**September Business Meeting**
- Minutes & Financial Reports
- Committee Reports
- Membership Directory
- District 1 Fall Conference update
- Secret Sister questionnaire
- Discussion & vote on future business meeting venue options
- Program – video on the history of the Concord Audi building by Carol Bagan
- “OMG, I didn’t know that about you!”

**Upcoming Committee Meeting Dates:**

**Service**
- Tuesday, Sept. 28 (or before) @ 8:15 pm via Zoom

**Ways & Means**
- Thursday, Sept. 9 @ 6:00 pm via Zoom

**Dates to Remember**

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**“GAMES OF CHANCE” FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS!!!**

Once again, thank you to all the members who drove to Hampton to sign in at Aces & Eights during June & July: Diane Lestage, Joyce Heck, Terry Timmerman, Laura Miller, Lynn Stanley, Marie Lang, Susan Lombard, and Janice. Your donation of time and gas is greatly appreciated!

The proceeds, less room rental fees, for the full 10 games in June & July benefiting Zonta was $5,046. We had expenses of $298 so the net income to us is $4,748!

**A SUCCESSFUL MARKET DAYS BOOK SALE, despite the weather!**

Once again we had a successful book sale in front of Hilltop Consignment from Aug. 19-21! The rainy weather certainly was not our friend on Thursday and the remaining days a bit sticky, but you all persevered! As of this date, the net income is $1,459 which will be applied toward our various scholarships!!

A huge “thank you” to Sue McCoo for allowing us to sell the books in front of Hilltop Consignment and for the manpower (literally) that she had scheduled to help get the books upstairs and then outside, and to help us put up the tents & weights! A grateful thank you to Paul & Marshall Matthews for their sheer strength relocating the unsold books back to Hilltop’s basement. Thank you Terry T. for coordinating the logistics of the fundraiser, and to all who sold the books each day. I hope you were able to get to know each other a bit better while working together.

**ZONTA DISTRICT 1 FALL CONFERENCE**

sponsored by our club will be held Friday night, Oct. 22 and Saturday morning, Oct. 23, so please mark your calendars and plan to be on Zoom!

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS!**

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

- **September** — 10 J Severance; 18 A Gish & T Timmerman
- **October** — 02 J Heck; 25 M J Wallner

Wishing you all a memorable day!
In the latest newsletter from the Coalition, the Zonta Club of Concord NH, Inc. was thanked and listed as a Business & Organization Supporter along with many others within the community!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT held on August 3rd at Rollins Park was once again well attended by members of the community. Laura, Joyce and Janice set up a booth and promoted Zonta’s vaccination awareness program by giving out our “Got the Shot” and “Can’t Wait to Vaccinate” buttons to many of the attendees. Some of the younger girls will be wearing our “I run like a GIRL, try to keep up” pins & stickers when school starts.

We received some interest from women who might like to join our club and were interested in our mission, and follow-up with these women is taking place. Also, we have added names to our mailing list who expressed interest in our upcoming events.

A highlight of the event was this 30-year-old tortoise who roamed around the grounds!

Remember, you can receive advocacy alerts from Zonta International on your cellphone: 50457 text Zonta.
Zonta Advocacy USA Caucus

The Caucus continues to meet monthly with committees meeting in between. Three issues have risen to the top of the pile recently.

1. A letter (see copy on the next page) was drafted, revised and accepted by vote to tell President Biden to support women in Afghanistan. Specifically, the letter asks the President to prioritize the evacuation of women’s rights defenders, provide increased security for those departing, loosen eligibility requirements for visas, hold the Taliban accountable for any violations of promises they’ve made to protect the rights of women, make sure the Afghanistan women who aided the US be given the same services as returning military personnel and to consult with women leaders in Afghanistan before determining what course of action to empower women according to their culture.

2. Ending child marriage in the US without exceptions. Six states have done so: New York, Delaware, Minnesota, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. Six more states have pending legislation. The push is to increase awareness, because a survey showed that most people think it is already illegal for minors to marry. UNICEF USA, Zonta and Unchained at Last are working to close loopholes in state laws that permit children to marry with the consent of a parent or judge.

3. Passing the Equal Rights Amendment, which would guarantee equal legal rights for all American citizens regardless of sex and would end the legal distinctions between men and women in divorce, property, employment, etc. It is overdue. The first version of the ERA was written by Alice Paul in 1923.

Submitted by Donna Raycraft

For those of you who were in the club when Jen was a member while she was pregnant with her boys, I thought you would enjoy seeing a picture of them today at 6’2” or 6’3”! First born, Christian is on the right and Harrison on the left.

HILLTOP CONSIGNMENT COULD USE YOUR RECYLED PLASTIC OR PAPER BAGS!
IF YOU HAVE ANY TO DONATE, BRING TO ANY BUSINESS MEETING.

YOUR IDEAS/SUGGESTIONS NEEDED!!!
THE SERVICE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR IDEAS ON WHAT TYPES OF SERVICE OUR CLUB COULD PROVIDE IN THE COMMUNITY THIS FISCAL YEAR...ESPECIALLY HANDS-ON SERVICE. PLEASE SEND ANY IDEAS TO CHAIR, SUSAN LOMBARD AT sjll2009@hotmail.com AND THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THEM AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.

A former member and our forever holiday auction computer whiz, Jennifer Curtis Cormier and her husband Bob celebrated their marriage and renewed their vows on August 7.
LETTER SENT TO OUR US PRESIDENT BY THE CAUCUS.

August 25, 2021

President Joseph Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

The Zonta USA Caucus, part of Zonta International, which is a leading democratic and global non-profit founded in the United States over 100 years ago to empower women, wishes to express our concern about the impact of the current situation in Afghanistan on all the women and girls who live there.

We represent over 7,000 members of Zonta International residing in the United States. From 2002-2008, we supported the health and education of women and girls in Afghanistan in collaboration with UNICEF and the Afghan Institute of Learning. We have seen more than 24,000 women educated and treated through our efforts. This work is now all at risk.

The situation in Afghanistan is at a critical point for women and girls. We urge the US Administration to respond by taking the following actions immediately:

• Prioritize the evacuation of women’s rights defenders, particularly journalists and others already being targeted for violence,
• Provide increased security for those departing,
• Suspend bureaucratic requirements for visas and loosen eligibility requirements,
• Greatly expand resources for resettling refugees in the US,
• Support those women who stay behind in order to continue peacebuilding efforts,
• Ensure that aid workers have access to those needing services,
• Hold the Taliban accountable for any violations of promises they’ve made to protect rights of women and insist that Afghanistan women’s voices are not silenced,
• Afford the same services to Afghanistan women translators who come to the US that our veterans are given,
• Consult with women leaders in Afghanistan and those who are refugees in other countries to determine the best courses of action to empower women according to their culture.

The United States has a responsibility to all the women and girls in Afghanistan to see that their rights are not jeopardized by the Administration’s decision to withdraw troops from the country. The Zonta USA Caucus calls on you to take immediate action to protect them.

Sincerely Yours,

The Zonta USA Caucus