



# Zonta Beacon

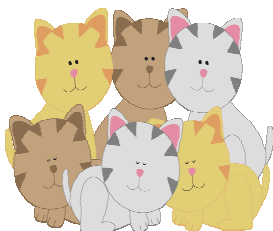
The Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi Area Newsletter  
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## President's Message

*Definition of Volunteer: a person who performs or offers to perform a service of his/her own free will.*

A friend of mine recently approached me to volunteer at a Petco that has rescue cats/kittens for adoption. I go every Friday and play with them while she cleans their litter box and feeds them. It has been wonderful to see them come out of their shells. In fact, two have recently been adopted!

Please remember that being a Zontian is being a volunteer for something you believe in.

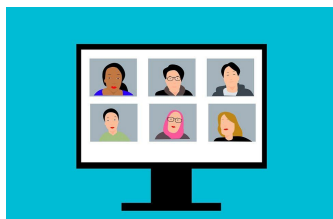


*Patty*

## February Meeting

Tuesday, February 22, 6:00 PM

PLACE of MEETING: **ZOOM from your home** (or wherever you are!). Watch your email from Patty for the invite, meeting number and password.



Please let Ramona @ 734-464-1135 or [yodamom12@yahoo.com](mailto:yodamom12@yahoo.com) **by noon on Tuesday, February 22nd** if you **CANNOT** attend. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

## Zonta Rose Day / International Women's Day March 8, 2022



*The following is a reprint from a former newsletter. It serves as a reminder of why we celebrate Zonta Rose Day*

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.

## 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.

Please visit the website

[www.womenscentersemi.org](http://www.womenscentersemi.org)

As you know, we have supported the Women's Center fundraising events the past few years by first providing an auction item and then with a contribution/donation as a sponsor. We also donated our paper products to them.

We love the work they do, and the Board will be presenting an option for club members to consider for Zonta Rose Day at our meeting this month. Stay tuned.....

# PILLOWS



*One again, a reprint from another newsletter. Because it's so much our focus these days.....*

We continue to make a meaningful difference in our communities as we are providing Henry Ford Hospital, St. Joe's, Ypsi and St. Mary's, Livonia with Mastectomy Pillows.

It would be great if every member would contribute to the work needed for this project - no amount of help is too small!!

Check with Patty if you can give some time to help....

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Zonta February General Meeting  
Tuesday, February 22, 2022  
6 PM - ZOOM

ZONTA ROSE DAY  
Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Zonta March General Meeting  
Tuesday, March 22, 2022

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DISTRICT 15 VIRTUAL SPRING  
WORKSHOP  
April 9, 2022

ZONTA FARMINGTON NOVI  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING EVENT  
Date TBD - May?

Zonta International Convention  
June 25-28, 2022

# WHY ZONTA? A REVIEW OF OUR COMMITMENT

*The following information is taken from the Zonta International website. It's good to remind ourselves why we got involved. And maybe it will serve as a review of background info as we are asked to consider bringing new members into our club.....*

## MISSION

**Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.**

## VISION

**Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential.**

**In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men.**

**In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.**

**We believe in making the world a better place by empowering women. We find joy in doing this in a supportive community of like-minded professionals from diverse countries and cultures.**

**OUR CAUSES:** Zonta stands for women's rights. We advocate for equality, education and an end to child marriage and gender-based violence.

**OUR PROGRAMS:** Zonta expands opportunities for women and girls through our international education programs and service projects.

**OUR NEWS AND EVENTS:** We shall not rest until women's rights are recognized as human rights. See the actions our members and partners are taking to achieve our mission. (visit [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org))

## GLOBAL INITIATIVES

### **We will End Child Marriage**

**Almost 650 million women alive today were married before turning 18.**

### **We say NO to Violence Against Women and Girls**

**About 2 in 3 women have experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner.**

### **We will Close the Gender Gap in education**

**Every additional year of primary school increases girls' eventual wages by 10-20 percent.**