year.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your President for 2020-2022. You are a remarkable group of wonderful women. You have all been so supportive and the innovative ideas and challenges have been great. I am looking forward to being a member. Thank you!

Cheryl

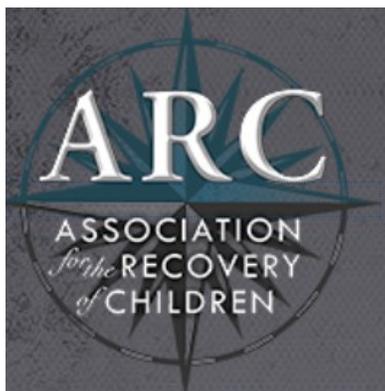
**MAY 12 DINNER MEETING**  
**CONEWANGO CLUB AT 5:30 PM**

# WELCOME



## On April 14 we welcomed new members to our Zonta Family.

From left to right our District Governor, Janet Durmis, Samantha Nosel, Rose Clarke, Cori Cushner, Jodi Bevevino, Savannah Casey, Sara Fain, Judy Templeton, Cindy Dziendziel, Kristine Conn, Membership Chair, Tina Dinger, President Cheryl Gruber.



## ASSOCIATION for the RECOVERY of CHILDREN

Rescuing missing, exploited and trafficked American children.

At our Zonta meeting on April 14th, we had the pleasure of having Thad Turner speaking to us regarding trafficking. If you would like more information or if you would like to donate.

<https://www.recoveryofchildren.org/index.htm>

**THAD TURNER:** Director of Operations, Pennsylvania Division | Operator, Strike Force Recovery Team (SFRT) | Former Navy SEAL

A former US Navy SEAL, Thad performed the duties Middle East, North Africa and Europe. As SEAL Team Two's Combat Swimmer Instructor, he was selected for "real world" combat swimmer missions and was personally awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by the Secretary of the Navy for actions "completed at considerable personal risk".

He is a graduate of West Virginia University where he was a four-year letterman and Captain of the WVU DIV I wrestling team. Thad managed a wilderness school for at risk teens in 2001, Thad received the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Governor's Award for Community Crime Prevention. He has served on several boards including The American Red Cross, Methodist Church Council, and United Fund. He is currently the CEO of a YMCA.

In 2019 Thad was recognized with the **Warren County PA Community Service Lifetime Achievement Honor** awarded to one person each year for outstanding community service.

## Ending Childhood marriages

This is a project 2022-02022 of Zonta International and we are in phase II

World wide more than 700 million women alive today were married as children. More than 1 in 3 or some 250 million were married before age 15. Girls who marry before they turn 19 are less likely to remain in school and more likely to experience domestic violence. Young teenage girls are more likely to die due to complications in pregnancy and childbirth than women in their 20s:the infants are more likely to be still born or die in the first month of life. [https://www.unicef.org/media/media\\_74524.html](https://www.unicef.org/media/media_74524.html)

If current trends on child marriage continue, 150 million more girls will be married in childhood by 2030, with devastating consequences for the whole world. <https://www.girlsnotbrides.org/about-child-marriage>

### Zonta International Goals are:

- Empower marginalized adolescent girls through life and knowledge building
- Improve literacy about sexual reproductive health, financial competencies and encourage girls to stay in school
- Promote gender equality in girls' families and communities.
- Acknowledge the rights of adolescent girls and support alternative to child marriage
- Encourage boys and males to lead positive change.
- Strengthening education, health and child protection systems
- Support governments to uphold laws and policies with international human rights standards to prevent child marriages
- Addressing the ways the poverty drives the practice of child marriage.
- Build partnerships to the most vulnerable adolescent girls and their families
- Support women's and youth led organizations to challenge social, religious and other harmful social norms and promote gender equality

Adapted from "UNICEF for every child", Zonta.org

As you read the above --- thoughts ---- think how we need to consider the US legislation, and actions of organizations affects our girl's future lives. Sometimes starting at home as our Warren Zonta tries, is the way to make a difference in young women's lives.

*May 10 - last day to request mail-in or absentee ballot*

*May 17 - Primary Election Day*

**Election ballot VOTING - It's 100% more efficient than complaining on the internet!**

## MEMORIAL DONATION IN HONOR OF BARB TUBBS

Shellie Tubbs will be accepting the memorial donation for the Warren Public Library in honor of her Mother. We raised \$1,065.00 at Lucky Numbers for the Teen Maker Room.

## INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

is one of the most common forms of violence against women

includes physical, sexual and emotional abuse, as well as controlling behavior by an intimate partner



THESE VIOLATIONS RESULT IN SERIOUS SHORT AND LONG-TERM:

- ▶ physical problems
- ▶ reproductive problems
- ▶ sexual problems
- ▶ mental health problems
- ▶ and increased vulnerability to HIV



**30%** of women worldwide who have been in a relationship report that they have experience some form of physical and/or sexual violence by their intimate partner.

**34%** of female homicide victims in 2017 were killed by a former or current intimate partner.

## Cyber violence against women and girls

Violent online behavior ranges from online harassment and public shaming to the desire to inflict physical harm including sexual assaults, murders and induced suicides. With more access than ever to the internet, cyber violence against women and girls (cyber VAWG) has taken on a global dimension.



**73%** of women are abused online



In Europe, **9 million** women have experienced a serious form of cyber VAWG since the age of 15



Women aged **18-24** are at a heightened risk of cyber VAWG



In the U.S., women are **27 times** more likely to be abused online than men

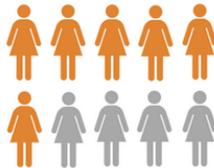


## How child marriage impacts education

Education can be one of the most powerful tools to enable girls to avoid child marriage and fulfill their potential.



Girls with little to no education are **three times** as likely to marry by 18 as those with a secondary or higher education.



More than **60%** of women (ages 20-24) with little to no education were married before 18.

## Each year, 12 million girls are married worldwide before the age of 18.

Child marriage is slowly declining but progress is not happening fast enough



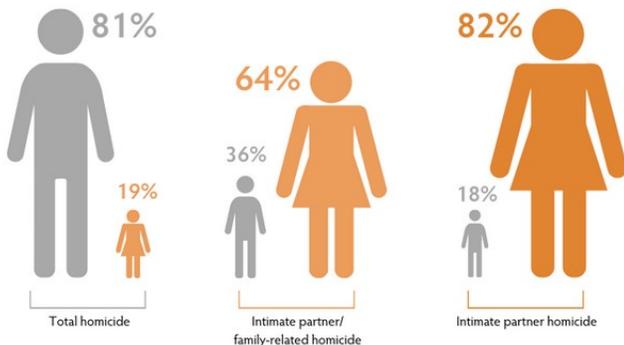
Almost **39,000** girls under the age of 18 become brides every day.



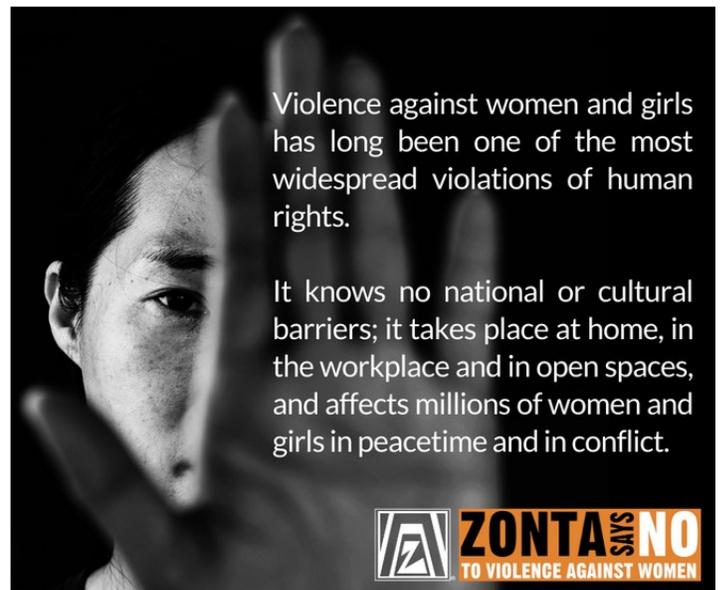
That is **23 girls every minute**, nearly 1 every 2 seconds.

## Gender-related killing of women and girls

More than **30,000 women per year**, or **82 per day**, are killed by an intimate partner. Although women and girls account for a much smaller share of total homicide than men, they bear by far the greatest burden of intimate partner/family-related homicide and intimate partner homicide.



Data from UNODC  
#ZontaSaysNO | #16Days  
www.ZontaSaysNO.com



Violence against women and girls has long been one of the most widespread violations of human rights.

It knows no national or cultural barriers; it takes place at home, in the workplace and in open spaces, and affects millions of women and girls in peacetime and in conflict.

