



Zonta Beacon

The Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi Area Newsletter
District 15 / Area 4 www.zontafarmingtonnovi.org

President's Message

*As we start a new Zonta year, we can be proud of our accomplishments - **small but mighty**, we are! And, as we continue to make an impact in our traditional ways, let's also open our minds and hearts to embrace new options for service.*

In addition, can we put aside a little time to have more fun - even outside of Zonta? I look forward to enjoying time and working together with all of you! See you Tuesday!

Carla

PS: in keeping with this past year's tradition, this space will be used to enhance our understanding of Zonta's International projects, etc. This month:

LET US LEARN MADAGASCAR

About 90 percent of Madagascar's population lives on less than US\$2 per day, leaving children particularly vulnerable. Aside from endemic poverty, Madagascar is prone to natural disasters, which further impede economic growth of the agricultural economy and make it even more difficult to escape poverty and prioritize education for children.

More than a quarter of Madagascar's children are excluded from formal education, and one out of three girls will become pregnant before the age of 18. Junior secondary school enrollment fees are prohibitively expensive for families, forcing parents to select one child to continue their education, often leaving girls behind.

UNICEF'S LET US LEARN is an integrated education program that is creating opportunities for vulnerable and excluded children, particularly girls, in Madagascar to realize their right to an education in a secure and protective environment. The project is focused on **reaching out-of-school children, expanding girls' education and improving quality outcomes for learners.**

From 2016-2018, Zonta International contributed US\$1,000,000 to UNICEF USA to support the LET US LEARN MADAGASCAR project.

June 2019 Edition

In July 2018, Zonta committed an additional **US\$1,000,000** to continue its support of **Let Us Learn Madagascar** through 2020.

Expected outcomes

1. Approximately 200 children will benefit from newly constructed and equipped classrooms.
2. 500 households will be reached with conditional cash transfers.
3. 300 out-of-school girls will be reintegrated into school after attending catch-up classes.
4. Girls will benefit from menstrual hygiene management services.
5. 960 at-risk girls and victims of violence and exploitation in schools and communities will benefit from medical, legal or social support through a referral mechanism.
6. 135 school directors will be trained, benefiting 41,516 children, of whom 21,006 are girls.

Visit **Zonta.org** to find out more about the progress and achievements of this successful **partnership between UNICEF USA and Zonta International** and plans for the next two years.

June Meeting



Tuesday, June 25th, 6:15 PM
Rusty Bucket - Northville, MI 48168

Agenda / Program

- **Presentation of Check to First Step**
- **Future Plans**

Please RSVP to Ramona **by noon on Monday, June 24th** if you CANNOT attend or are bringing a guest (please discuss membership-interested guests with Angie first). We need a correct count! Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Karen - June 21



Welcome New Officers and Board!

Area 4 Director (and club member) Debbie Godfrey graciously installed new officers and Board at the May meeting! Looking forward to a productive year!



New 2019-2020 Board (l to r): Georgann Hemker, Director; Carla Boyes, President; Angie Karwan, Vice-President; Ramona McDonald, Treasurer; Patti Reff, Secretary, Trisha Stieber, Director; T.solde Erickson, Director.



*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."
~ Helen Keller*

COMMITTEES

Sharing the Work!

Please think about how you want to contribute this year. Most of our work takes all club members, but there are individuals who kind of bring it together.

Use the chart below as a reminder of our work!

COMMITTEE	MEMBER(S)	COMMENTS
Attendance/ Finance/ Fellowship	Treasurer is Chair (Ramona)	
Membership: Organization & Classification	Vice- President is chair (Angie)	All members help recruit
Service (includes, pillows, International Projects, First Step Shelter Events, etc.	Pillows - Judy is chair	Other Projects headed by other members
ADVOCACY		What can we do this year?
Programs / Inter-City		
Status of Women/ UN/ Intn'l Relations		
Ways and Means (essentially Fundraising)		Chair depends on event, but all members help

*"We are not a team because we work together.
We are a team because we respect, trust and
care for each other."
~ Vala Afshar*

Just a Reminder....

When you look at the committees above, please keep in mind the definitions of the following activities according to Zonta International.

FUNDRAISING: defined as "organizational activity of raising funds for the Zonta International Foundation, club programs and activities" (as in our fashion event, poinsettia sales, etc.)

SERVICE: defined as "the act of helpful activity in a club's community that focuses on the needs of women" (as in our pillows, Valentine's party at First Step, etc)

ADVOCACY: defined as "the act or process of advocating for or supporting a cause or proposal to empower women" (our advocacy summit for the lethality assessment qualifies here.)

It's Time for Our Picnic!

As we all know, our July meeting is devoted to our annual picnic - July 23 (5 Tuesdays in July).

This year, Karen has graciously offered her home (she lives in Canton).

We always have potluck, but we will ask Karen to purchase chicken, and each member will contribute to that cost.

So far we have:

- Karen - venue, set-up (includes ice), chicken
- Georgann - Marinated Vegetable Salad (no lettuce)
- Angie - Baked Beans
- Ramona - Tossed Salad
- Carla - Shrimp

Please think about what you will bring (enough for 12 people). There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting this month.



Let's Support Sister Zontians!

More information regarding this event and others can be found on the District 15 website www.zonta15.org D-15 Club Events

Zonta Pontiac North Oakland

Heroes Fundraiser

Sunday, September 15, 2019, 12pm-9pm

Heroes Restaurant, Waterford, MI

20% of your purchase goes to
Zonta PNO Foundation

DATES TO REMEMBER

July General Meeting - Picnic

July 23, 2019

Karen's Home

Sign up for Pot Luck

District 15 Fall Conference

October 18-20, 2019

Detroit 1 is hosting

Motor City Casino

ZONTA International Convention

Centennial Celebration

Chicago 2020