A Message from the Governor

Happy Holidays! It’s early December and the first big winter snow is falling here in Saratoga Springs. With all our Zonta celebrations and activities of 2019, the year has flown by and 2020 is just around the corner. Looking back, we have many accomplishments to be proud of. Many of you volunteered to make our year-long Centennial Celebrations quite memorable: passing the torch, organizing special events, involving civic leaders, serving on many club and district committees, etc. I was so pleased and proud to see lots of enthusiasm in the celebrations of Zonta International’s past 100 years.

The highlight of the year for me was the District Conference held in Lake Placid in October. Our newest Club of The Adirondacks hosted this conference in the picturesque village of Lake Placid. Over 120 members attended, many first-timers, and we were treated to a variety of business and fun activities. There was a tour of Olympic venues, a fabulous fashion show featuring styles of the past 100 years, as well as cameo visits from our own “Mary E. Jenkins, Marion de Forest, Jean M. Coon and Jane M. Klausman”. International Vice President, Ute Scholz attended and brought greetings from President Susanne von Bassewitz. We were so pleased that Ute could join us for the weekend traveling from Germany.

We were also honored to have several speakers deliver inspirational messages. Colleen Lemza described her involvement with the “Shine On” program designed to build resiliency in elementary school girls. Kathleen Douglass, ZI Chairman of Leadership Development Committee spoke about our Zonta “Why” and how that affects what we do and how we respond in everything Zonta. Lori Robinson, member of and past Governor of District 4, Zonta Club of Brampton-Caledon, ON, Canada helped us focus on our Conflict Resolution techniques.

District 2 was able to collect over $1209.50 from Jar Wars and personal donations at the Conference and that has been sent on to Zonta International Centennial Anniversary Fund.

I hope that everyone has had an opportunity to view our new, video, Zonta International District 2’s 100 Year History, created for this Centennial. It is on our D2 website and it includes something from all club submissions. The “premiere screening” debuted at the banquet in Lake Placid. Thank you, Theresa Harris and committee.
Congratulations to the incoming District 2 board members and nominating committee, who will go to work for District 2 during the next biennium. Special congratulations to Governor-Elect Theresa Harris who will be formally installed at the ZI Convention in Chicago, IL. (See election results below.)

Incidentally, my apologies go to Past Governor Dolly Dastoor (Zonta Club of Montreal) for not having her come forward at the Conference Awards Luncheon to help present her legacy The International Focus Award (silver bowl) to this year’s recipient. The Zonta Club of Glens Falls was chosen to receive the award for their consistent giving of 1/3 of their fundraising dollars to Zonta International.

Next, thank you to all of our members who participated in the Zonta International’s November 8th Centennial Celebration (total of 47 hours, beginning in Australia and ending in Hawaii), and to those who donated $100 for the 100th. A grand total of $135,250 was collected for the Zonta International Centennial Anniversary Fund, $35,250 over the targeted goal!

I urge all of us to be advocates for the work of Zonta. Have those “elevator speeches” ready when you meet new people, and continue to spread the word in your communities about our good works. We can only succeed by getting the word out about what we are doing, and inviting others to join our mission. “Empowered women, empower women.”

I look forward to a great 2020 and continued success for all clubs in this district as well as all of our International Service Projects. Together we can do much!!

May your Holidays be filled with good cheer!
Governor Irene Orton

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Aha Moment…from Irene

I just returned from a wonderful Holiday High Tea event in Saratoga Springs. There were about 150 women and men present for this Morgan Stanley presentation. The guest speaker was Manhattan author Kate White. Her presentation was upbeat, funny and very informative for women everywhere. She is passionate about sharing what she’s learned with other women, and her strategies are based on her long career as a media executive. In addition to running Cosmo for 14 years, she was the editor-in-chief of four other prestigious US magazines, including Redbook and Working Woman. At Cosmo she increased circulation by 30 percent during her tenure and oversaw all aspects of this #1 worldwide brand.

She is also the New York Times best-selling author or 13 murder mysteries and psychological thrillers, which have been published in many countries. Her latest, Such a Perfect Wife, was released on May 7, Library Journal named it a pick of the month and called it a “riveting mystery and intense page turner that never lets up.”

The Aha Moment came, as I spoke with her after her presentation. I told her that I knew and worked with her mother, Ann White as she was the HS Librarian in the school that I also taught in.

She definitely takes after her mom as an author and woman with a calm and inspiring sense of humor. She smiled fondly as I related my experiences with her mom and of course, I had to tell her about Zonta. She perked up at the mention of Zonta and shared with me that many years ago, she was the recipient of a scholarship from Glens Falls Zonta Club. We shared a few Zonta stories and I left wishing I had invited her to speak at our conference!! Maybe another time. Just goes to prove that you always have to be ready with your elevator speech and take the leap to talk about Zonta whenever you can!

Zonta District Conference $$ Money $$

By Gloria Writsten, Zonta Club of Skaneateles Member & D2 Finance Committee Member; Past District 2 Governor & Past Zonta International Treasurer

Recently, I have been asked a few questions about District and Conference Finances. With many new Zonta members and perhaps some lack of clarity in the past, I hope the following will give everyone a general understanding of these topics. Read more here.
**Important Dates**

- **March 7 - 20**: CSW64 at the UN
- **March 12**: Dinner with President Susanne von Bassewitz

Timetable for the CSW64 for Zontians is as follows:
- **March 7**: Pre-CSW symposium on ending child marriage
- **March 8**: CSW preparation for Zontians
- **March 9-20**: Dates for Zonta sessions TBD

- **March 8**: International Women’s Day

- **May 2 – Spring Workshops**
  - Areas 1 & 2 – location TBD
  - Areas 3 & 4 – Baldwinsville, NY 13027

- **July 4-8**: ZI Convention, Chicago, IL

**Zonta International Convention**

The earlier you commit to registering for the convention, the more money you save. I know that Presidents have received the information about club delegates, so NOW is the time to register. [http://convention.zonta.org](http://convention.zonta.org)

- By Feb. 12th - $410
- Feb. 13 - May 3 - $470
- May 4 - June 15 - $530
- Onsite - $590

**Committee Corner**

- **Membership**
  
  As of Oct 31, our district membership is at 493 persons. The Hilton Head travel incentive contest (see flyer below) is being introduced in each club’s November or December meeting. Connect with that which you are grateful for - about what Zonta is or does, and tell others so that they may join Zonta too!

- **Scholarships**

  **CLUBS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL AWARDS, AT NO COST TO THEM**
- **Jane M. Klausman Women in Business**: Ha Nhu My Nguyen, submitted through the Ottawa Club, is our District winner. The program operates at the Zonta club, district/region and international levels. Zonta annually awards up to 32 scholarships of US$2,000 each at the district/region level and six international scholarships in the amount of US$8,000 each. A press release and biographical description of each international recipient is currently posted on the Zonta International Foundation website. Application materials for next year will be posted on the Zonta websites in January 2020.

- **Women in Technology 2019**: Misha Fotovati, submitted through the Montreal Club, is our District winner.

Thirty (30) women from 22 countries competed for the six $8,000 Women in Technology Scholarship. A press release and biographical description of each international recipient will be posted on the Zonta International website by the end of December.

Thank you to all the clubs and district committees for your help in promoting Zonta International and these Scholarship programs!

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**ZIF News**  
*Meta Murray, Foundation Ambassador*

**District 9** includes Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada and Utah, USA. They have more than 500 members in the 25 clubs of the district.

**District 32** is located in South Korea and has 23 clubs.

**District 2** hold approximately 500 members in 20 clubs located in New York State, USA; Ontario, Quebec, Canada

**What do these districts have in common?** They are the only 3 Districts who had at least 15% active members make individual donations to Zonta International Foundation during the biennium to date. Proud of D2!
Welcome New Members

We have 76 new members in the 2018-2020 biennium who renewed membership into the 2nd year. Congratulations to these members, their mentors/sponsors and their clubs. These sponsors are now Hilton Head Contestants! Who’s on the list? click here.

District 2 Election Results

Thank you to all the members who consented to have their names placed on the slate of candidates. The delegates of the District 2 clubs had an opportunity to meet the candidates and cast their ballots at the 57th District Conference held in Lake Placid, NY. An orientation, lunch and fellowship gathering is planned for the incoming board at the home of Theresa Harris in Cicero, NY on Saturday April 18th. Here are the members of your incoming board of directors and the nominating committee for the 2020 - 2022 biennium. Congratulations to all!

District 2 Officers and Directors:

- Governor – Theresa Harris, Zonta Club of Skaneateles
- Lt. Governor – Elizabeth Tesiero, Zonta Club of Montgomery-Fulton
- Treasurer – Joyce Newkirk, Zonta Club of Schenectady
- Area 1 Director – Patricia Polan, Zonta Club of Albany
- Area 2 Director – Deborah Vecchio, Zonta Club of Syracuse
- Area 3 Director – Jessica Cosentino, Zonta Club of Auburn
- Area 4 Director – Kiran Omar, Zonta Club of Montreal

Nominating Committee:

- Patricia Corbett, Zonta Club of Upper Hudson Valley
- Dianne DiMeo, Zonta Club of Utica
- Irene Orton, Zonta Club of Glens Falls (Chairman)
Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women
Campaigns
25 November - 10 December 2019

From 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to 10 December, Human Rights Day, 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign is a time to galvanize action to end violence against women and girls around the world. “Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women” is a Zonta International campaign to raise awareness of and increase actions to end violence against women and girls around the world. The campaign, which began in November 2012, features the service and advocacy actions of Zonta clubs and districts to prevent and end violence against women and girls in their local communities. It also highlights Zonta International’s ongoing efforts to end violence against women and girls through the Zonta International Strategies to End Violence against Women (ZISVAW) program and through Zonta’s partnerships with the United Nations and its agencies.

Visit Zonta Says No

Several Clubs in District 2 held events and took actions during the 16 Days of Activism. Here are some of the images shared with us:

Oswego

Zonta Club of Oswego presented Oswego County Opportunity (OCO) Services to Aid Families (SAF) Program a check for $7,000, the proceeds from the 3rd annual Witches Ball & a Club contribution!
Utica Charters the first District 2 Golden Z Club

The Utica College Golden Z Club became the latest Zonta International Golden Z Club and District 2’s first ever, chartered by the Zonta Club of Utica, at a very lovely chartering ceremony and installation of officers event & celebration held at the Carbone Family Auditorium on Dec 4, 2109 at 5:30PM. The event was very exciting and beautifully executed. On hand for the festivities and to present the charter was Zonta International Z & Golden Z Committee Chairman Candace Edwards, and District 2 Governor Irene Orton, and Zonta Club of Utica President, Vanessa Rejrat.

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“Through Golden Z Club activities, we know that you will learn the joy of service, and in accordance with the Golden Z Club motto, you will act as “Future Leaders Building a Better World Today Through Service and Advocacy,” said Chairman Edwards.

The Objectives of the Golden Z Club are:

1. To serve the school with which it is affiliated
2. To serve the community
3. To provide career guidance and to encourage leadership qualities in secondary, vocational and technical schools, colleges, and universities.
4. To promote fellowship and better understanding among all people of the world.

The following students were installed as officers of the Golden Z Club: Emma Ormsby, Treasurer; Taylor Cottrill, Secretary; Shakhrizoda Khazratkulova, Webmaster; Olivia Caroli, Vice President; and Amber Jenkins, President. Ms. Jenkins was presented with a gavel, a symbol of presidency position, and she also gave the acceptance speech for the Club.

The Golden Z Club advisors for Utica are: Jennifer Yanowitz, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology at Utica College and a Zonta Club of Utica member; as well as Claudia Jasinski, member of and Z & Golden Z Committee Chairman for the Zonta Club of Utica.

The faculty advisor closed the ceremony with a quote from a sister Zontian, Amelia Earhart. “Some of us have great runways already built for us. If you have one, take off. But if you don't have one, realize it is your responsibility to grab a shovel and build one for yourself and for those who will follow after you.”

A reception followed with a fabulous Zonta sheet cake, coffee, tea and hot cocoa.
2020 Women’s March

The Zonta Club of Oswego is putting out a call for any club or individual who would like to participate in the 2020 Women’s March in Seneca Falls on January 18th. As Zontians we would like to march as a collective group for impact. Please email Iraina Gerchman, Zonta Club of Oswego, at ladymacbeth1963@hotmail.com.

Speakers and Program can be found at Women’s March Seneca Falls.

ZI Centennial Anniversary Committee News

by Beryl McMillan, Chairman berylmcm@outlook.com

“As we approach the end of the centennial biennium, we are looking forward to the publication of an overall history of Zonta and our district histories. We thank you for the work that has been done in your districts to contribute to these documents.

The full document is in two parts:
  o Part I – Overall History which has been written by Eva Nielsen, member of the Centennial Anniversary Committee since its inception
  o Part II – District Histories, written by District Historians

It will be presented on the website as:
  o Introduction to District Histories
  o Individual District Histories
  o Overall History

I send my thanks to you for your assistance to date and for your response to HQ to ensure that this special project is completed, with all district histories published early in 2020.”

Congratulations to our Canadian Sisters

Congratulations, to the Zonta Club of Ottawa, Ontario on the name change of their club to Ottawa, Canada. The written request was approved by Zonta International and has been processed. The club will be sharing their new logo very shortly. Again, congratulations President Cindy O’Neil and all members of the Ottawa Club.
Oooops! Debbie Vecchio’s ad was inadvertently omitted in the final print of Zonta District 2 Conference.

We are truly sorry for the omission. Please see her ad here:

Thank you, Debbie for being a sponsor of the 2019 District 2 Conference!