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### ***JUNE 22ND, 2021 MEETING***

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

**When:**  
June 22, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time  
(US and Canada)

**Topic:**  
Zonta Club of Hamilton 1  
June Social

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## *Dates to Remember*

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**JUNE 25-27, 2021 NORTH AMERICAN INTER-DISTRICT MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 MEETING**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**June 3—Dianne Moore; June 10—Sharon Haas;  
June 11—Gertrud Taunton; June 23—Kathy Kingsmill Marsales;  
June 26—Marlene Balsdon & Sylvia Kajiura;  
June 27—Karin Eckart  
July 3—Renate Davidson; July 10 Joan Hutcheson;  
July 18—Trish Mongeon  
August 17—Kendra Coats**



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## June 2021 President's Report

*"In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explode, and every sunset is different."*

John Steinbeck



Summertime is upon us! As our days stretch longer, the sun shines brighter and hotter, and our sunscreen stash gets a refresh—we're celebrating the warmth of the summer season.

It will not be the same as summers past, but with luck and perseverance, we will be able to meet together, in person, soon. My backyard is just waiting to welcome you to an evening of socializing.

In the meantime, whether you're revitalizing your garden, going for long hikes in our beautiful conservation areas, reading some good books, or spending some socially distanced time at the cottage, I bet you're just as excited as I am to get outside.

Let us not forget, however, that many in our community, and around the world, will not be able to relax in such ways. They must contend every day with the reality of poverty, mental health issues, abuse, lack of proper housing and food insecurity, just to name a few.

For them, our work as members of Zonta will not stop. We will continue to find ways to support women in our community and around the world, through our charitable contributions and our actions.

Aside from what we do as a club, I invite each of you to do random acts of kindness over the summer. Every act will make a difference in the life of another AND be good for your own mental and emotional health. Here are some ideas:

- Run errands for an elderly person.
- Buy a Tim Horton's gift card and give to someone who is in need.
- Donate goods or cash to a food bank.
- Support a walk/run for a cause – like our Team Zonta Hamilton for the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes campaign for the YWCA or our Team Zonta Hamilton for the Shoppers Run for Women.

These are just a few ideas. There are so many more. As Aesop wrote:

*"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."*

Wishing you a lovely and safe summer,  
Trish

### Beyond the Call of Duty

Five brave Zontians answered the call for help to polish some silver-plated items that had been donated for our auction. Many many thanks to

- Marlene Balsdon
- Maureen Hayman
- Kathy Kingsmill Marsales

Judy Lindsay  
Gertrud Taunton

Unfortunately I had to tell two people that it was all distributed already, so they missed their chance. There is more coming soon!

Sandra





## *Membership Matters*

With pleasure we report that all but two members have renewed for the upcoming year. Two members have also chosen to take a leave of absence. This past year has been very challenging for all and probably more so for some. We wish these two members all the best and look forward to welcoming them back to meetings as soon as they are able.

This past year we inducted three new members and received a returning member. We are most grateful that all of our members have stayed with us through Zoom meetings, online speakers, virtual fundraisers and E-transfers. This has required that many of us learn new skills, but you know there is nothing that a determined group of strong supportive women cannot accomplish when they are given a challenge.

Going forward we probably would prefer not to hear phrases or words such as zoom, pivot, or social distance. Instead we want hugs and visits in person. We can't wait to see you! But this past year has also shone a light on what is most important to us - personally, professionally, socially, and where we choose to spend our time and energies. This next year will likely be a time not only of renewal but also transformation.

Your Zonta Board needs your help to determine how we move forward as we come out of this pandemic. We will be sending you a survey soon to get your input, what you liked about this past year and what you want to return from previous meetings. Please take some time to assist us to make next year the best for Zonta Club of Hamilton 1.

Debbie Field

## *Fundraising*



Our sale wrapped up May 31 with 20 orders, totaling \$3718.50. Our profit from the sale will be well over \$1000, we have some happy customers, and it isn't much work. The pick up day is next Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who ordered. I will be sending an email with the pick-up time but I expect it to be here by 11 o'clock.

Sandra

We have quite a collection in this auction so far- golf clubs, automatic garage door opener, bicycles, portable air conditioner, gas lawnmower, bowling ball with leather bag plus much more! We were delayed because of the lockdown, but we now have everything photographed, catalogued and repacked. Maureen's friend Elizabeth has contributed about 50 lots which we catalogued this past Tuesday. Because of your generous contributions, we ended up with too many lots, and too many duplicates, so we are holding back about 40 items for the next auction, this Fall. Last time we made over \$3200 and we hope to do about the same or better this time.

Details:

auction starts on Saturday June 12

auction ends on Sunday June 20

pick up is at 24 Maplewood Wednesday June 23, from 1 until 6.

Thanks to everyone who has donated excess and unwanted items for our sale.

Here is the link for the auction <https://maxsold.maxsold.com/auction/hamilton-ontario-canada-seller-managed-charityfundraising-online-auction-palmerston-place-31141/>





## Advocacy

### *Our Summertime Advocacy Activities for Member Participation*

Our club will be participating in an Area 2 initiative. We are partnering with Courage for Freedom by participating in the Maple Leaf Project awareness campaign. This campaign builds through June and winds up on July 30, the United Nations Day Against Human Trafficking in Persons. Here are a few facts why this is important and how it aligns with Zonta. Canada has become a hotbed for human sex trafficking of minor-aged children. In fact, 60% of all of Canada's human trafficking can be linked in some way to activities that occur along the 401 corridor. The 401 corridor is considered the 'gateway' to communities. Many girls have often recounted how they have been escorted to an ONroute station. Because of the transitory nature of the 401, criminal activity in the form of sex trafficking has largely been unenforced. Traffickers are able to 'hop' from jurisdiction to jurisdiction with ease, taking advantage of the lack of provincial coordination to tackle this issue.

\*\*\*To elevate awareness we ask that you take a selfie or have a friend take your photo/video with the sign provided. Please wear your Zonta Says No shirt or any Zonta gear you might have. Print off either sign attached and consider attaching to a piece of cardboard or poster board to firm it up. Hold up the sign, take your photo or video (if using video say, I am YOUR NAME from the Zonta Club of Hamilton 1 and I want to end Human Trafficking.) In addition, there is a very short YouTube video that Peel Region Councillor, Johanna Downey made that shows how to make a short video using the signs. Here is the link to it:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=buHVC3T661w>

Please email your video or photo to BOTH Sharon Haas and Trish Mongeon. It will be displayed by Project Maple Leaf and our club social media. There will also be a district presence at Parliament on July 30 and letter writing. If you need assistance, please let Trish or me know and we will work to having a Zontian do a driveway photo shoot with you.

\*\*\*In July, Alice Tyler will be leading the service committee and our club by organizing a Zonta team in the Shopper's Drug Mart Run for Women. It will be held July 4 to July 11. We hope members will join as participants or donate. Alice will share more information. Our club is also supporting the YWCA of Hamilton by participating or sponsoring Walk a Mile in Her Shoes. The week-long walk is August 11 to 18 and the walking is done individually and sponsoring a walker is done online. Registration is free this year and I have set up a team you are welcome to join or support. You can access online and our team is The Zonta Club of Hamilton 1. We appreciate members who choose to join or support either or both events.

Have a great summer and remember to use a Zonta contact card in public locations as our province opens up!

Sharon Haas and the Advocacy Committee



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