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DECEMBER 14TH, 2021 MEETING

You are invited to the Zonta Club of Hamilton 1 Meeting

December 14, 2021
In person at The Visitors Inn
Hungry Traveller Restaurant

649 Main Street West (near Hwy 403)

5:30 pm Social

Meeting Via Zoom

For those not attending in person
Please click the link below
Join the Zoom Meeting

https://adric-ca.zoom.us/j/62528162480

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Dates to Remember

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

ZONTA SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN BANNER AT CITY HALL DECEMBER 6-12

DECEMBER 14, 2021, SOCIAL

JANUARY 25, 2022, DINNER MEETING



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December 20 — Alice Tyler

December 22 — Julie Kostal

December 24 — Judy Lindsay



December 6 please join us at 5:30 in front of City Hall to remember and advocate for those affected by gender based violence. We are inviting community partners to a brief ceremony. Afterwards we will have a photo shoot and serve hot chocolate. Please wear orange, if you can and RSVP to Sharon Haas haassharon1@gmail.com.



December 2021 President's Report



It Shouldn't Be Difficult Respect women. That's it. That's the post. #16Days #Orange the World

On November 25th, the first day of the 16 Days of Activism, UN Women posted the above on Facebook and I shared it. Such a simple statement and yet so powerful. So why is it that we can't seem to do this?

Taylor Swift sang it best in her song "If I Were a Man" when she melodically says: "I'm so sick of running as fast as I can, wondering if I'd get there quicker if I was a man."

We know that achieving gender equality will make the

world a healthier, happier place and is crucial to making lasting environmental progress. We also know that we can't stop until gender equality is a reality.

As members of Zonta, we live and breathe empowerment of women and girls. We know that we must continue to raise our voices, speaking for those who face barriers to equality.

Our resolve must be strong. I am so grateful I can stand along side each of you as we call for women's empowerment. Because it shouldn't be difficult. Here's to a better 2022 for all women.

Trish

GENDER INEQUALITY - THE FACTS













The total number of women with an unmet need for contraception is still growing



Source: UNFPA

Nominating Committee

Club members will be selecting the Board for the June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023 term and a number of positions will need to be filled, including Vice-President, Treasurer and 1 Director.

It is the role of the Nominating Committee to put a slate of candidates together by the first week of March, 2022. If members of the club would like to indicate their interest in serving in any of these positions, they are most welcome to identify themselves to the committee or contact a member of the committee for further information.

Nominating Committee: Karin Eckart—Chair, Marlene Balsdon, Renate Davidson, Judi Park



Christmas Social Fundraising

Back by popular demand is our Christmas wine raffle and bake sale. We are looking for donations in any or all of the following categories. Please bring items to the December meeting, or call Sandra to have it picked up:

Wine Raffle: donations of wine or other adult beverages

Bake Sale: consumables such as baked goods, squares, preserves, main dishes that can be frozen, candy etc.

Homemade items only (not purchased)

Bring items in a decorative can, plate or basket

Donor should suggest a price but our committee member will group items and place actual prices.

Donor can include recipe

Ethnic type foods -helps highlight that we are a world-wide club.

Sales Table with buy it now prices:

Zonta stuff (bags, jewelry, shirts) Mary Kay Jewelry (donated by Margaret Good)



Thank you from the Fundraising Committee

Birthing Kit Assembly

On November 11th evening at 7 pm we had 6 ladies gather to do some early preparation for the assembly of our Birthing Kits and we had two off-site cutting the soaps for the kits.

Then on Saturday November 20th at 8 a.m. we had 32 ladies and girls gather at Pioneer Memorial United Church in Hamilton and we had 1025 kits completed minutes after noon hour. The participants were 15 Zonta Club of Hamilton I members, 1 Zonta Golden Z member and 16 guests. Three students were able to accumulate volunteer hours for high school credit. All the hard work was followed up by a lunch funded mainly by donations. The cost of making one of these kits is about \$.60 each this year.

Each kit consists of a pair of vinyl gloves, 5 pieces of gauze, a 3 ft x 3 ft piece of poly plastic, 3 pieces of 6" cotton twill used as umbilical ties, a piece of soap and a razor blade. It is understood that each kit may save three lives, those of the baby, the mother and the midwife helping with the delivery. These kits are being sent to World Vision Canada. The potential countries where they will be benefiting from the birthing kits are Bangladesh, Burundi, Ethiopia, and Kenya. World Vision Canada is in the midst of a project with Global Affairs Canada in these four countries. The short summary of this project is: Every day, approximately 830 women die from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. The leading cause of death among girls 15-19 are related to pregnancy and childbirth. They are aiming to reduce these deaths.

Maureen Hayman