



# Zonta Beacon

The Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi Area Newsletter  
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## President's Message

Greetings!

It is so difficult to find time and energy at this time of year! I apologize for the tardiness of this newsletter. As usual, it's combined (November/December), but it's once again a little late.

I hope everyone enjoyed a **Happy Thanksgiving!** Now we look forward to the Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa season, where we once again gather with friends and family.

However you celebrate, I wish all of you a blessed and wonderful holiday season with those you love.

See you at the party!!

*Carla*



## December Christmas/ Holiday Party



Here are some details about the party:

- Cost for dinner - \$20 (pay Ramona)
- Bring or send unwrapped gifts/gift cards for First Step. A FS WISHLIST can be accessed at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). Also see info on FS Adopt a Family Program; website [www.firststdp-mi.org](http://www.firststdp-mi.org)
- Bring a **\$10 grab bag gift** to exchange (and possibly steal back!)
- There will be soda, coffee, decaf coffee and tea. If you would like to drink something else, (such as wine, etc.), please feel free to bring!
- We expect that you'll attend, so you'll need to RSVP to Carla if you CAN'T come, etc.
- See contact info and directions on last page of this newsletter.



*Maybe Christmas, he thought,  
doesn't come from a store;  
Maybe Christmas - perhaps -  
means a little bit more...  
~ Theodor Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss)  
"The Grinch"*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



**Ramona - December 21**

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## Poinsettia Sale

### Just Beautiful!!

As you know, Tricia will have your order at our Christmas party on December 10th.



Or you can make other arrangements with Tricia for delivery. **Thank you, Tricia, for your hard work!**

## 16 Days of Activism

The **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence** against women is an international campaign originating from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute. "16 Days," as it has become known, was launched and continues to be coordinated by the **Center for Women's Global Leadership**.

November /December 2019 Edition

*The dates for the campaign were chosen to link violence against women and human rights and emphasize that gender-based violence against women is a violation of human rights: since 1991, the campaign has been active between **November 25, the International Day Against Violence Against Women**, and **December 10, International Human Rights Day**.*

This 16-day period also highlights other significant dates including November 29, International Women Human Rights Defenders Day; December 1, World AIDS Day; and December 6, which marks the Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre.

The **16 Days Campaign** is an organizing strategy for individuals and groups around the world to call for the elimination of all forms of gender-based violence against women and to:

- raise awareness about gender-based violence against women as a human rights issue at the local, national, regional and international levels
- strengthen local work around gender-based violence against women
- establish a clear link between local and international work to end gender-based violence against women
- provide a forum in which organizers can develop and share new and effective strategies
- demonstrate the solidarity of women around the world organizing against gender-based violence against women
- create tools to pressure governments to implement commitments to eliminate gender-based violence against women

**Over 6000+ organizations in approximately 187 countries have participated in the 16 Days Campaign since 1991, with a reach of 300 million.**

To read more about our new vision for the campaign, visit:

<https://16dayscampaign.org/about-the-campaign/from-16-to-365/>

# "16 Days" and Zonta Farmington Novi

Many thanks to those of you who are actively posting on social media for the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign (25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to 10 December, Human Rights Day)



This year our club has also decided to join with other Zonta clubs (Troy S Oakland, Southfield Area, Detroit II and Metro Detroit) to sponsor a billboard at 14 mile and I 75 From Dec 9 - Dec 15.

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## DIRECTIONS for Holiday Party

December 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM  
Carla Boyes' Home



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Christmas/Holiday Party

**Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019**

Carlas' Home

Bring or send unwrapped gift(s) or gift cards for First Step (see FS WISH LIST smile.amazon.com).

Also bring a \$10 Grab-Bag gift to share

### January Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 - 6:00 pm

Bravo

Board attendance is expected; others please RSVP to Carla if coming

### January General Meeting

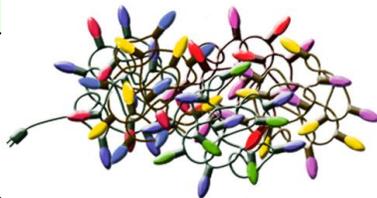
Tuesday, January 28, 2020 - 6:15 pm

### Valentine's Party @ First Step

February - date and plans to be discussed

*You can tell a lot about a person by how they handle three things: a rainy day, lost luggage and tangled Christmas tree lights.*

*~ Maya Angelou*



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