Dear Zontians,

I can’t believe the first year of our Centennial biennium has come to an end. The past three months have been a whirlwind and I’ve enjoyed every minute. From Area Meetings to installations of board officers and inductions of new members to fundraisers and service projects, Spring is a busy time of year for Zontians and District 5 has shined.

The Area Meetings were a huge success with great programs and unbelievable giving by District 5 Zontians. The programs on ending child marriage were informational, inspirational and alarming. In Areas 1 and 3 we learned about legislation in Ohio to end child marriage from Ohio Senator Teresa Fedor and Representative John Rogers. In Area 2 Donna Pollard shared her story of survival as a child bride and how she has advocated for legislation in Kentucky and in Area 4 we had fun making ECM (End Child Marriage) bracelets to create awareness. District UN Chair Eileen Borchardt and Advocacy Chair Angela Brokmann tied everything together with an update from 63rd Commission on the Status of Women (see article on page 7) including an update on Zonta International’s ZISVAW project on ending child marriage. Please join me in congratulating our Area Directors on their successful Area Meetings.

Thank you to District 5 members and clubs, who have given so generously to the ZI Foundation supporting our international service projects, ZISVAW and scholarship programs. At the start of the biennium, District 5 ZI Foundation Ambassador Ellen Spaeth presented a plan and challenged the district to contribute $102,900 to the ZI Foundation. At the time, the goal seemed a bit daunting, but I’m happy to say we are well on our way. I’m not going to steal Ellen’s thunder, but her Foundation report (see page 10) has exciting news!

One of the highlights of my year was a celebration honoring Past International President (PIP) Eleanor Jammal. On May 20th, Past Governor Rae Arnold and I joined Ashtabula Zontians to honor PIP Eleanor for her 65 years of service to Zonta and to thank her for her generous contributions to the Zonta Centennial Anniversary Endowment Fund. (See page 4.) It was a wonderful afternoon with lots of stories, discussion and laughter. Eleanor is an amazing woman and we are fortunate to have her as a member of District 5.

The Defiance Club is busy planning our District 5 Centennial Conference, which will take place October 18 – 20, 2019 at the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Defiance, Ohio. They have lined up amazing speakers, fun and informational activities, and lots of celebrating our 100 years of service to women around the world. ZI board member Marguerite Agossi-Mvongo from Cote d’Ivoire will be joining us and providing an update from Zonta International. It’s going to be a great conference and we hope you can join us.

Thanks for all you do for Zonta. I look forward to seeing you at your District 5 Conference in October.

— Gov. Margot Hoffman
Greetings, Zontians:

Below are updates from Area 1 Clubs.

**Area 1 Meeting**
The Bowling Green Club hosted the Area 1 Meeting on Saturday, March 16, at the Simpson Building Meeting Room. Representatives from all five Area 1 Clubs were in attendance. The featured presentation was on Child Marriage in Ohio by Ohio State Senator Teresa Fedor. District 5 UN Chair, Eileen Borchardt, gave a presentation on her attendance at CSW at the UN in New York City. A big thank you to Eileen for her presentation as she had just returned from New York the night before and still managed to drive to Bowling Green to report on her experience. Area 1 Director, Sue Dybowski, surprised the Bowling Green Club with a cake commemorating their 20th Anniversary and arranged for Toledo Club members, Billie Johnson and Louise Fought, to be in Sandusky.

**Bowling Green**
The Bowling Green Club hosted their Annual Summer Solstice Wine/Food Pairing Event on Wednesday, May 22. A silent auction was held along with raffles for bottles of wine and table centerpieces. Profits from this event fund scholarships for non-traditional female college students. Some Toledo I members were in attendance showing their support.

**Defiance**
The Defiance Zontians gathered on a Sunday afternoon and made some delicious chocolate turtles to hand out at the Defiance Annual Chocolate Walk. The chocolates were paired up with the perfect wine! (See photo, to the right.) Two new members were inducted at the May Club Meeting. A catered meal and fellowship was enjoyed by all. (See photo, above right.)

**Findlay**
Diane Ellerbe presented the Woman of Achievement Award to this year’s recipient, Dr. Renee Perry, for her leadership and service skills shown through the Zonta Spring Style Show. Dr. Renee Perry created fun games for our Zonta Spring Style Show attendees so they could win more raffle tickets. There were many winners and all had a fun evening!

The Zonta Club of Findlay held another successful sales season of geraniums. The club takes pre-orders at the end of the year for an early May delivery. The club was busy sorting the flowers and making deliveries! Findlay’s Finance Chair and Geranium Subcommitte chair, Jane Radabaugh presents Barb Wilson, the top seller, with a “traveling” trophy. (See photo, bottom right.) While it is meant to travel, Jane pointed out that the flowers still manage to “grow” in the temperature of 78 degrees.

Area Director Sue Dybowski installed the officers and trustees of the Zonta Club of Findlay, as well as presented the club with a celebratory cake in honor of their 60-year anniversary! (See photos on page 11.) We welcomed a new member, Rosanna Thornton, and look forward to working with her!

The Zonta Club of Findlay is hosting an Ice Cream Social in celebration of 100 Years of Zonta on Tuesday, August 20, at the Hancock Historical Museum in Findlay from 4-7 p.m. All current and past Zontians, as well as the public, are welcome to join us in the celebration.
Spotlight on Area 2

The following are news from around Area 2:

Area 2 Meeting – Zonta District 5 Area 2 Spring meeting was held March 23, 2019 in Elizabethtown, KY. Guest speaker was Donna Pollard, Director of Survivor’s Corner. Ms. Pollard was also instrumental in helping Senate Bill 48, which prevents child marriage, become a law in Kentucky. Area 2 clubs attending were ZC of Cincinnati, ZC of Elizabethtown, and ZC of Louisville. (See photos, below and right.)

Cincinnati:
Recent service and advocacy projects include the March 13 Women Conquer Alzheimer’s Luncheon, and co-sponsoring the April 3 Woman’s City Club Speakers Forum about immigration. Upcoming projects include a hands-on Words of Encouragement service project at the club’s June 15 meeting; a July birthing and newborn kit assembly; the Aug. 22 Ales & Advocacy event at Rhinegeist Brewery; and co-sponsoring the September 2019 Purple Light Walk to raise awareness about domestic and gender-based violence.

The April 13 Zonta Centennial Celebration was a great success! Two Zonta Club of Cincinnati Ann Rasche Scholarships were awarded to Brandy Bynum and Chelsea Reinier. The Zonta Club of Cincinnati Marian de Forest award was presented to Dianne Dunkel-

Man for her work in the community and women’s causes. Community sponsors were very generous this year! Fundraising activities included a Silent Auction, Spirits Raffle, $500 Cash Raffle, a Giving Wall, and the Fund-A-Scholarship live auction, netting nearly $32,000. The proceeds will enable the club to meet the goal of funding the Zonta Club of Cincinnati Ann Rasche Endowed Scholarship with Cincinnati State at the $100,000 level. (See photo, left.)

Withrow University High School Z Club members baked cupcakes for residents at the Ronald McDonald House in March. Past Z Club member Tia Roberts and Z Club Advisor Lakisha Higgins attended the Zonta Centennial Celebration, where Tia handed out yellow roses to the Fund-A-Scholarship live auction bidders.

Melanie Hoffmann, Ellen Spaeth, and Terri Purtee-Stein are attending the June 7-9 NAIDM in Dallas, TX. The 2021 NAIDM will be held in Cincinnati at the Hilton Netherland Plaza Hotel (site of the 2013 District 5 Conference). The Cincinnati Club will be the District 5 liaison with 2021 NAIDM Chair Joyce Combs.

Elizabethtown:
Zonta Club of Elizabethtown hosted the Area 2 Meeting this spring. (See leading story, above.)

Ali Crain, who is a Peace Corps worker, was guest speaker at the April 25, 2019 ZC of Elizabethtown meeting. Ali recently returned from Morocco, where she had worked for the last 2 years. (See photo, center.)

ZC of Elizabethtown did a service project at the May 23, 2019 meeting, which (Continued on page 8)
Area 3 has remained active this past spring – with acts to support the Zonta mission popping up all through the Area, along with all the spring blooms!

The Area 3 Meeting The Zonta Club of Ashtabula Area hosted the annual District 5, Area 3 meeting on May 4, 2019 at the Geneva Lodge and Conference Center, Geneva on the Lake, Ohio. (See photo on next page.) Guest speaker of the day was Representative John Rogers, 60 House District from Mentor on the Lake, Ohio. (See photo below, with ZC of Cleveland’s Past President, Denise Rucker-Burton.) He spoke about the three laws that were passed and signed into law this past spring. One was the law to end child marriage in Ohio, giving a specific age of 18, with only a few exceptions and many hoops for 17-year olds, which he co-wrote and submitted to the House and Senate for approval. The other two laws were the Revenge Porn Bill that prohibits the nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images and the Victims Privacy and Protection Act to prohibit the practice of Female genital mutilation in Ohio, including taking a woman to another country from Ohio to have this procedure.

Zontians also received ZI and ZIF updates from our District 5 Governor, Margot Hoffman, Centennial Celebration update from Sandy Hommel, and a CSW Update from Eileen Borchardt. Before adjourning we went through the process of signing onto and then listening to one of the many Leadership Modules on the Zonta International Website.

Zonta Club of Ashtabula Area: Zonta Club of Ashtabula Area held their spring fundraiser on April 13th and celebrated the Zonta International Centennial with the theme, “Everybody’s Birthday”. Zonta 100 cookies were served as dessert to the 300 guests, who also enjoyed a luncheon, a photo station, 25 women-owned business vendors and 75 raffle baskets!

On Monday, May 20th, D5 Governor, Margot Hoffman, along with past Governor, Rae Arnold and several members from the Zonta Club of Ashtabula Area were honored to visit with PIP Eleanor Jammal. Governor Margot and Past Governor Rae Arnold were honored to visit with PIP Eleanor Jammal.

Governor Rae presented Eleanor with a special pin from the Centennial Committee, thanking her for her contribution to the Centennial Capital Campaign. She was also awarded a membership certificate and letter from ZI President, Susanne von Bassewitz congratulating and thanking Eleanor for her 65 years as an active, passionate Zonta member.

The Zonta Club of Ashtabula Area started a service project at the May Area Meeting, with all present writing a note, to a woman in an assisted living center,

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giving hope, encouragement and joy. Ashtabula member Karla Gadley tried to teach ZCAA members how to make star ornaments to add to the card; however, this project was not very successful! Thank you to Karla for making all the star ornaments and then personally delivering them to the women in a local assisted living center. The women were very appreciative of the notes and the star to brighten their day. (See photos, below, and top left of page 4.)

During their June Membership meeting the Club will install their new officers and induct and welcome two new members to their club. A warm Zonta welcome to Lisa Strode and Rebecca Fronk.

Zonta Club of Akron, Barberton & Cuyahoga Falls:
In April, The Zonta Club of Akron, Barberton & Cuyahoga Falls had their spring fundraiser of High Tea and tours of the Hower House, University of Akron. A wonderful event gathering of new and old friends and a perfect time to try some new teas and tea biscuits. Proceeds from the event and the raffle baskets go toward their charity donations.

Spring has sprung a new member into their club. Linda Marx, Past President, Sponsor and Friend, conducted the Candle Ceremony inducting Mary Ellen Dawson into their club. (See photo on page 12. Welcome to Zonta, Mary Ellen!)

Brandy Kohut, President, was recently honored by Goodyear. She is a Goodyear principal engineer and a dedicated STEM Career Day volunteer. Brandy has been committed to STEM volunteerism efforts since 1999 and she believes all students should have the opportunity to pursue their goals. (See photo on page 12.) Congratulations, Brandy.

Zonta Club of Cleveland:
Zonta Club of Cleveland held a special evening, welcoming back past scholarship winners, to speak of their journey since they received the Zonta scholarship. They also spoke of the impact that this scholarship had on their lives, then and now. It made a very interesting evening, and the question was asked, are you ready to join Zonta? Congratulations on your successful life choices Ms. Alexis Crosby, Dr. Molly Falasco and Ms. Hannah Middleton, all helping young women and girls in their careers. (See photo, above. L to R: President Sonia Shellito, Falasco, Middleton, Lt. Governor Sarojini Rao, and Crosby.)

Cleveland Club hosted a fashion show and luncheon for their spring fundraiser, on April 6. The latest Chico fashions were modeled by several Club members and two human trafficking survivors, and their 2019 scholarship winners were introduced and given a chance to speak. (See photo, bottom of page.) The young ladies also helped at the event by selling tickets for the basket raffle. They sat at different tables, so the guests were able to get to know these impressive young ladies a little better.

Cleveland’s May membership meeting began with Evette Clark speaking about Aisha’s Law, which is navigating domestic violence awareness and prevention. She was leaving the Zonta meeting for Columbus to continue advocating for this law. Evette is President and CEO of The Phenomenal Woman Foundation in Cleveland. Also included that evening was the installation of their new officers for the coming year, and the induction of four new members to their club. Welcome to the world of Zonta adventures Shari Slawinski, Janet Winterstein, Priya Govender, and Mrunalini Rao! (See photo on page 4.)

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(Above: Zontians at May 4’s Area 3 Meeting at Geneva Lodge.)

(Above: Zontians at May 4’s Area 3 Meeting on page 4.)

(Zonta Club of Cleveland’s Scholarship Committee Members, Sarojini Rao and Germaine Gibian, with Award Recipients on April 6.)
Greetings, Zontians.

The following is an update on Area 4 clubs. Area 4 Director, Kimm, had the pleasure of seeing Zonta friends and making new ones while visiting their Clubs and at the Area 4 Meeting.

**Newark:**
The Zonta Club of Newark held their largest fundraiser, a Champagne Luncheon, where nearly 200 attended and enjoyed the Silent Auction and Style Show. New DJ music updated the show and the Models danced down the runway! The Club's new male member (see photo on page 10) donned a tuxedo and ushered in bridal gown models to add to the festivities. Columbus Club Members came and helped us celebrate. We're now looking forward to our July Picnic where we collect Donations for our Community Partners.

**Columbus:**
Columbus celebrated its 90th Anniversary in an unique way. They put their gum shoes on to discover who is the murderer, in their new Murder Mystery Fundraiser with a Roaring 20's Gangster theme. Since the Club was founded in 1929, they thought it appropriate. The event sold out.

Meanwhile, the club welcomed their partners from Habitat for Humanity, Women's Build. (See photo, above, with Columbus President Jan Wilhelm and President Elect, Happiness Mapira.)

**Mid-Ohio Valley:**
Zonta Club of the Mid-Ohio Valley had its semi-annual Unique Boutique Sale where we raised enough funds for 3 scholarships, helped several other local organizations with clothing for the poor. And gave away many outfits for people in our community in need of clothing. (See photos, below, and on page 9.)

**Springfield:**
The Springfield Zonta Club is glad to report that all its members are safe & sound, and were not adversely impacted by the 17+ tornadoes in the Dayton vicinity, which occurred on May 28.

In the meantime, Springfield Zontians visited one of their Community Partners that helps at-risk teens and teaches them self-worth and respect for others. (See photo, bottom left.)

— Kimm Hrdlicka-Tigges
This past March, I had the amazing opportunity to attend the UN’s 63rd Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York City for 5 days, as a D5 delegate. Ingeborg Geyer, our ZI UN Rep, guided me, along with ZI past pres. Sonja Honig Schough, Claire Vandenbroat, ZI UN Rep of Luxemburg and many others. Ingeborg wrote: “As the single largest forum on gender equality and women’s rights for UN Member States, civil society organizations and other international actors, this year’s CSW saw a record number of attendees. Participants included more than 5,000 representatives from civil society organizations around the world, nearly 2,000 Member State delegates and 86 ministers.” Twenty Zontian delegates were able to get in the UN doors daily and attend various ‘report and update’ meetings from the UN member states who had gender equality projects in the works. Progress was being made. Discussions ensued. These exchanges kept UN country govt. reps sharply focused on reaching greater accomplishments in their work with girls and women in all sessions I attended.

What’s important: The main purposes for UN Zonta presence here and our influence powers within ECOSOC, a funding $\$ \$ body of the UN, are as follows: 1) To focus the gender equality goal #5 for the UN in specific, clear WRITTEN action statements for UN member nations to follow on a DOCUMENT AGREED by all members; 2) To monitor actions/results that countries implement annually on these goals; and 3) To implement new goals and/or turn-up the heat on countries dragging their feet as necessary.

To summarize, Zonta’s continuous presence at UN conferences and meetings, by Ingeborg, our ZI President Susanne von Bassewitz and others, provides the ‘fire and ice’ to sustain our goals to empower women and girls through this international body of work. In fact, some of Iceland’s official UN delegates are Zontians. Is that cool or what? WE influence the ECOSOC documents and funding $$ dollars to developing countries; some, the biggest violators of gender inequalities. Developing nations then, have no choice, but to respond positively.

See for yourself; our final document is powerful. It is on this page (scroll down), under agreed conclusions: http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw63-2019.

Ingeborg writes: “This written, agreed upon document, puts forth concrete measures to bolster the voice, agency and leadership of women and girls as beneficiaries and users of social protection systems, public services and sustainable infrastructure.”

Let’s continue to support our ZI Foundation programs and discuss our UN work at our local meetings more often. We truly are a unique organization, with our representative status. Only a handful of non-profits have this designation at the United Nations.

Respectfully Submitted,
— Eileen Borchardt
involved purses filled with personal items. The purses were then donated to Springhaven, the local Domestic Violence Shelter. (See photo, below.)

Louisville:
To recap the year, speakers included representatives from Anchal Project, the Association of Women Aviation Mechanics, the Backside at Churchill Downs and World Council of KY / Southern IN. In December, members prepared purses and bags for women in shelters.

Members also advocated and served women & girls by awarding grants to local organizations, participating in human trafficking conference, bystander movement, child marriage symposium, the 99s Girl Scout Day, the Bra Event, and presenting needed diapers to Casita Center. Z-Night was held on April 27th. Once again, it was an exciting and well attended event, selling 400 tickets, netting over $6,000! (See photos, center.)

Barbara Maxwell, a member of ZI since 1970, passed away on April 15, 2019 at the age of 82. Barbara had been ill this past program year with dementia and was in an assisted-living center in Jeffersonville. She was a member in Lexington, KY from 1970 to 1983; Baton Rouge, LA from 1983 to 1991; Bethesda Spring Silver, MD from 1991 to 1995; then transferred to the club of Louisville. She was very active in the club, chairing the Service Committee and delegate to two ZI Conventions. A Zontian for 49 years, she was a friend and will be missed.

The city of Louisville will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and the 55th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act (VRA). The Frazier Museum, The League of Women Voters, and The Louisville Metro Office for Women and 125+ organizations are involved in planning the year-long celebration. Zonta Club of Louisville is already involved in the planning. (See photos on this page.)

Paducah:
No update at this time. Have a great summer!
— Pat Kenkel, A2D

Spotlight on Area 2, Continued from Page 3
As we begin their summer break, we need to look forward to our 16 Days of Activism.

The Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) has come a long way, but we have a long way to go. So, many have asked:

How do we begin? How do we maintain? How do we eliminate?

We do so, with focus and continuous effort! Our 16 Days of Activism begin November 25 and go through Dec 10 each year. November 25 is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Each member needs to think about how they want this day addressed. Orange is the color that focuses us on the elimination of violence. Wear orange, bathe the city in orange, ask all you see wearing orange if they are waving their flag on the elimination of violence against women. Start the conversation and then, keep the conversation going.

What do we think of when we think of Advocacy against violence? How does this violence look? How do we recognize it? Violence against women is Gender-Based Violence. Gender-Based Violence is seen in many ways. Does your area maintain a zero tolerance for violence against women? Who can you partner with to showcase the impact of gender-based violence on our communities?

Women generally are the ones who own the responsibility for the care, housing and feeding of the children. Can they provide housing? Spend a day or two addressing the aspects of inequality in housing within our area. Partner with your local HUD departments and reflect on the housing inequality. Look at your city and reflect on the issue of housing. Is it equal? That is an aspect of gender based violence. Feeding of the family. What is your local Dare to Care organization doing? How can you partner and help bring awareness to this topic? What are our community statistics on health care and women? How are you making this an issue of awareness?

Can you bring awareness to the topic of Gender-Based violence? Conduct a panel discussion on what is talked about when we talk about Gender-Based Violence? What does your community of faith think? How can you get them involved? Make a goal to include as many houses of worship as you can and then go forth and let everyone know how many spoke up.

Use a 12 Month Call to Action format to address as many Gender-Based violence topics as you can. The following is an illustration:

January: National Human Trafficking Awareness Month

February: Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month

March: Women's History Month

April: Sexual Assault Awareness Month

May 17: International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, & Biphobia

June: Pride and World Pride Month; June 27: World Elder Abuse Day

July 14: International Non-binary Day

August: International Youth Month

September: National Suicide Prevention Month

October: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

November 20: Trans Day of Resilience; November 25 -December 10: Zonta's 16 Days of Activism; and November 29: UN Women's Day

December 10: International Human Rights Day

—Article by Angela Brokmann
D5 Advocacy Chair
MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

It is amazing how quickly a year goes by when one is busy. We are at the end of the first year of this biennium and believe me, I have been busy. I spent almost every Saturday in March and one Saturday in May attending Area meetings. My message at each of these meetings was the same – Recruitment and Retention: Why do members join, why do they leave and what can we do to convince those sitting on the fence to reconsider their decision?

As we come to the end of this year, I am happy to report that as a district, we have made modest progress in recruitment toward our goal of net gain of 15% by the end of this biennium. It remains to be seen how we have done with retention as our District 5 Treasurer, Chris Jackson processes the renewal dues received from the clubs. It is my hope that we have maintained our gain.

Finally, the ongoing membership challenge for recruiting new members ended on May 31st. The club with the highest net increase in membership on its roster on May 31, 2019 as compared to May 31, 2018 will be recognized at the District 5 Conference in October. Additionally, Governor Margot and I have pledged to contribute $5 per person in the winning club to the Zonta International Foundation (ZIF), so that club will have 100% participation in ZIF contributions.

Thank you,
— Sarojini Rao
ZI District 5 Lt. Governor
Membership Chair

FOUNDATIONS AMBASSADOR UPDATE

Dear District 5 Zontian:

Congratulations to all Zontians in District 5! We have exceeded our first-year goal to support ZIF and are up 27% in individual giving and 33% in club donations vs. the same time last biennium! District 5 ranks number 7 out of 31 in donations from individuals. We are on fire! I am still overwhelmed by the generosity shown by District 5 at the Area meetings where we raised more than $10,000 for the foundation. I want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support of Zonta’s mission to empower women, both in our communities and globally. Whether you have supported your club fundraiser, made an individual donation on your own or donated at the District or Area meetings, you are helping to make a difference in women’s lives, both in your local community and around the world. (Visit the Global Impact page at zonta.org to get the latest news on how we’re changing the lives of women through ZIF.)

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Conference. Until then, have a safe and happy Summer!

Again, thank you!

Ellen Spaeth,
Foundation Ambassador

DISTRICT 5 FOUNDATION GOAL – 2018-2020 ($K)

To reach our biennium goal, we are targeting an average contribution of $60 per member ($5 per month) and $1,500 per club per year. Ways to give include:

- Amazon Smile - https://smile.amazon.com
- Honor a loved one with a gift to ZIF!
- Monthly Gift Giving
- Save your Loose change!
- Downsize that Starbucks and put aside the difference.
- Consider having your club donate 20-30% of their fund raising to ZIF!
Sirka Schreck. This event raised $15,000.

At the April Business Meeting, the Service Committee invited three speakers from 501(c) organizations. Approximately $7,000 was awarded among Stein Hospice Camp Good Grief, Safe Harbor and Kendra’s House.

The Centennial Parade Celebration continues with Club Members passing out candy bags for the Memorial Day Parade in Port Clinton and the Norwalk Lions Club July 4th Parade.

**Toledo**

The Zonta Club of Toledo I has had a very busy quarter! Kylee Gregg, founder of Womyn Unleashed spoke at the March 6, 2019 meeting of Zonta Club of Toledo 1. Kylee, 18, a sophomore at The University of Toledo spoke of her personal experience as a victim of childhood sex trafficking. Kylee advocates that better sex education for girls and boys is key to fighting abuse before it starts. (See above photo.)

In April, Zontians collected 100 bags of Easter candy so that the children staying at the Bethany House, a long-term shelter for victims and their children who are escaping domestic violence in Northwest Ohio, could enjoy an Easter Basket on Easter morning. Their goal of 100 bags was also to honor Zonta International’s 100th Anniversary. Deidra Lashley, the executive director of Bethany House, spoke at their monthly business meeting. It was encouraging to hear about all the ways that Bethany House helps those impacted by domestic violence. They are doing tremendous work in the Toledo area. (See photo, center.)

Gail Cooper, a breast cancer survivor and founder of Baskets of Care, shared the mission of providing help and hope to people newly diagnosed with breast cancer. The bags and backpacks are filled with essential educational materials, peer support, a blanket/shawl, chocolate, and much more. Thanks to Gail and her group for offering this service to our community and beyond. (See photo, right.)

Zonta Club of Toledo, along with many local women’s organizations, presented a second forum on May 22nd in their pursuit of a draft of a proposed city ordinance to address gender equality (CEDAW - Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women). Work on this project has been ongoing for the last year, but the club remains steadfast to make the city of Toledo a CEDAW city. (See logo, below.)

— Sue Dybowski

Sue Dybowski
Area 1 Director

(Photo: Toledo’s President Sherri Stansbury with Kylee Gregg, founder of Womyn Unleashed.)

(Toledo Zontian, Susan Strup, with Gail Cooper, founder of Baskets of Care.)
Zonta Club of Hudson:
Zonta Club of Hudson held their Spring Fundraiser May 3rd, offering “A Good Night for Zonta”. Their celebration included Zonta’s Centennial with a Birthday cake (see photo, below), dinner, music, dancing and raffles to make for a fun and enjoyable evening, to raise funds for their service projects. They also presented their Young Women in Public Affairs award to Caitlin Rose Drake. Congratulations, Caitlin!

Members representing the Zonta Club of Hudson at the Area 3 Meeting on May 4, 2019 are Jenny Marakovich, Lynn McMasters and Julie Curtis. (See photo on page 5.)

—Linda Coblitz, Area 3 Director

“I didn’t see road blocks in pursuing engineering. It didn’t stop me from my goals even though I was a minority in my classes.”
- Brandy Kohut, Principal Engineer

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(Photos: Zonta Club of Greater Sandusky’s Spring Auction at Sandusky Yacht Club on Saturday, April 6, 2019. See story on page 2.)