

Dear Zontians,

It is my pleasure to provide the official Call to Conference and invite you to attend our 1 Day Only 2014 District 3 Conference at the Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCII) at 455 Boot Road in Downingtown, Pennsylvania on September 27. We chose this location because it is central to most of the clubs in our District, and since it is only a one day Conference, we encourage you to have as many of your club members attend as possible. **Time of meeting is 9:00am – 4:00pm.**

The theme is “Unlocking the Potential in Women: Empowerment, Knowledge, Confidence, Togetherness.” **One of our objectives at this Conference, is for each club to leave with a service plan and an advocacy plan.** Attached you will find suggested Service and Advocacy projects to select for the coming year, and we will break into our Areas to work on club preferences. In addition we will need your club delegates to vote on the proposed number of Conferences during a biennium. Clubs that exceed 30 members may have two delegates and alternates; clubs that exceed 60 or more members may have three delegates and alternates.

Our Conference club donation service project is Dawn’s Place, a residential, 501(c) 3 non-profit organization located in Philadelphia, PA which works to improve the lives of women trapped by, or at risk for, commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) and its abuse by providing services (housing, trauma recovery, and vocational training) to women, raising awareness through education, and generating prevention, public policy reform and community collaborations. Sister Michele provided a wish list of items for Dawn's Place, and we thought the following items would be the easiest for clubs to bring:

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Everyone enjoys watching the enthusiastic first timers search for their “Zonta Rock”. The Achievement Awards will be presented to the winning clubs. Our Club Presidents’ Reports are always a favorite as we get to listen to the amazing service projects, club activities, successes, and areas of opportunity – a terrific learning experience for us all. Another highlight of our Conference is meeting and talking with each other; enjoying the support we give to each other and just having FUN!

To register and pay for the Conference, you have two choices: mail your information package and payment to the District Treasurer, Alice Kirchner, or go online to fill out the information package and pay online with your credit card at <http://2014zontad3conference.eventbrite.com>.

Once again, I believe our centrally located venue will be THE place to be on September 27, 2014. I look forward to seeing you in Downingtown, Pennsylvania!

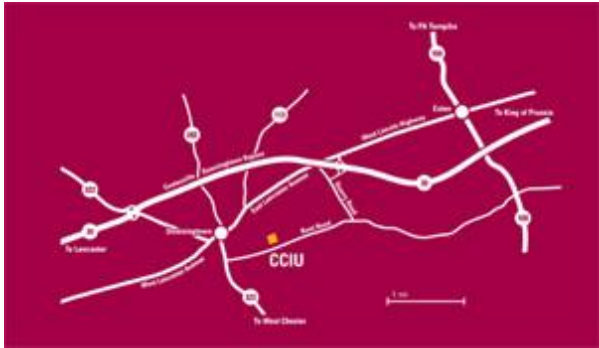
Warm Regards,

Margo Sheridan
Zonta International District 3 Governor



ZONTA DISTRICT 3 CONFERENCE 2014
UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL IN WOMEN
Empowerment, Knowledge, Confidence, Togetherness

REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE EVENTBRITE <http://2014zontad3conference.eventbrite.com>

<p>GENERAL INFORMATION (Please Print)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Email Address _____ Telephone Number _____</p> <p>Is this your first Zonta District Conference? Y N</p> <p>Preferred Name for Badge _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Officer/Title (if applicable) _____</p> <p>Zonta Club _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHESTER COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT (CCIU)</p> <p>455 Boot Road Downingtown, PA 19335 484-237-5000</p> <p>TIME: 9:00AM – 4:00PM</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Click here to get directions to this location using Mapquest.</p>																
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CREREDENTIALS FORM

Instructions Regarding Club Delegates, Alternates and Proxies

In order for a club to participate in the conference, all District 3 and Zonta International dues must be current and paid by **August 15, 2014**. Please note that the delegate and alternate credential form is below. Another proxy credential form is included in this package. Submit your club credentials and club proxy credentials forms online, mail, email, or fax by **September 1, 2014** to:

Linda Butler Livesay **OR COMPLETE ONLINE FORM** at <http://2014zontad3conference.eventbrite.com>
ZI District 3 Secretary
292 East Valley Forge Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406
Fax: 610-992-3295
Email: LBLIVESAY@ME.COM

Each club is entitled to one delegate and one alternate. If a club's membership exceeds thirty, the club is entitled to two delegates and two alternates. If a club has over sixty members, it is entitled to three of each. If dues are not paid by August 15th, your club's delegate(s) will not be entitled to vote.

Club Delegate(s) and Alternate(s)

Area # _____ Club _____

Name of Delegate _____

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(A club is entitled a second delegate if the club membership exceeds 30 and a third delegate if the club membership exceeds 60.)

Name of Alternate _____

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Submitted by: _____

Indicate title: Club President _____ or Club Secretary _____

Date _____ Email _____



CREDENTIALS CLUB PROXY REQUEST

Instructions Regarding Proxy Participation

Important Note: Your club must have arranged with another club to carry your proxy prior to sending the request form to the district secretary. Clubs electing to be represented by proxy shall be entitled to one proxy regardless of the number of members. No club may carry more than two proxies. Delegates carrying proxies are reminded that they should make a written Conference Report to the club(s) they are representing in addition to their own club.

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PROXY REQUEST

The Zonta Club of _____ requests representation by proxy for all business to be conducted at the ZI District 3 Conference to be held in Downingtown, Pennsylvania on September 27, 2014, and further requests that the proxy vote be assigned to the Zonta Club of _____. We understand that should our club be in arrears of dues, fees, invoices or assessments owed to Zonta International and/or District 3 prior to the date of the conference, the club carrying our proxy will not be allowed to vote on our behalf.

Club President _____ or Club Secretary _____
(Signatures of Club requesting a proxy representation)

Club President _____ or Club Secretary _____
(Signatures of Club carrying the proxy vote) _____

Submitted by: _____
Indicate title: Club President _____ or Club Secretary _____
Date _____ Email _____



PROPOSED DISTRICT 3 ZONTA ADVOCACY PROJECTS

Erma W. Barron, Advocacy Chair

1. A Day at the State Capital

The clubs in each state will come together to plan a day/night at their state capital. The objective is to address pending or proposed legislation that impact domestic violence or human trafficking. The legislation may have a direct impact or an underlying impact. In those states where there is only one club or very small clubs, the clubs may want to collaborate with other groups of like mind.

During the District 3 conference, the clubs will meet in small groups to begin the planning for the process and develop an outline of next steps. Another expected outcome is to identify an Advocacy Lead for each state.

2. Advocacy at Home

Each club should devote at least one meeting or a significant portion of a meeting to a forum on advocacy. The objective is to increase the members' knowledge regarding the why, what, where and how of advocacy so that members can appreciate the importance of this aspect of Zonta's mission. Another objective is to make members aware of national/international advocacy issues such as CEDAW, ERA, etc. Outside speakers, to include our District 3 and ZI Advocacy and UN committee members, are encouraged.

3. Zonta Says No

Each club and/or area will organize a Zonta Says No event during the biennium, to enhance the awareness of the community to the need to eradicate domestic violence. Clubs are encouraged to seek the assistance and cooperation of local citizens, public safety officials (police and sheriff departments), the legal profession, court officials, and/or elected government officials in their Zonta Says No campaign; and to use the media and other public information communication to get the word out to the community.

Clubs should consider partnering with each other to hold regional events for an even wider outreach and community education.



PROPOSED DISTRICT 3 ZONTA SERVICE PROJECTS

Carol Beechler, Service Chair

1. Habitat for Humanity

This organization builds homes for families in need. They are located throughout the US and have many sites in our local areas. Each office has its own rules and procedures concerning their volunteer program, but all welcome groups to sign up to work on a home. If this project is selected, the service committee chair for your club should contact the group organizer for the chapter nearest you. Service chairs may sign up for the volunteer newsletter and work directly with the local chapter of Habitat. It would be ideal to work on a house for a woman who is rebuilding her life, if you can arrange that with your local Habitat team.

No construction experience is necessary, and Habitat provides the tools. Generally, the work day starts around 9am and ends around 3:30 or 4pm. A safety briefing is often done prior to the start of the job (and is required), and participants will need to sign a waiver.

2. Dress a Girl around the World

Through Dress a Girl around the World, sewers and non-sewers make dresses for girls of various ages. Zonta would focus on the age of 8-14. DAG provides patterns, ways to be involved, and opportunities for you to deliver or to help fund the delivery of dresses to girls around the world. Participants join together because they believe that every girl deserves the dignity of owning at least one dress. Labels are attached to the outside of each dress sending an additional message that each girl is under the care of an organization, giving her added protection from those who would harm her.

Currently, ministries and humanitarian teams carry the dresses into five different countries each year. They are carried to Uganda three times a year. In the US they are given to local abuse and homeless shelters. Dresses would be shipped to a representative in our area or sent to Hope 4 Women International for distribution to the teams.

You do not need to be an experienced sewer to participate. Tasks include cutting material, bias tape and elastic, pinning, pressing, and sewing. The dresses are then prepared to ship.

Dress a Girl around the World is a campaign under Hope 4 Women International, a 501(c)(3), bringing dignity to women around the world since 2006. Hope 4 Women International is a nondenominational independent Christian organization.



3. Women's Shelter or Center Assistance

Many of our clubs are already working with local domestic abuse shelters. If your club is not, it's easy to get involved and there are many things you can do. Make a recurring commitment to support a shelter or a transitional housing facility for mothers and children seeking a new start away from abusive partners. Clubs could also focus on homeless female veterans. A few suggestions follow:

- Provide travel sized toiletries that the shelter can provide to women transitioning from the shelter to a more permanent site
- Provide food, training, and/or child care for an educational offering by the shelter
- Rehab a room at the shelter by painting the walls, replacing bed/bath linens.
- Start a mini-scholarship for vocational/technical training.
- Ask the shelter about specific needs, e.g., sheets, towels, paper products, gift cards, grocery shopping support, household items for transitioning residents, pet care.
- Consider supporting shelters assisting recovering addicts or former offenders in a halfway house



PROPOSED SERVICE AND ADVOCACY PROJECTS

During the 2014-2016 biennium, Zonta clubs in District 3 are encouraged to establish and participate in one or more of the following advocacy and service projects as described in this Call to Conference:

1. A Day at the State Capital
2. Advocacy at Home
3. Zonta Says No
4. Habitat for Humanity
5. Dress a Girl around the World
6. Women's Shelter or Center Assistance

Maker: District 3 Board

Date: July 22, 2014

Disposition:

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE DISTRICT RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Zonta District 3 Board moves that:

The District Rules of Procedure (adopted 10/3/93 and last amended 10/09), page 4, *DISTRICT CONFERENCE PROCEDURES*, paragraph 1, be revised to read:

“The District shall hold at least one District Conference in each biennium. A District Conference will be held in the odd year of the biennium. An additional District Conference may be held during the biennium if the District Board determines that one is necessary.”

Maker: District 3 Board

Date: July 09, 2014

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CONFERENCE SERVICE PROJECT

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