

## NOT YOUR USUAL ZONTAGRAM

April 13, 2020

Dear Zontians,

This is not our usual Zontagram but rather a letter of support to our members during this critical time of the coronavirus pandemic. The officers of our club have checked in with every member of our club and so far we are all doing fairly well. It certainly is a time for great reflection and prioritizing. Caring for one another is always on the top of our priority lists. Two of our members are recovering from the virus. Most of our members are physically isolated but hopefully are staying socially connected. Some are still reaching out to others with delivering supplies. My understanding is that the shipment of our donations to Puerto Rico is still scheduled for departure. Fortunately, most of our donations were dropped off before the directive to stay home was issued.

We had heartbreaking news that one of our former members, Clyde Herring lost her son during this season of hardship. Sometimes there are no words but just love and support. Many of our members reached out with card and calls while another member sent a fruits basket on our behalf. I will ask her permission to share her name in the next Zontagram.

Alice Massa and Coralie Joseph are currently out of state and have yet to determine when they will return to NY.

Needless to say but just to be thorough all Zonta programs have been either cancelled or postponed due to the pandemic including the 2020 International Conference and our two fundraisers.

Despite the virus we are still requesting that payment of our annual dues of \$165.00 be paid. Understanding that the situation with the virus may have caused financial hardships to members feel free to prorate it if necessary (3 payments of \$55 or 2 payments \$83). Mail it to Gigi Palmieri, 25 Ridgeway, White Plains, NY.10605.

We are looking into the possibility of staging a virtual meeting next month which is entirely dependent on the technological skills of some of our members! We will also try to stage a board meeting in the same way.

I am hoping that all of you stay well and safe. Please feel free to call if you need some friendly conversation.

Finally, giving in to my need for comic relief I want to congratulate our only member with an April Birthday, See Below:

One April Birthday Nora Gorman April 23, 2020

Birthdays they say are a wonderful thing,

They make my heart happy they make my heart sing.

By my calculations and you know it's true

Nora has a birthday and I'm telling you,

She is great, she is marvelous, she's just peachy keen

Wish this is the best birthday that she's ever seen.

Now the virus has probably made that wish a bust,

But I'm thankful, so thankful, she lives among us!!!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY NORA!!!

Joan Mallory, Vice President