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ZONTA CLUB OF AMHERST
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DISTRICT #4

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My Fellow Zontians,

As your appointed president, I hope this newsletter finds you comfortably settled on your own warm couches. It was a pleasure speaking to many of you on the phone. However, it seems we have missed seeing each other and engaging in support of our local community. This has not been the Zonta year we expected. Yet, we press on.

Each Zonta club has been finding their own paths through 2020. You will find some of local clubs information in this letter. For the most part, our Amherst Zonta meetings will remain on pause until the new year. Zonta Zoom has become the norm. Our Amherst members have expressed interest in order to continue our club. Please expect upcoming communication on starting of our Zoom meetings.

Enjoy Thanksgiving by keeping healthy and safe!

- Kathy Reynolds



News from our Area 4 Director!

Mary Vacate emailed our President that our district Advocacy chair, Kathi Scanlon, is reaching out to clubs and to inform them that the Niagara Falls, Canada club is lighting the falls up in orange on Tuesday, November 24th at 8:45pm as part of the Sixteen Days of Activism against gender-based violence. Since we are unable to go to Canada, wear your masks and warm clothing and show up if you'd like to join in!

For more information, you can email Kathi Scanlon directly kruthscans@hotmail.com

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL MISSION STATEMENT

Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy

ZONTA CLUB OF AMHERST MISSION STATEMENT

Create renewed enthusiasm in each member to enable the Zonta Club of Amherst to take on the cause of women's health, participate in District and support International endeavors.



There is still time to participate in the
Town of Amherst Warm Clothing Project!
If you would like to "adopt" a girl, please let Mary-Diana know at mnmski@roadrunner.com Monetary donations are also gladly accepted - there are volunteers who will shop for you! Checks should be made payable to the Amherst Youth Foundation and mailed to 1615 Amherst Manor Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221. THANK YOU!

Birthing Kit Update:

Area 4 Clubs were able to ship 1,750 birthing kits to Nicaragua at the end of October. These kits were assembled last spring and were stored during the shutdown due to COVID-19. We were thrilled they were able to be shipped. These kits were donated by the Amherst, Batavia-Genesee, Buffalo, Cheektowaga-Lancaster and Hamburg-Orchard Park Clubs. Geneva also has 200 kits, but we were not able to transfer them quickly enough for this shipment.

In addition to the US clubs, I'm thrilled to report that Oakville club is in the midst of finalizing 1100 birthing kits completed by their members individually at home. KW club completed 1000 birthing kits covid style on October 24th, with the prep completed by members at home, and the assembly by 10 members socially distanced. KW's 1000 and 400 from Stratford were delivered to World Vision for shipping to Afghanistan. Oakville's will be delivered once complete.



EASY FUNDRAISER FOR MEMBERS! **What better way to practice social distancing than with gift cards this holiday season?**

This is a quick and easy fundraiser with big returns. Simply go to <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Shop/Product/Browse> to find all the gift cards available for purchase. Decide what you want and send the list, along with a check made payable to *Zonta Club of Amherst* in the mail to Mary-Diana Pouli at 5 Deville Circle, Williamsville, NY 14221.
(Please do not choose any e-gift cards).

All cards ordered by December 1st
are guaranteed for delivery in time for holiday gift giving!
Remember, this doesn't cost you any extra!
A \$5 gift card costs \$5, etc. The retailer provides a percentage donation to our club for every card purchased. Shop from your couch and get some stress free gift cards!



Learn how to make a donation and help our District be represented in a friendly challenge all this month! Just go to:
<https://zontadistrict4.org/building-our-clubs/committee-resources/zif-ambassadors/every-november-every-member/>