

# MAY 2019

ALL THINGS SEEM POSSIBLE IN MAY!

# GARAGE SALE

May 10-11  
(8am to 5pm daily)



## Board Members

2018-2019

**PRESIDENT:**

Debbie Grant

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

Joal Peitz

**TREASURER:**

Mary Nimmerfroh

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Karla Krueger

**COMMUNICATION SEC (ZoNews Editor):**

Kimberly Swanson

**BOARD MEMEBERS - 2nd year of term:**

Laurie Ann Oppel

Debra Schroeder

**BOARD MEMEBERS - 1st year of term:**

Sara Blanchett

Linda Lasota

**Past President:**

Lori Rebischke

**Nominating Committee:**

Deb Schroeder

Mary Garding

## What's Happening in 2019

CALANDER OF EVENTS

**MAY**

9th: Annual Meeting, 400 Club ~ 5:30pm

10-11: Zonta Garage Sale at Deb Kellerman's

**JUNE**

7-9: NAID, Dallas, TX

**AUGUST**

TBD: Board Transition Meeting

1st: Board Meeting

8th: Business Meeting

23rd: Zonta Golf Event

**SEPTEMBER**

12th: Terebinth Refuge Fundraising Breakfast

- 7:30am 912 Regency Plaza

13-15th: District 7 Conference, Kansas City, MO

**JULY 2020**

4th-8th: ZI Convention, Chicago, IL



# President's Message

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May 2019

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My sincere thank you to all members for making this another successful year for the Zonta Club of St. Cloud!

With the changes implemented by the Strategic Plan, we have been able to conduct our business meetings within the hour time frame and have greatly increased our member attendance at the lunch time meetings. Periodic evening speaker meetings have allowed us to go in depth on topics and also combine membership recruitment at the same time. Aligning our officer terms with Area, District and International will provide more timely training and advancement opportunities for our club officers.

We are 35 members strong. Our fundraising efforts earned us \$26,740 this year. We were able to award scholarships, award grants to local agencies and donate to Zonta International Foundation, all in our continuing efforts to empower women and girls.

Every member should be proud of our accomplishments this year and all that our club has accomplished as we prepare to celebrate our club's 69th year and Zonta International's 100th year this November!

In July of 2020, our members will have the opportunity to attend the Zonta International Convention close to home – in Chicago, Il. Plans are already being made for some members to take the train to Chicago, picking up members in 3 North Dakota towns, picking Minnesota Zontians up in St. Cloud and Minneapolis, then continuing on to Chicago. Based upon current rates, the cost should be under \$70 for the roundtrip train ride. Room sharing will also help to keep the cost down. Mark your calendar and start saving for this great opportunity to meet with Zontians from all over the world while participating in the international convention.

I look forward to the leadership of our incoming Board and continuing with our mission to empower women through service and advocacy!

Deborah Grant  
President, Zonta Club of St. Cloud 2017-2019

# MEETING MINUTES

THE MINUTES OF LAST MONTH

May 2019

## Board Meeting

April 4, 2019 Old Chicago Restaurant

Present: Deborah Grant, Joal Peitz, Mary Nimmerfroh, Karla Krueger, Kimberly Swanson, Debra Schroeder, Laurie Ann Oppel and Lori Rebischke

Absent: Sara Blanchett and Linda LaSota

Guests: Debra Kellerman and Mary Robak-Saari

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Deborah Grant at 12:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and Zonta Blessing followed the call to order. Pin Penalty was invoked.

The agenda for today's meeting was presented for approval. There was a request to add New Member Applications and District 7 Awards to the agenda. Kimberly Swanson made a motion to approve the agenda with the two additional business items. Laurie Ann Oppel seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** There was a motion by Mary Nimmerfroh to approve the minutes of the March 2019 Board meeting. Debra Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion was approved. The March 2019 Treasurer's report was not available. It will be published in the ZoNews.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND REQUESTS:** Deborah Grant received an e-mail from Shear Dynamics approving our sponsorship for "A WALK TOGETHER UNITING AGAINST SEX TRAFFICKING" for the Central MN Sexual Assault Center.

### BUSINESS:

**Finance Report:** The Finance Report was not available. The Finance Committee will be meeting on April 8, 2019.

**Spring Speaker Meeting:** The Spring Speaker Meeting will be held on April 18, 2019 at Anna Marie's Center for Family Peace and will feature the video "Equal Means Equal." Joal is looking at catering by MT's on 8th. Joal will contact Erica Jodsaas and request that she send out a notice to members. Guests are welcome.

**Annual Meeting Committee:** The Annual Meeting will be held on May 9, 2019 at the 400 Club. Invitations have been sent. There will be new member inductions and presentations of the scholarships and service fund awards. Area 3 Director Tania Hughes-Kremers will attend the meeting.

**Eat for Change Fundraiser:** The Eat for Change fundraiser at Chipotle was held on March 18, 2019 and raised \$129.26.

**Meat Raffle Fundraiser:** We received a \$500 check from the March 30, 2019 meat raffle fundraiser at Club Almar plus an \$80 donation. We anticipate receiving additional funds based on the bar sales.

**Area 1 & 3 Meeting:** The Area Meeting will be held on April 5 & 6, 2019 in Mankato. Seven members from the St. Cloud Zonta Club are planning to attend. We will be selling shirts at the Marketplace.

**New Member Applications:** Member applications from Kati Blum, Mary Robak-Saari and Dr. Sister Mary Jan Berger were presented for approval. All three applications were unanimously approved.

**District 7 Awards:** Debra Kellerman presented the list of Zonta St. Cloud Centennial Community Champions. She has assigned members to deliver the award information to the recipients. These awards will be presented at an evening meeting on October 17, 2019.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Will be printed in the ZoNews.

### OTHER:

Deborah Grant was invited to a dinner at Terebinth Refuge.

Deb Kellerman is hosting a garage sale on May 10-11. Proceeds will go toward the Zonta Centennial challenge. Members are invited to donate items for the sale and to bring tables to display those items.

**Adjournment – Debra Schroeder made a motion to adjourn. Laurie Ann Oppel seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned at 12:51 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Karla Krueger**  
Recording Secretary



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## Business Meeting

April 18, 2019 (Rescheduled from April 11 due to snow storm) Anna Marie’s Alliance Center for Family Peace  
**Present:** Deborah Grant, Joal Peitz, Debra Schroder, Linda Linn, Mary Nimmerfroh, Steph Jusilla, Beth Anvary, Mary Robak-Saari, Karla Krueger, and Jan Benson.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Deborah Grant called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and Zonta Blessing followed the call to order. Pin Penalty was invoked.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mary Nimmerfroh, seconded by Linda Linn. Motion was approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**  
There was a motion by Jan Benson to approve the minutes from the March 2019 Business meeting and the March 2019 Treasurer’s Report, which was printed in the ZoNews. Steph Jusilla seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE & REQUESTS:** We received a card from Sister Colleen Haggerty, an invitation from Anna Marie’s Alliance to their Pre- Derby fundraiser on May 1, 2019 and an invitation from Terebinth Refuge to their fundraising breakfast on September 12, 2019.

**BUSINESS:**

**Election Results for New Board of Directors:** Debra Schroeder from the Nominations Committee reported that 13 members submitted votes for the new Board of Directors. The result is that each nominee for the various offices was elected to her stated position.

**Finance Report:** There was a motion by Mary Nimmerfroh from the Finance Committee to (1) approve the disbursement of \$6,685 to Zonta International; (2) approve disbursement of \$2,674 to the Operations budget; (3) approve disbursement of \$2000 for 2019 scholarships; (4) award \$15,500 in Service funds; and (5) move excess Operations funds to Service funds by Board action. Motion was approved.

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**A Walk Together Uniting Against Sex Trafficking:** Shear Dynamics is hosting “A Walk Together Uniting Against Sex Trafficking on April 27, 2019. Our Zonta Club is a sponsor of this event.

**Dues Renewal:** Members should submit their dues to Mary Nimmerfroh.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Committee reports are printed in the ZoNews.

**OTHER:**  
The Zonta Store will be open on line until April 22, 2019. There are new items available.

Some members are looking into taking the train to the 2020 International Convention in Chicago.

**Adjournment – Mary Nimmerfroh made a motion to adjourn. Linda Linn seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Meeting Adjourned at 6:03 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Karla Krueger*



# CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE REPORT

May 2019

## Deborah Kellerman

The following teams are working together to gather 100 items of multiple products for delivery November 9 to honor Zonta International’s Centennial Celebration and our local anniversary of 69 years!

Anna Marie Captains Debbie Grant Deb Schroeder	Journey Home Captains Jan Bensen Joal Peitz	Terebinth Refuge Captains Lin Skorseth Susan Voeltz	CMSAC Captains Alicia Reif Debra Kellerman
Beth Anvary Deb Dingmann Nancy Fischer Linda Linn LeAnne Miller Pat Molitor Liz Schultz Mary R (new from Anna Marie’s)	Carol Barrymore Mary Garding Stephanie Jussila Linda LaSota Mary Nimmerfroh Rachel Thompson	Kirsten Freeman Erica Jodsaas Samantha Kohort Laurie Ann Oppel Lori Rebisckhe Kimberly Swanson	Gayle Borchert Vicki Erickson Sue Kadlec Karla Krueger Lori Steinhofer Katie Blum

ITEMS (so far)	ITEMS (so far)	ITEMS (so far)	ITEMS (so far)
Socks	Coloring Books	toothbrushes	toothbrushes
Underwear	markers/pencils	toothpaste	toothpaste
Hot Chocolate	hot chocolate	hot chocolate	hot chocolate
Personal size Grooming Items	art/craft supplies	ankle socks	fuzzy socks
		personal grooming items	shampoo/rinse/body wash

I will be reporting on the aggregate dollar value on a regular basis via the newsletter and any additions to items being collected. To date, these four teams have gathered approximately \$700 (rounded amount) – let’s shoot for \$2000!

A Zonta garage sale will be held on May 10 - 11 (8 am to 5 pm daily) – all proceeds will go back to the teams to purchase items in quantities of 100... all are invited to gather items for the garage sale, price them, bring a table (s) for display, and deliver to Deb Kellerman’s new place – 924 Oak Pond Court in Sartell – plan to help work a shift of the sale, please. I will accept goods starting on May 1 – call in advance to make sure I am home (218-689-4892). Start looking through your cupboards, closets, shelves, etc!!



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Sartell, MN 56377





# TREASURERS REPORT

May 2019

## April 2019 Report

Treasurer: Mary Nimmerfroh

Balance 3/31/19 checking acount	\$ 11,434.35
Receipts	
Pin Penalty	\$ 1.00
Change 4 Change	\$ 9.26
Dues	\$ 2,074.00
Annual Dinner	\$ 513.00
Marketplace	\$ 85.00
Tsf from Savings for scholarships (2)	\$ 2,000.00
Club Almar Fundraiser	\$ 580.00
Anna Maries Lunch	\$ 10.00
April speaker meeting	\$ 100.00
Golf Reservations	\$ 150.00
Heartland test swipe	\$ 4.79
Interest for April	\$ 0.12
Total Receipts	\$ 5,527.17
Disbursements	
JMK Award	\$ 1,000.00
Tsf to Savings: Mktpkc (85), C4C (36.51) Food fundraiser (709.26)	\$ 830.77
Heartland fee for swipe	\$ 0.10
Total Disbursements	\$ 1,830.87
Balance 4/30/19 Checking account	\$ 15,130.65
SAVINGS ACCOUNT REPORT	
BALANCE ON 3/31/19	\$ 37,071.61
Tsf from checking	\$ 830.77
Tsf TO checking for scholarships (2)	-2000
Interest for April	2.64
Balance 4/30/19 Savings account	\$ 35,905.02
Total Accounts	\$ 51,035.67



# COMMITTEE REPORTS

May 2019

## SCHOLARSHIP

**Chair:** LeAnne Miller  
**Members:** Carol Barrymore, Jan Bensen, Stephanie Jussila, Susan Voeltz

CONGRATULATIONS to Saffron Jensen, the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship recipient! Saffron received \$1,000 from our club and will be nominated for the District 7 scholarship of \$2,000. Zonta International offers up to 32 scholarships of \$2,000 at the district level and six international scholarships in the amount of \$8,000. Saffron is a junior studying Information Systems at St. Cloud State University. Her goal is to combine computer science and business to become a Business Analyst and someday work towards a Juris Doctor Law degree in Intellectual Property and Technology law.



## TECHNOLOGY

**Chair:** Samantha Kohout  
**Members:** Deb Kellerman, Linda LaSota, Kirsten Freeman, Mary Nimmerfroh, Laurie Oppel, Rachel Thompson, Beth Anvery, Alicia Reif

The technology committee continues to work on the online presence for our Zonta Club. We rely on help from the other committees to update and reflect accurate and update to date information on the website and Facebook. Please reach out to the technology committee with any update request and we will accommodate as best we can.

Facebook continues to be an excellent marketing tool for our fundraising events. We have 683 people who like and follow our page, which is up by 49% from this time last year.

Thank you to all our members for participating in the initiatives of the technology committee. Our reach is farther when members share/promote our events via Facebook and direct people to use our website for information on our club.





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## MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

### MEDICAL-DENTAL CLINIC CANCELLED

The Cape Zonta's annual spring Haiti dental/medical clinic which was scheduled for March 8-12, 2019 was cancelled. Unrest in the country, which had been brewing since the summer, erupted. A level 4 no travel ban was in place, and the facility at which the team stays was closed to missionaries. While the people of Haiti are resilient, the cry of "Nou bouke" (we are tired, we are exhausted) is understandable. The majority of people in the USA can't fathom being without life's basic needs-clean water and food, a place to live, medical care, and education for one's children. However due to depreciation of the Haitian gourdes, overwhelming unemployment (80% among young adults), a shortage and rising cost of goods, children having to leave school to help the family, and a corrupt government mishandling funds, this is what faces the majority of Haiti's people.

### SCHOOL RESUMES

The Mixte Shalom des Freres in Croix des bouquets, Haiti was closed for ten days during the worst of the unrest. However, the Haitian American Caucus and school director, Samuel Darquin, opened the doors daily feeding over 500. HAC based in NY is an umbrella over the school. He also assisted three orphanages that send children to the school that were running out of food and water. At this time, the majority of the over 500 students have returned. A larger number of students are being fed daily as there is little food available at home. Shortly after school resumed, a fever flu hit the school and nearly a third were absent daily. Fortunately, medical supplies that had been sent for the clinic were able to be utilized.

### CHALLENGES

The 2018-19 school year had its challenges prior to the riots. If you received last fall's newsletter, you recall that a family of children walking to school were hit by a truck. Nine year old, Samuel Raphael, was the most seriously injured. After one leg was amputated an infection was developing in the other leg and he was transferred to Doctors without Borders. They were able to save his other leg and are doing therapy. Here is "little Samuel" on his return home alongside "big Samuel".



In November, the St. Pierre children lost their mother, a single parent. She was ill when she visited the Sept. clinic and continued to digress. The children have been taken in by one of the teacher's at the school. Funds have been raised to assist her with the four children.

Stay connected to HAC through their website: [WWW.WEAREHAC.ORG](http://WWW.WEAREHAC.ORG) or become a friend on their Facebook page.





In Jan. another 40 children from Madamn Placide's orphanage were incorporated into the school. She was unable to continue operating her orphanage's school. A sponsorship drive for these children was launched before Christmas. Another of the orphanages that attends the school, a private home called OCAM with 12 little girls, is in a financial strain. She is fearful that she will have to turn the children over to the government and that would mean separating the girls. Presently, they are all sponsored at the school. Fundraising to help her is ongoing. Cape Zonta thanks those of you that have answered the call to help with sponsorships and funds for all of this school year's needs and those of you that continue to sponsor children year after year.



## PROGRESS

On a happier note many good things have graced the school year. In Nov. Melissa Bain, 610 Project director, was honored at Cape Zonta's Women of Achievement banquet for her work with the children at the school. She took a team down in Jan. and held a band camp with instruments that have been collected over the last couple years.



*Here is Hope Seeds doing a program on plant germination.*

## CAPE ZONTA HAITI CHAIR NOTE

It was very difficult for the team leader to cancel our March trip. I want to assure all sponsors that the school is operating and making a difference, now more than ever, in the lives of the children you sponsor. Hopefully, we will take an early fall clinic down on Aug. 29. As sponsors you are welcome to go on a mission trip and meet your child. I can't tell you how much your continuing support means to Cape Zonta and myself personally as Sponsorship Coordinator. I have a blessed job getting to meet with the sponsored children each trip and capture their smiles for you. The growth I have witnessed since I joined the team in 2013 has been amazing, and I feel hopeful that great things are to come to Haiti through the education of its children. Please share this newsletter with others that may join us in this mission.

### **Cape Zonta Haiti Chair and Sponsorship Coordinator Information:**

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