November Business Meeting
Agenda:

- “This is my story…”
- October Minutes
- September Final & October to date Financial Reports
- Committee Reports

Program speaker:
We will welcome Linda Douglas, Trauma Specialist from the NH Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence. She will join us via Zoom.

NOTE: We will not partake in the $ For Your Thoughts or 50/50 Raffle at this first meeting to keep the meeting and Zoom time down for health and Zoom sanity reasons.

Upcoming Committee Meeting Dates:

Service
Tues., Nov. 24 @ 8:15 a.m. via Zoom

Scholarship
Tues., Nov. 10 @ 5:00 p.m. via Zoom

Ways $ Means
Date TBD @ 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

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In honor of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, I couldn’t resist to try & replicate her look (well, somewhat) as we honored and remembered this remarkable woman during our October Business Meeting. Many members participated via Zoom while others attended in person.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS!
Congratulation & best wishes to those of you celebrating your birthdays in Nov. & Dec.:

November 6—Sharon St. Onge
November 18—Carol Bagan
December 5—Rebecca Barnwell
December 8—Karla Roth

Wishing you all a memorable day!

JUST IN……

OUR NOVEMBER 4TH BUSINESS MEETING MAY BE HELD VIA ZOOM ONLY WITH NO DINNER AT THE RED BLAZER!

WATCH YOUR EMAILS ON MONDAY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Janice & Carolyn
Our Zonta sister, Mary Jane Wallner, was awarded the *NH Democratic Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Award* for her advocacy on economic and social issues during her 40 years in the NH House. She was presented the award during the Kennedy-Clinton Dinner where a large number of activists watched and participated in this virtual event. The theme for the event was “Outspoken” in honor of Eleanor Roosevelt’s leadership of civil rights in the early days of the movement. Congratulations, Mary Jane!

A very grateful “thank you” to Sharon for paying The Red Blazer gratuity bill for our business meeting in October. What a wonderful “treat” which didn’t require any “tricks” from us. How very generous of you!

**The “Adorables Baskets”**

The project to bring joy to the residents of two local nursing homes is well under way. Carol has been receiving your generous donations and has well over 100 “adorables”. Rockingham Nursing Home would like their donations wrapped and Merrimack County Nursing Home does not. We will get an update from Carol at our Business Meeting.

**“GOT BOOKCASES”**

Sue would like to expand the number of books for sale at the “Book Nook” downstairs at Hilltop Consignment, but needs additional bookcases. If you or anyone you know has an extra bookcase they no longer need, a donation would be greatly appreciated. Or if you see a “free” one on a side street pick it up or call Sue, Terry or myself to pick it up...just needs to be in good condition. Book sales are strong and Sue foresees them even stronger through the coming winter months during this pandemic.

**16 Days of Activism** Against Gender-Based Violence is an international campaign to challenge violence against women and girls. The campaign runs every year from November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to December 10, Human Rights Day.

**NH Legislative Services Request (LSR) on Child Marriage:**

2021-0003 HB entitled “Raising the Minimum Age of Marriage” sponsored by Cassandra Levesque and others. Bill language not available until December or January.

*From Lynn who will keep us informed on this bill.*
ZONTA CLUB OF CONCORD’S HOLIDAY APPEAL

An appeal letter has or will be going out immediately in lieu of holding our in-person annual Holiday Auction. This letter gives our previous auction attendees, friends, family and co-workers a chance to still support women by donating to our Ante-Up for Education Scholarship Campaign and/or purchasing a balsam wreath designed by Marshall’s Florist to benefit our New American Merit Award. Each donator will have the opportunity to designate the scholarship they feel most passionate about or they will have the option to let our club decide which one is in most need of funding. Each scholarship donator is entitled to a raffle chance to win a Wine Tasting for Six at WINE ON MAIN donated by Marie & Pat Lang. The letter is being sent out using our annual auction mailing list, will be forwarded via email to those we have e-addresses on, through our club’s Facebook and website pages, Concord Patch, Linkedin, The Insider, and we ask that you post the information on your Facebook pages and share. You have or will receive your copy for dissemination and use via email.

This is a way for us to keep Zonta in the minds of our past supporters and give them a chance to help our mission to empower women during this pandemic.

Wishing our Zonta sisters, Mary Jane Wallner and Lorrie Carey, success in their bids to represent their respective districts in the New Hampshire House of Representatives in the General Election on Tuesday. We’re proud to have two of our club members wanting to take on the many challenges of the House and we thank you for campaigning.

A NEW NAME

ZI President Sharon Langenbeck has announced that the Zonta International Foundation will now be known as the Zonta Foundation for Women!

She says that ZI is excited about this new name because:

Zonta is, and always has been, about empowering women. This new name puts our work on behalf of women and girls front and center.

Operating under a name that includes the word “women” will help elevate visibility and provide immediate recognition of what the Foundation stands for.

Over the last century, Zonta has contributed more than $45.9 million to empower women and girls and expand their access to education, health care, economic opportunities, and safe living conditions.

The 2020-2022 grant cycle will provide $5,280,000 for programs that address the root causes of gender discrimination and have the potential to bring about positive and sustainable societal changes. The major grant recipients for its 2020-2022 grant cycle are:

- Adolescent Girls’ Health and Protection in Peru
- Delivering Survivor-Centered Response to Gender-Based Violence Survivors in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste
- Let Us Learn Madagascar
- The Global Programme to End Child Marriage

Zonta will continue to provide opportunities for women and girls pursuing education, careers and leadership roles in male-dominated fields through its own educational programs and awards:

- Amelia Earhart Fellowships
- Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships
- Woman in Technology Scholarship
- Young Women in Public Affairs Awards

Here’s to Strong Women
MAY WE KNOW THEM
MAY WE BE THEM
MAY WE RAISE THEM
FROM THE ZONTA FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN: As we experience uncertainty in these unprecedented times, kindness unites us as a global community. Everyone has the power to make a positive difference in the lives of others by giving to those in need. Through the collective efforts of Zonta’s members, we can make a measurable impact in the lives of women and girls across the world.

Typically, donations collected at the Zonta International Convention build a solid foundation toward meeting our fundraising goals. Unfortunately, we lost this opportunity because the 2020 Convention was canceled due to COVID-19. The Every Member Every November District Challenge was created to build up this base while also allowing for some friendly inter-district competition.

We encourage each member to make a personal gift through their district’s team, or the individual member team, in support of Zonta’s international service projects. With each gift, your district has the opportunity to be promoted within the Zonta community.

• What will your gift do?
  $50 could provide antenatal care kits to four pregnant adolescent girls in Niger, promoting better health, including preventing anemia and low birth weight of newborns, frequent health threats for girls who are married at a young age and their children.
  $100 could enable three girls in Madagascar to benefit from a comprehensive three-month life skills course, which will equip them with the strategies to reduce violence, protect themselves and improve social cohesion.
  $250 could provide three adolescent girls in Peru with access to quality, comprehensive and gender-sensitive adolescent health care, with an emphasis on mental health and violence prevention, and who will attend schools that can address all types of violence.

Challenge Prizes
Top Districts
The top district that raises the most will receive a full-page profile in an upcoming issue of The Zontian. The second and third place districts will be featured in the newsletter.

Mini Challenges

Challenge 2: 10-20 November - District that has the most members make their first-ever personal donation to the Foundation during the challenge period. Prize: Will receive special social media mention.

Final Bonus Challenge: 1 December (Giving Tuesday) – District that raises the most on this day. Prize: Special video message from International President Sharon Langenbeck will be sent to the governor and foundation ambassador to be shared with the district and posted on Zonta’s YouTube.

MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN DONATE TO THIS CAMPAIGN WILL BE SENT OUT WITH THE NOVEMBER BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA.