



# ZONTA

## CLUB OF WARREN

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

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The summer is coming to a close and fall is right around the corner. I know many are looking forward to the fall weather and colors of the trees – maybe even the Pumpkin Spice “everything” and Apple Cider.

I want to THANK the Summer Surprise Committee for putting together an AWESOME night of fun! For those of you who weren't able to attend – you were missed. We kicked things off at the new Healing Garden near Warren General Hospital in Crescent Park. Then hopped on a bus to Jamestown where we broke into teams and faced some very challenging “Escape Rooms”. From there we drove over to Bergman Park where we had a nice boxed meal.

I also want to THANK those who worked gates at the Warren County Fair this year. Zonta should be seeing a check in the mail sometime soon for those who worked.

Another THANK YOU to all of those who have been doing Work Bee's over at The House of Hope.

Soon we will be hearing from Cheryl who went to convention in Hamburg, Germany. She represented our club very well and we THANK her for bringing back her knowledge and experiences.

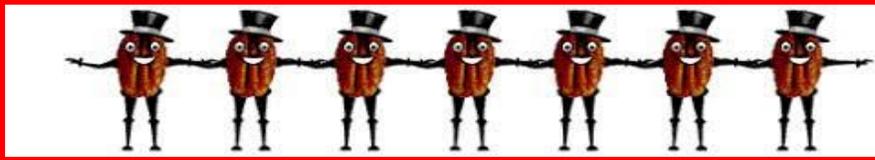
There was a Planning Committee Meeting this past month where 14 members were present. Thanks – yet again – for everyone who attended, brainstormed, and contributed.

I attended my first Area Presidents Meeting and met some wonderful ladies from Jamestown, Olean, Bradford, and Erie. Our Area 5 Director is Gretchen Copella. Sheena Poole is our Lt. Governor and attend the meeting from Woodstock, Ontario.

I just KNOW this will be an action-packed year and I look forward to seeing what our club does locally, regionally, and internationally.

See you all very soon!

Jennifer Bliss, President



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**FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT OUR NEXT MEETING.**

**\$14.00 A BAG. PREPAID**



## **“ZONTA LATTE”**

**Join your Zonta sisters every fourth Saturday morning, 9:00 am, Arbor House downtown Warren for fellowship and refreshment.**

**September 24 is the first gathering- see you there!**

## **JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**

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<https://www.facebook.com/zontaclubofwarren>

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**181 Days till Lucky Numbers. I have been scouting around, and there are a lot of end of summer sales going on right now. Its never to early to start thinking about your basket. If anyone has questions, please call or text 814-706-2505**

## A brief summary of the Zonta International Convention

Convention was a wonderful experience that I would encourage everyone to attend. My favorite part was meeting and being able to talk to Zonta members from around the world, who are passionate about stopping violence and empowering women and girls. The convention confirmed what I knew about Zonta having and accomplishing goals to help many women and girls throughout the world to have lives without violence, better health, more education, increased ability to have a voice in government and business. Today, Zonta needs each member to be active not only at the local level but to become involved at the District and International level and respond to surveys.

Prior to the official start of the Convention, I attended a few workshops. One workshop was Zonta WOW. This was about marketing Zonta as our members have decreased worldwide. The idea is to encourage clubs to be more joyful since joy is needed for the 'WOW' factor. The "WOW" factor is having a meaningful and memorable impact on potential members and our members. On exit surveys one reason members left was because of not having a relationship with other members in their club. So, a suggestion was to nourish relationships. Another suggestion was to invite family member/friend at Induction and have the new members sponsor and mentor stand with the new members. Appreciate all our members those highly active and those who are not as involve further relationships. A second workshop was Zonta Says Now to Gender Equality and Climate Action. This workshop gave some basic information regarding climate change and that the pandemic has set gender equality back 35 years. The ZI statement on climate change is to envision a sustainable and gender-equal future. There is no one solution to solve this issue but a need to look at the impact within a specific area and how it effects women in that area specifically. They recommended adding sustainability at the local club level such as no plastic cups and recycling.

The first part of the Convention was the Parade of Flags which is extremely impressive. A flag was presented for each nation with a Zonta club. As the flags were presented by a member from that country to be placed on the stage the name of the country, the name and year of the first club in that country was formed was read. Only one club was not able to send a member to Convention. When Ukraine country's flag was presented by a member from one of the clubs, there was a standing ovation. During the Convention, there were speakers, and discussion for all business items. When voting for Zonta International (ZI) officers, board of directors and nominating committee, an email was sent that I had to open for each club's proxy for each office. All other voting was completed on electronic voting devices. I had to have 3 devices for each vote taken and there were many votes such for each item in the Bylaws, the resolutions, and ZI service projects for this biennium. Prior to each vote there was an introduction and discussion. It was interesting to listen to the different views of each item. Some were for the change and some against the change. There were items that were passed without any pro or con discussion. Twice someone from our district stood either pro or con for an item. Any Zonta member may speak at the Convention when acknowledged by the President. Not all recommendations made by the ZI board were approved by the membership. For example: the resolution on the scholarship for Women in Technology, the ZI board recommended to not continue this coming Biennium. There were many members who spoke against stopping this resolution. An amendment was made and passed to continue the scholarship with the addition of STEM to the scholarship.

I had a wonderful time being able to do some sightseeing in Berlin and Hamburg prior to the Convention. Thank you so much for the privilege of caring the club's proxies.

Cheryl



I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.  
 I'd like to leave an after flow of smiles when life is done.  
 I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,  
 Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days  
 I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;  
 Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

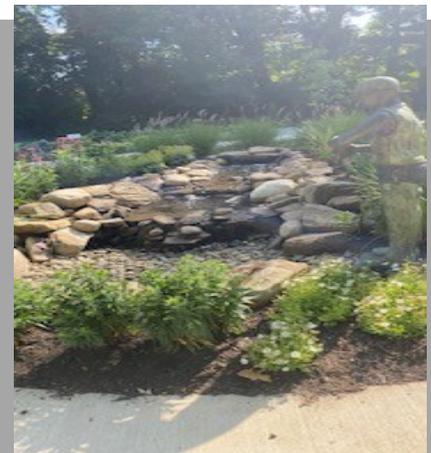
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# ZONTA SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign that kicks off on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day. It was started by activists at the inaugural Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991 and continues to be coordinated each year by the Center for Women's Global Leadership. It is used as an organizing strategy by individuals and organizations around the world to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls.

## Summer Surprise 2022



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