

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 6

NEWSLETTER

November 2024

D6 BOARD 2024-2026

Isabel Vidal – Governor

Brandy Harrington – Lt. Governor

Karen Smith – Treasurer

Seeking a Volunteer – Secretary

Karen Herman DeMuro – Area 1
Director

Cathy Myers – Area 2 Director

Susan Harmon – Area 3 Director

Stephanie Buntin – Area 4
Director

Kelly LaMore – Area 5 Director

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Fall District 6 Members!

My favorite temperatures are approaching as is Zonta International's impactful Advocacy project Zonta Says No to Gender Violence. Could all 21 clubs in our District hold a photo Op at your local Courthouse Squares or at your Club Meetings with the ZSN Signs. Let's plan to publish this through Joni on Monday 11/25/24 on the District 6 Facebook but also on every club's Facebook at 6pm so it happens on the same day and the same time. Then, please post on-line at your Club's Facebook page the ZI ZSN postings. Please create and submit the Press Release at Zonta.org to your local newspapers/on-line papers. Here is the link for a press release: [ZSN_Press release template for clubs.docx \(dropbox.com\)](#). We should also add the ZSN Photo logo to your photo on Facebook. The Board Committee Chairs are thinking about things we can all do in each club as a district. The impact of 21 Clubs and over 420 members will be awesome. Send your thoughts to the Committee Chairs, and copy Amber, Joni, and me, so we can coordinate all our efforts! (invidal@comcast.net, ambermbrainard@gmail.com; ionizonta@gmail.com)



On October 4-6, District 6 held its 2024 Fall Conference in Carmel, Indiana. With the help of the 72 members from District 6 who attended, an Advocacy Project signing up for ERA and Fast Action Friday communications occurred. We also discussed the new D6 Website in development, maximizing the use of Social Media, the new Leadership Development program, and devised the structure for District 6's Strategic Plan for 2024-2030. The plan is based on the ZI Biennial Goals adopted at the 2024 ZI Convention in Brisbane. The four 2024-20230 Goals are:

1. **Credible & Visible Voice**
2. **Club Success**
3. **Leadership & Sustainability Engagement**
4. **Audiences & Allies**

The District 6 Board determined to focus on Goal 2 – Club Success. This goal encompasses Goals 1, 3 and 4. as part of its success. We will work on the three Strategies developed at the Conference at the upcoming Spring Area Workshops. In addition to focusing on Membership, Leadership Development,

and an update on the Zonta Foundation for Women, think about the three Strategies: Growing Membership, Impacting our Communities, and Strengthening our Communications.



16 Days of Activism 11/25 – 12/10

How can your Clubs impact Club Success by increasing the Credible and Visible Voice of your Clubs, figuring out how Leadership can strengthen by sharing the weight of holding offices, and finally, expanding our Audiences and Allies in unique and effective ways.

Looking forward to focusing on our fabulous future in District 6!

Isabel M. Vidal

MEMBERSHIP – MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS (TOTAL D6 MEMBERS = 431)



50 YEARS!

Estelle Rynders, Alton Wood River Club, Area 3
Peg Dowling, Oak Brook Club, Area 1

40 YEARS

Karen Goebel, Madison Club, Area 2
Linda Votaw, Alton Wood River Club, Area 3
Julie Ramza, Streator Club, Area 5
Marlene Brant, Frankfort Club, Area 4
Carolyn Dunham, Frankfort Club, Area 4

30 YEARS!

Sharon Keck, Frankfort Club, Area 4
Jenny Neal, Frankfort Club, Area 4

20 YEARS!

Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry, Milwaukee Club, Area 2
Brandy Harrington, St. Charles-Geneva-Batavia, Area 1
LaVerne Jordan, Kankakee Club, Area 5
Amy Lafine, Kankakee Club, Area 5
Pat Perrier, Joliet Club, Area 5

10 YEARS!

Jennifer Nagel, LaSalle Peru Club, Area 5
Eleanora Medve-Powell, Indianapolis Club, Area 4
Laura Curtiss, Madison Club, Area 2
Margarette Trushel, Alton Wood River Club, Area 3
Vicki Cheffer, Streator Club, Area 5
Colleen Stefan, Streator Club, Area 5
Janice Krizik-Schmidt, Kankakee Club, Area 5
Kim Dahmen, Frankfort Club, Area 4
Linda Uitts, Frankfort Club, Area 4
Tina Huff, Lincoln Club, Area 3
Stephanie Stacy, Ottawa Club, Area 5
Natalie Barber, Belvidere Club, Area 2

45 YEARS!

Patricia Novak, Aurora Club, Area 1
Carol Edson, Belvidere Club, Area 2

35 YEARS!

Tamara Hagan, Madison Club, Area 2
Deirdre Toler, Streator Club, Area 5
Jeni Royalty, Frankfort Club, Area 4
Mary Jean Anderson, Ottawa Club, Area 5
Pam Schindel, Aurora Club, Area 1
Christine Goepfert, Janesville Club, Area 2
Kathy Giegerich, Joliet Club, Area 5

25 YEARS!

Cindy Holmes, Alton Wood River Club, Area 3
Elaine Rynders, Alton Wood River Club, Area 3
Amy Gallano, Belvidere Club, Area 2
Violet Peterson, Belvidere Club, Area 2

15 YEARS!

Anna Goodberlet, Kankakee Club, Area 5
Elizabeth Drury, Lebanon Club, Area 4
Donna Likar, Joliet Club, Area 5
Karen Pastell, Joliet Club, Area 5
Dana Heyde, Mascoutah Club, Area 3

5 YEARS!

Ellen Ermer, Madison Club, Area 2
Julie Poehlmann-Tynan, Madison Club, Area 2
Sue Stirnaman, Alton Wood River Club, Area 3
Trish Ziegler, Alton Wood River Club, Area 3
Lisa Foydel, St. Charles-Geneva-Batavia, Area 1
Carol Kolesar, Kankakee Club, Area 5
Natalie Ojeda, Kankakee Club, Area 5
Michelle Standeford, Lebanon Club, Area 4
Tina Kimmel, Frankfort Club, Area 4
Merideth Chapman, Lincoln Club, Area 3
Susan Ellis, Ottawa Club, Area 5
Gina DelRose, Belvidere Club, Area 2
Marcia Hess, Belvidere Club, Area 2
Cheryl Sturges, Belvidere Club, Area 2
Kathy Cawley, Joliet Club, Area 5
Judy Mitchell, Joliet Club, Area 5
Theresa Rouse, Joliet Club, Area 5
Susan DeFratus, Northwest Cook Club, Area 1
Nicole Vernier, Mascoutah Club, Area 3
Laura Voss, Mascoutah Club, Area 3
Lisa Cunningham, Oak Brook Club, Area 1

MEET YOUR ELECTED BOARD

Meet Your 2024-2026 District 6 Board



Governor: Isabel Vidal
Zonta Club of Lincoln

Area 1 Director: Karen Herman DeMuro
E-Club of USA 3

Area 2 Director: Cathy Myers
Janesville

Lt. Governor: Brandy Harrington
Zonta Club of St. Charles/Geneva/Batavia

Area 3 Director: Susan Harmon
Zonta Club of Lincoln

Treasurer: Karen Smith
Milwaukee

Area 4 Director: Stephanie Buntin
Lebanon

Area 5 Director: Kelly LaMore
Zonta Club of Kankakee

Secretary: Seeking a volunteer

VOLUNTEER



Governor Isabel is currently seeking a volunteer to fill the role of District 6 Secretary!

Please consider enthusiastically volunteering!

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Meet Your 2024-2026 District 6 Board Committee Chairs



Advocacy: Michelle Miller
Zonta Club of Mascoutah

Finance: Karen Smith
Zonta Club of Milwaukee

Awards: Susie Trees
Zonta Club of Frankfort

Foundation Ambassador: Jeni Royalty
Zonta Club of Frankfort

Bylaws & Resolutions and USA Caucuses: Mary Nagel
Zonta Club of Oak Brook

Historian: Jean Heil
Zonta Club of Alton-Wood River

District Club Creator: Anna Weselak
Zonta Club of Oak Brook

Leadership Development: Yvonne Chalfant
Zonta Club of Kankakee

Meet Your 2024-2026 District 6 Board Committee Chairs



Membership: Brandy Harrington
Zonta Club of St. Charles/Geneva/Batavia

Nominating: Cheryl Trudeau
Zonta Club of Kankakee

Parliamentarian: Myra Celestin
Zonta Club of Oak Brook

Public Relations: Joni Reese
Zonta Club of Milwaukee

Service: Sally Bean
E-Club of USA 3

United Nations: Mary Baudino
Zonta Club of Joliet Area

Webmaster: Amber Brainard
Zonta Club of Lincoln

Z & Golden Z Club: Jeanie Beccue
Zonta Club of Lincoln

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

Three D6 Zontians completed all the core competencies in the Zonta Leadership program

Susan Stegeman, Springfield
Marcia Wherry, Springfield
Sally Bean, eClub3

Congratulations to these leaders who have made Zonta preparation a priority!



Can You Believe it???

Donna Mae Schlueter celebrated her 50th year as a Zontian at last year's Fall Conference and she has been the go-to District 6 photographer for all our large gatherings, including conventions.

Wow! Congratulations to Donna for her dedication to Zonta!!

Congratulations to Donna Mae Schlueter!

Attended her first convention in 1978 and has been to every one since then!

Fall Conference 2024 was her 50th consecutive District 6 Fall Conference!



D6 SERVICE IN ACTION AT FALL CONFERENCE – WELL DONE!



CARMEL UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
FOOD PANTRY

Cindy Muse
Food Pantry Coordinator
Carmel United Methodist Church
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Carmel, IN 46032
carmelumc.org

Oct. 5, 2024

Zonta District 6 -

Thank you so much for your donation to the Carmel UMC Food Pantry. Your contributions will help us feed many food insecure families in Hamilton County, Indiana. With increased need + rising food prices, donations such as yours allow us to keep the doors open and provide healthy food choices to our guests.

With gratitude, Cindy Muse

CELEBRATING OUR D6 AWARD WINNERS AT FALL CONFERENCE



Pictured on left with Governor Isabel: Stephanie Menten, 20024 ZI Amelia Earhart Fellow, who was awarded a \$10,000 ZI Fellowship Award. Pictured on right: Mildred Chome, 2023 ZI Women in STEM Scholar, who was awarded a \$5,000 ZI scholarship. The other 3 award recipients were not able to attend the Fall Conference



FOCUS ON THE FUTURE



Zonta District 6 Fall

WOW, WHAT A GREAT FALL CONFERENCE!

The Area and Committee Reports from the 2024 Conference have been extracted and shared for those who could not attend the Fall Conference. These are being shared in a separate document attached to the distributed email due to size.

Several have provided an updated version in the last month and those are noted as *Updated* in the title of the page.

SAVE THE DATES!

Great theme!

“Great Lakes Summer Camp”!



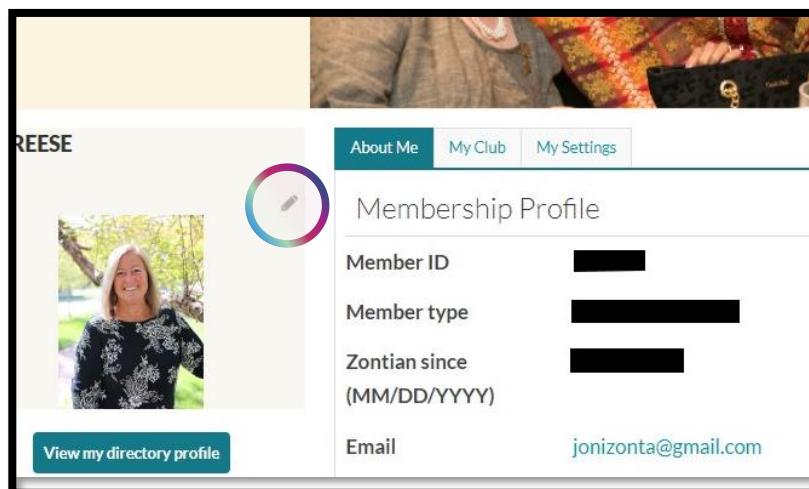
DID YOU KNOW?

We have so many great resources accessible to us on Zonta.org. And so many more in the **My Zonta** dropdown, including a **Directory**, **Tools**, and of course under Tools, even more topics including the Leadership Development Tools and Tools for Advocacy and PR.

Whether you just want to learn more about Zonta, or are in a leadership position, there are resources to expand your knowledge and help you be a more knowledgeable Zontian.

While you are out there, I would encourage you to look at your My Profile, found after you login by clicking on your name at the top. There are tabs about you, your Club and your settings.

You can even upload your photo! Edit with the little pen/pencil.



PR/COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

If you attended the Fall Conference, we talked quite a bit about improving communications within the district, between clubs and with members.

With the website redesign currently under construction, we are using opportunities to share across the District 6 and D6 Clubs using social media tools, specifically Facebook. The District 6 Facebook page is currently set up to “follow” the D6 Clubs on Facebook and we are sharing out Club’s posts of interest across D6. There are many Facebook tools for non-profits, including fundraising and events.

We are requesting that the Clubs “follow” the District 6 Facebook page and share relevant D6 information to their Facebook followers. This is something that your Club’s Facebook Administrator can do. If D6 Zontians would follow the District 6 Facebook page AND their Club’s page and share appropriate posts to their friends, just think about the increase in reach that we could achieve! *Even if a member is not comfortable with sharing or being active on Facebook, there is value in establishing a Facebook profile/presence and following for increased communication reach of activities going on.*

For finding new member prospects, LinkedIn may be a better target for professionals. We would encourage Clubs to establish a LinkedIn page if they don’t have one. This platform should be more for your Club’s professional updates, such as community service and advocacy, events and prospective member invitations. At the current time, we do not have a District 6 LinkedIn page.

Instagram is a visual platform for sharing photos or videos and has fundraising opportunities.

If there are specific posts/events/etc. that you would like to share with District 6 Clubs, please shoot them to Joni Reese via email at jonizonta@gmail.com.

We plan to send out quarterly newsletters, and again, please send Joni or your Area Directors information or events that you would like to highlight.

Finally, we are still in search of three other individuals who would like to be state liaisons for D6 Communications and be part of a PR/Communications committee for the District. Please let us know if you are interested. The presentation that Amber Brainard and Joni did at Fall Conference has been shared with all the D6 Club presidents and below is one of the slides from that deck.

Joni Reese,

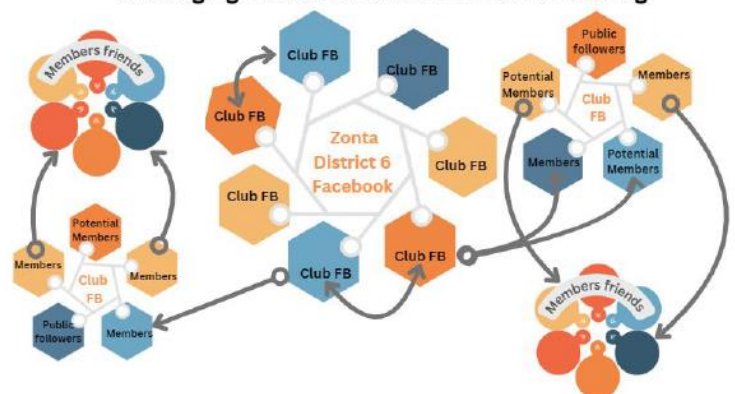
District 6 PR & Communications Chair

The Value of Social Media

The biggest value of social media and sharing for a non-profit organization is amplifying awareness and driving engagement for its cause.

- Social media enables non-profits to reach a broad and diverse audience at minimal cost, creating a ripple effect where content can be easily shared, increasing the visibility of the organization’s mission.

Leveraging social media for information sharing



Agenda

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

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

Susanne Strand is professor of criminology. Her research focuses on risk assessment and management of intimate partner violence. Much of her work involves collaboration with the police and social ser...

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12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

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

A Call to Men: Tony Porter is an author, educator, and activist working to advance gender and racial justice and create a more equitable society. He is internationally recognized for his efforts to p...

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4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Session 3: A Conversation with Elizabeth Flock about Gender based violence

Elizabeth Flock is an Emmy Award-winning journalist and author with a focus on stories about gender and justice. Her work has been featured in the New Yorker, the New York Times, and The Atlantic, an...

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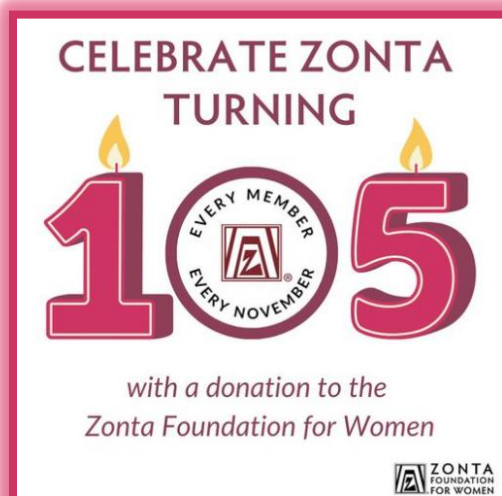
Can we make this happen in District 6?

Can every member donate what you can afford to make a difference? \$10.50, \$105, one-time or monthly pledge...

EVERY MEMBER November!!

Please do your part and help us achieve a collective goal!

Thank you!



DONATE THIS NOVEMBER

Every November brings the opportunity for each of our members to celebrate our birthday month by giving a gift to the Zonta Foundation for Women.



ZONTA FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN



Zonta International

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It is officially the start of the 2024 Every Member Every November! ❤️
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Donate to the Zonta Foundation for Women here: <https://ow.ly/RJE350TTHbB>

#EveryMemberEveryNovember #BuildABetterWorld #ZontiansInAction

November

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Every Member Every November

#ZontiansInAction

Every November, Zonta International urges all members to support the Zonta Foundation for Women, funding vital programs that empower women and girls globally, from education and health to ending violence. Visit zonta.org/donate to make your impactful contribution.

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International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

#ZontaSaysNO
#EndChildMarriage

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women raises global awareness of issues like rape and domestic violence. Zonta International's "Zonta Says NO" campaign is dedicated to ending violence against women and girls, advocating for a world free from fear and harm.

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16 Days of Activism

#16DaysofActivism
#ZontaSaysNO

The Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign begins with the 16 Days of Activism from 25 November to 10 December. Zonta clubs and districts are encouraged to take action locally, nationally and internationally to change gender-based attitudes and behaviors to end violence against women. Visit Zontasaysno.com for more information.

December

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Human Rights Day

#BuildABetterWorld
#ZontaSaysNO

Human Rights Day, observed on the final day of the Zonta Says NO campaign, marks the 1948 adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It reminds us of the global commitment and Zonta's mission to uphold dignity and end violence against women and girls.

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International Human Solidarity Day

#ZontaEmpowers

Mark International Human Solidarity Day by emphasizing the importance of coming together across differences to support one another and advance the common good. Joining Zonta International connects you to a global network committed to empowering women and girls, fostering solidarity and driving positive change worldwide.

Recommended Hashtags

#BuildABetterWorld

#AddYourVoice

#ZontiansInAction

#RoseDay

#BuildABetterWorld

#EndChildMarriage

#ZontaEmpowers

#WomenInSTEM

#ZontaSaysNO

#WomenInBusiness

#EndChildMarriage