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APRIL 27TH, 2021 MEETING

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

When:
April 27, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time
(US and Canada)

Topic:
Zonta Club of Hamilton 1
April Business Meeting

Please click the link below
Join the Zoom Meeting
<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/64484903098>

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Dates to Remember

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

APRIL 27, 2021, MONTHLY MEETING

MAY 25, 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 1 — Nina Ahuja; April 3 — Janice Sheehy;

April 15 — Jelaine Foster; April 27 Lena Marie Neil

North American Inter-District Meeting 2021

This meeting is June 25 to 27th. However, as the borders remain closed, *Canadian members* will be given the opportunity to listen to the workshops and guest speakers in the main ballroom. This will include the Friday morning and afternoon sessions, the Saturday morning general session before the workshops begin and Sunday morning workshop and wrap up session.

A fee for the virtual meeting has not been determined. The fee will be based on the number of registrants and the cost of the service. In order to provide an accurate reduced cost to cover the technology required, we are encouraging you to register by May 3rd, if you are planning to join us on the weekend of June 25 through June 27. You can go through the registration page <https://www.zonta-cinti.org/na-inter-district-conference-2021> No Payment is required at this time.

Next Convention Locations

Start planning now. 2022 will be in Hamburg, Germany. 2024 will be in Brisbane, Australia.



April 2021 President's Report

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”.

Nelson Mandela



It is said, educate a girl and we bring a new, intelligent, liberated and great moral power to the fate of mankind.

Zonta International has long supported women’s dreams through our global educational programs and scholarships. Our club and individual support of these programs is making a difference to the education of females around the world. Access to education for girls and women is not just a global issue. In our own community many young women struggle to achieve the level of education they deserve and need, often due to financial constraints.

The Zonta Club of Hamilton 1 has made an impact on this front for years, offering scholarships and bursaries to young women so that they can pursue their education dream and change the world.

Take a moment to review and absorb the important support and service we offer.

Directly through our club, we offer the:

Young Women in Public Affairs – an annual award of \$750 to a student attending high school, college or university.

Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship – an annual award of \$1,000 for a woman demonstrating outstanding potential in business-related fields in a university degree program.

Our reach goes far beyond the club awards. We also offer a number of named awards in cooperation with community partners and education partners. Our newest award is for an Indigenous graduating student from Bernie Custis Secondary School. With the onset of COVID-19, this award has not been given as of yet.

Through McMaster University:

The Zonta Club of Hamilton 1 Frances Colter Memorial Bursary – Since 2016, awarded by the School of Graduate Studies to students enrolled in the School of Rehabilitation Science Physiotherapy program who demonstrate financial need. Value of the award is approximately \$2000 annually.

The Zonta Club of Hamilton 1 MBA Bursary – Since 2006, this award is granted annually to a female student enrolled in the MBA program, who demonstrates financial need. Approximately \$1000 annually.

The Zonta Club of Hamilton 1 Bursaries – Since 1997, bursaries are granted annually to students who demonstrate financial need and are enrolled in Engineering, Business or Indigenous Studies. Approximately five students per year.

Through Mohawk College:

The Zonta Club of Hamilton 1 Awards – Since 1998, these awards are granted to students demonstrating financial need, with a minimum 80% average.

We also have *community based bursaries* that are awarded in our name:

Zonta Club of Hamilton 1 Crown Ward Bursary Fund (CAS of Hamilton) – established with a generous bequest from Helen Orban, this is awarded annually.

Olga Cloke Bursary at the YWCA – This bursary was established in 1971 and endowed in 1994 when Olga died, with family donations and contributions from our Club. The winner receives a \$750 bursary.

If you doubt the power of these bursaries, here are the words of Victoria Charron, the 2020 **Olga Cloke Bursary** winner. In her final year of Speech-Language Pathology program at McMaster, Victoria lost her job due to COVID-19, leaving her financially insecure. Victoria, who has worked at YWCA Hamilton’s pool in the past and has volunteered for the Good Beginnings and Girl Space programs, says she was “humbled and grateful” to be chosen for the bursary. “It’s been tough year for a lot of people since the pandemic hit,” Victoria said. “Every little bit helps, especially when you’re in school.”

After she graduates, Victoria is considering several different avenues to focus her career. Among her interests is gender-affirming voice therapy, which helps those transitioning into a different gender to safely find a voice that is more suitable for their new identity.

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In total, our club has supported and encouraged more than 200 young woman in recent history through our financial award programs. We are committed to investing in their future, because we know this is also an investment in the future of the world. We are helping give them a pathway to fulfill their full potential, to make their own decisions and to shape there own futures.

Membership Matters

ADD YOUR VOICE

Membership is YOU

You are the most important person in our club to grow membership.

You can invite a guest to a meeting.

You can network with co-workers, friends, and family to find those who would join a service group.

You can include Zonta membership in your professional bio.

This month's meeting is one of my favourites for our club, when we invite some of our Service Awardees to talk about their programs and to receive funds from Zonta. I always feel that this is when our Service and Advocacy meets our local community in person. I always feel good when I hear from our Community Partners how they are making a difference in the lives of women and children in Hamilton. This is a great meeting to invite friends, family, and potential members as this is when our mission is loud and clear, and we shine.



You can talk about the benefits of being a member of Zonta.

You can develop leadership and learn new skills in a supportive community.

You can belong to a group of like-minded individuals in Hamilton and around the globe.

You are the most important person in our club to grow membership.



McMaster Golden Z Club

The club has finished for this year after a very successful semester. Nine of the eleven members of this year's executive will be staying in the club next year.

Thanks to those of you who donated toward hoodies for the Golden Z members. The order will be put in once exams are over so they can be worn in the fall. During online or in person events, the hoodies help attendees to recognize who is in the Golden Z Club. If anyone else would like to make a donation you can e-transfer to me. Thanks also to everyone who supported the club by attending events and meetings. This was a challenging year for students.

Nancy Zilvytis

Service Committee

The Service Committee's very difficult task in the past month involved reviewing the seven applications from community organizations for our Service Project Grant program. We received approval from the Club, at the Business Meeting on March 23rd, to allocate our 2020-2021 Service funds for the following four projects:

Putman Family YWCA: \$5000 from the Service Trust account. We will donate \$5000 for 2020-21, and a further \$5000 in the next year, to contribute towards outfitting this affordable, 'safe housing' residence and related programs for women and women-led families who come from marginalized groups and have experienced violence, homelessness, poverty and trauma. A contribution of \$10,000 allows our club to be a Founding Member of the Builder's Circle.

Willow's Place-Mission Services: \$4,000 from the Bingo account. This program provides a safe, low barrier, female-identified space for women which meets their immediate needs of daytime shelter, food, caring, compassionate support, community and access to showers and laundry. The staff provide referrals to meet housing, mental health and addiction recovery needs. This service, which was utilized by over 500 women in 2020, aligns with our club's service mandate.

Interval House Hamilton-Mentor Action program: \$4,000 from the Bingo account. This program, which includes the 'Be More Than a Bystander' program, provides supports to prevent gender-based violence through engaging male community leaders who challenge existing societal norms that perpetuate gender-based violence. They provide education focussing on healthy/unhealthy relationships for boys and male college students in sports teams and classrooms. Zonta funds will be used for promotion of the program, including educational posts, mementos for youth attendees at presentations, bus advertising, billboards.

Hamilton Music Collective: \$2,500 from the Service General account

The Hamilton Music Collectives' AIFEC (An Instrument for Every Child) is a non-profit organization which makes music programs available to children and teens in poverty situations. A particular emphasis for our funds would be to support the 'Music for Wellness' program. This program is designed to create a sense of belonging and connection, particularly for adolescent girls who are dealing with marked anxiety and isolation during the pandemic, helping them also to improve their emotion regulation and self-esteem.

The projects which were not selected this year include the United Way Halton and Hamilton, Women-focussed Initiatives; Living Rock Youth Resources, Wellness Works program; and the Cancer Assistance, Drive to Deliver program.

As well, we will make a special donation of \$1000 to the programs offered by the Sexual Assault Centre of Hamilton and Area, in recognition of the donations given in memory of Dorothy Cronk, Sandra's and Nancy's Mom, who was also a special friend to our Club.

Submitted by: Alice Tyler, Service Chair



E-Mail Issues

In the last year, spam emails and phishing emails have skyrocketed. ISP's (Internet Service Providers) are waging a losing battle as spam filters are working overtime to try and filter out unwanted messages. As a result, some Zonta messages are being filtered as Spam and not landing in your Inbox.

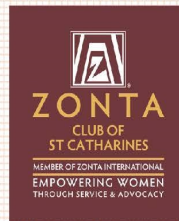
Here are a couple of things you can try:

Add zontahamilton1.ca, zontadistrict4.org, and zonta.org to your safe sender list. The method differs depending on which program you use to receive email so try researching how to add a safe sender in gmail, outlook, Mozilla, or Apple mail. If you have trouble, feel free to contact me or Trish and we will try to help.

Adding members@zontahamilton1.ca and zontadistrict4@gmail.com to your contact list may also help.

The D4 E News is sent twice a month. Sandra and Alice spend two Saturday mornings a month putting it together. It is delivered on a weekend and comes from zontadistrict4@gmail.com. It is a bit discouraging when we can see in the reports that half of our members don't open it. It could be that it gets filtered out, or in the case of gmail, it ends up in the promotions tab which you may not check. Hopefully this will help to make communication with members convenient and beneficial.

Thanks very much!
Sandra



The Zonta Club of St. Catharines presents an online event: **FOOD For ALL: Working Towards Food Security** Sunday June 6th

Including presentations on Food Security in the Niagara Region, and a Silent Auction.

Our Presenters

Three people committed to solving the problem:

1. Amber Hughes, Executive Director, **FOOD4KIDS** Niagara

2. Lynda O'Donnell, **Food RESCUE** Coordinator, Niagara

3. Marty Misener, Executive Director, **OPEN ARMS MISSION, Welland**

Programme: 1:00 p.m.-2:30

Silent Auction opens for bidding Friday, June 4th at 5:00 p.m. and closes at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 6th.

Register at: zontastc@vaxxine.com, through our web site: <https://zontaclubofstcatharines.ca/>, or through any club member.

Cost: \$10.00 (includes programme, chance at a door prize, and access to the auction.)

Payment:

By e-transfer to Zonta Club of St. Catharines, zontastc@vaxxine.com;

OR

By cheque made payable to Zonta Club of St. Catharines and mailed to:

Zonta Club of St. Catharines
c/o 12 Tavistock Road
St. Catharines, ON L2M6X7

Please include your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail in your message.

For more information contact us at (905) 937-4987 or through our e-mail address.

Proceeds from the event will go to Food4Kids Niagara, and Zonta International projects.





Fundraising



VG fundraiser delivery and pick-up day. Thanks to VG Meats and Sandra and Nancy for the hard work! With membership support the club raised \$1742. Next time we will expand our marketing efforts to more people.

maxsold

Downsizing and Estate Sales

By the time you read this, our Maxsold Auction will have been initiated. The auction runs from this Saturday, April 17th and will end in the evening of April 21st. We will let you know how to share this with friends. Apparently most of the bidding takes place on the last day. Maxsold then takes two days to collect the money and to set up the times for pickup. Pickup day is Saturday April 24th.

After the sale, we can decide if the money received for the items, makes this a worthwhile annual event. Stay tuned for a report on that next month.

Thanks, Sandra Cronk

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