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"Building a Better World for Women and Girls"

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Mailing Address: P.O. Box 187 Glenn Dale, MD 20769 Zonta Club of Mid-Maryland - General Body Meeting
Thursday, November 10, 2022, at
7:00 pm via Zoom

Zonta MM General Body Meeting Link Meeting ID: 391 372 1009 Passcode: 157203





Calling All Zontians,

Let's Orange the World! Come join Zonta Club of Mid-Maryland and Ingrid S. Harrison At Large Councilmember, City of Bowie Democratic Nominee Prince George's County Council, District 4 for a presentation at the Council Chambers for the reading of a Proclamation and the significance of "Orange the World". ZMM Members will wear orange as we shine our orange light on Bowie City Hall.

Date: November 21, 2022

Time: 8:00 PM

**Location:** Council Chambers Bowie City Hall

> 15901 Fred Robinson Way Bowie, Maryland 20716

This is an opportunity engaging the community and bring awareness so we can make a difference in the lives of women and girls locally.

#### Message from the President

#### **Greetings ZMM Members,**

Thanksgiving is almost here, and we all have of a multitude of things in our lives for us to be thankful. This is also a time where unreported incidents of domestic violence increase as the Holiday Season approaches.



When uncontrollable stressors rise, so does domestic violence. It is the additional stress with the holiday season, additional family visiting, long travels, and with the financial stress of getting food and gifts for the holidays that can contribute to increased instances. For those living in abusive relationships, the holidays can be a time for keeping up appearances. A victim may even try to hang on, despite the cost. It is even common for survivors that have made it out to go back to their abusers during this time of year.

#### Domestic Violence does not take off for the holidays!!!

It is estimated that 1 in every 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience some form of domestic violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime. An estimated twelve million people are victims of domestic violence each year, and most cases go unreported to law enforcement especially during the holiday season. While 85% of domestic violence victims are women, it is important for ALL people to know how to help someone in an abusive relationship or situation find the help they need. Not every sign of abuse comes with a black and blue mark

Know the resources available in your area so you can help someone in need

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-SAFE (7233)

Yours in Service and Advocacy

Nicole Barnes President

Zonta Club of Mid-Maryland



## SPITLIGHT

#### CONGRATULATIONS ZONTIANS . . . Your Zonta Sisters are very proud of you!



Congratulations Zonta Mid-Maryland Member Stanita Scott D.B.A. on your outstanding achievement in receiving your Professional Doctorate.

You are showing the world that with hard work and determination anything can be achieved. You are a shining star and an exemplary example for young women and girls to follow.

#### Congratulations Mrs. Agnes Dianne Williams as the 2022 GERI ® AWARD RECIPIENT

As a member of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women Prince George's County Chapter, Dianne is known as a servant leader as she helped survivors of domestic violence from the House of Ruth Counseling Center.

Dianne received a Gubernatorial Appointment to the MD Commission for Women and was selected as one of 5,000 individuals named as a "Change Maker" around the U.S. and the globe, dedicated to building a better world.

She is a positive voice for the seniors but has also worked to impact the lives of all ages. Through her dedication to serving other, she personifies changing lives!

The GERI ® Award is dedicated to honoring senior citizens of the State of Maryland who have made exemplary contribution to society.

Congratulations to our very own Mrs. Dianne Williams for the admiral work you've done and continue to do.



#### Zonta Club of Mid-Maryland within the Community

Zonta Club of Mid-Maryland Breast Cancer Awareness Fund Raising Initiative





#### **September's National Literacy Month**

Book donation to family Justice Center

Denise McCain & Nicole Barnes



# WARM ZONTA HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO... Britney Jones - November 4 Cleopatra White - November 14 Audrey Farley - November 17 Tammie Edwards - November 22

# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

On Friday, November 25th, 2022, the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, all District 3 members, friends, and allies are asked to wear orange and Orange the World in support of ending violence against women.

Clubs and allies should look for opportunities, including lighting up local landmarks, to publicize these actions.





### Important Dates & Deadlines

- November 15, 2022 Amelia Earhart Fellowship Application due
- **November 19, 2022** Thanksgiving Holiday Hope Initiative
  - ZMM and Family Justice Center
- November 21, 2022 Zonta Mid-Maryland Orange Bowie City Hall -
- November 25, 2022 District 3 Zonta Orange the World
- November 25 December 10, 2022 16 Days of Activism
- November 29, 2022 Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women
   Summit CST (www.zonta.org/events) Cost \$10.00
- December 2022 Christmas Holiday Hope Initiative ZMM and Family Justice Center
- March 8, 2023 Zonta Rose Day/International Women's Day
- June 30- July 2, 2023 North American Inter-District Meeting- Indianapolis
- October 6 8, 2023 District 3 Governor's Conference
- June 2024 66th Zonta International Convention Brisbane, Australia



The ZMM Membership Committee welcomes your feedback.

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