



Zonta Beacon

The Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi Area Newsletter
District 15 / Area 4 www.zontafarmingtonnovi.org

President's Message

This is the first year, since the club's inception, that we haven't been planning our annual fundraiser at this time of year. With the idea of exploring options to expand our support and service, we will have a presentation on **Sanctum House - the fairly new haven for victims of trafficking**. It would be wonderful if we could get everyone to the meeting so we can discuss this with all members of the club. Please try to attend.

Also - **ROSE DAY** - please read further....
See you Tuesday!

Carla

February Meeting

Tuesday, February 25th, 6:15 PM
PLACE of MEETING IS PENDING
Watch your email....

Agenda / Program

- **SANCTUM HOUSE**
- **Zonta Rose Day**
- **First Step Valentine's Party Review**
- **Officer and Board Nominations**
- **Service Hours Log**

Please RSVP to Ramona @ 734-464-1135 or yodamom12@yahoo.com **by noon on Monday, February 24th** if you CANNOT attend or are bringing a guest. We need a correct count!
Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

February 2020 Edition

Zonta Rose Day / International Women's Day



(Reprint from past newsletter)

What is Zonta Rose Day? For new (as well as seasoned) members, here is a brief summary, taken from the Zonta International website.

International Women's Day is a celebration of women's rights and international peace. Its history stretches back to the early 1900s, when women's organizations used the day to rally for their causes - from the universal suffrage movement to the protest of poor working conditions. In 1975, during International Women's Year, the United Nations (UN) began celebrating International Women's Day on March 8th. Two years later, in December 1977, the General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming a United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace to be observed on any day of the year by Member States, in accordance with their historical and national traditions. In adopting its resolution, the General Assembly recognized the role of women in peace efforts and development, and urged an end to discrimination and an increase in support for women's full and equal participation.

Over the years, the UN and its technical agencies have promoted the participation of women as equal partners with men in achieving

sustainable development, peace, security, and full respect for human rights. The **empowerment of women** continues to be a central feature of the UN's efforts to **address social, economic and political challenges** across the globe. Zonta shares the UN's goals for the empowerment of women. Our efforts have made, and continue to make, a difference in the lives of women everywhere.



(This message comes as a reminder from the Zonta International website)

Dear Zonta Members and Friends,

Like you, I envision a world where: **All women live without fear of domestic violence and being attacked by strangers and harassed by male colleagues at their workplace; women are protected against rape in situations of conflict; girls can be girls and are not forced into a union that is called marriage; and displaced vulnerable women and girls can focus on building resilience.**

Zonta International is working toward making this a reality.

Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women is our global campaign to get more people to not look away but to speak up and take action. Through a multitude of events, projects and advocacy efforts, Zonta clubs and members around the world are dedicated to ending gender-based violence.

On 25 November, we commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. In my home country of Germany alone, clubs in more than 100 cities have committed to turning their towns orange – the color chosen by the United Nations to symbolize a brighter future free from violence and demonstrate global activism to fight this crime.

With our major international project to end child marriage—whose victims are mostly girls—Zonta addresses not only a humanitarian issue, but one that also negatively affects societies. When girls become brides and subsequently mothers, this often ends their education. We advocate for every girl to have the right to finish school.

I invite you to join us in raising awareness for the many forms of violence that threaten women and girls all over the world, and in supporting activities that protect them and bring about changes in behaviors and cultures.

Cordially,

Susanne von Bassewitz, President

Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



No Birthdays this Month

First Step Valentine's Party February 11, 2020



One again, we provided dinner and some fun for shelter residents: frosting Valentine's cookies! A good time was had by all! We were so busy, we forgot to take a picture, so this one from 2019 will have to do!

Let's Support Sister Zontians!

Zonta-Troy South Oakland

Casino Vegas Night

Saturday, Feb 29; 6pm - midnight

\$75 - Eventbrite.com

St Mary's Cultural and Banquet Center

18100 Merriman, Livonia

Zonta Pontiac North Oakland

Women Who Care - Women Who Share Luncheon

Saturday, April 18; 11:30 - 2

\$40 - zontapnoinfo@gmail.com

Bloomfield Hills



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DATES TO REMEMBER

March Board Meeting

Date and Time Pending

February/March Pillow Party

Date Pending

Zonta **Rose Day**/
International Women's Day
March 8th

Zonta International Convention

Centennial Celebration

July 4-8, 2020

Chicago IL - 2020

District 15 Governor's Summit

October 17, 2020

Great Lakes Center for the Arts

Petosky

ZONTA DISTRICT 15 CENTENNIAL PRESIDENTS PARADE CELEBRATION

The of the Presidents Parade marches on.....

As you all remember, we were asked by District 15 Governor, Joy Smith, to help set up a special celebration for the President's Parade at Fall Conference last October.

We continue now with the **fun facts for pop culture**, what **significant events were going on in the world**, and what **Zonta was doing** during these District 15 club charter years.

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MILFORD - Chartered in 1958 club #422

In 1958 fashion, mini-dresses made their entrance on the Paris runway; the **Microchip** was co-invented; **Elvis Presley** joined the Army, and **Dick Clark** was everywhere!

In the world, the **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** was formed; Syria and Egypt became unified with the **United Arab Republic**; and the **Peace Symbol** was created by a British designer in preparation for anti-nuclear protests in the United Kingdom.

In Zonta, **Emma Conlon** from Paterson Area, New Jersey, was International President. Her platform was, *"Zonta Builds for the World of Tomorrow"*.

BIG RAPIDS AREA - Chartered in 1958 club #424

Continuing in 1958 in pop culture, the TV show **77 Sunset Strip** premiered - (anyone remember **Kookie?**); **Jerry Lee Lewis** debuted his hit **"Great Balls of Fire"**; and the **Wham-O** company introduced the **Hula Hoop!**

In the world, the US launched its **first satellite, Explorer 1**; the **Brussels World Fair, Expo 58**, took place in Belgium; and **Nikita Khrushchev** became Soviet Premier and First Secretary of the **Communist Party**.

Zonta continued to support **The Amelia Earhart Fellowship**, established in 1938, as well as **Z and Golden Z Clubs**, established in 1948.

LENAWEE COUNTY - Chartered 1959 club #435

In 1959, the iconic epic film, **"Ben Hur"** premiered; **Mattel's Barbie Doll** was launched; and pencil skirts were very much in fashion.

In the world, **The Viet-Nam War** began; **Fidel Castro** came to power in Cuba; and **Alaska and Hawaii** became the 49th and 50th state, respectively.

Zonta International, in cooperation with the United Nations World Refugee Year, supported the **Anne Frank Village** to aid refugee families in the Federal Republic of Germany.

ALPENA - Chartered in 1963 club #519

In 1963, **Beatlemania** began; **Zip Codes** were implemented; the **"Smiley Face"** was invented by an insurance firm; and **Capri Pants** for women became popular!

In the world, **Martin Luther King** delivered his **"I Have A Dream"** speech; Russia and the US established their **"hot Line"** to prevent possible nuclear war; and **President John F. Kennedy** was assassinated.

And Zonta International was granted roster-level status by the **United Nations Economic and Social Council**.

PETOSKEY AREA - Chartered in 1971 club #683

In 1971, **Etch-A-Sketch** and the game **Operation** were invented; bellbottom pants made their appearance; **Janis Joplin** released "Me and Bobby McGee", while **Marvin Gaye** released "What's going on?" about police brutality.

In the world, the **Microprocessor** was invented; **voting age** in the USA was lowered to 18 years of age; and the **Soviet Union** launched the first **space station**

And **Zonta International** launched its first partnership with a UN agency, the **United Nations Relief and Works Agency for the Vocational and Teacher Training Center for Women in Ramallah, Jordan.**

MARQUETTE AREA - Chartered in 1975 club #713

In 1975, **Saturday Night Live** debuted on NBC; **Elton John** released "Lucy In The Sky with Diamonds"; and **polyester fabric** was used for almost all clothing!

In the world, the company **Microsoft** was created; **Patty Hearst** appeared on the FBI's Most Wanted list; the **Vietnam War ended**; and the **Suez Canal** reopened.

Zonta International President Eleanor Jammal and **UN Committee Chairman Harriette Yeckel** served as Zonta's official delegates to the **UN International Women's Year Conference in Mexico City, Mexico.**

EAST LANSING AREA - Chartered in 1975 club #776

Also in 1975, **Bruce Springsteen** released his third album, **Born To Run**, widely regarded as one of the greatest of all time; the original movie **Jaws** was released; and the **Leisure Suit** for men was created.

In the world, The British Conservative Party chose it's first women leader, **Margaret Thatcher**; **NASA** launched the first joint **United States and Soviet Union space flight**; and former **ZI President Helvie Sipila**, served as the first female **Secretary General of the United Nations!**

Zonta continued to support The **Pan African Training and Research Center for Women** project in cooperation with the **U.S. Fund for UNICEF**. This program, initiated in 1974, focused on the recruitment and financing of the **African Women's Volunteer Task Force**, which addressed the needs of women in rural areas.

GAYLORD AREA - Chartered in 1976 club #780

In 1976, popular music included **Queen, Diana Ross, and ABBA.**

The "**Fonzy**" jacket and **Rugby shirts** were popular for men, and women's fashions were more into **Individualism and self-expression** - in other words, it was the "**Anything Goes Era**".

In the world, **Nadia Comaneci** won 3 gold medals at the **Montreal Olympics** with seven perfect scores; the **United States** took part in **Bicentennial** celebrations; and **Isabel Peron** was deposed as the **President of Argentina** by a military coup.

In **Zonta**, the **Pan African Training and Research Center for Women** project ended. **Zonta** initiated the **Colombian Urban Slum** project in cooperation with the **U.S. Fund for UNICEF** and the **Colombian Government.**

MORE NEXT MONTH.....!