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SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2020 MEETING

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

When:

**September 22, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern
Time (US and Canada)**

Topic:

**Zonta Club of Hamilton 1
September Meeting**

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



Dates to Remember

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September 5 — Debbie Field; September 9 — Irene Polidori

September 22 — Sandra Cronk;

September 27 — Diane Stogiannes

Membership Moment — Zonta in our Community

The Art Gallery of Hamilton currently has exhibits about Canadian painter Michael Snow and his contemporaries. One of the featured paintings in *The Contemporary Painters* exhibition is by Hortense Gordon. The painting is acknowledged as “**Gift of the Zonta Club of Hamilton, 1951**”. Hortense Gordon (born 24 November 1886 in Hamilton, ON; died 6 November 1961 in Hamilton) was one of two female founding members of the Ontario-based group of abstract artists known as Painters Eleven. Joan Heels adds that Hortense was a member of the Zonta Club and recalls meeting her.

Exhibition is open until January 3, 2021.

<https://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/the-contemporaries-exhibition-showcase-painters-eleven/>





September 2020 President's Report



It is hard to believe that it has been 6 months since our lives were turned upside down. It has been very stressful for everyone. Separation from loved ones and friends. Not being able to participate in activities that make us feel happy and useful. Just going to store brings on a level of anxiety that I never imagined – I used to like grocery shopping.

Despite it all, I am grateful. Grateful for my family. They have all remained healthy – including my daughter who was working in long term care – on a COVID unit. Grateful for the telephone and Zoom which has kept me connected to family and friends. And I am grateful for my Zonta sisters. Talking with many of you over these many months has helped keep me grounded and optimistic. Even though we have not been able to be together physically as a big group, it warms my heart to know that you are there and watching out for each other.

Normally, we would be planning our year of service and advocacy. Things will be a little different. We know that we are not going to be able to meet in person any time soon. However, we can still have an impact on our community and help empower women the world over. The Board has been actively putting together a draft 2-year strategic plan that we will share with members before the September meeting for discussion. Committees are asked to consider what they can do – and how we can engage our entire club in activities – whether they are armchair or safely out on the street. Our mission to empower women does not stop just because of a pandemic. If anything, our commitment is more important than ever.

As stated by Maya Angelou, “You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them.” We as members of Zonta will not have our voices reduced simply because of COVID-19. We are stronger than that. Hear us.

Stay safe. Stay healthy. Be well.
Trish

Here are some things that are in the works:

Monthly Meetings

We will continue to have our monthly meetings by Zoom – we need to stay connected. If you do not have a webcam or microphone, please call in. Even if we cannot see you, we want to hear you. You can also sign in on a computer so you can see everyone AND you can speak.

I have set this up as a recurring meeting for the 4th Tuesday of each month so you can always use the same link at 7:00 p.m. – first meeting on September 22nd:

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 644 8490 3098

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Zonta Hamilton Talks

We are going to start a monthly “Zonta Hamilton Talks” over Zoom. These will be open to anyone, so feel free to share the link with your friends. We will ask our community partners to post on their social media – and even ask some of them to present a topic. This will be presentation followed by discussion.

We are planning our first on September 29 at 7:00 p.m. – Meet our New Zonta International President and learn about our international goals. We will have a couple of videos and a chance to discuss the new biennium goals. This is a great way to introduce someone new to Zonta.

Here is that link:

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/61382229712>

Meeting ID: 613 8222 9712

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Fundraising

We know this is going to be a challenge this year. However, Lunafest will be going forward – online on Sunday, November 29th at 2:00 p.m. We will sell tickets and will have an online Silent Auction. Details will be ready by the September 22nd meeting.

We had a great fundraising effort for Walk A Mile In Her Shoes - \$2050 in one week in support of Team Zonta Hamilton. Woot Woot.

Another idea is for members to consider making a full or partial donation to the club of the amount we have not paid in dinner fees. A great way to support our charitable and administrative needs AND get a tax receipt.

Other ideas? Continuing Facebook Marketplace. Products. And Bingo – yes we have 2 dates per month. Please help if you can.

Fundraising

We are still selling things on Marketplace and Kijiji to raise some unrestricted cash for our service projects. We do it safely with e-transfers, porch pickups, sanitized items etc.

Here are some examples of things that sell:

- Tools
- Old bicycles
- Old radios
- Unique small tables
- Hammocks
- Wicker chairs
- Old cameras
- Wrought iron tables and chairs
- Mirrors

Things that do not sell:

- Collector plates
- Fine china
- Silverware

Most items that I sell go for between \$15 and \$150. If I am asked, I can deliver some things locally with my van, and the fee I charge goes to Zonta.

The lists above are not complete, but just some examples of what can be sold, or not. If you are doing some purging, and want to donate something to be sold, call me or drop me an email. I have just written a cheque to Zonta for \$450 for items sold in the last few months.

Sandra



Bingo

Bingo has started again at Princess Bingo but with many changes. I feel it is quite safe, and still the easiest way for us to make a fair amount of money. The Hall can only allow in 50 customers, so they line up outside, on 6 ft markers, and the first 50 in line are allowed in. As they come in slowly, their temperature is taken, they must be masked, and they sign a sheet in case contact tracing is required. There is no snack bar. They line up to buy cards 6 feet apart, and they sit 6 feet apart. The upper room is not needed. We only require two volunteers per bingo and there is no selling on the floor or calling back bingos. The bingo has fewer games, and the timing is also shorter. Our bingos start at 7:15 and we need to be there just before 6.

We still have Friday evenings and Sunday evenings and the first few are covered. My sister Nancy and I did the first bingo on September 4th, and Maureen and I will do the second bingo September 13th. But we do need more help. If you want to call me to discuss this, please feel free. We also don't expect anyone who has compromised health or is nervous about the risks to come. But just a couple of others would enable us to continue, at least until this cycle ends, and then we can decide if the money is worthwhile or if it is time to give this up.

I will do half of the bingos at least but would really like to have someone else manage the other bingo. Training is free! It is much less hectic than before and most of the time the two volunteers will be together in the booth, behind plexi-glass. Please give us a hand to make this money or suggest someone who might be a volunteer.

Thanks,
Sandra

Friday October 2 Sandra, Jelaine
Sunday October 4 Sandra, Mike Sinclair
Friday October 30 Sandra
Sunday November 8 Sandra
Friday November 27
Sunday November 29

2021
Sunday January 3
Friday January 22
Sunday January 24
Friday February 19
Sunday February 28
Friday March 19
Sunday March 21

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