



Zonta Club of Philadelphia June 2017- May 2018

It has been an incredible honor to serve as a member and as President of the Zonta Club of Philadelphia in 2018 – 2018. When I announced my intention to step down as President in 2018 -2019, so that I could return to school to pursue my master's degree, I was overwhelmed by the Club's response! I was expecting them to elect a brand new slate of officers and wait for the opportunity to pass on the President's pin. Instead, they decided to create a Co-President experience, which enables our Vice President to learn the ropes and preside at meetings, while I continue to focus on the membership recruitment and public relations aspects of the Club's operations. Brilliant idea, indeed! Needless to say, I am even more excited about what our Club will accomplish in the year ahead.

Service

The Zonta Club of Philadelphia has enjoyed a long-standing partnership with Girl Scout Troop 9226, which represents the Roxborough/Manayunk area thanks to our Club member and Girl Scout Assistant Leader, Gail Hoffman. Each year, the Club sponsors an activity that enables the girls to earn a patch. The theme for this year's activity was First Aid.

As a result of the leadership of one of our newest members, Kristen Coleman, the Club hosted its first donation drive in honor of International Women's Day. Although we asked for a modest donation of toiletries and cleaning supplies, we received a generous outpouring of support from our members and the community at large. More than 100 items were collected and assembled into housewarming baskets for our service project partner, Laurel House, which will be distributed to families as they leave the emergency shelter and begin life in their new home.

Membership/Mentoring

In January 2018, the Zonta Club of Philadelphia welcomed its newest member, Kristen Coleman. The Club made a concerted effort to partner with: 1) local colleges and universities to help promote the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship; and 2) local businesses and civic organizations to help promote Zonta's mission and service projects.

In April 2018, the Zonta Club participated in the Going Global Conference in Exton, PA to education women and minority business leaders about mission, service opportunities and scholarships.

Advocacy

As usual, Nancy Baulis kept our Club informed of legislative updates at the state and federal level; coordinated our monthly "wear orange" and 16 Days of Activism campaigns.

Other: *(ie: Fundraising, Special Events, Club Sales)*

Our Club's two biggest fundraisers are the High Tea event and holiday wreath sale, both of which are held in the fall. Each year, the High Tea enjoys a sell-out crowd thanks to the tireless, behind-the-scenes efforts of our Club's Co-President, Patricia Lunkenheimer and Treasurer, Linda Butler Livesay. Whether it's selling tickets and tracking RSVPs, marketing the event, or encouraging the vendor to donate a percentage of the gift shop sales to our Club – they are the dream team that makes the event such a wonderful success.

Working in partnership with the Zonta Club of Harrisburg-Hershey Area, our tireless volunteers (Nancy Baulis, Linda Butler Livesay and Jeremy Fearn) filled up their vehicles with stacks of boxes to ensure an on-time delivery...without the Amazon Prime membership fee!

One of the most rewarding moments was being able to co-host the Fall 2017 District 3 Conference...we hope everyone who attended walked away inspired and ready to embrace a new project or approach!

I have to personally thank each and every Club member for not only promoting and supporting all of these events and service projects, but for inviting their family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to participate as well.

We take pride in knowing that the proceeds from our fundraisers benefit the important work of organizations that are committed to empowering women and advancing the mission of Zonta. We are looking forward to another successful year!