



**ZONTA**  
INTERNATIONAL  
**DISTRICT 3**  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

## **Zonta Club President Year Summary June 2017- May 2018**

### **Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey**

#### **SERVICE**

The service projects completed during the June 2017 - May 2018 time period are detailed below. The majority of the service projects were completed for Shalom House, Harrisburg, which is a shelter for women and children who have no where else to live. Shalom House has changed its mission statement to: "Empowering Women, Transforming Lives."

**August 2017** – Members participated in a hands-on program at the 2017 Allison Hill Community Festival on August 5. This event was held in the church parking lot next to Shalom House. An article about the festival appeared in the Club's September 2017 newsletter. Executive Director, Denise Britton wrote the following in the newsletter regarding the event: "... again a huge success with over 1500 persons attending. Zonta was recognized as a partner to the event, and helped with volunteer support that day, as well as contributing to the food and school supply needs: over 325 children received backpacks and school supplies."

**September 14, 2017** – Because September is Literacy Month, the Club collected adult and children's books and donated to the Shalom House Library.

**November 9, 2017** – The monthly program was presented by Aiyana Ehrman and Michelle Kime from "Imagine Goods." Imagine Goods partners with companies in Cambodia who hire women saved from sex trafficking. Aiyana and Michelle brought products with them to the meeting and the members were able to shop for Christmas items and in turn provide financial support for Imagine Goods.

**December 14, 2017** - A "Party with a Purpose" was held at the December monthly meeting. This Party was to benefit the 24 women and 16 children residing at Shalom House. Gifts presented were clothing, books, and toys/games.

**December 16, 2017** - Members participated in the Holiday Gift Wrapping Fundraiser held by Shalom House at the Colonial Park Mall in Harrisburg, PA. During the day the Zonta members wrapped gifts and raised a total of \$456.00 for Shalom House.

**March 10, 2018** - Members visited the women and children of Shalom House in celebration of International Women's Day. A case of 24 "Good Bears of the World", yellow roses and a tray of cookies were presented to the women and children.

**April 12, 2018** - Club members donated decorated shoe boxes with special welcoming gifts for women who enter Shalom House (dubbed "The Shoe Box Project"). Boxes contained: purses, scarves, toiletries, jewelry, etc.

## MEMBERSHIP/MENTORING

The Club's current members are active and passionate about Zonta's mission and often bring guests who in turn become members. The Club members continue to maintain contact with guests and speakers through emails, distribution of our monthly newsletter, and updates about new events that may not be in the newsletter. Our newest member was a guest/speaker at a meeting and with continued communication and follow-up, she became a member. The monthly meetings are planned so that they will be beneficial and informative to both members and guests. The goal is for everyone to leave the meeting with renewed energy and enthusiasm for Zonta and its work both locally and globally.

When a new member is installed, the sponsoring member continues to play an important role in the life of the new member by encouraging her to become involved in all Zonta activities, introducing her to the other members, providing Zonta literature and ensuring that an orientation session is scheduled for the new member.

## ADVOCACY

**October 2017** – Several members attended a Candlelight vigil in Camp Hill, PA. This vigil is an annual event held by Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties in remembrance of friends and family members lost to domestic violence.

**December 4, 2017, 16 Days of Activism Event.** The Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey held its 4<sup>th</sup> Rally at the State Capitol in observance of the worldwide celebration of the "16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence." This Rally focused on ZI's goal of preventing trafficking of women and girls. Speakers included:

- State Representative Sheryl Delozier
- State Representative Thomas Murt
- Donna Greco, Policy Director from the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape
- Elyse Szurgot, Greater Harrisburg YWCA.
- Keynote speaker, Bethany Smith founder of NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard)
- Special Zonta guests attending the Rally were: Donna Clark, Area 3 Governor; Joanne Gallos, Area 3 Lieutenant Governor; and Nany Baulis from the Philadelphia Club A

Non-profit organizations attending the Rally are listed below:

- American Trauma Society, PA division
- Carlisle YWCA
- Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties
- Greater Harrisburg YWCA
- International Justice Mission
- Main Line Health
- PA Coalition Against Rape
- Shalom House

Representative Murt provided sponsorship at the State Capitol so that flyers could be placed in the mailboxes of **ALL** House Representatives.

Additional planning for the event included frequent emails to Club members, inclusion in the monthly Club newsletter, a statewide media campaign coordinated by our PR Chair, Barbara Kaufman, and distribution of “Save the Date” and “Flyers” through numerous email channels. Media kits were prepared to present to each TV/radio station in attendance.

Barbara Kaufman, PR Chair, coordinated statewide media coverage with PSAs, Media Advisories and Media Releases. The results were media coverage on the major network stations and radio news.

A billboard, pictured below, was purchased for the period November 25 – December 10. The billboard was located in a high traffic area near Camp Hill and I83.



**WHAT CAN YOU DO?**  
**Support Legislation To  
End Human Trafficking**



Representative Sheryl DeLozier speaking at Zonta's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence Campaign Rally at the Capitol, December 4, 2018.

**March 6, 2018** – On March 6, 2018, the Zontians who attended the International Fellows Program in Carlisle were part of the “Hidden No More” video campaign. All Zontians made a private video message to Members of Congress, Washington, DC. Our faces were seen and our voices were heard.

**Newsletter Articles** - Elaine Weinert, Advocacy Chair, provided articles relating to Advocacy for each monthly newsletter.

**The Safe Harbor Bill – SB 554.** Elaine Weinert, Advocacy Chair, kept the club updated on the Safe Harbor Bill – SB 554. This bill passed the Senate unanimously in April 2017. The House of Representatives, non-profits and involved individuals worked tirelessly to pass this bill in the House but unfortunately the bill did not pass this session. This bill would protect the child victims of human trafficking from criminal prosecution.

## FUNDRAISING

**Car Parking Project** - Thanks to a Zonta member, several parking lots are available to our Club to use during the annual Apple Festival in New Cumberland, PA. Members park cars during the festival and ask for a donation of \$5.00 for our Club. Amount raised - **\$1,701.**

**BonTon Coupon Sales** – Coupon books are donated to the Club by the BonTon Department Store in Camp Hill, PA. The Club then sells the coupon books for \$5/each. Amount raised - **\$1,641.**

**Holiday Wreath Sale** – The Club's Holiday Wreath project involves the sale of 22" beautiful handcrafted balsam wreaths decorated with pine cones, a waterproof velvet bow and embedded with clusters of red holly berries. The efforts of the Club resulted in **\$4,771.**

**\*\*Sale of pumpkin rolls by member** – A Club member donated her time and materials to bake and sell pumpkin rolls at Thanksgiving and Christmas. She donated all of the money raised by the sale to the Club and this money increased our fundraising dollars by **\$1,280.**

**\*\*Quilt Sale** – A quilt donated to the Club was given to Shalom House to use in their silent auction at their April theater event. The auction combined with a personal donation raised **\$500.**

**\*\*The money raised by the sale of pumpkin rolls and the quilt were donated directly to Shalom House.**

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### **Club recognized at the 2017 Fall Conference, DE**

The Club's year started with excitement when it received the Governor's Award and achievement awards for Advocacy, Public Relations and the United Nations. President, Nancy Fodor and Treasurer, Alice Kirchner proudly went home with the awards and numerous door prizes. The awards have been displayed monthly at the meetings. Please view November 2017 newsletter at <http://zontaharrisburghershey.org> (News section).

**August 2017 Sierra Leone Disaster Support** – President Nancy Fodor, established a relationship with Freetown Zonta Club President Eileen Hanciles during the Fall of 2016. Upon learning of the mudslide disaster in Freetown on August 14, 2017, and after speaking with the Board for approval, a check for \$500 was sent to Ore Awoonor-Renner who would transport the money to Eileen. A letter was received by Nancy Fodor detailing the food purchased with this money and delivery location.

**September 2017 Monthly Meeting** – The Membership Committee introduced a new pull-up banner to be used for displays at meetings and other events, membership brochure and website. Please view October 2017 newsletter at <http://zontaharrisburghershey.org> to view picture of the banner. (News section).

**September 2017** – The Club displayed Zonta Information at the Camp Hill, PA, library. The display filled two large cases and included information about the founder of the Club, Amelia Earhart, posters, plaques and other important items collected since the Club was founded in 1980. Please view October 2017 newsletter at <http://zontaharrisburghershey.org>. (News section).

**January 11, 2018 Meeting** – To honor Amelia Earhart, a round table of five pilots presented a program about their experiences. Susan Naylor-Adams, member and owner of Cargill Aeronautical Academy, planned the event. A cake with a picture of the plane Amelia flew on January 11, 1935 from Honolulu, HI to Oakland, CA, was shared with members and guests. The Club was honored to have as its special guests, ZI District 3, Area 3 Director Jan Bryant.

**February 8, 2018** – To recognize Heart Health Month, the Club invited Dr. Prasanna Sugathan, Cardiologist and Vicki Kann member of Go Red for Women's Campaign to speak.

**March 6, 2018**, visit with the spouses of the International Fellows Program (IFP) Students at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA.

Twelve club members met in a "mini United Nations" meeting with the wives of the Students. The countries represented at the luncheon included: Albania, Bulgaria, Canada, Georgia, Germany, Moldova, Nepal, Panama, Romania and Sweden. In addition to introducing the ladies to Zonta International clubs in their countries, the women received a yellow rose to commemorate International Women's Day on March 8.

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**March 2018** – Thanks to long-time member Karen Shirey the Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey was featured in The BURG Magazine in March 2018. The article was titled "In Service – Zonta offers support for local women in need." This article was an excellent representation of the Club's mission and activity in the local Harrisburg-Hershey area. This publication is FREE and located at hundreds of locations throughout the greater Harrisburg area.

## **CLUB SALES**

\$1,641.00 – Fall/Spring Bonton coupon sales

\$4,117.00 – Wreath sales

\$1,280.00 – Pumpkin rolls

\$500.00 – Quilt sale - A quilt donated to the Club was given to Shalom House to use in their silent auction at their April theater event. The auction combined with a personal donation raised \$500.

