April Business Meeting

- Minutes & Financial Reports
- Committee Reports
- Program speaker: Bethany Cottrell, Founder/Exec. Dir. of Brigid’s House of Hope for human trafficking survivors

Upcoming Committee Meeting Dates:

Service
Tues., April 19 @ 8:15 pm via Zoom

Ways $ Means
Thurs., April 14 @ 6:00 pm via Zoom

We say goodbye to
JEAN A. RULE
3/22/1927-2/25/2022
Jean was a member of our Concord Club for over 23 years with a short hiatus from 2015-18. Alongside her daughter Lisa, she and her soulmate Zontor Frank participated in many fundraising and service activities that aligned with our mission. A favorite memory shared by member Marianne Barter was that Jean and her granddaughter Kara would throw a “Zonta Christmas Party” for the kids at Merrimack Valley Day Care Services which is still celebrated each year. We received just over $300 in memorial donations which will be designated to our scholarships at the request of the family.

April Business Meeting
Wed., April 6
5:30 pm
The Red Blazer

April Board Meeting
Fri., April 22
via Zoom
8:00 am

May Business Meeting
Wed., May 4
5:30 pm
Location to be announced.

THE CONCORD CLUB acknowledged & celebrated INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY at it’s March Business Meeting

The members of the Concord Club recently awarded over $10,000 to four Manchester Community College women through its Zonta Memorial Scholarship fund. These women have returned to school after more than five years out of high school and are excelling in their education at MCC. Laura and Janice recently had the opportunity to meet and congratulate Isha Khadka, Marissa Carlson, & Stephanie Torres Roig (Alanna McLaughlin was unavailable) as well as chat with MCC President Bicknell and college Bursar Ferns. We look forward to having club members meet at least two of these students on May 4.

ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES

We value your membership in Zonta so please remember to pay your 2022-2023 dues by May 15. Bring your check or cash along with a completed Annual Membership Renewal Notice form to any business meeting and give it to our Treasurer, Cheryl.

If you prefer to pay on line, log on to our website www.zontaclubofconcordnh.org, click on the Get Involved tab, Join Us, and then the “Membership Renewal” tab. Complete one of the forms then pay by credit card. There will be an additional processing fee charge of $5.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS!
Congratulations & best wishes to those of you who will celebrate a birthday in April:

April — 29 R Sanchez & M Barter
Wishing you both a memorable day!
**REMINDERS**

**SAVE THE DATE!**
Join us on April 23rd for the Zonta District 1 Virtual Spring Workshop

The planning group for the District-wide Workshop, led by the Zonta Club of Amherst Area, is working to gather a variety of experiences and tools to help us continue to do good work together, locally and globally.

Admission is free.

Arrive with Curiosity, Leave Inspired!

**A CONVERSATION WITH FAITH JONES**
April 13, 2022 | 5:00 - 6:30 pm

In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month

This Zoom event is sponsored by the Crisis Center of Central NH, Zonta Club of Concord, and YWCA. To register for this free event, control click on this link below:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-conversation-with-faith-jones-tickets-292529582857

**THE 2022 ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN HAMBURG, GERMANY**
**JUNE 24 - JUNE 28, 2022**

You will be able to register as a “virtual attendee” for this international convention. The cost is $189 until May 15 and then the fee goes up to $210 from May 16 until the event. Check the Zonta International website www.zonta.org/convention to register.

**SAVE YOUR SMALL TOILETRIES WHEN TRAVELING THIS SPRING & SUMMER!**

The Hearts for Kindness purse program and the new Brigid’s House of Hope in Manchester (a long term, transitional safe house for survivors of human trafficking in NH and surrounding areas) are looking for these types of items. Bring any items you might like to donate to one of our Business Meetings and give to Susan L or Laura.

During March, Susan L dropped off Period Poverty Products to the Crisis Center of Central NH (left) and the Friendly Kitchen.

The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship application process has begun. Thank you to Susan D (with some help from Marie) for getting this information out to the schools and the media. Deadline for submission is April 30.

Our own Lorrie Carey was elected for a third (nonconsecutive) term to the Town of Boscawen Selectboard.

**CONGRATULATIONS, LORRIE!**

“The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don’t have any.”

Alice Walker
YOU CAN STILL ADVOCATE!

If you didn’t get a chance to voice your support over the many Zonta Fast Action Fridays provided by the Zonta USA Caucus, you can still go onto the www.zonta.org website, log in, click on the “Get Involved” tab at the top, and then click on the “USA Advocacy Action Center”. Review the various topics that are outlined there and click on the one(s) that you would like to support. “Take your action” on the right-hand side of each described bill. Submit your support. It’s so easy!

FOOTHILLS OF BOULDER COLORADO FIRE DISASTER DONATION

For those of you who personally donated to the Foothills of Boulder County Fire Disaster, we received a thank you email indicating that the monies had been deposited into the Community Foundation of Boulder County Marshall Fire Fund.

We also received an email from the District 12 Governor, Ann Hodgson, thanking us for these member donations to assist families affected by the Marshall Fire.

Another email from Kay Meyer stated “your thoughtfulness, action, and generosity are deeply appreciated”.

OUR MARCH BUSINESS MEETING SPEAKER

Kait Gallagher joined our members on March 2nd and presented an update on the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness.

Some points made during her presentation included:

The Concord Coalition maintains a winter low-barrier shelter with a 40-person capacity, a resource center that includes shower and laundry facilities, and case management to assist guests in accessing services. The resource center is used by 40-50 people per day, about one-third of whom are women. The Concord Coalition estimates that there are about 100-150 people in the Concord area who are unhoused.

Their plan for the future includes developing housing to provide long-term supports with the goal of ending homelessness in our area.

Thank you, Kait and Teri Gladstone, for your update on this much needed community organization you both work for.

Kait Gallagher, Development Director, Concord Coalition to End Homelessness
THE FOLLOWING IS WHAT THE ZONTA USA ADVOCACY CAUCUS COMMITTEE HAS DEVELOPED FOR GETTING INFO OUT ON THE HAND GESTURE TO “GET HELP”

A SIMPLE HAND GESTURE — GET HELP —

*Signal for Help* is a simple single-hand gesture that can be visually and silently displayed during video calls, to alert family, friends, or colleagues that an individual needs help and that they would like someone to check in safely with them.

The Signal for Help was started in April of 2020 by the Canadian Women’s Foundation (CWF). They launched it in response to increased risk of gender-based violence and increased video calls during COVID. The Signal for Help is a way for someone in need of assistance to quietly signal that they need someone to reach out to them safely.

![Signal for Help](image)

1. Palm to camera and tuck thumb
2. Trap thumb