



Zonta Beacon

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

President's Message

I hope this finds you and your family safe and well. It has been quite an experience, hasn't it? Like everything else, our business has been put on hold until we re-open and find our new normal. While it's frustrating to be unable to carry out business, it could be so much worse. I've combined the past three months in this newsletter. We still DO have business that we have to deal with.

I'm hoping everyone takes the time to read this through.

Take care and we'll connect on Tuesday!

Carla

May Meeting

Tuesday, May 26th, 6:00 PM

PLACE of MEETING: ZOOM from your home! We did it last month and it was fun to "see" and connect with everybody. Watch your email for the invite, meeting number and password.

Agenda / Program

- Review ZI's Officer Board and Slate candidates and proposals
- Briefly discuss potential projects

Please RSVP to Ramona by noon on Tuesday, May 26th if you CANNOT attend.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Zonta International Proposed Amendments to Bylaws, Rules of Procedure, etc.

The Officer Candidate bios, as well as the proposals and amendments from Zonta International, were sent to you last month. (I will re-send that in case you've misplaced it.) While you're home, please take the opportunity to peruse the bios of the potential candidates as well as the long list of proposals, proposed amendments and the Zonta International Service Projects. **Doing so will help you understand the rationale for each proposed amendment, etc.**

Ramona has kindly agreed to once again review all of that for us and present it in an abbreviated form at the meeting with her recommendations. Your familiarity with this will help speed things up. - *it's the least we can do!*

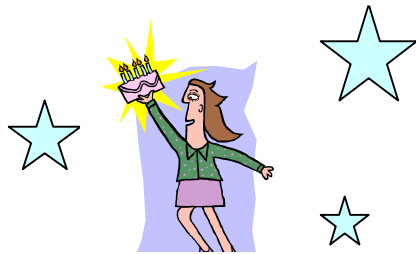
Hopefully, we can quickly go through it to agree on how our vote should go for the International Convention (voting will be online).

It's tedious, but every two years we have to do it!

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success....!"

~ Henry Ford

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Georgann - April 27th

Possible Local Service - who might be able to use our help?

Our club continues to look for organizations (in addition to First Step) and projects to support. Here are **three different ones** to look at. These aren't our only options, but at least we can start by looking at these.

Please take the time to visit each of the **websites** listed and try to form an opinion on how we could participate / support them - be it fundraising or hands on.

If everyone does their part in some investigating, it makes it easier to discuss.

1. SANCTUM HOUSE

A sanctuary for women survivors of Human Trafficking.

Started in 2018. Has a two-year program in which Residents of Sanctum House will be moving towards a life of transformation in body, mind and spirit. The program consists of several components and phases to achieve fulfillment in all areas of the person's life. These individual programs are in collaboration with their community partners. It's a 501(c)3 org.

Visit www.sanctumhouse.org to see ways our club could become involved.

2. THE WOMEN'S CENTER OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

MISSION: Women's Center of Southeastern Michigan is dedicated to the economic and emotional self-determination of women, girls and families.

VISION: That women will identify and magnify their strengths to achieve economic and emotional health.

It's a 501(c)3.

Provides several services for women in crises, including: personal counseling, financial coaching, job coaching, community resources, divorce help and support, legal council, moms and infants, black women support group, etc.

Several opportunities to volunteer and/or fundraise. Please visit the website

www.womenscentersemi.org to see how we could help.

3. DAYS FOR GIRLS

MISSION: To create a more dignified, free and educated world through access to lasting feminine hygiene solutions. (they are 501(c)3.)

The **DfG Kits** for feminine hygiene are delivered to vulnerable girls and women around the world. Kits include a washable, long-lasting pad

There are chapters and teams; our closest one is the Livonia/Farmington team. I actually heard the head of this team speak at the Farmington Rotary meeting this past week.

They are currently somewhat distracted as they are making masks, at a fast pace. They can use help sewing, assembling, getting funds for sending/ mailing kits, getting fabric etc.

Please visit www.daysforgirls.org and then the Livonia/Farmington team to see how we could help.

ZONTA DISTRICT 15 CENTENNIAL PRESIDENTS PARADE CELEBRATION

The review 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

(I hesitated to include this now, but we may as well continue, right? In February we stopped at Zonta Club of Gaylord Area, chartered in 1976. Here is more....)



SAULT STE. MARIE AREA - Chartered in 1978 club #839

In 1978, prominent fashion trends included flared or "bell-bottom" pants; popular music included the Commodores and the BeeGees; the first ever Cellular Mobile Phone was released; and NASA unveiled the first group of women astronauts!!

NW WAYNE COUNTY AREA - Chartered in 1979 club #880

In 1979, Michael Jackson released his break-through album, "Off the Wall"; the game Trivial Pursuit was launched; and Sony produced the Walkman, which sold for \$200!

In the world, The Three Mile Island nuclear incident occurred in Pennsylvania; China's One Child policy began; American hostages were taken in Iran; and Margaret Thatcher became the first woman Prime Minister in United Kingdom.

Zonta continued to support the Columbian Urban Slum Project .

ROGERS CITY AREA - Chartered in 1980 club #928

In 1980, popular movies were Nine to Five and Raging Bull; the Rubik's Cube went on sale; and the world tuned-in to find out *Who Shot JR!*

In the world, the US led the boycott of the Moscow Olympics to protest the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan; Yassar Arafat was elected the President of the Palestinian National Council; and Ronald Reagan was elected US President.

The Zonta International President was Evelyn Dewitt of Binghamton New York. Her platform was: "*The Voice of Zonta Shall be Heard Throughout the World.*"

IRON MTN - KINGSFORD AREA - Chartered in 1981 club #997

In 1981, metallic shawls and lace collars were popular in fashion; 3M Corp. started to sell **Post-It notes**; the **MTV Channel** was initiated; and **IBM** launched its first PC !

In the world, Lady Diana Spencer **married Prince Charles**; the **Iranian Hostage Crises** ended; the **AIDS virus** was identified; and President Ronald Reagan appointed **Sandra Day O'Connor** to the **Supreme Court**.

In Zonta, Shirley K Schneider, from Springfield, Ohio was **ZI President**. Her platform was "*Share with Others and Serve with Love*".

DETROIT II - Chartered in 1983 club #1061

In 1983, **leg warmers** were popular in women's fashion; **Vanessa Williams** was crowned Miss America; the **Mario Brothers Nintendo** arcade game was released; and **Microsoft Word** was launched.

In the world, the **United States invaded Grenada**; the **US Embassy** was bombed in Beirut; **Margaret Thatcher** won by a landslide in the general election in the UK; and **Sally Ride** became the **first American woman** in space aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger.

And Zonta Partnered with **UNICEF** to fund the **Sri Lanka Well Water Project**. This provided safe drinking water to 350,000 dry zone settlers.

MICHIGAN CAPITOL AREA - Chartered in 1984 club #1081

In 1984, The **MTV Music Video Awards** started; **Mary Lou Retton** won a **Gold Medal** in gymnastics; popular **movies** were The Karate Kid and Terms of Endearment; and the Wendy's classic "**Where's the Beef?**" commercial provided much amusement!

In the world, The **USSR and Soviet Block** **boycotted the Summer Olympic Games** in Los Angeles; the **first un-tethered space walk** took place on the Space Shuttle Challenger's 10th mission; and **DNA profiling** was developed

In Zonta, the **Zonta International Foundation** was established

ROSCOMMON COUNTY - Chartered in 1984 club #1086

In 1984, **Sony and Phillips** introduced the first commercial **CD Players**, and women's fashion was dominated by what was at the time known as "menswear". Many women completed the look by cutting hair short; it was bold, risky, and very much in style!!

In the world, The original **Apple Macintosh** computer went on sale; British and Irish **USSR pop musicians** formed **Band Aid** (song- "Do they know it's Christmas?") to help with **famine relief in Ethiopia**; and **Ghandi** was **assassinated** by two Sikh bodyguards while walking to his prayer meeting.

Zonta continued to support the **Well Water Project** in Sri Lanka.

BENZIE AREA - Chartered in 1986 club #1138

In 1986, popular films were "Ghost Busters" and "Gremlins". The long, full wool coat emerged as everyone's favorite fashion. The Oprah Winfrey show debuted nationally.

In the world, smoking was banned on all public US transport. Following a number of trouble free years in Space Exploration, the Space Shuttle "Challenger" exploded shortly after take off; it was watched by people live on TV around the world. Six and a half million people participated in the Hands Across America Charity Event, which raised money to help people in poverty through local charities.

And Zonta International became the first NGO to support UNIFEM (United Nations Development Fund for Women).

LEELANAU - Chartered in 1988 club #1203

In 1988, popular movies included "Rain Man", "Die Hard" and "A Fish Called Wanda". Fashion wise, vintage was popular - pencil shirts and Bomber jackets.

The US Senate ratified the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union, mandating that the USSR and United States eliminate all short-range and intermediate-range nuclear and conventional missiles. The treaty was negotiated between President Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev.

In Zonta, Loma, Togo, was welcomed as the 1,000th club, while Zonta continued to support the Well Water Project in Sri Lanka.

ALPENA TRI COUNTY - Chartered in 1989 club #1215

In 1989, popular movies were "When Harry Met Sally" and "Honey I Shrunk the Kids." Fashion-wise, linen, wool and silk were the fabrics of choice.

In the world, Israel and the PLO began preliminary talks; the Berlin Wall and East German government were both dismantled; and the Ayatollah Khomeini, supreme leader of Iran, died at age 86.

And Zonta, in partnership with UNIFEM, worked to increase the income of 200 rural women and their families through the Production, Processing and Marketing of Rootcrops Service Project in the Philippines.

CHARLEVOIX - Chartered in 1989 club #1238

Also in 1989, a gallon of gas cost \$.97 and a postage stamp cost was \$.25! The fashion focus in 1989 was on jackets as the staple of most women's wardrobes.

In the world, the 486 series of microprocessor was released by INTEL, opening the way for the next generation of much more powerful PCs; Microsoft released Office Suite; and in Prince William Sound in Alaska, the EXXON Valdez spilled 240,000 barrels of oil after running aground.

In Zonta, the International Service included Women's Agricultural Cooperative Project in Brazil in cooperation with UNIFEM. This project assisted 800 participants through the establishment of agricultural cooperatives.