



Zonta Social Nights

If you have not yet attended a Social Night, make sure to mark it on your calendar for the next one! We met at **Pat Jude's** house for a fun evening of bunco, chowed down on wonderful snacks, imbibed our favorite beverages, chatted...and laughed. Our next fun evening was at **Terri Purtee-Stein's** house and we learned to play canasta, where once again we chatted, ate goodies, sipped our favorite liquids, and laughed heartily. If you notice a pattern here, it's true. We guarantee an evening of fun so join in. Guests are also welcome. As of this writing, our next Social evening is being held at **Ellen Spaeth's house on Friday, September 8** so please RSVP to Ellen (espaeth@zonta-cinti.org or 513.470.2270). Hope to see you then!

Wine & Dine Scholarship Fundraiser

The W&D Committee, chaired by **Gretchen Webb** and **Melinda Hepfner**, is making great progress on the 2017 event being held on **Saturday, 9/16 at 6:00 pm at the Sharonville Convention Center**. You will hear from our 2017 scholarship recipients and Hamilton County Coroner **Dr. Lakshmi Kode Sammarco** will be honored with the Zonta Club of Cincinnati Marian de Forest Award. There will be great Live Auction and Silent Auction items to bid on, chances to win \$500 cash, the wine and alcohol wall, and the ever-popular gift card tree. Please RSVP your plans to attend ASAP!

September 28 ZCC Meeting

Our first dinner meeting of the year will be held at **Clovernook Country Club on September 28, 2017**. Social time begins at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$ 30.00. Please let **Laura Delaney** know if you will be attending or not by Monday, September 25, 2017. This a dinner/speaker meeting only. There will be no business agenda offered.

Our guest speaker is **Mike Moroski, Executive Director of UpSpring**, a non-profit group founded in 1998 that exclusively serves the educational needs of children and youth affected by homelessness. Each year UpSpring empowers the lives of approximately 3,500 children experiencing homelessness in this region. UpSpring provides these students with the consistency needed to achieve academic success and become active participants in their community. A consistent education breaks the cycle of childhood homelessness and elevates kids, families and community. Please join us to welcome our guest speaker and learn more about UpSpring's mission and work.

New Meeting Format

Remember, our meeting schedule has been altered for this year. Our dinner meetings and our business meetings are being held separately. Dinner meetings will include a speaker and will still take place at Clovernook Country Club. Our **next dinner meeting is Thursday, September 28** - no business items will be addressed at these dinner meetings. Business Meetings will be held at The Visiting Nurse Association and will not include dinner. Please check your ZCC calendar for the meeting dates, venues, and times.

District 5 Conference October 20-22 in Springfield, Ohio

The District 5 Conference is fast approaching on the heels of the W&D fundraiser. Please join us on October 20-22 at the Courtyard by Marriott, 100 S Fountain Ave, in downtown Springfield. This will be a voting conference to elect the 2018-20 District Board, which will be instrumental in helping to celebrate Zonta's centennial in 2019. Governor Joyce Combs, the Zonta Club of Springfield, and District 5 Board have been working together to provide an informative and uplifting weekend themed *We are the Champions...Empowering Women*.

The weekend will include the Presidents' Forum on Friday at 3:00 p.m. for all club Presidents, Vice Presidents, and President-Elects and, new this year delegate training will immediately follow the Forum. Area Directors will be holding interactive sessions on Saturday morning. There will be three workshops offered and you can select two of them – *HOLA*, *What about those left behind?*, *Bystander Training on College Campuses*, and *Art for a Cause*. The Conference will provide time for learning, sharing and enjoying fellowship with fellow Zontians. And of course, there will be group pictures – be sure to wear something orange for the Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women group picture!

Be sure to register by September 8, 2017 to take advantage of the early bird registration fee. (Late registration fees begin October 7.) New this year is online registration! Zonta hotel rate at the Courtyard Marriott is guaranteed through October 1. You can find detailed information in the Call for Conference packet, which Pat distributed to the club. Please contact President Pat Jude (jppude12344; 513.545.6154) or Area 2 Director Terri Purtee-Stein if you need more information. Hope to see a good turnout this year since the Springfield is only about a 90-minute drive from Cincinnati!

Service & Advocacy Committee Update

The Service & Advocacy Committee has been quite busy over the summer and has more projects lined up for this fall. In addition to the projects below, the committee is busy planning activities for the **16 Days of Activism (November 25-December 10 - here's the link to ZI's Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women for further information <https://zontasaysno.com>)** as well as a possible Founders Day event tentatively scheduled for November 8. Stay tuned for more details!

- **Saturday, September 9 is the next First Step Home baby shower** for new and expectant mothers living at First Step Home. Terri Purtee-Stein (tpurtee-stein@zonta-cinti.org; 513.252.5715) will coordinate the event, so please contact her to either make food donations or to assist in conducting the shower – two or three volunteers are all that are needed to attend because space is limited – there are usually 15-20 mothers in addition to First Step Home staff and a couple of their other volunteers who will provide, decorations, baby gifts, and activities. Terri and ZCC member Awatef Hamed participated in an assembly day at First Step Home on August 8 to prepare the shower gifts for the event.

- **Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. will be the next Bethany House birthday party.** Please contact Subcommittee chair Laura Delaney (ldelaney@zonta-cinti.org; 513.922.4851) to volunteer for this project – she still needs two or three more people for the next party. The kids are very cute and everyone is so appreciative – it is a lot of fun for all!

• **Monday, September 11 Hospital Bag Project** – The Service Committee has committed to assisting Women Helping Women, in partnership with Kroger Company’s 81.54 Degrees of Giving committee, in gathering items needed for hospital bags to give to survivors of gender violence after their hospital examinations. Hospitals used to give hospital bags to the victims, but have not been able to continue doing so. Items needed are: Toothbrushes/toothpaste, underwear, socks, sweat pants/shirts, flip flops, pen(cil)/paper, combs, and tote bags. Please contact ZCC members **Donna Seitz** (idseitz@fuse.net; 513.451.2708) and **Connie Roesch** (croesch@zonta-cinti.org; 513.481.1927) to make arrangements for delivery. Connie will then deliver the items to 84.51.

Advocacy Corner

The **2017 Purple Light Walk will be held on Friday, September 29 at 5:00 p.m. on Fountain Square.** The Zonta Club of Cincinnati is once again a presenting sponsor. **President-Elect and Service Committee Chair Verna Tuttle** represents ZCC on the PLW committee along with representatives from Women Helping Women, the Greater Cincinnati YWCA, and other like-minded local organizations. There will be a Resource Fair and ZCC will have a booth once again. There will also be music and food trucks. New this year, portions of the event will be livestreamed on the Fountain Square big screen TV and there will be a keynote speaker. Please plan to attend to help spread awareness about gender-based violence and resources available to help those victims become survivors.

• The 2017 ***She Screams Without Sound Candlelight Vigil will be held on Wednesday, October 11 at 6:15p.m.*** The location has not been confirmed yet, so further details will be forthcoming. ZCC will be there to show our support. Contact **Terri Purtee-Stein** (tpurtee-stein@zonta-cinti.org; 513.252.5715) for further information.

• **Urge the Senate to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA)** – Here’s the latest from Polaris, a leader in the global fight to eradicate modern slavery. (About Polaris: Named after the North Star that guided slaves to freedom in the U.S., Polaris systemically disrupts the human trafficking networks that rob human beings of their lives and their freedom. Their comprehensive model puts victims at the center of what they do: helping survivors restore their freedom, preventing more victims, and leveraging data and technology to pursue traffickers wherever they operate.)

You’ve seen it in the news: tragic stories of adults and children, victims of human trafficking, transported by semi-trailer in deadly heat. Polaris hears similar stories daily at their National Human Trafficking Hotline. Unfortunately, the criminal networks who exploit people through force, fraud, and coercion for forced labor or commercial sex are becoming more sophisticated in their approaches and are increasing the scope of their activities.

There’s never been a more important time to strengthen and reauthorize the TVPA. For fifteen years strides have been made in protecting victims of human trafficking. This wouldn’t have been possible without volunteers’ help and the collaboration of policymakers, service providers, and law enforcement. TVPA is the law that forms the legal foundation of these efforts and must be reauthorized. If we don’t act, this important law could lapse – resulting in more tragic trafficking stories. Ask the Senate to reauthorize the TVPA today!



Glenda Carota helped out at Bethany House for Everybody's Birthday this summer



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Non-Profit Grant App Deadline	2
3	4 Labor Day	5 Janet Bender's Birthday	6	7 Zonta Service Fund Board Mtg, 6 pm; Sheree Paoello's Birthday	8 Zonta Social, Ellen Spaeth's House, 6:30 pm; International Literacy Day	9 1st Step Home Baby Shower, 1-3 pm
10	11	12	13	14 Purple Light Walk Comm Mtg, noon	15	16 W&D Set Up, 11 am; Wine & Dine Fundraiser, 6-10 pm
17	18 Service Comm Con Call, 6 pm; Lori Burkhardt's Birthday	19	20	21 International Day of Peace; Service Comm. Conf. Call, 6 pm	22 Ann Schlinkert's Birthday	23
24	25	26	27	28 PLW Comm Mtg, noon; Zonta Member Mtg, Clovernook CC, 6 pm; Melinda Hubbard's Birthday	29 Purple Light Walk, 5 pm, Fountain Square	30

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1 YWPA Scholarship Apps Available on ZI Website	2	3	4	5 Service Board Mtg., 6 pm; Melanie Hoffman's Birthday	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day ZCC Bd. Mtg, 6 pm; Jean Beirise's Birthday	10	11 <i>She Screams Without Sound</i> Candlelight Vigil, 6:15 pm	12	13 Zonta Social, 6:30 pm	14
15 File Form 990; International Day of Rural Women	16	17 International Day for Eradication of Poverty	18 Bethany House Party, 7 pm	19 Jean McVey's Birthday	20 District 5 Conference, Springfield, OH; Glenda Carota's Birthday	21 D5 Conference, Springfield, OH
22 D5 Conference, Springfield, OH	23	24 United Nations Day	25	26 Zonta Member Business Mtg., 6 pm, VNA	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween				