



ZONTA ZINGER



Zonta Club of Johnson County, Kansas

November 2020

President's Message

Dear sister Zontians,

We are heading into colder weather and more indoor activities. Be sure to take the recommended precautions to avoid catching any bug.

At our October meeting, we heard recommendations from the Fundraising Committee (Kathy, Baerbel, Tobi, Kathleen, and Marcia). They suggested having a Christmas-in-July type of event similar to what we've had in the past with people bidding on unknown gifts that are wrapped in an attractive or interesting way. This will be planned for late winter or spring next year. We've had success with this auction fundraiser in recent years; maybe we can expand and add a few new creative touches. As an alternative, we can ask members to write checks to our YWPA scholarship fund or donate to our service fund for local awards to the Women in Business, Women in Technology, and non-traditional scholarships. We'll have more fun holding an event, but this is an unusual year, and all ideas should be considered.

We also decided to enjoy our holiday gathering on December 2nd, our meeting night, via Zoom. This will be a time to show off decorations, share special recipes, compete with ugly sweaters, and maybe enjoy some tipple.

The Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women Campaign runs from November 25th to December 10th. ZI has put together an extensive toolkit that is full of information, including sample ideas, a timeline, publicity tips, and additional resources. Here is the link to the toolkit: <https://www.zonta.org/images/docs/MyZonta/Tools/AdvocacyTools/ZontaSaysNOToolkit.pdf>

In the past, the Sixteen Days of Activism has not been a high priority for our club, due to involvement in other activities. This is an annual Zonta event and an important one. Clubs are not expected to take action every day, but they can choose a few actions that fit what is going on in their community or region. It can be as simple as wearing the orange T-shirt "Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women" when venturing outside your home, or posting a message on our Facebook page. We'll talk more about the Sixteen Days at our November meeting.

Every Member Every November is a campaign to raise money for the Zonta Foundation for Women which funds our international service projects. The goal is that every Zontian makes a donation to our Foundation during the month of November. This is an easy process; you can go online to make a donation, and the minimum is \$10 (<http://charity.gofundme.com/zontadistrict7>). Shelley Shultz, District 7 Foundation Ambassador, will join us at our November meeting to provide inspiration and more details.

There was an inquiry into our non-traditional scholarship, and I sent her an application. We can consider candidates for the upcoming spring semester. The Amelia Earhart Fellowship deadline is coming up on November 15th. These applications are sent straight to Zonta International and don't require club sponsorship. However, as you know, part of the money we raise goes to supporting scholarship winners at the international level.

Everyone stay safe and stay connected.

Anne McCleery



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Zonta Club of Johnson County, Kansas
District 7 Area 4
Charter Date: May 18, 1972
Club Number 0695
District Governor: Gayle Borchert (St. Cloud, MN)
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 4, 2020 Monthly meeting
- December 2, 2020 Holiday Zoom gathering
- January 6, 2021 Monthly meeting
- February 3, 2021 Monthly meeting
- September 17-19, 2021 District meeting in St. Cloud, MN

"What's important for my daughter to know is that... if you are fortunate to have opportunity, it is your duty to make sure other people have those opportunities as well."

Kamala Harris

California U.S. Senator and VP candidate

(If you have a favorite quote to offer, please contact the editor.)