Zonta Club of Miami Lakes
November 2019 Newsletter

Sally Whitton, President * Mary Finan, Newsletter Editor

Letter from the President

Dear Zontians:

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

November is a wonderful time of the year. It's a time to be thankful for family, friends and community. We are especially thankful for our friends in Zonta. It's a time to look back and reflect on what we have accomplished so far this year. We have a great board that is steering us through activities, service and accomplishments.

Just this month we completed our successful Flea Market. We sold 29 spots to neighbors and vendors. The profits were excellent at $1,712.03. It was a fun day and everything went smoothly with our enthusiastic members pitching in from setup, to sales and even clean-up. Even the weather cooperated. Middle of the month, we had 11 members and one guest for the Footprints Foundation, where we assembled birthing kits to go to Africa to assist in clean and healthy birth deliveries in the wilds. That same weekend, we participated in the Veterans Day Parade to support community spirit. We can be proud of what we are accomplishing and be sure you find a way to get involved and make a difference.

Don't forget our Holiday Social coming up Dec.7th. Grethel and Patrick Kunkel have offered their home for the festivities. Look for your ugliest Holiday sweater or tee shirt to wear as you might win a prize. Cathie will be sending out more details to sign up for our Holiday Potluck Social.

Our thoughts move to what's coming for the New Year and preparations for our Annual Gala Event. It's time to find sponsors and donations to insure a successful event. The Zonta International Conference in Chicago takes place on July 4-8, 2020. What an opportunity to attend right in the USA. Early registration is open now.

Stay tuned as there is something for everyone and lots of ways to get involved. We say thanks to our successes and look forward to many more as we finish the year.

Cheers! Sally

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June – Nov 2019 birthdays

Jan Hammond – 6/8
Dorothy Alfano – 6/21
Shawn Atwill – 8/16
Astrid Flaherty – 8/20
Carmen Rogers – 9/21
Peggy Hicks – 10/1
Esther Colon – 10/15
Marie Korenstein – 10/17
Ruth Schobel – 10/29
Alina Tabibi – 10/31

June – Nov 2019 Anniversaries

Jan Hammond – 32 yrs
Helen Brown – 19 yrs
Ruth Schobel – 13 yrs
Peggy Hicks – 12 yrs
Magaly Rubio – 11 yrs
Cathie Inman – 10 yrs
Rashida Mamujee – 9 yrs
Grethel Kunkel – 5 yrs
Marie Kornstein – 4 yrs
Laureen Varga – 2 yrs
Linda Dachs – 2 yrs

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ZCML CALENDAR 2019-2020

Nov 21: General Mtg, Kick off 16 Days of Activism, Shula's Hotel 6:30 PM
Dec 4: Board Mtg, Holiday Social Planning, Shula's Golf Resort (Human Rights Day)
Dec 7: Holiday Social, Grethel Kunkel's home, 6 PM
Jan 8: Board Mtg, Amelia Earhart Planning, Shula's Golf Resort
Jan 25: Amelia Earhart Gen Mtg, FIU Scholarship Presentation, Curtiss Mansion
Feb 12: Board Mtg, Heart Health Month Planning, Shula's Golf Resort
Feb 27: General Mtg, Heart Health Month, Shula's Hotel
Mar 11: Board Mtg, Lotus House Goody Bag Planning, Shula's Golf Resort
Mar 26: General Mtg, Lotus House Goody Bags, Shula's Hotel
Apr 8: Board Mtg, Annual Fundraiser Gala Planning, Shula's Golf Resort
April 18: Zonta Area 3 mtg, location TBD
Apr 23: General Mtg, Annual Fundraiser Gala, Shula's Hotel
May 9: Annual Fundraising Gala, Shula's Hotel
May 13: Board Mtg, Installation/Ida Snow Award Planning, Shula's Golf Resort
May 28: General Mtg, Installation & Ida Snow Award, Shula's Hotel
July 4-8: ZI Global Convention, Marriott Hotel, Chicago, IL,

Annual Installation Banquet

On May 23, 2019, the club held the annual end of year banquet and installation of officers ceremony at Shula's Hotel. In addition, we installed several new members, presented our PACE Scholarship winner, awarded the Ida Snow Award and had an interesting speaker from the Town of Miami Lakes Council. It was a very full evening and thoroughly enjoyed by all the members.

Installation of new Members Maria Mederos and Sherry Jones along side of club members and sponsors

Pace Scholarship Winner Armani Thomas with president Maria Crowley

Hon. Marilyn Ruano, Town of Miami Lakes Council Member – was guest speaker

President Maria Crowley presents Ruth Schobel with the Ida Snow Award

Newley Installed Officers and Directors for 2019 – 2020

Club Members Tour State Attorney's Office Sex Trafficking Unit

On June 6 the ZCML had an opportunity to see the Miami-Dade County State Attorneys Office Sex Trafficking Unit. Members were given a tour of the unit, a very nice and pleasant facility, by Tanya Gennusa and Stephanie LaFrance. Alina Tabini put together 15 backpacks, inside each backpack is a shirt, sweat pants, flip flops and toiletries all items high quality.

ZCML member Alina Tabini and Stephanie LaFrance

Helen Brown and Alina Tabini show the backpacks our club donated to the unit.

Orientation Meeting at Sherry Hernandez's Home

The club held its September 26th general meeting at Sherry Hernandez's lovely home on Kingsmoor Way. In addition to club business, the evening's featured speaker was former ZCML member Lorna Owens of Footsprints Foundation. Members also got a review and reminder of our own club's beginnings in 1984, plus overviews of Zonta International projects and goals.

Lorna Owens of Footprints with ZCML former president and current Area Director Maria Crowley

ZCML charter members in 1984, our beginnings. Ida Snow, center, was our first club president.

Womens' Breast and Heart Health Initiative (WBHHI) gets assist from club members

As one of our club's signature philanthropies, WBHHI deserves and receives a lot of our support for their fund raising and service efforts. Kudos to our loyal members who volunteered their time and efforts to these worthy activities.

WBHHI Pink Walk at Aventura Mall on Sept. 29th. Walkers above: Joyce, Maria, Sally, Peggy and Marie. A very big thank you for your commitment to volunteerism!

Helping hands at the WBHHI B Fore Pink Golf Tournament on October 4. Gunilla, Shawn, Dionne, Maria, and Joyce deserve a hand!

October General Meeting at Shula's Hotel Features Community Service Award Presentation

Thursday, Oct. 24 the club gathered for our monthly meeting. As usual, the evening was full of club business, award presentations, and informative speakers to raise awareness of issues important to Zonta.

Annual Community Award was presented to Dotti Wix, Chairwoman of Elderly Affairs Committee of Miami Lakes. Dotti is surrounded by her family members in attendance along with club members Sally Whitton and Esther Colon.

REMINDER: WEAR YOUR ZONTA NAMETAGE TO GENERAL MEETINGS OR BE PREPARED TO PAY $$!

Featured Speaker FIU Grad student Yanet Ruvalcaba spoke to the club on "It Could Happen to You: Online Non-consensual Pornography & Adult Women's Risk."

Yanet's talk sparked a lot of member questions and input, as our high-tech world presents so many areas of concern for women (and men) to be victims of online photo blasts by ex-spouses or ex-partners. As in many other areas, the laws to protect us from these things are lagging way behind the daily developments in the IT world.

Annual Community Flea Market Event

The club held its yearly community flea market on Saturday, Nov. 2 in Miami Lakes adjacent to Main Street. Even though this year's vendor count was a bit lower than in previous years, the club netted a significant amount of funding for our club's operations! The weather co-operated and everyone seemed to be having a good time and were happy with their discovered treasures!

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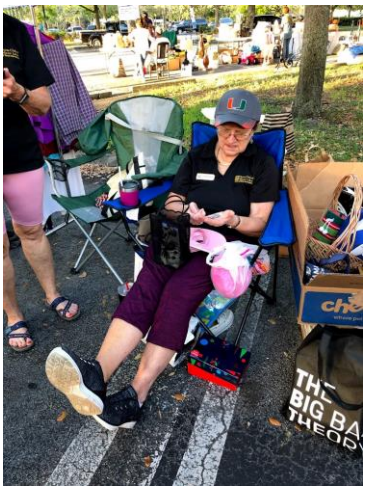
Most of the morning crew!

Sally, Rose, and Maria

Laureen, Audrey, and new member Sherry

Still smiling at the end of the day!



Dr. "MoneyBags" in charge of receipts!

Sally with Christian Kunkel (Grethel's boy) who donated his proceeds of $316 to the club! Way to go!

District Conference Oct. 3-5, 2019
Orlando, FL

ZCML club members joined in all the fun and festivities at the District Conference held last month. Here are a few pictures of the informative gathering and some foolishness. Thank you to our members who attended. One highlight was showcasing the fashions over the decades of Zonta!

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