

Zonta Club of Johnson County, Kansas

January 2019

President's Message

Wow! Can it already be the last year of the decade? I hope all of you had a great holiday season, and I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

The Club started the holiday season by volunteering at the Johnson County Christmas Bureau. I find this volunteer experience inspiring because the volunteers get to interact directly with the recipients of the charitable organization. I worked in the books section for the second consecutive year, and I enjoy the excitement of both the children and their parents when they discover new books they want to bring home to read.

Club members and their guests also enjoyed a holiday brunch and gift exchange at the home of Carie and Pierre Burris. Thank you again to the Burris family for hosting in their beautiful home. Also, thanks to John Mondt for capturing the attendees in photos he previously sent to Club members.

Our January meeting will be on Wednesday, January 2 at Big Whiskey's, 9100 W. 135th Street, Overland Park, Kansas (north side of 135th Street, just west of Antioch Road). We will have no speaker this month. Instead, we will discuss ideas for future activities and programs and Club and committee goals for 2019. If you cannot attend but you have ideas for future programs, fundraising events or activities, please let me know.

Carie has arranged two more dates for the Club to volunteer at Happy Bottoms: Wednesday, January 30, and Wednesday, February 27, each session from 6:00-8:00 pm. We'll circulate a sign up sheet at the January and February Club meetings.

The Amelia Earhart Luncheon is Saturday, January 26th, at the Kansas City Marriott

Country Club Plaza, beginning with a social at noon. The cost is \$40 per person. You should have received an invitation in the mail. Our Club is the host club this year. And more importantly, Anne McCleery is being honored as the Zontian of the Year. So, please make plans to attend. Guests are welcome. Responses to the invitation are due by January 21. If you plan to attend, you can bring your check **payable to Zonta Kansas City I** to the January meeting along with your meal selection of chicken, tilapia or vegetable strudel.

If you know of anyone who is interested in joining our Club, please note that there is a reduction in dues through the end of the fiscal year (May 31, 2019).

The 2020 Zonta International Convention will be in Chicago from July 4 through July 8, 2020. The Convention Chair is seeking volunteers to assist with various committees, and volunteer commitments are due by January 20. By separate email, I will forward the volunteer form which contains descriptions of available committee assignments if you have an interest in committing now to attend the Convention.

Check the calendar below for upcoming events and mark your calendars.

This month's Member Spotlight features Rosie Wenzl. I will tag one or two of you for the next Member Spotlight.

Marcia Charney



ZONTA ZINGER



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Shelley Schultz, District 7 Governor, shared with the Club Presidents the following poem written by Zonta International President Susanne von Bassewitz:

For Zonta 2019

There's much more to our Anniversary
than only cakes and cheer,
that's why we'll make the Centennial
an indeed special year.
There are so many ways
to lift each other up,
and we know Zonta friendship
starts right at our club.
While we'll light birthday candles
and enjoy their sights,
we'll work together
for women and their rights.
There will be bold actions
that we plan and create
so that thousands of girls
may have a better fate.
We want them to study
and learn for their lives
and decide on their own
when they want to be wives.
We say Yes to strong women
and No to violence and fears,
that's why we will celebrate
Zonta's one hundred years.

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District 7 Area 4
Charter Date: May 18, 1972
District Governor: Shelly Schultz (Mankato, MN)
Area 4 Director: Pam Fellingham

President:	Marcia Charney
1 st VP:	Carie Burris
2 nd VP:	Baerbel Schiller
Treasurer:	Jane Macke
Recording Sec'y:	Mary Mondl
Corresponding Sec'y:	Rosie Wenzl
Directors:	Pam Fellingham Tobi Starks

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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| January 2, 2019 | Meeting at Big Whiskey's |
| January 26, 2019 | Amelia Earhart luncheon |
| January 30, 2019 | Volunteer at Happy Bottoms |
| February 6, 2019 | Meeting at Big Whiskey's (Bring donations for Keeler Women's Center) |
| February 27, 2019 | Volunteer at Happy Bottoms |
| March 8, 2019 | International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day |
| April 26-27, 2019 | Area 2 and Area 4 Meeting in Kansas City, MO |
| June 7-9, 2019 | North American Inter-District Meeting in Dallas, TX |
| September 13-15, 2019 | District 7 Conference in Kansas City, MO |

CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAY SEASON TOGETHER

