April Business Meeting:
- March Business Meeting Minutes
- February Final & March 15 to date Financial Reports
- Committee Reports

Program speaker: We have invited the NHTI, Concord’s Community College scholarship winners to join us to convey a bit of information about themselves and I’m sure to express their gratitude.

Upcoming Committee Meeting Dates:
Service
Tues., April 27 @ 8:15 am via Zoom

Ways $ Means
Thurs., April 15 @ 6:00 pm via Zoom

For those of you who were not able to attend ERA NOW New England’s first event, the recording of Kamala Lopez’s talk can be seen at www.eranownewengland.org/coalition-meetings.

For those of us who did attend and were moved by her words, it’s available to watch again.

Passing the Equal Rights Amendment is probably the most important piece of legislature for which we can advocate this year. Or for as long as it takes to get it passed.

ERA NOW NEW ENGLAND was formed so that women in the New England states can band together to FINALLY get this amendment passed. It has already been passed by the required number of states, but after the bill was formed, an arbitrary time limit was put on the required number of states ratifying. The time limit is NOT part, nor has it ever been, part of the bill. Last week the House voted in favor of removing the time limit (Yay!) and now it has gone to the Senate, which is a very different climate.

The Coalition is seeking more organizations and more individuals to sign on as members (people and organizations who are in favor of the amendment).

Our Board has recommended that our Club sign on as members, pending approval by members, so you’ll be hearing more about this soon. The same thing is happening in the other Zonta clubs in New England. And some of our sisters in Nova Scotia have asked if they could sign in solidarity (the answer is yes!)

What doesn’t need approval is for us as individuals to go to the website: www.eranownewengland.org and sign as an individual.

So watch Kamala’s talk, go to the website and read about the Coalition, and sign on as a member if you are so moved.

Submitted by:
Donna Raycraft
Laura and Janice dropped off 1,200 “Got the Shot” vaccination awareness pins to the administrative personnel at Concord School District during March. The pins will be distributed to the school district teachers and other eligible personnel as well as to those from the Boys & Girls Club, YMCA and other organizations who received their shots during a special vaccination clinic held Sunday, March 21 and March 28.

The Zonta Club of Concord has been collecting feminine hygiene supplies to help address the problem of period poverty and help all women live with dignity. Period poverty refers to the issue of not being able to access the tools you need during your menstrual cycle. Many food pantries and soup kitchens do not have these supplies because they are not items people think to donate. Now, thanks to the Zonta Club we have enough supplies for our female guests. Thank you to all who donated and thank you to the women of the Zonta Club!

ANOTHER THANK YOU FROM A NHTI SCHOLARSHIP RECEPIENT:

(Card) Not Everyone Can Do What You Do... But anyone can see that what you do makes a wonderful difference. THANK YOU for everything you do. This scholarship is going to help me and my family out so much. Denise S.

From: The Friendly Kitchen news & updates...
Your Zonta membership dues for June 1, 2021-May 31, 2022 can now be paid via credit or debit card on line or a check made payable to the Zonta Club of Concord mailed to the club’s post office box (PO Box 1736, Concord, NH 03302-1736). In the next day or so, you will receive an email with a link to a renewal form that you can complete on line and then indicate whether you want to pay your dues by sending in a check or you want to pay it on line. Lynn has created the “Open in Forms” fillable questionnaire with a link to the Square payment site and Laura has set up a Square link to pay your dues on line (scroll down to 2021-2022 Annual Dues then hit Select)...thank you both! Please answer all the questions in the questionnaire which will help to create the club and district directory for 2021-2022. A separate renewal form will be attached to the email if you want to print it out, complete it, and mail it in with your check.

The annual dues amount is the same as last year and actually for a couple years before that. **If you pay by check, the dues amount is $116; if you pay by credit/debit card, the amount is $120 with the additional $4 being charged to cover the transaction processing costs.**

Your dues payment must be made before May 15 to allow our Treasurer, Cheryl, to get the payment to Zonta International & District 1 before the deadline of May 31.

Example of what you’ll receive and need to click on to complete in the email:

**Zonta Club of Concord NH Membership Renewal**

100 “Got the Shot” pins were brought to Pleasant View Center for dissemination to staff. At delivery time, they reported that 70% of their staff had received their vaccinations so they hoped these pins would encourage others to “get the shot” too.

**We all have a “Wonder Woman” inside of us!**

Thanks to the connection made by Sharon St. Onge & her granddaughter, Kristen Cole, Proctor & Gamble donated 87 cases which contained 20,184 feminine pads to our club for dissemination into our community.
Following each Zonta International Convention (last one was held July 2020), changes are made to the Zonta International Bylaws which must be incorporated into the local club’s bylaws. Marie Lang and Joyce Heck have spent many hours this winter working on these bylaws to bring them up-to-date with the provided ZI template and bringing them in line with our current practices as well as the guidelines recommended by ZI.

In the next couple of days, you will receive an email with the “revised” Zonta Club of Concord, NH Bylaws. Please review these before our April 7th Business Meeting so that you can vote to “accept” or “not accept” them when we vote. The Board has voted to accept them as presented but they must be adopted by all members.

Thank you, Joyce & Marie, for your time and expertise revising these Bylaws for us….once again!

The Club’s Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship winner has been selected by the JMK Review Committee and their recommendation will be brought to the Service Committee and Board in April for a vote….stay tuned!

Your Finance & Audit Committee has been busy developing a 2021-2022 Club budget for approval by membership. The Board has reviewed it and you will receive a copy for your consideration in the next day or two via email. Please take the time to review it during this next week because we will be voting on it at our Business Meeting on April 7th.

Thank you to Cheryl, Joyce, Sue and Janice for your commitment to develop a great working financial document!

If you have some time on your hands and would like to help price books at Hilltop for the Book Nook, it would truly be appreciated! Hilltop is open Tuesday - Saturday from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm and Sunday 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Any ??’s, call Sue McCoo or Janice.