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Janice showed a Zonta Club of Concord 50th birthday celebration flashback Power-Point at the July social. These are just a few of the highlights from the celebration at The Red Blazer in 2009!

United States Zonta: Advocacy Caucus

As the advocacy representative to the US Caucus from District 1, I attended a meeting via Zoom a few weeks ago. There were about 30 in attendance, and the goal was to establish committees and then determine a mission and first steps in each.

It was determined that we would have a Child Marriage Committee, an ERA Committee, a Gender Equality Committee and a Women's Empowerment Committee.

I was assigned to the Child Marriage Committee. When we broke out into our committees, we got to report on what our Districts had done so far on the issue. Several had done nothing, but one had gotten as far as getting to wear their veils at a rally and doing a postcard party. It would seem that when things open up again, we should get our District at least as up to speed as what our own club has accomplished.

I will also be bringing back to our next caucus meeting some information that I got from a Webinar I attended this afternoon after learning about it from Lynn Stanley. It was about forced marriage in the refugee and immigrant communities. It would be a mistake to put child marriage, arranged marriage and forced marriage all in the same pot. All must be treated differently and with a different lens. It was heartening to see that, by the skin of our teeth, we would no longer be in the list of states who have not raised the minimum age to marry to at least 16. Next step: get us into the list of states with no marriages under 18.

More news after the Caucus meets again.
Donna

Stay safe & enjoy the "dog days of summer"!

Dates to Remember

August Cocktail Gathering with a fun Zonta memory presentation ZOOM format	Wed., Aug. 5th 6:00 pm Invites to Zoom sent out by Janice on Tues., Aug. 4th
August Board Meeting ZOOM format	NOTE: NEW DAY! Thurs., Aug. 27th 6:00 pm
September Business Meeting FORMAT TBD	Wed., Sept. 2nd 5:30 pm

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Congratulation & best wishes to those of you celebrating your birthdays in August & September:

*August 24—Cheryl Mitchell
September 10—Janice Severance
September 18—Adriane Gish & Terry Timmerman*

Wishing you all a memorable day!



Don't forget to share your COVID-19 crisis story for future Concord Zontians to read! Donna emailed us suggested "prompts" for us to use to document our experiences and place our stories in the Zonta Club archives located in the Concord Room at the public library. If you need a new copy of her suggestions, please email her. Your story will give our future Zonta sisters an idea of what it was like to live through such a turbulent time.

THANK YOU from the Crisis Center of Central New Hampshire:

Dear Zonta Club of Concord Members:
 No words can adequately express our gratitude and excitement at your generous gift. Your continued support has made it possible to positively impact the lives of victims & survivors. The gift cards will help shelter clients enormously. Thank you!

 Team CCCNH

THANK YOU Joyce, Ellis, Sue M, and Janice for your time in reviewing the 2019-2020 club financials. The reviewers found the club's books well-organized and in very accountable condition. "Cheryl Mitchell, is a very capable treasurer and is an asset to our club", as stated in the financial review letter.

Thank you, Cheryl, for all your efforts to document and maintain our fiscal records!

CONGRATULATIONS to Marianne Barter for being awarded the Granite United Way's 2020 Advocate Award! This award was for being a leading advocate around the importance of investing in a comprehensive, high-quality infrastructure of early childcare, education, and programs supporting family wellbeing.

We're so proud of you!

News at the ZONTA INTERNATIONAL level

The Zonta International elections, bylaws, resolutions confirmation, and international services projects voting is done! It was a smooth, well thought out and orchestrated on line voting process this year. Thank you to all the members who supported the motion to allow me as your club delegate, & alternative delegate, Donna, to vote on your behalf. Janice & Donna spent time reviewing each proposed bylaw change along with the proposed resolutions and received some input from club members on such.

There were many qualified candidates for the various international positions which made it a bit of a challenge in the selection process. One run-off election for the International Vice President had to be completed following the general vote.

Some of the key international positions were won by:

- Ute Scholz, President-Elect from Germany
- Winnie Teoh, Vice President from Hong Kong
- Mari McKenzie, Treasurer/Secretary from the Zonta Club of Saginaw, USA
- Mary Ann Rubis, Nominating Committee from the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley, USA
 Mary Ann is a former District 1 Governor.

A worldwide representation, for sure!

