

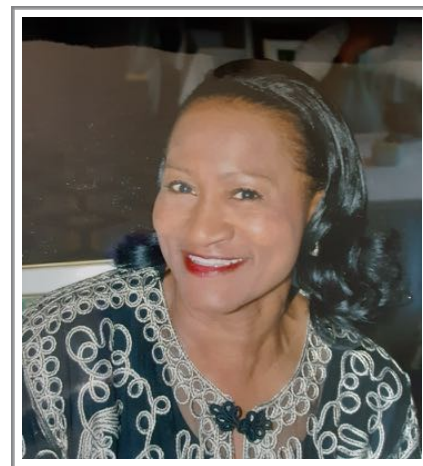
ZONTA ZEST

Zonta Club of St. Louis

President's Message to the Club

Greetings Zontians,

Welcome to November! The leaves have finally started to color beautifully, the Election is over and Daylight Savings Time has adjusted our clocks over most of the land. November also means that people all over the United States will hit the highways and airways to celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends. It is my favorite holiday because no "beautifully wrapped gifts" are required. The "beautiful gift" involved is the yearly gathering of family and friends to celebrate the bountifulness of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.



Not only is the Thanksgiving Holiday celebrated this month, we also celebrate **Native American Heritage Month**. Zonta welcomes our native American sisters to join us in fellowship and membership. National STEM/STEAM Day was on the 8th and Entrepreneurship Day is on the 19th.

Zontian Shima Rostami, President of **Gateway Alliance Against Human Trafficking**, is hosting their annual dinner on Wednesday November 13. It is not too late to attend! The event takes place at the Westport Sheraton Chalet (5-7pm). We wish Shima a wonderful success in raising funds in support of this important cause. Several club members are attending as volunteers and or dinner guests.

This month we welcome a new member into our club! Sue Ellbogen will be installed at our Membership meeting. Zonta International will have three representatives attending as well!

We also welcome the **Service Club Leaders Conference** to St. Louis. Optimist International and Sertoma International are sponsoring the event and welcome all service club leaders to attend November 21-24. If you want more information please visit their website and you will find many other groups "Working to Build a Better World for Women and Girls". A review of conference content will be presented in next month's ZEST.

We send condolences to club member Cynthia Kirkpatrick for the recent loss of her father.

Sincerely,

Laura Burton
President



October Board Meeting Updates:

\$400 toward blanket material for NICU patients at St. Luke's Hospital was approved

- The blankets are used to cover incubators and reduce negative stimulation.
- The blankets go home with the baby at discharge.

The Bylaws committee will meet again on November 14th.

Sue Ellborgen's application for club membership was approved.

The Service Club Leader's Conference opening night dinner vs. November Membership Meeting attendance was discussed. Both event are on the same night.

- President, Laura Burton, plans to attend the conference
- Kay Moss is investigating how much dinner reservations would cost if a club member wanted to attend the opening dinner event.
- Two members from Zonta International will be attending.
- The club Membership Meeting will be a hybrid meeting held at Moneta - details being finalized.

Kendra Scott Fundraiser

- Kendra Scott reached out through the club email address to see if we would be interested in a fundraiser event.
- Linda White will reach out for details.

Gateway Alliance Against Human Trafficking is holding their annual fundraising dinner

- Several zontians are volunteering at this event
- Laura Burton plans to attend as a dinner guest
- It is unknown how many other zontians may be attending as dinner guests at the time of this meeting.

Holiday Get-Together

- Sharon Hales is clarifying pricing and options if a get-together is held at the Missouri History Museum.
- Judy Jensen offered to host a get-together at her home as an option - a pot luck was suggested
- More to come....

Zonta Membership Meeting Celebrating Founder's Day!



Meeting Date: Thursday, November 21st

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm (meeting)

Meeting Topic: Topic honoring Founder's Day. Learn about the history of the Zonta Club of St. Louis, with a focus on committees that help to fulfill Zonta's mission. Come celebrate Founder's Day with birthday cake and coffee/water! **We are also looking for volunteers to share club artifacts and stories!**

Note: Cake, coffee or water will be provided for all in-person attendees. Please note, there will not be a catered meal option, however, you are welcome to bring snacks to share and coordinate with others to bring plates and napkins. Think trivia night type food - crackers, dips, veggie and fruit trays, etc.

Meeting Type: Hybrid

Location: Zoom and Moneta [100 South Brentwood Blvd., Suite 500 St. Louis, MO 63105](https://www.moneta.com/100-South-Brentwood-Blvd-Suite-500-St-Louis-MO-63105).

Thank you to member and finance committee member, Cynthia Kirkpatrick, for allowing us use of the meeting space at Moneta!

RSVP by Monday, November 18th: <https://www.easy-rsvp.com/jWuW7r-november-zonta-membership-meeting-thursday-nov-21-2024>

- indicate **M** after your name if joining in person at Moneta (ex: Stacy Donovan - M)
- indicate **Z** after your name if joining virtually via Zoom (ex: Stacy Donovan - Z)
- Note: A meeting reminder and Zoom link will be sent to those joining virtually
- When you sign up on the RSVP link above - you can see a list of everyone attending!

Event Contact: Stacy Donovan (901) 299-7759

Dorothy I. Fennell, Microbiologist

Club President, Laura Burton, visited club member, Cheryl Bielema, to enjoy the Spoon River Valley Scenic Drive in the Canton, Illinois area. One of the places they toured was the Canton Area Heritage Center that Cheryl helped found in 2015. During Women's History Month (March, 2023), the museum's programs committee researched and set up an exhibit featuring outstanding women. The women were born and raised or worked professionally in this rural area of Illinois. Many people have remarked, "I didn't know about these talented women!"

Laura asked Cheryl to share several of the Women-of-Note biographies with Zonta sisters. The first is a microbiologist Dorothy Fennell who graduated from Canton High School in 1934 and worked at the USDA Research Center, located in Peoria.



Dorothy Fennell was born on October 23, 1916, in Middle Grove, Illinois. She moved to Canton at age 3 and continued school there. Fennell is credited with the discovery of *Penicillium chrysogenum*, the parent organism that produces the antibiotic Penicillin G.

In 1938 she graduated from the University of Illinois with a B.A. in bacteriology. She worked as a science teacher in Lewistown, Illinois, 1938-1941. In 1942 she began working at Northern Regional Research Center in Peoria on the Penicillin team where she eventually became its team leader and achieved the title of Microbiologist. The antibiotic Penicillin G made possible the first mass immunization that has saved millions of people worldwide.

Fennell won the USDA Superior Service Award in 1950 and the Federal Women's Award in 1976 (one of only six women who have received this). Four micro-organisms have been named after her and she authored two scientific books and authored and co-authored 60 scientific papers.

Dorothy Fennell died July 20, 1977, of leukemia and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Canton. She was honored as one of Canton's outstanding citizens at the museum's Cemetery Walk in 2023.

For more information, contact (Dr.) Cheryl Bielema, bielema@comcast.net, or (314) 440-0326.

Zontian's in Action... *Supporting our community charities*



SANTA'S HELPERS SERVICE PROJECT

Seven Zontians participated in a service project on October 15th at Santa's Helpers. We spent the morning wrapping books and dolls that will be distributed to some of the 1,100 families that this organization helps every year. Several of us went to lunch at Nick's Pub afterward. Those that participated were Jill Cooper, Sherry Brooks, Kathleen Braun, Ellen Embry, Laura Burton, Kay Moss and Peggy Gilbertson. A couple of longtime Santa Helper volunteers joined in our group picture!



VALEDA'S HOPE WALK TO WIN

Jill Cooper, Mary D' Angelo and Sharon Hales joined Valeda Keys on October 19th in her annual Valeda's Hope Walk To Win helping to support the battle against breast cancer. It was an enthusiastic and passionate crowd on a beautiful morning with a balloon release afterwards. Many more pictures are available on Valeda's facebook page.

Zontians in *ACTION*...

Upcoming Volunteer and Support Opportunities!

HELP OUT at the GATEWAY ALLIANCE AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING



ANNUAL DINNER

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13th

GAAHT provides training and education to end human trafficking. Shima Rostami, Zonta member, is Executive Director. She is requesting us to help her with her annual dinner. There are two shifts: *12pm-4pm or 4pm-9pm*. The first shift will do basket transfers, and set up, and the second shift will do registration, raffle, donation, collection, and basket bid monitoring during the dinner. Meals will be included for the volunteers.

Contact Shima Rostami at sr@gahtmo.org to offer volunteer services!



**Annual Ringing of the
Salvation Army Bells a Zonta
Club of St. Louis Tradition!**

December 3rd 3:00-5:00pm

**Contact Jill Cooper
cooperjill02@yahoo.com**

**Location: Dierbergs
11481 Olive Blvd
Creve Coeur, MO 63141**





A LEADERSHIP SERIES BY
ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

REMARKABLE WOMEN POWERFUL STORIES

MEET DR. MARILYN WARING, DNZM

HER STORY ON DEMAND NOW

Zonta International is pleased to share the powerful story of another remarkable woman. Hear and watch the story of Dr. Marilyn Waring, an emeritus professor of public policy at the Auckland University of Technology in New Zealand!

Dr. Marilyn Waring is internationally known for her ground-breaking work in political economy, development assistance and human rights, and her classic work *Counting for Nothing: What Men Value and What Women are Worth*. After being elected at twenty-three, Marilyn has served three terms in New Zealand's parliament. She has been a member of the Board of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand, the Councils of Creative New Zealand and Massey University, the QEII National Trust and the Institute of Judicial Studies, and most recently, the WHO Council on The Economics of Health for All.

In 2020, Marilyn became a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for her services to women and economics. She is also a Zonta International Honorary Member.



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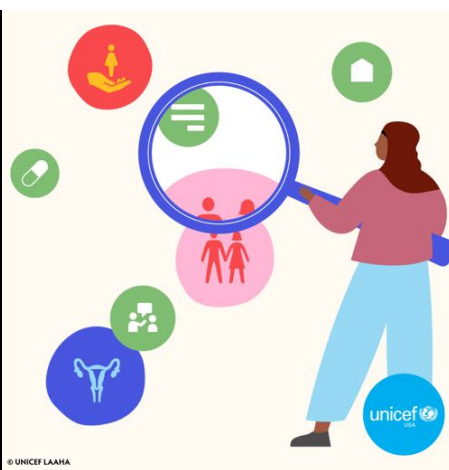
Marilyn met with Lynne Foley OAM, host of the Remarkable Women, Powerful Stories podcast, to discuss her ongoing efforts to bring visibility and credibility to all forms of work done by women and her commitment to empowering women to become experts in their own livelihoods.



As we are preparing to celebrate Zonta International's 105th birthday let us reflect on the incredible impact Zontians have made on the lives of women and girls worldwide.

This month, we are asking every member to donate in honor of Zonta's birthday. Your gift, **no matter the size**, will help us continue our work of expanding access to education, economic opportunities and safe living conditions.

Imagine the collective power of our entire membership donating. Together, we can reach **our goal of US\$105,000**, and build a better world for women and girls!



Donate



Zonta Says NOW Think Tank

Sunday, 10 November | 10:00 AM UTC/ 4:00 AM Chicago Time

Theme: How international financial architecture impacts gender-equal climate justice

Hosted by Europe/Africa with speakers:

- Jennie Sinclair, entrepreneur, investor and board member of the Swedish Ownership Foundation
- Saadat Nakyejewe Kimuli, PhD in Business Administration and Sustainability and is passionate about fostering a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem in Uganda.



All members are welcome to join the Zonta Says NOW to Gender-Equal Climate Action Intercontinental Think Tank. Come share your ideas and gather inspiration on how we can address Gender-Equal Climate Action NOW!

Register Here
4:00AM

Ending Child Marriage Advocacy Webinar

Tuesday, 12 November | 8:00 AM Chicago Time

Join the Zonta International Advocacy Committee for an inspiring webinar featuring three guest speakers to showcase Zonta's transformative efforts to **end child marriage**.

Global actions have been taken over the last decade to end child marriage, but it is estimated the world is at least another 300 years away from achieving this goal. To end child marriage, interventions that include strengthening systems are crucial to advancing efforts forward. When appropriate systems are implemented, access to education, health, protection and economic prosperity become possible for the most vulnerable girls.



This event will discuss the issues and indisputable impact of child marriage, how world organizations have recognized these issues, and how far we have come in ending child marriage since the acknowledgment of these impacts. The guest speakers will provide a perspective from in-country field expertise, a national advocacy effort to end child marriage, and the UNICEF-UNFPA Global Programme to End Child Marriage.

[Register Here](#)
8:00AM

The audience will leave more informed about the issues of child marriage and why it is important to continue in these efforts, and with the understanding of the impact that needs to happen in the future in order for there to be an end to child marriage



Pragya Shah Karki, a child protection specialist from UNICEF Nepal, will share her insights on programs in Nepal related to ending child marriage, including the outcomes of these programs.



Fraidy Reiss the founder of Unchained At Last, will share updates on the work of her organization in supporting the growing national movement to set the marriage age at 18, with no exceptions, in every U.S. state.



Vero Kamanga-Njikho, a UNICEF representative from the Global Programme, will speak about the latest work of the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage.



Commission on the Status of Women 69th annual meeting

2025 marks the 30th anniversary of the 4th World Conference on Women, and the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform For Action. To commemorate this important year, the Zonta International UN Committee is hosting a series of 12 weekly Conversation Circles from November to February, each covering one of the twelve critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action.

Join us in the lead up to the 69th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) meeting which will take place March 10-21, 2025

*Are you interested in learning more? Visit the [CSW website](#) to access resources, materials and recordings. Grounds pass applications are also available now.
See how you can become a participant in CSW69!*

CONVERSATION CIRCLES

Nov. 13th	Women and Poverty
Nov. 20th	Violence Against Women
Dec. 4th	Education and Training of Women
Dec. 11th	Women and Health
Dec. 18th	Women and Armed Conflict
Jan. 8th	Women and the Economy
Jan. 15th	Women in Power and Decision-Making Positions
Jan. 22nd	Institutional Mechanisms for the Advancement of Women
Jan. 29th	Human Rights of Women
Feb. 5th	Women and the Media
Feb. 12th	Women and the Environment
Feb. 19th	The Girl Child

Sign up for a Conversation Circle leading up to CSW69 on the ZI website in the Events section:

[Link to ZI Events](#)



Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Online Summit

Wednesday, 10 December | 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM & 4:00 PM Chicago Time

Be inspired by the [2024 Zonta Says NO Virtual Summit](#) while supporting the Zonta Foundation for Women. Join Zonta International for three sessions with three incredible speakers throughout the day. Each speaker will give their own expertise and perspective and allow for questions from participants.

Prior to each session there will also be a short artistic presentation on their personal reflections on violence against women and girls from an adolescent or young adult.

ZONTA
SAYS NO
TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Register Here
9:00am CDT



Session 1:
Susanne Strand
A Psychological View of
Violence Against
Women



Session 2:
Tony Porter
A Call to Men – Ending
Violence Against Women



Session 3:
Elizabeth Flock
A Conversation about
Gender-Based Violence

Other Zonta International Webinars & Workshops

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

21 November 2024

Are you new to Zonta? Join the Zonta Headquarters Membership Team on this meeting and let us welcome you. We will provide a history of Zonta, the programs we support, resources available to you, and an opportunity to meet with a member of the International Membership Committee.

**Register Here
For 9:00am CST**

**Register Here
For 6:00pm CST**

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

25 November 2024

The purpose of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is to raise awareness around the world that women are subjected to rape, domestic violence and other forms of violence.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

November

- 12th Ending Child Marriage Advocacy Webinar
- 13th Gateway Alliance Against Human Trafficking Annual Dinner
- 21st New Member Orientation
- 21st Membership Meeting
- 25th International Violence Against Women Day

December

- 5th Board Meeting
- 10th Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women Online Summit
- Holiday Get-Together - More to come!

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

November

- 9th Sharon Hales
- 12th Mary D'Angelo
- 16th Aslihan Vuruskan
- 17th Betty Davidson
- 18th Cynthia Kirkpatrick
- 24th Peggy Gilbertson
- 25th Malaika Horne
- 27th Laura Burton
- 28th Ellen Embry

December

- 24th Genevieve Gibson-Newman
- 26th Uma Eachempati
- 27th Jill Cooper



* See CSW67 Conversation Circles information on page 11 of the ZEST for dates and link