January Business Meeting:

- October, November & December Business Meeting Minutes
- October & November Final & December 22 to date Financial Reports
- Committee Reports

Program: TBA

Upcoming Committee Meeting Dates:

Service
Tues., Jan. 26 @ 8:15 a.m. via Zoom

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

Ways $ Means
Thurs., Jan. 14 @ 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ZONTA CLUB OF CONCORD’S “Can’t Wait to Vaccinate” Education Campaign

The Zonta Club’s Service Committee & Board want to spread the word of how vital it is that we each do our part to stop this pandemic, including getting vaccinated when possible. We encourage all of our members to wear these pins, if you feel comfortable doing so, to show our support for eradicating this virus we’ve lived with for almost a year.

We will discuss the pin promotion & dissemination process during our January Business Meeting.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS!
Congratulation & best wishes to those of you celebrating your birthdays in January & February:

January 3 — Christine Griffin
January 8 — Sue McCoo
January 11 — Marie Lang
We have to find a member who has a February birthday :-) Wishing you all a memorable day!

GOOD BYE 2020
Welcome 2021

January Business Meeting
ZOOM format
Jan. 6th
6:00 pm
Invites to Zoom sent out by Janice on Tues., Jan. 5th

January Board Meeting
ZOOM format
Wed., Jan. 20th
@ 6:15 pm

February Business Meeting
FORMAT TBD
Wed., Feb. 3rd
6:00 pm

CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
The club’s Scholarship Committee has been busy posting the applications for the following scholarships:

- New American Merit Award
- Young Women in Public Affairs Award
- Zonta Memorial Scholarship NHTI, Concord’s Community College

These applications have been posted on the club’s website, www.zontaclubofconcordnh.org, and are being advertised in the local media.

If you know of any woman who might qualify for any of these scholarships, please contact them and refer them to our website.

We hope to get lots of great applicants on or before January 15, 2021.
**“Adorables” Baskets**

We haven’t heard anything from Rockingham or Merrimack County Nursing Homes but I’m sure our baskets of “adorables” were well received and we made the holidays of the residents a bit more festive. Thank you for all your donations to this holiday project. A special “thank you” to Carol for coordinating it!

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**16 Days of Activism**

Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women and Girls

A “Letter to the Editor” of the Concord Monitor published Saturday, December 12:

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CRISIS CENTER OF CENTRAL NEW HAMPSHIRE

On behalf of the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, I am reaching out to thank the Zonta Club of Concord, NH for your very generous donation of $500. Our work is possible because of donors like you. Your gift helps to ensure that survivors, who are under increased pressure and danger during these unprecedented times, will continue to have access to life-saving services.

Thank you, to all of our friends at Zonta for standing with survivors in these uncertain times. Lyn M. Schollett, Executive Director

(abridged version of letter, ed.)

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**A statement on violence against women**

The Zonta Club of Concord would like to express our sincere appreciation to The Hotel Concord for partnering with us and lighting up its architectural eyebrow in orange for our international 16 Days of Activism and Zonta Says No! to Violence Against Women. Seen from downtown and from the interstate, it was a declaration of solidarity in this struggle, and we are most grateful. Zonta is an NGO of the United Nations, and we join them in the U.N. Women’s goal of eliminating gender-based violence by 2030.

Thank you to The Hotel Concord for lighting up the sky with the message.

DONNA RAYCRAFT
Concord

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**Dear Members of Zonta,**

On behalf of the Board of Directors & Staff of Womenkind Counseling Center, thank you so much for your recent $1,000.00 donation. Thank you, to your kind generosity, people with limited resources will be able to receive mental health services.

Sincerely,
Jessica Nichols, LMHC

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

Wishing all of the Zonta members are safe and bright Holiday and New Year.

I appreciate all you have done for us this year. I am looking forward to the day we all meet in person.

Warmest wishes,

[Signature]

[Caption] May this hopeful season bring us all together in joy and peace.

[Signature]

Jessica Launagan, Committee
ZONTA CLUB OF CONCORD’S HOLIDAY APPEAL IS A SUCCESS!

A big “thank you” to all of our members that contributed along with the many supporters from our community who made this campaign a success! During these unprecedented times, much generosity was shown to us and the women we help with their education.

We received $1,276 (net credit card fees) in wreath sales; $6,872 (net credit card fees) in Ante-Up for Education donations and $2,451 (net credit card fees) in Support Our Mission donations.

The breakdown of the donations and which scholarships they will be allocated toward are:

- New Americans Merit Award (NAMA)=$631 from wreath sales after expenses + $125 from Ante-Up for a total of $756.
- Jane M. Klausman (JMK)=$450
- Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA)=$48
- Zonta Memorial Scholarship=$418
- NHTI Student=$1,100
- Scholarship with a need-based component=$250
- Club Choice=$4,481
- Support Our Mission=$2,451.* These donations have been posted in our Operating Fund for allocation at another time.

*We received a surprise $2,500 donation (net $2,427 after credit card fees) from Andrew Davis of The Davis Agency in Concord at the recommendation of his mother who is good friends with Lynn Stanley’s mom. It made me so happy to see his credit card donation...we don’t get too many of those generous amounts!

Thank you letters have been sent to all who donated.

Congratulations to Susan Dunton who was the winner of the wine tasting party for six at WINE ON MAIN donated by Marie & Pat Lang.

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

THANK YOU TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS WHO HELPED MAKE THIS POSSIBLE!

We haven’t received an official total of the donations made to the above campaign as a tribute to Lisa A. Rule, our long-time Zonta member, but I believe the amount was $600. As soon as we receive a confirmation, I will let Lisa’s family know.

It’s all about the little things!
December 8, 2020

Dear President-elect Biden,

We send our congratulations on your historic victory, and look forward to an Administration with many successes.

We write to you as members of the ERA Coalition, a woman of color-led organization, representing millions of people, more than 115 organizations, leaders across the country, and allied organizations. Our shared goal is to see the Equal Rights Amendment as part of the U.S. Constitution.

We recall your campaign goals for Women – to ensure gender equality in our Constitution. We ask that you make this part of your first 100 days agenda by having your new Administration do the following:

**Urge the U.S. Archivist to publish and certify the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in your first 100 days**

With Virginia’s ratification on January 27, 2020, the amendment has met the 38-state threshold, satisfying all requirements for ratification of an Amendment. The ERA, however, has yet to be certified and published by the Archivist, following the advice issued in a memo from the Trump Administration’s Department of Justice, Office of Legal Counsel. (see attached memo).

**Urge Congress to pass legislation to remove the deadline from the Equal Rights Amendment in the first 100 days of the 117th Congressional session.**

This year the House passed a bill to remove the ratification time limit in the preamble of the 1972 ERA to clear any barriers to its adoption. The Senate companion bill has 49 co-sponsors, including the entire Senate Democratic Caucus and two Republicans. We ask you to work with the closely divided Senate in the 117th Congress to remove the time limit.

We appreciate your leadership on the ERA throughout your career. It has been nearly 100 years since this fight began, we are hopeful to have the opportunity to work with you to see this completed. Together we will create a more equal future, lifting up all women and gender equity, especially women of color, Black, Indigenous, transgender and non-binary people, those most vulnerable to systemic racism and sexism.

Respectfully,
Carol Jenkins
President & CEO, ERA Coalition

⇒ Dear Caucus Members and US Governors,

Please see letter above that ERA Coalition is going to send to President Biden. I believe we should sign on to this as members of the Coalition, but let's get a quick response from each district before asking President Sharon to sign for Zonta USA.

Please let me know your district's vote by tomorrow afternoon, so we have time to make our recommendation and meet the Friday deadline.

I apologize for not following up sooner. My sister-in-law has just died of the same glioblastoma as my husband did 18 months ago. Rushing to try to get Covid test in order to attend mini-funeral.

Thanks for your quick reply.

Warm regards,

Bobbee Cardillo,
Zonta International Advocacy Committee
Zonta USA Caucus

⇒ Dear Megan and President Sharon,

All 13 district with US clubs recommend we sign on to this letter RE the ERA as Zonta USA.

Please let us know if you have any questions and if you can make this happen by the deadline tomorrow.

Thanks so much, Bobbee