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DECEMBER 8TH, 2020 MEETING

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

When:

**December 8th, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern
Time (US and Canada)**

Topic:

**Zonta Club of Hamilton 1
December Social**

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Please click the link below
Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/64484903098>



Dates to Remember

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

BUSINESS MEETING
JANUARY 26TH, 2021

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

NOVEMBER 25TH–DECEMBER 10TH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December 4 — Roberta Bondar

December 20 — Alice Tyler; December 22 — Julie Kostal

December 24 — Judy Lindsay

Scarves for Hygiene Kits

Marlene and Wayne Balsdon picked up 100 beautiful scarves for women's shelters. Their friend, Marie O'Brien, did the same for us last year. Pre Pandemic, several of our members donated yarn for Marie to use, as she is a senior, living on a fixed income. This is a labour of love for this very kind lady, and if there is anyone who would like to donate yarn, you can call Marlene, and it will be picked up. These will be delivered to Gertrud Taunton to be included with the hygiene kits.





December 2020 President's Report



In normal times, Christmas is a celebration for everyone, Christian or non-Christian. Whether you celebrate the sacred or the secular, it is a time for family, friends and togetherness. It reminds us that we do not live just to work, but that family and friends are central to our best existence. I certainly feel that you, my Zonta sisters, are part of the best in my life.

Christmas, however, is also a time to remember and aid those who may struggle. They may struggle with homelessness, lack of money, persecution, violence, addiction, estrangement, loss. Whatever we can offer to aid them is both appreciated and needed.

This year, we are all struggling. The thought of not having that big family gathering over the holiday period may be weighing on you. I know that I am going to miss our usual family Christmas Eve Dinner when EVERYBODY comes together, noisy and crazy, shares the oplatki (blessed Christmas wafer) and dives into a non-meat meal followed by Christmas carol singing. For my 91 year-old mother-in-law, this year will be particularly difficult. It is her favourite holiday feast.

Whether you are Christian or not, the story of Jesus' birth may provide some comfort. It lays a foundation that can bear great weight, including the kinds of disruption that might stop us from celebrating. Mary and Joseph are temporarily homeless. Mary, who is expecting a child imminently, has to walk for many days to a taxation census. Mary's pregnancy has tested her relationship with Joseph: before the angel ordered him otherwise, he had decided to divorce her quietly. They can find no house for the birth and have to resort to a paddock, and are surrounded, not by family, but by a mob of disreputable shepherds, and immediately after the birth they have to flee in terror from Herod's soldiers who were sent to kill their child. The story of Jesus' birth put a heavy burden on all those involved in it.

But most importantly it is a story of hope, something all of us want and need. It is a story that despite all the discontents, disasters and disruptions in our life, we have hope. Right now, we have hope that if we remain separate over Christmas we will be together soon – particularly with the hope of a vaccine. In the immediate it is difficult, but we are in it for the long game.

Our family will still get together this year – just by Zoom. Our immediate family will be here in our house and everyone else will join by Zoom. Not ideal but safe – and as we in our club have discovered can still be fun.

I want to wish each of you a calm, safe and restful Christmas. I also make this sincere offer — if you are going to be by yourself on Christmas Eve, please let me know. You are welcome to join my family by Zoom. As I always say – what's one more plate at the table.

Merry Christmas!



Membership Milestones 2020

Julie Kostal	5
Lena Neil	5
Karen Dawson	10
Sylvia von Ellm	10
Maureen Haymann	15
Marlene Balsdon	35
Sylvia Kajiura	45
Joan Heels	60

Congratulations NICE GOING!
 GREAT! Way to Go!
 Yea! FELICITATIONS
 CHEERS Take A BEST
 BOW! WISHES!

Lunafest

LUNAFEST Hamilton 2020 – The Virtual Edition

Like so many things, LUNAFEST was different this year. We held it online. Great news though. We raised more than \$2500 net through ticket sales and our online auction. This was almost double our 2019 amount. Our McMaster Golden Z Club members were a great help getting the word out. They held a limited ticket give away to attract people (6 winners), bought tickets themselves, and came up with a schedule and posts that our club and theirs put on social media. Thank you to everyone who participated: buying tickets, donating auction items and ‘door’ prizes and bidding in the auction.

November Financial Report

Treasurer’s Report Bank Balances as of November 24, 2020

Operating Account (6414)

Balance is \$24,726.16 including \$1710 Sandra from market sales, \$810 so far from Lunafest auction sales

Bingo (6996)

Balance is \$12,647.74 including \$1789.28 received for Bingo in October

Service Trust (7003)

Balance is \$19,689.86 including Canada Helps donations \$48 plus donations of \$350 this week

U.S. Account (0541)

Balance is \$3,349.59

Plus we have a GIC for \$25,000 maturing April 14, 2022 and a GIC for \$5,000 maturing January 24, 2021



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