

Zonta Club of Johnson County, Kansas

June 2020

President's Message

Dear sister Zontians,

I'm sure I don't need to remind you that we live in unusual times, or that we look forward to getting back to normal, however that's defined now. Due to the pandemic, we're still staying at home a lot of the time and cautiously re-emerging into public life and getting back to old routines. One thing I've noticed is the increased use of the internet to stay in touch. For the month of June, we'll have our business meeting again via Zoom. The April and May Zoom meetings were productive, and it was good to see members' smiling faces!

It was disappointing that the International Convention in Chicago had to be cancelled. But important work is still going on. Elections will be held July 5th through 8th for international officers, biennium projects, and bylaws changes. As your club delegate, I will represent you when I vote. Please note that **all** members can watch candidate video speeches starting June 30th (three days before elections are open) until the election process ends. This will give you a chance to see and hear the candidates from around the world who are running for international officers, directors, and nominating committee. You can view the bios now on the zonta.org website; you'll need your username and password to access the information. Another important item is a proposed bylaws change to raise the age limit for Young Professional membership from 30 to 35. Young Professional members have a lower annual dues amount.

The internet has more good information about Zonta. In our May newsletter, we were urged to visit the USA Caucus website (www.zontausa.org) to learn about the top six advocacy issues we've been promoting. Also, I hope you've been receiving notices in your

email about the Zonta Talks series, which are webinars that provide information about Zonta's international projects and other topics important to Zonta. The website also contains recordings of past Zonta Talks:

(<https://www.zonta.org/Media-News/Zonta-Talks>).

With the new biennium, we can think about fresh ideas for service, advocacy, fundraising, and social events. This is not to imply we should necessarily replace our current activities, but we can be creative and consider new possibilities.

Some things will remain the same. We will begin our meetings with personal celebrations. The Member Spotlight will feature our new club members. The current committee chairs for advocacy, service, and membership will stay in the capable hands of Cynthia Yin, Carie Burris, and Dawna Adams, respectively.

I would like to thank Marcia Charney for the wonderful job she did as president the past two years. Our club benefited from her excellent communication, the interesting speakers she brought in, and her willingness to try new things. Pam Fellingham, Area Director and JoCo club member, did a fine job of shepherding us through two regional meetings and the district meeting held in Kansas City last fall.

There have been some major changes in the world the last few months, and we're presented with new opportunities. The efforts of Zonta members are needed as much as ever. Keep in mind the vision of Zonta: Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

Anne McClery



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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1, 2020	New biennium begins (2020-2022)
June 3, 2020	Monthly meeting
July 1, 2020	Monthly meeting* (Keeler items postponed from June)
July 5-8, 2020	International Convention (electronic only)
August 5, 2020	Monthly meeting
September 2, 2020	Monthly meeting*
September 26, 2020	Overland Park Fall Festival

*Collection of items for Keeler Women’s Center: shampoo, deodorant, lotion, soap and toothpaste

President:	Anne McCleery
1 st VP:	Tobi Starks
2 nd VP:	Baerbel Schiller
Treasurer:	Jane Macke
Recording Sec’y:	Pam Fellingham
Corresponding Sec’y:	Mary Mondl
Directors:	Marcia Charney Rosie Wenzl
Advocacy Chair:	Cynthia Yin
Service Chair:	Carie Burris
Membership Chair:	Dawna Adams

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)
Area 4 Director: Stephanie Jones (Kansas City I)

