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“Building a Better World for Women and Girls”

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It's That Time Again – ZMM Retreat



This will be our opportunity to plan an exciting and engaging program that will make a difference in the lives of women and girls.

We need you there!

You can look forward to a moderated event, guest speaker, lunch, and interactive workshops and breakout sessions. Chairs should conduct committee meetings in advance of the retreat to outline goals and a projected calendar of events. Please see the email from Tammie Edwards, 1st Vice President and Membership Chair for details on cost, registration, agenda, etc.

Questions? Please contact Tammie Edwards at 240-475-8945 or ZontaMMTEdwards@gmail.com. Madame President Nicole Barnes can also be contacted at 240-619-9016 or nlawans315@gmail.com.

Message from the President



Greetings ZMM Members,

As the summer break has ended, I want to welcome all of you back to a year of Rebuilding and Rebranding. The word Rebuilding refers to our Club Strength which is membership and how we collectively contribute to its success. Our Rebranding simply means, that we will stand out and improve awareness of Zonta Club of Mid-Maryland locally. We need to cultivate partnerships that inspire bold ventures so that we can achieve our goals and serve our mission fully. I am hopeful each of you feel rejuvenated and are ready to roll up your sleeves as Zonta Club of Mid-Maryland fulfills the mission and goals of Zonta.

Yours in Service and Advocacy

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Barnes".

Nicole Barnes
President
Zonta Club of Mid-Maryland



Message from the District 3 Governor



Dear Zonta District 3 Club Presidents,

Congratulations on your election to lead your club for the Zonta year of 2022-2023. Please excuse the length of this email. I promise going forward, they will be much shorter.

The District 3 Board's mandate for this biennial is as follows:

- Focusing the majority of board activity on helping clubs with membership and retention.
- Discuss with club presidents and club boards pain points and work with clubs to reduce and if possible, eliminate obstacles to joyous participating in club leadership.
- Encourage, engage and support our club leaders and club members.

The Board is of course available with various Zonta International and District resources and tools to help with club service/advocacy projects.

We are here to help and look forward to working with and for you in fulfilling the mission and goals of Zonta.

Here are a few things the District Board is working on:

October 1st Governor's Event

On Saturday, October 1st will be holding a virtual Governor's event. The program will be structured in a way that our club members and prospective Zonta members and Zonta allies will be engaged and inspired.

On **Thursday, July 28th at 6 pm** there will be a 1-hour planning session for this October event. It will be the first of 5 planning sessions. If you are interested in participating in these planning, please **RSVP to me by July 26th**.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

2022 Zonta International Convention

The Convention in Hamburg was wonderful. For those that were able to attend in person or virtually I hope you share the excitement and energy of the event with your clubs. On the District 3 website you can find a summary of the voting results for bylaws

and resolutions. It can be found on the "News" section of the website. Here is the link:<http://www.zontadistrictthree.org/news>.

Zonta District 3 Website

We will be updating the content on our website. We will start with the information that was provided in the club achievement reports that were submitted last month. If you have pictures of your events, please share.

For those clubs that did not submit an achievement report, please share with your Area Director a project or event that you are particularly proud of so we can recognize your club's efforts and share it on the website.

District wide Calendar of Events

We believe we have a way to create a **District wide calendar** and have it posted on the district website. We will be testing it this summer with a roll out in September. If you would like to be part of our test run, please let us know.

Zonta District 3 Board Meetings

The District Board is scheduled to meet the 3rd of each month. Our agenda is set by the 1st of the month. The minutes of the Board meeting will be posted on the members only portion of the District 3 website.

If you have an idea or concern that you would like to present to the Board please reach out to your Area Director before the 1st of the month.

I thank you for indulging me with this lengthy email. I look forward to working with you.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Lisa Burton

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Here is an excerpt from the email we recently received from our newly installed International President Ute Scholtz. Please note the new theme.

. . . Our continuing mission and vision, along with our new theme, *Build a Better World for Women and Girls*, are even more critical as the ongoing effects of the pandemic and even more sadly, war, threaten the rights of women and girls.

Zonta International is needed now more than ever! Our vision for gender equality is not yet a reality. We need a strong, committed community of our members, partners, friends and supporters. Together, we have the skills, will, energy and resources to make a difference for women and girls worldwide. Let us all together build a better world for women and girls! . . .

Please refer to the website zonta.org to learn about the bylaw amendments that passed during the convention. The amendments made significant changes. More about that in the future.

Here is a picture of the plaque from our Greenspace Project with the Annapolis Club.



Please enjoy! Your comments and suggestions on content as well as your assistance are welcomed. Contact Erma Barron, 301-552-1968, ebarronzonta@gmail.com