

Zonta Club of Johnson County, Kansas

September 2020

President's Message

Dear sister Zontians,

It was nice to have a summer break with no meeting in August. The COVID-19 still presents a challenge for everyone. We all miss seeing and chatting with each other at our monthly dinner meetings.

In the August newsletter I wrote about the ZI officer elections for the 2020-2022 biennium. In this newsletter I would like to highlight the new service projects that were approved. These projects are not funded by the dues we pay and are funded entirely by donations. I'm sure a lot of you know we send 1/3 of the money we raise during the fiscal year to international funds and scholarships. Here are the approved service projects for the new biennium:

*Adolescent Girls' Health and Protection in Peru (\$1 million to UNICEF-USA)

*Delivering Survivor-Centered Response to Gender-Based Violence Survivors in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste (\$1 million to UNFPA)

*Let Us Learn Madagascar – Empowering Girls Through Education: Phase III (\$500,000 to UNICEF USA)

*Ending Child Marriage – A Program to Accelerate Global Action: Phase II (\$1.5million to UNFPA and UNICEF via UNICEF USA)

You can learn more about these programs in the email from ZI sent to all members on August 21st. The email also contains an introduction to our new ZI President, Sharon Langenbeck, in a youtube video. Sharon has been associated with Zonta since she won two Amelia Earhart Fellowships in 1977 and 1978 while working on her doctorate in mechanical and aerospace engineering. And, she was raised in the heartland – St. Louis.

Speaking of scholarships, Marcia Charney and I presented certificates to the winners of our club's Young Women in Public Affairs award. This year, we had a \$1000 winner (LyLena Estabine) and a second place winner of \$500 (Katherine Cooper). LyLena is heading to Harvard this fall and will major in civil engineering with concentrations in international development and public affairs. Katherine is attending Georgetown University and will study international economics and Spanish. They were both very appreciative to receive these awards. Photos of the young ladies are on the last page. LyLena has also written a book entitled *On the Bridge*, and she autographed Marcia's copy.

Due to pandemic restrictions, we'll be limited to internet meetings or small group activities for quite a while. We can still have a fundraiser; we just need to figure out how that will happen. Please look over the notes sent to you a few days ago about the ideas brought up at a Zonta fundraising meeting in June.

Service projects are still possible. We can continue to volunteer at Happy Bottoms. Carie Burris has been working on that.

It will also help us to update our online presence through Facebook and our club website. With Cynthia Yin's guidance, I revised the scholarship page on our website. If I can learn how to do that, truly anyone can.

This newsletter features Stephanie Jones, Area 4 Director and member of the KCI club. We look forward to having her join us at a club meeting.

Everyone stay safe and stay connected.

Anne McCleery



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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)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 2, 2020 Monthly meeting
- October 7, 2020 Monthly meeting
- November 4, 2020 Monthly meeting
- September 17-19, 2021 District meeting in St. Cloud, MN

“Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they're always there.”

*Christy Evans
Mystery writer*

(If you have a favorite quote to offer, please contact the editor.)



LyLena Estabine, 1st place YWPA winner, autographs her book for Marcia



Katherine Cooper, 2nd place YWPA winner, with her parents



LyLena receives YWPA certificate from Anne