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MARCH 24TH MEETING

**You are invited to the
Zonta Club of Hamilton 1 Meeting
via Zoom**

**When:
March 24, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time
(US and Canada)**

**Topic:
Zonta Club of Hamilton 1 Meeting -
March 2020**

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Please click the link below
to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/736440835>



Dates to Remember

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

APRIL DINNER MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020

MAY DINNER MEETING—AGM
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March 17 — Judi Park

March 22 — Winsome Plummer

Important Cancellations due to COVID-19

You should be aware of following cancellations that have been reported: to us:

Dinner Meeting, March 24, Liuna Station (Webinar details on page 1).

Blues and Bites on the Bayou Fundraiser, March 27—to be rescheduled.

Zonta District 4 Workshops in Brampton and Oil-City/Franklin.

Fortinos has cancelled the use of their community rooms for the rest of the year.

Princess Bingo has temporarily closed until March 3st after which time they will reassess the situation.

Zonta International has a page dedicated to questions about Convention <http://convention.zonta.org/Coronavirus-Q-A>



March 2020 President's Report

Dear Zonta Sisters,



I have found it very difficult to get a message together for this unprecedented time in our history. COVID-19 has undoubtedly changed our lives and has probably made us think long and hard about our hierarchy of needs and wants. Trying to keep up with the news is nerve-racking and being physically distant from the important people in our lives is also trying.

Therefore, now more than ever, even if we cannot gather physically as we would like, together we have to continue to highlight women's voices and bring added value, especially on topics where women are disproportionately impacted but where our impact is paramount for us all. Phone calls to isolated women and video calls are useful tools to keep us connected. Volunteering to run errands or take over small tasks for health-care employees struggling to balance work and life right now, are excellent examples of care-mongering. I am amazed at all of

the thoughtful planning that is going on behind the scenes in our city and country, and the suggestions that are made should help us to approach quarantine and social distancing in a positive spirit.

Preparing your committee report for the 2019 Annual Report might prove a great diversion. I'm happy to have them anytime! Judy Lindsay has already completed and sent me her committee reports for the Annual Report.

As a member of Zonta International, I express solidarity with the many who are suffering from this international crisis. More than ever, we have to strengthen our forces, because only collectively can we succeed. It's uncertain and uncharted territory for everyone. To get through it, we need to rely on each other — even if that means a text message of support from one socially distancing household to another. We also need to give ourselves permission to muddle through it the best we can. I miss you all and am sending you a big virtual hug and look forward to future reunions.

Yours in Zonta,
Karin

Remembering Liz Newman

Liz was a 40-year member of the Zonta Club of Hamilton 1 and remained an active member until she experienced a fall in October 2019. In my interactions with her, I found her to be a very determined woman. She carried within her a willingness and an energy to support others unconditionally, be they family or club members. Boundaries were set by Liz but I know that she could be persuaded to change them, serving again with a smile.

My sincere condolences to her family and especially to Kendra.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thespec/obituary.aspx?pid=195692580>





Service Committee Thank-You Letters

I am happy to share with you the thank you letters we received from the organizations we supported through our Service Grants. Hopefully speakers from 4 of the new groups will be with us in April and May.

1. Body Brave

It was wonderful to receive your letter informing us about the grant. We appreciate this so much. Yes, we'll be happy to attend the dinner in April. Once again, thank you so much

2. Cancer Assistance Program

Thank you so much for this wonderful news. We are so pleased to continue to have Zonta as a partner supporting women in our community who have cancer. This gift will help us to continue the good work of the Bra for Buddies program and provide women with the supportive personal care items they require pre and post breast cancer.

3. Hamilton Music Collective

Thank you very much for your email. This is truly wonderful news and we are looking forward to attending your meeting on April 28. (My colleague, Janice Shearer, who wrote/submitted the grant request, will be joining me.) I look forward to meeting you and the opportunity to share some of our accomplishments with the members of your club. Thanks again. Your support will help us make a significant difference in the lives of many young girls in Hamilton that otherwise would not have the opportunity to experience the wonderful benefits that quality music education provides.

4. Hamilton Out of the Cold (HOOT) Carole Anne's Place

Such wonderful news!
We are so grateful to you all and so appreciate your incredible support.
Thank you so very much.

5. Mission Services - Willow's Place

This is wonderful news! We would be more than happy to attend the meeting on May 26. I am just in the process of figuring out who will attend with me from Willow's Place to speak.

6. YWCA Phoenix Place

Thank you so much for sharing this exciting news! This will make such a difference for the women and families at Phoenix Place and we are so grateful to the Zonta Club for the generous support. Amy Deschamps (cc'd), our Manager of Transitional Housing, will be pleased to speak at the members' dinner. Thank you for the invitation!

The following letters were from organizations we did not provide Service Grants to this year.

1. Indwell

I appreciate the kind letter. We would love to provide an update around the Caroline Kids Club in a few months and will include a short description of supplies that would be helpful, and that members might be able to help with personally. Thank you for your encouragement, and we look forward to continuing our relationship with Zonta.

2. St Joseph's Healthcare Foundation

Thank you for sharing this letter with us. We truly appreciate all the support that Zonta Club has provided to Womankind over the years. We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of the writing group book. I would also welcome any other feedback you have for our application so we can improve in future years.

Judy Lindsay, Service Committee Chair
March 2020



2018-2019 Year-End Financial Statements

Key Points

- The club is in a healthy financial position.
 - After meeting our commitments, we had a surplus this year of \$2,576 in our Administrative Fund, along with surpluses in our Service Funds.
 - Membership dues for 2020/2021 remain unchanged at \$210.
 - Due to the tight timelines of submitting our dues to Zonta International and District 4, we would like to give our Treasurer sufficient time to get signatures on cheques and on paperwork. As such, we recommend we ask our members to pay their 2020/2021 dues to the Treasurer, Maureen Hayman by **April 30**. E-payments are still available.
- If you have any questions, please contact Irene Polidori at ipolidori@rogers.com.

Nominating Committee Report

Our Committee commenced its work last fall and included in the November, 2019 Tel-o-Zonta a notice asking club members who were interested in serving on the Board to identify themselves or contact the Committee for further information. We did not have any members contact the Committee in this regard.

This year, the two year terms of directors Lena Marie Neal and Diane Stogiannes are completed, and Kathy Kingsmill, who has served as Secretary for 3 years, has indicated that she wishes to step down from this position. The Nominating Committee, on behalf of the membership extends appreciation for the service these members have given to the Board.

The change in our club's by-laws approved by the membership at our business meeting on February 25, 2020 state that the officers of the club and its directors shall be the president, a vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and a minimum of two to maximum of four directors.

The proposed slate of officers and directors for 2020-21 are:

President – Trish Mongeon
Vice-President – Debbie Field
Treasurer – Maureen Hayman
Secretary – Alice Tyler
Director – Irene Polidori – serving 2nd year
Director – Dianne Moore – serving 1st year

As has been the practice, our Committee also puts forth nominees for the Nominating Committee. The chair of the committee will be Past President, Karin Eckart. Marlene Balsdon, Anita Isaac, Judi Park and I will serve as members on this committee.

I will present the slate to the membership at the club's March 24th business meeting. President Karin will then be asking if there are any nominations from the floor.

Renate Davidson
Chair, Nominating Committee
March 3, 2020



B-I-N-G-O Schedule—Princess Bingo, 300 Fennell Avenue East

**Note: We have to be there no later than 5 p.m. to count cards.
Bingo starts at 6:45 Friday and Sunday nights**

Friday, April 17, 2020

Sandra Cronk
Irene Polidori
Anita Isaac
Alice Tyler
Kathy Kingsmill
Nancy Zilvytis

Sunday, April 19, 2020

Trish Mongeon
Phyllis Deptuck
Marlene Balsdon
Wayne Balsdon
Renate Davidson

Friday, May 15, 2020

Sylvia von Ellm
Irene Polidori
Nancy Zilvytis
Sandra Cronk
Alice Tyler
Anita Isaac

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Joan Heels
Phyllis Deptuck
Marlene Balsdon
Wayne Balsdon
Renate Davidson

Friday, June 12, 2020

Sandra Cronk
Irene Polidori
Nancy Zilvytis
Sylvia von Ellm
Joan Hutcheson
Alice Tyler

Sunday, June 14, 2020

Phyllis Deptuck
Marlene Balsdon
Wayne Balsdon
Renate Davidson
Karin Eckart

Friday, July 10, 2020

Sylvia von Ellm
Irene Polidori
Nancy Zilvytis
Phyllis Deptuck

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Sunday, July 19, 2020

Joan Hutcheson
Phyllis Deptuck
Trish Mongeon
Maureen Hayman
Karin Eckart

Friday, August 7, 2020

Sylvia von Ellm
Joan Hutcheson
Nancy Zilvytis
Phyllis Deptuck
Sandra Cronk
Kathy Kingsmill

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Phyllis Deptuck
Marlene Balsdon
Wayne Balsdon
Maureen Hayman
Karin Eckart

Friday, September 4, 2020

Sylvia von Ellm
Irene Polidori
Nancy Zilvytis
Phyllis Deptuck

_____Need 2

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Phyllis Deptuck
Marlene Balsdon
Wayne Balsdon
Joan Heels
Maureen Hayman

IF YOU CAN HELP OUT AT BINGO
Please contact **PHYLLIS DEPTUCK 905-679-1053**
or deptuckphyllis@gmail.com



Attached to this Newsletter

- **February Dinner Meeting Minutes**
- **2018-2019 Financial Statements**

Zonta International:

www.zonta.org

District 4 Website:

www.zontadistrict4.org

Zonta Club of Hamilton 1:

www.zontahamilton1.ca

For information, please email:

contactus@zontahamilton1.ca

Date	Event	Details/Location	Contact
Tuesday, March 24	Dinner Meeting	VIA ZOOM	Trish Mongeon 905-648-8783 trish@mongeonconsulting.com
POSTPONED	Blues and Bites on the Bayou	6:00-9:00pm Mississippi Queen Restau- rant 635 King St E Hamilton, ON	Sandra Cronk 905-524-0188 contactus@zontahamilton1.ca
Tuesday, April 7	Board Meeting	6:00pm ZOOM Meeting	Trish Mongeon 905-648-8783 trish@mongeonconsulting.com
Friday, April 17	BINGO	5:00pm Princess Bingo 300 Fennell Avenue East	Phyllis Deptuck 905-679-1053 deptuckphyllis@gmail.com
Sunday, April 19	BINGO	5:00pm Princess Bingo 300 Fennell Avenue East	Phyllis Deptuck 905-679-1053 deptuckphyllis@gmail.com
Tuesday, April 28	Dinner Meeting	Liuna Station 360 James St N, Hamilton, ON L8L 1H5	Renate Davidson 905-627-4083 renbob@sympatico.ca
Tuesday, May 5	Board Meeting	6:00pm ZOOM Meeting	Trish Mongeon 905-648-8783 trish@mongeonconsulting.com
Friday, May 15	BINGO	5:00pm Princess Bingo 300 Fennell Avenue East	Phyllis Deptuck 905-679-1053 deptuckphyllis@gmail.com
Sunday, May 24	BINGO	5:00pm Princess Bingo 300 Fennell Avenue East	Phyllis Deptuck 905-679-1053 deptuckphyllis@gmail.com
Tuesday, May 26	Annual General Meeting	Liuna Station 360 James St N, Hamilton, ON L8L 1H5	Renate Davidson 905-627-4083 renbob@sympatico.ca
Tuesday, June 2	Board Meeting	6:00pm ZOOM Meeting	Trish Mongeon 905-648-8783 trish@mongeonconsulting.com
Friday, June 12	BINGO	5:00pm Princess Bingo 300 Fennell Avenue East	Phyllis Deptuck 905-679-1053 deptuckphyllis@gmail.com
Sunday, June 14	BINGO	5:00pm Princess Bingo 300 Fennell Avenue East	Phyllis Deptuck 905-679-1053 deptuckphyllis@gmail.com
Tuesday, June 23	Dinner Meeting	TBD	Renate Davidson 905-627-4083 renbob@sympatico.ca