

Zonta Club of Porterville Newsletter

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President's Corner

Dear Zonta Sisters,

Happy Spring to all! As I write this I am very optimistic and enthusiastic. It surely has been a very long year since we have been able to meet. We have not been able to have many of our traditional events and activities. Hopefully, we will be able to meet in person for our business meeting in April and continue afterwards with all of our activities.

In March we had our election of officers for the 2021-2022 year. Congratulation to all and thank you members for stepping up to a leadership role. Young Women in Public Affairs winner has been submitted to District 9. Much appreciation to Marcia Brown and her committee for all the work that they did for choosing our winner. Also, our Area 3 Meeting will be on April 17 on Zoom. Great way to find out all that is happening in our area and there will be informational presentations and discussions about Zonta topics.

March is Woman's History Month and a big thank you to Karen Vanni for her researching of famous women to highlight on Instagram and Facebook. Our Art & Wine committee has been meeting to plan for this year's event which is being planned for June.

I appreciate all of you for everything that you have done this past year and I excited about this next year for the Zonta Club of Porterville.

Giovanna



April, May, June Membership Anniversaries

Sharon Scarbrough - 12 years

Mickie Manning - 24 years

Pam Wallace - 9 years

Sherryl Lohse - 15 years

Donna Raymond - 15 years

60 Years

On March 1st our longest term member Norma Ruf celebrated 60 YEARS with the Zonta Club of Porterville. President Giovanna presented Norma with a bouquet of yellow flowers as a symbol of our appreciation. Additionally Sharon Pearson sent her a wonderful pop-up 60th anniversary card.

If you happen to run into Norma be sure to wish her a happy 60th!



New Club Officers

The slate of officers for our upcoming club year (2021-2022):

President	Giovanna DePaoli
1 st Vice President	Donna Sue Keeley
2 nd Vice President	Karen Vanni
Recording Secretary	Valerie Simonich
Corresponding Secretary	Shirley Leppert
Treasurer	Joslyn Walker
Assistant Treasurer	Diane Graybehl
1 year Director	Lawana Tate
	Amy McCarville
2 Year Director	Marcia Brown
	Erin Betts
Nominating Committee	Sharon Pearson
	Sue Hartman
	Mickie Manning
	Denise Marchant
	Ela Pandya

April, May, June Birthdays

Teresa Hardt - May 4th

Debbie Burgdorf - May 16th

Brenda Martin - May 28th

Giovanna DePaoli - June 11th

Diane Graybehl - June 11th

Janis Cotton - June 19th

Sherryl Lohse - June 22nd

Social Media

Submitted by Valerie Simonich

I hope many of you have been following our social media on either Facebook or Instagram. If you haven't you are missing out on some great content. Karen Vanni has been very busy during March, Women's History Month. Daily she's provided a profile of a woman who has impacted our world. Here are a few examples.

The achievements of Marion O'Brien Donovan an American inventor and entrepreneur are showcased. While Marion may not be commonly known by her name you can bet the mothers throughout the world are familiar with her invention - the first waterproof disposable diaper!

Amelia Jenks Bloomer - an early suffragist, editor, and social activist. Creator of a newspaper dedicated to women and influential in dress reform and the adoption of women wearing pantaloons, aka Bloomers.

Krystyna Chojnowska-Liskiewicz - the first woman to sail single-handed around the world in 1976-1978.

Libby Riddles - the first woman to win the Iditarod in 1985. She and her dog team overcame a blizzard and kicked off a four-year run of Iditarod victories by women.

Ruth Jones Graves - an American chef and inventor of the Toll House Cookie, the first chocolate chip cookie.

Jennifer A. Doudna and Emmanuella Charpentier - recipients of the 2020 Nobel chemistry prize for their development of the CRISPR-Cas9 gene-editing tools. This marked the first time women scientists won a Nobel without a male collaborator.

The list of women showcased goes on and on. Thank you Karen for taking the time to research these women and their achievements.

Women - we are strong, we are smart, we are able, we are capable, we are valid.

"As you grow older,
you will discover that
you have two hands -
one for yourself, the
other for helping
others"

Audrey Hepburn

Scholarship

Submitted by Marsha Brown

YWPA - The 2021 Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship award winner this year is Chloe Ross. Chloe is a senior at Granit Hills High and plans to attend Oregon State in the fall of 2021 majoring in Political Science with a focus in International Affairs and a minor in Business. Her goal is to serve as a Foreign Service Officer or as a United States Ambassador someday. She is ranked in the top five of her class and is a candidate for Valedictorian.

While a student at Granite Hills Chloe has been involved in multiple activities serving as a student leader in many areas such as the GHHS Marching Band, Capitan of the Volleyball team, the Swim team and a mathematics tutor. She is a member of the Z Club, Rotary Interact, CSF, and Grizzlies Fight Cancer clubs. Her contributions to benefit and serve the community also include working with the Central Valley Family Crisis Center and the Porterville Women's Shelter. She also founded her own club the HeartWarmers. The members created blankets for the Visalia Child Welfare Services and for the veterans on the Central Valley Honor Flights.

PC Re-entry Scholarship - Rifat Tahira is the PC Foundation Re-entry Scholarship award winner for 2021. Rifat is the first generation from her family to obtain an education. Born in Pakistan she and her family immigrated to American for education and career opportunities. In order to become familiar with the American culture and fluent in the English language she enrolled in the Porterville Adult School and obtained her GED.

Rifat is the first of five children in her family to come to the United States for higher education. Her immediate family and other family members shared living expenses until they were able to become familiar with the new culture and become an independent family. After several years of education in the KCCD she entered the nursing program and will receive her Associates degree in Nursing in Spring 2021. Rafit plans to work and also attend CSU Fresno beginning in the fall of 2021 to continue her education and obtain a Bachelor's degree in nursing with the goal of becoming a family nurse practitioner.

The Scholarship committee would like to congratulate both these outstanding women and hope to entertain them at our program meeting on April 27th.

An Evening of Art and Wine

Submitted by Valerie Simonich

The Art and Wine committee is hard at work pulling together our next event. As we all know we had to postpone our annual March Evening of Art and Wine. A new date - June 19, 2021 has been selected. This year the event will be held outdoors at Nuckols Ranch. Having the event later in the year comes with some advantages - we can comfortably be outside, it's lighter longer, and there is more room for mingling. A challenge we face is the need for more servers as our guests will not be allowed to serve themselves as they've done in the past. To be safe we will serve our delectable appetizers. Stafford's Chocolate will be unable to attend due to anticipated weather above 70 degrees. This means we'll need to prepare more desserts than we have the last several years.

The committee members have been going to town in securing fantastic live auction items, raffle/basket items, and wine donations. I bet you're wondering what we have in store - here are a few of the items:

Auction Items:

- Vintage framed Sunkist Labels (8) (thank you Donna Raymond)
- Multi night stay at a home in Benicia (thank you Sherryl & Geane Lohse)
- Multi night stay at the Beach Bungalow Inn in Morro Bay along with dinner at Dorn's and wine tasting at Stax (thank you Janie Dignam)
- Jewelry donated by Horowitz Jewelry (thank you David)
- Napa Valley Bed & Breakfast (thank you Janie Dignam)
- Party for 50 (thank you Gail & Bob Nuckols)

Pre-Sale Ticket Items:

- Kate Spade designer handbag
- Harris Home \$500 gift certificate
- Two night stay at Cambria Pines in Cambria
- Plus artwork from our featured artists

Raffle Basket Themes:

- Sports/Outdoor/Golf
- Wine Basket
- Whiskey/Cigars/Men's Basket
- BBQ Basket
- Beauty Basket

Like we have the past several years we will serve a champagne tasting as a pre-event for all ticketholders who like to arrive a bit early. **We are in the process of securing two Springville artists. We will have our pre-sale raffle tickets and event tickets available for distribution at our April Program Meeting.**

As with all our big events all available members assistance is needed.

Members Assistance Needed:

- Wine procurement is ongoing and your assistance is needed. If you are a member of any winery or have a connection to a winery please seek a donation - it can be a case or a bottle, a tasting for 2 (or more)
- Sign up for preparing food items
- Sign up for working the event
- Get business sponsorships / business card advertisers
- Sell event tickets and pre-sale raffle tickets
- Provide items for raffle baskets

Dates to Remember

- **April 5, 2021 - Monday - Board Meeting (Zoom) at 5 p.m.**
- **April 13, 2021 - Business Meeting - at 12 p.m. at Fugazzi's (Porterville). Reservations required. Contact Mickie Manning by April 6th. 361-3329**
- **April 27, 2021 - Program Meeting - Scholarships - location to be determined**