May Business Meeting

- Minutes & Financial Reports
- Proposed 2022-2023 Budget
- Committee Reports
- Manchester Community College award winners will attend our meeting.
- Program speakers: incoming District 1 Governor, Donna Sroka & incoming District 1 Secretary and current Webmaster, Mary Knight. Donna will install your 2022-2023 Board of Directors & Mary will present the 2022 ZI Convention proposed Resolutions & Bylaw changes.

Upcoming Committee Meeting Dates:

Service
Tues., May 17 @ 8:15 pm via Zoom

Ways $ Means
Thurs., May 12 @ 6:00 pm via Zoom

Our May 4th Business Meeting will be the last I preside over as your President. It is with some sadness (and some relief :-) that I relinquish the Club Presidency to Lynn at the end of this month. I know new leadership is always good for an organization and I leave the office knowing the Club activities and its mission will be continued in the most professional and competent manner under her leadership. It has been my pleasure and privilege to have fulfilled my second tenure as your President over these last two years and I have once again personally grown in many ways as a result — it has truly been a wonderful opportunity and a bit of a challenging experience especially under COVID conditions. I am proud of what we accomplished! I THANK YOU ALL for your support and friendship and look forward to my continued involvement in this wonderful organization. I am proud to be associated with such a dynamic group of women!

With fondness and in Zonta sisterhood,

Janice

Dates to Remember

| May Business Meeting (in person only) | Wed., May 4 5:30 pm
| The Red Blazer |
| May Board Meeting | Fri., May 20 6:00 pm
| Location TBA |
| June Business Meeting | Wed., June 1 5:30 pm
| Location TBA |

ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you haven’t already done so, please plan to pay your Zonta dues for June 1–May 31, 2023 at our May 4 Business Meeting or go online to www.zontaclubofconcordnh.org and under “Join Us” complete the membership form and pay by credit card.

Janice will have extra forms at the meeting for those who want to pay by cash or check.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Congratulations & best wishes to those of you who will celebrate a birthday in May:

May — 7 M Bailey,
21 D Lestage, 23 L Stanley & D Bonilla

Wishing you all a memorable day!
**MY MOTHER KEPT A GARDEN**

My mother kept a garden, a garden of the heart,  
She planted all the good things that gave my life its start.  
She turned me to the sunshine and encouraged me to dream, fostering and nurturing the seeds of self-esteem....  
And when the winds and rain came, she protected me enough - But not too much because she knew I’d need to stand up strong and tough.  
Her constant good example always taught me right from wrong - Markers for my pathway that will last a lifetime long.  
I am my Mother’s garden  
I am her legacy ~  
And I hope today she feels the love reflected back from me.  
Anonymous

**HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY TO ALL OUR ZONTA MOM’S!**

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**DISTRICT 1 POSITION**

THANK YOU to all the members who attended the virtual meeting on this topic, and gave your thoughts on how you felt about the District 1 clubs merging with another District and sharing your thoughts on strategies to increase our District’s membership.

The poll taken after the meeting indicated that it was a dead-even 50-50 split vote between merging with another District and trying to increase membership. Lynn composed a letter to District Gov. Beatrice conveying members’ thoughts.

The Gov. will take comments from all clubs and compose a letter to the ZI Board.

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**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.

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**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 Meeting and give to Susan L. or Laura.

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A thank you email was received by Susan L. from Aileen Clay, Director of Student Life at the Manchester Community College as follows:

Susan,

I am glad that Zonta was able to join us at last weekend’s, May 3, Build Day. Your presence helps raise awareness about some of the good work happening across our area.

Many thanks for the personal products for our restrooms, as well as the amazing scholarships that your club provided.

Of course, the outpouring of donations for the Stand with Ukraine project was incredible----and so very needed and appreciated.

Aileen Clay

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Every ending has a new beginning!
ENDLESS ILLNESS

Thank you sister Zontian, Maria P. for sharing your story in the Concord Monitor about your ongoing symptoms from your bout with COVID in 2020 which included a 10-day stay in the hospital. Your symptoms of phantom smells, fatigue, headaches, memory challenges, and persistent cough as a result of your illness must certainly be challenging. The Concord Monitor article indicated that the few New England clinics that specialize in long-COVID have seen a surge in referrals the last couple of months.

Maria, your story and description of your symptoms will hopefully help the researchers and personnel in these clinics to better understand what effects COVID can leave.

We are certainly sorry that you have to live with these aftereffects and hope soon they will go away or researchers will find a better way to treat you. You know your Zonta sisters are here for you!

AT OUR APRIL BUSINESS MEETING, SOME POINTS MADE BY SPEAKER BETHANY COTTRELL, FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOON TO OPEN BRIGID’S HOUSE OF HOPE FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS:

- Fundraising has been successful and they have started to hire staff.

- Women being served will be able to remain at the facility for 12 to 18 months. There will be three phases to most stays:
  - Address the woman’s need for shelter;
  - Address the woman’s health; and,
  - Assist with skill building to support the woman’s future independence.

- The facility anticipates serving 15 to 20 women and their children per year.

- In addition to the initial facility, the plan is to have rental units in the future.

- They will be looking for volunteers when they become fully operational.

- Any questions can be directed to Bethany by email: Bethany@brigidshouseofhope.org
The Zonta Club of Concord did its part to help the people of Ukraine in April. A call out came from a representative at the Manchester Community College indicating there was a personal contact in the area that would accept donations and get them to the citizens of Ukraine.

Susan L put out a call for personal donations and members certainly came through with lots of much needed articles for the Ukrainians. Her car with completely full (see below) with the first trip to MCC for drop off and again additional items on the second trip.

THANK YOU to all the members that so generously donated items! You should feel so proud that you were able to help those struggling as a result of this war initiated by the leaders of Russia.

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!