

We hold monthly meetings, the first Wednesday of the month except for August and December. In August we have a social event and in December we have a holiday party. Below are the guest speakers and topic since March 2001.

Dinner Meetings June 2021 to May 2022 - Virtual Meetings

#	Date	Guest Speaker(s)	Topic
1	6/2/21	Advocacy Committee	Advocacy Survey Results and Stop Child Marriage Billboard
2	7/7/21	Centennial Committee "Celebrating a Century of Service & Advocacy"	Continue Planning Club's 100 Year Anniversary of ZCWDC and Adopt a Plan
3	8/1/21	Columbia Country Club August Social	First in-person Get Together since Covid hosted by Mary Lou Dell
4	9/1/21	Club members & Inducted 5 New Members	Club members shared their histories and what Zonta can do for you.
5	10/6/21	Christyne Nasbe, Founder of Polka Dot Library, Kabarnet Baringo County, Kenya	Polka Dot Library started by Chris Nasbe after serving in the Peace Corps
6	11/3/21	Scholarship Recipients	Honoring our Scholarship Awardees
7	12/5/21	Holiday Party – In-person	Army Navy Club hosted by Diana Garcia
8	1/5/22	Rachel Devine, SVP, Global Policy & Regulatory Affairs Boom Supersonic	Amelia Earhart Event - Boom Technology-mission to bring back supersonic air travel
9	2/2/22	Dr. Cheryl LaRoche, Archaeologist, Univ. of MD, College Park	Black History Month – Underground Railroads & area waterways
10	3/2/22	Katelyn DiBenedetto, club member	In honor of Women's History Katelyn produced a Trivia Quiz Night
11	4/5/22	Katelyn DiBenedetto, Club member & induction of Christyne Nasbe	Approved Service Projects, Continuance of Women's Trivia
12	5/1/22	Annual Meeting—In-person meeting at Little Italy - Maggiano's	Annual Meeting – Club & Foundation Induction of Club Board & Nominating Committee for 2022- 2023

Dinner Meetings June 2020 to May 2021 – Virtual Meetings

#	Date	Guest Speaker(s)	Topic
1	6/3/20	Mary Ellen Bittner	Discussed bylaw change proposals of upcoming
			convention-zoom
2	7/18/20	Delegates to convention	Discuss results of conventionzoom
3	8/15/20	Members social	Past Internat'l attendees talked about their favorite
			memories-zoom
4	9/2/20	Kimberly Easson, founder,	Gender Equity in the cocoa and coffee small
		The Partnership for Gender	industries-zoom
		Equity	
5	10/7/20	Donna Pollard and Casey	Ending Child Marriage in the US-zoom
		Swegman	
6	11/4/20	Scholarship Recipients	Speaking about their lives and projects-zoom
7	12/2/20	Zonta Holiday Cookbook	Member Katelyn DiBenedetto organized and
			produced a members cookbook. Members talked
			about the recipes they included and whyzoom
8	1/6/21	Meeting cancelled	Due to violence at the Capitol
9	2/3/21	Kakenya Ntaiya	Update on Kakenya's School for Excellence-zoom
10	3/7/21	Elizabeth "Zibi" Turtle	Principal Investigator of NASA's mission of
			Dragonfly to Titan which is in developmentzoom
11	4/3/21	Members	Planning meeting for 100 th Anniversary of our Club
			which will be next yearzoom
12	5/5/21	Annual Meeting	Annual Meeting – Club & Foundation-zoom

Dinner Meetings June 2019 to May 2020

#	Date	Guest Speaker(s)	Topic
1	6/5/19	Kyla Conlee	Anti-Human Trafficking Program, Manager for
			Salvation Army
2	7/10/19	Carolina Serra	Helping Local Communities find sustainable
			solutions
3	8/17/19	Hillwood Museum	Tour of the Mansion and lunch at the
			Merriweather Cafe
4	9/4/19	Business Meeting	Elect delegates to conference
			Proposed bylaw changes
			Approve budget and privacy statement
			Approve nomination of J. Gallos for Internat'l
			Director
5	10/2/19	LeeAnn Petersen	The Fundamentals of Advocacy
6	11/6/19	Scholarship Recipients	Scholarship Dinner
7	12/8/19	Holiday Party	Maggiano's
8	1/8/20	Corinne Cannon	Founder of DC Diaper Bank
9	2/5/20	Shikha Redhal	Amelia Earhart Fellow
			Graduate Research Assistant
			While working on a Ph.D
			Univ. of Maryland, College Park

10	3/4/20	Judith Fitzpatrick, Janet	"Year of the Nurse"
		Southby	
11	4/1/20		Cancelled due to Coronavirus
12	5/13/20	Annual Meeting—zoom	Annual Meeting – Club & Foundation
		meeting	Induction of Club Board and Nominating
			Committee for 2020-2021

Dinner Meetings June 2018 to May 2019

Date	Guest Speaker(s)	Topic
6/6/18	Kakenya Ntalya	An Update on Kakenya's Dream Girls
7/11/18	Jen Christensen, Mary Ellen Bittner	Recap of Zonta Int'l Meeting in Japan
8/25/18	Renwick Gallery-Burning Man	Tour and Lunch at The Hay Adams
9/12/18	Diana Garcia and KT Harroun	Life Experiences and Change
10/3/18	Sonya Baskerville and Shaina Egly,	Inspirational Events-Attending the CSW
	Zonta members	event in New York
11/7/18	Scholarship Recipients	Scholarship Dinner
12/2/18	Holiday Party	Columbia Country Club
1/9/19	Lynn Williams, Director, Acquisition	Former Fighter Pilot Experiences
	Policy at Boeing	
2/6/19	Gale Allen, Past Interim Chief Scientist	Zonta Int'l District 3 Area 4 Director
	at NASA	
3/6/19	Dr. Roselyn Epps	Human Trafficking
4/3/19	David Atkinson	Pres. Of Princeton in Latin America
5/1/19	Annual Meeting	Annual Meeting – Club & Foundation

Dinner Meetings June 2017 to May 2018

Date	Guest Speaker(s)	Topic
6/7/17	Ramona Stoltz, Zonta member	Present Day Girl Scouts
7/12/17	Jill Holcomb, Director of Development	International Student House (ISH)
8/5/17	August Social	Tour Bishop's Garden, The National Cathedral
9/6/17	Annette Dixon, VP, Human Development, World Bank Group, Zonta member	Getting to Equality for South Asia Region
10/4/17	Theresa Loar, Senior Advisor, BSR	Corporations and Fight Against Modern Slavery
11/1/17	Scholarship Recipients	Responses to Scholarship Awards
12/3/17	Holiday Brunch – Columbia Country Club	Collect gift cards for Calvary Women's Center
1/11/18	Dr. Aprille Ericsson, New Business Lead, NASA GSFC, Instrument Systems & Technology Division	Path to Aerospace for Women Today (Hosted by Sandy Cunningham, Zonta member, and UBS Financial Services)
2/7/18	Corinne Cannon, Founder of Greater DC Diaper Bank	Empowering families & women by providing basic baby needs & feminine hygiene products
3/7/18	Tali Sadan Elitzur, Executive Director, Ahal Moment	Supporting those who experience interpersonal trauma and organizations that help them
4/4/18	Vivian Levi, LCPC, Counseling Services	Dealing with Domestic Violence
5/2/18	Annual Meeting	Installation of officers & directors by Mary Ellen Bittner, Past International President

Dinner Meetings June 2016 to May 2017

Date	Guest Speaker(s)	Topic
6/1/16	Foundation Meeting/Planning	Vote on Scholarship recipients
7/11/16	Roselyn Epps and Mary Ellen Bittner	Recap 63 rd Zonta International Convention
8/13/16	August Social	"A Summer Supper" at KT Harroun's
9/7/16	Rose Twagirumukuza	Rose's experiences as Advocacy Project Peace Fellow from Rwanda
10/5/16	Sarah Delay from Century Investments	Investments and Philanthropy
11/2/16	Scholarship Recipients	Scholarship Dinner
12/4/16	Holiday Party- Columbia County Club	Gift cards to Calvary Women's Center
1/11/17	Dr. Gale J. Allen, Deputy Chief Scientist at NASA	Leveling the playing field for women and minorities at NASA (Palisades Library)
3/8/17	Iain Guest, Advocacy Project & Memorial for Carol Beaver, past club president & District 3 governor	Talking about his recent trip to Nepal and the Women's Care Project in Nepal
4/5/17	Carol Beechler, Zonta District 3, Area 4 representative	Upcoming events and joint fundraising events
5/3/17	Annual Meeting	Installation of new officers

Below are past dinner meetings held from March 2001 to May 2016

Date	Speaker	Topic
May 4, 2016	Lieutenant Governor Donna Clark, Zl District 3	Annual Meeting, Installation of Club Officers and Directors by Donna Clark
April 6, 2016	Susan Markham, USAID Senior Coordinator	Gender Equality & Women's Empowerment
February 3, 2016	Kim Rosenfeld, Area 4 Director, District 3 Zonta	Importance of being engaged in service and advocacy projects
January 13, 2016	Elaine Petro, Camli Badra and Elena Shestha, UMD Amelia Earhart Fellows	Amelia Earhart Celebration
November 4, 2015	Scholarship Recipients	Scholarship Night
October 7, 2015	Christie Ulman, Acting Director Office of International Climate and Clean Energy	US DOE Office of International Affairs' projects to empower women with clean energy and leadership related roles
September 2, 2015	GOTR DC - Kristen Komlosky and Kelly Makimaa	GOTR DC Program for 2015/2016
July 15, 2015	Speaker from Calvary Women's Shelter	Sponsor group; Club Budget & Undergrad Scholarships
June 3, 2015	Chelsea Ullman, Policy Associate, GWU GWI	Global Women's Institute (GWI)
May 6, 2015	Lieutenant Governor Donna Clark, Zl District 3	Annual Meeting, Installation of Club Officers and Directors by Donna Clark

March 4, 2015	Kassie Edwards, Advocate	Advocate for women
February 4, 2015	Dr. Amy Park, Urogynecologist	Women's Health Initiative
January 7, 2015	Dr. Ellen Stofan, Chief Scientist at NASA	Amelia Earhart Celebration. Elizabeth Wiener, District 3 Amelia Earhart Recipient all attended
November 5, 2014	Scholarship Recipients & Kakenya Nataiya (KCE)	Scholarship Night
October 2, 2014	Sherrill Mulhern, ZI Advocacy Committee Representative	ZI Advocacy
September 17, 2014	Pakistani Women Prosecutors	Advocacy Event held at club member's home.
September 3, 2014	Dawn Swan, Executive Director, Rachel's Women's Shelter	Update on programs and status. Subsequently, the sheltered closed its doors on September 30, 2014.
May 7, 2014	Lieutenant Governor Margo Sheridan, ZI District 3	Annual Meeting, Induction of Club Officers and Directors by Margo Sheridan
April 3, 2014	Dr. Pamela Peeke, MD, MDH, FACP	Women and Health Speaker's Event; book signing (Fundraiser)
March 5, 2014	Rear Admiral Raquel Bono, US Navy Defense Health Agency Director, National Capital Region Medical Directorate	Women's Leadership in the Military
February 5, 2014	Dr. Hedieh Mirahmadi, JD, President WORDE	World Organization for Resource Development and Education (WORDE).
January 8, 2014	Amelia Earhart Celebration. Speaker: Louise Prockter and Wendy Morganstern	"Pioneering Women, How Far We Have Come from Amelia Earhart to the Space Program"
October 2, 2013	Melanie Rubavu	United Nations Month- Burundi: geographical, population, socio-political and economic situation and human rights
May 1, 2013	Donna Clark, Area 4 Director, District 3, Zonta	Annual Meeting, Induction of Club Officers and Directors by Donna Clark

April 3, 2013	lain Guest, Executive Director, Karin Orr, Program Manager, The Advocacy Project. Kate Ballinger, 2010 Peace Fellow in Nepal.	"Advocacy thru needle work", Nepal Quilt Exhibit
March 3, 2013	Amelia Earhart Celebration. Speaker: Louise Prockter, Club Member	Balloons, Biplanes, and Bombers: The amazing stories of the women pioneers of aviation
February 6, 2013	Mary Ellsberg, Director of Global Women's Institute, The George Washington University	Global Women's Institute
October 3, 2012	Betsy Lovejoy, Executive Director, Girls on the Run Washington, D.C.	Girls on the Run Washington, D.C. Programs
September 5, 2012	Patricia Browne	Women Empowering Women
June 6, 2012	Tina Patterson, Club Member	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
February 1, 2012	Crystal Lander, Member of the board of the US National Committee of UNIFEM (now part of UN Women).	United Nations Night
November 2, 2011	Scholarship Night	Scholarship Recipients
October 5, 2011	Amy Carrier, AVP of Clinical Service Lines with Adventist HealthCare	Women and Heart Disease
September 7, 2011	Ashley McSwain, Executive Director, Our Place DC	Shelters and the Homeless in DC
July 6, 2011	Kerri Norris	Spoke about "Going with the Flow: How [Knowing] the Right Moves Can Move You Forward"
June 8, 2011	Marta Calderon, Club Member	Electronic Communications in Zonta. Presented a summary of the news discussed at the Area 3 & 4 Spring Workshop regarding electronic communications from Zonta International as well as planned changes in our club.
February 2, 2011	Dr. Margaret Green, Founder of GreenWorks Global	Child Marriage: A Global Human Rights Problem.

January 5, 2011	Norma Ely, Air Traffic Manager at Andrews Air Force Base and Robin Rush, President, Professional Women Controllers, Inc.	Norma Ely and Robin Rush shared with us her professional experiences from an exciting career as traffic controllers.
October 6, 2010	Meral Guzel, Finance and Private Sector Development Specialist at the World Bank	Meral's experience with women's entrepreneurship initiatives in many areas of the world.
September 1, 2010	lain Guest, Executive Director of The Advocacy Project	Presentation of the video produced by the Advocacy Project on the causes and consequences of uterine prolapsed.
July 7, 2010	Kakenya Ntaiya, first youth advisor to the United Nations Population Fund	She has been working to build a girls' school in Enoosaen, Kenya for young African girls. She traveled around the world to speak on the importance of educating girls, particularly as a means to fight the practices of female genital mutilation and child marriage.
May 5, 2010	Scott Allen, a member of The Advocacy Project (AP) board of directors, and Erin Lapham, AP's program manager.	The Advocacy Project. Talk about AP's work, with a special emphasis on the Peace Fellows.
February 3, 2010	Dr. Sarah Craven, the Washington Representative of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund	UN Commission on the Status of Women
January 6, 2010	Major Nicole Malachowski	Amelia Earhart Program. First woman pilot selected to fly as part of the USAF Air Demonstration Squadron, better known as the Thunderbirds.
September 2, 2009	Shamim Jawad, wife of the Afghan Ambassador to the United States of America.	Shamim Jawad's foundation that builds schools in Afghanistan and generally about the situation for women in Afghanistan
June 3, 2009	Beth Caldwell, Publicist and Author of I Wish I'd Known THAT!, Secrets to Success in Business From Women Who've Been There.	Success in Business
May 6, 2009	Beverly Gay McCarter and Marta Calderon, Club Members	Zonta Networking in 21st Century. How do we do it?

April 1, 2009	Nicole Peacock and Marta	Once a Month Program (Nicole)/
	Calderon	Area 4 programs (Marta)
January 7, 2009	Jenness Simler	Experience of a professional staff member
		for the House Armed Services Committee
November 5, 2008	Scholarship Recipients	Scholarship Night
October 1, 2008	Advocacy Project Fellows.	Individual Projects and personal experiences
February 6, 2008	Dr. Pamela Peeke	Women and Health Speaker's Event
October 3, 2007	Betty Jane Bourdon, ZIF President	The Zonta International Foundation.
September 12, 2007	Advocacy Project Peace Fellows	Personal experiences.
April 4, 2007	Benjamin Wittes, author of Confirmation Wars: Preserving Independent Courts in Angry Times	Congressional confirmation process of judicial nominees.
March 7, 2007	Margaret K. O'Bryon, President & CEO of The Consumer Health Foundation	Community health programs in the Washington, D.C. area.
February 7, 2007	Cheryl A. Mills, Associate Deputy Administrator for Entrepreneurial Development for the U.S. Small Business Administration	Small Business Administration programs.
January 3, 2007	Dr. Laurie Leshin, Director of Science and Exploration, Goddard Space Flight Center, NASA]	Space Exploration. Amelia Earhart Night.
November 1, 2006	Scholarship Recipients	Scholarship Night
March 1, 2006	Representatives from Girls, Inc, N Street Village, and DC Casa.	Discussion about their programs and how Zonta Washington DC's contributions help with their missions in service to women and families.
February 1, 2006	Carol Rhees, the president of Hope for Children US	While doing research on hunger and development, Carol's experiences in Ethiopia during the famine changed her life.
November 2, 2005	Scholarship Recipients	Scholarship Night

October 5, 2005	Ambrin Hayat, a Diplomat of Pakistan	Promotion of literacy projects for girls in underprivileged areas.
September 7, 2005	Joan S. Meier, Professor of Clinical Law at the George Washington University School of Law.	Professor Meier is active in the fields of domestic violence litigation, system reform advocacy and welfare reform.
July 6, 2005	Fatima Nazar, Cultural Attaché of the Embassy of Kuwait, and member of our Zonta Club	Recent changes in the Kuwaiti law which allows women to vote.
June 1, 2005	Dr. Marie Bundy of the National Science Foundation, Club Member	Personal experiences in Antarctica, and the importance of Antarctic research, both to the US and the world.
March 2, 2005	Sara Kriksciun, Deputy Executive Director CARE - Central Region and Doras Chirwa, a CARE official from Zambia.	The Mata Masu Dubara (Women on the Move) project: Microcredit and Health Education for HIV/AIDS - Affected Women in Niger, a Zonta International service project.
February 2, 2005	Pamela Constable, South Asia Bureau Chief for the Washington Post, and author of the book "Fragments of Grace: My Search for Meaning in the Strife of South Asia"	Personal experience in South Asia.
January 5, 2005	Patricia "Patty" Grace Smith, Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration.	Amelia Earhart Presentation.
November 3, 2004	Scholarship Recipients	Scholarship Night
October 6, 2004	ZCWDC United Nations Committee.	Zonta International and the United Nations.
April 7, 2004	Janet Wittes, Club Member	Women' Health, Hormonal Replacement Therapy
March 3, 2004	Fatima Nazar, Cultural Attaché of the Embassy of Kuwait.	The experience of women in her country.
November 5, 2003	Scholarship Recipients	Scholarship Night
October 1, 2003	ZCWDC United Nations Committee.	Zonta International and the United Nations.

July 9, 2003	James Worfolk, a Morgan	Mr. Worfolk presented "Smart Women
June 4, 2003	Stanley financial planner. Dr. Ana Langer from the Latin and Caribbean Office of the Population Council.	Finish Rich" by David Bach. Overview of maternal health, maternal mortality, and health services for women in Latin America, and then focus on maternal health issues in Mexico.
May 7, 2003	Zonta Past International Governor Helen McLaughlin.	Latest News and Installation of New Officers.
March 5, 2003	Ms. Clare Brett Smith, President of Aid to Artisans, Inc. (ATA)	Experience with projects of Aid to Artisans, Inc. a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating economic opportunities for craftspeople in developing communities around the world.
September 4, 2002	Ms. Pascale Nouama, Director of Development at N Street Village.	Advancing the status of women in Washington, D.C. through the N Street Village programs.
July 10, 2002	Sister Agnes B. Gott, Ministry/Program Director at the Dominican Retreat House in McLean, Virginia.	"The House on the Hill"
June 5, 2002	Guadalupe Pacheco	The importance of providing culturally and linguistically appropriate services in health care.
December 9, 2001	Ann Crittenden	The Price of Motherhood.
November 7, 2001	Scholarship Recipients	Scholarship Night
October 10, 2001	Ms. Frances P. Robinson, Former Principal, The Stanton School, Anacostia, D.C.	The Challenge of the Urban Education: It Takes a Village.
September 5, 2001	Susan Marcus, Community Outreach Coordinator, My Sister's Place.	The Beauty Salon Project at My Sister's Place.
July 11, 2001	Susan Kellog, Dean of the Graduate School of Business, University of Phoenix.	Body Language.
May 2, 2001	Susan Ackroyd, Zonta Area 4 Director.	Latest News and Installation of New Officers.

April 4, 2001	Representatives from Special Advocates for Children in DC Foster Care.	Special Advocates for Children.
March 7, 2001	Andrea Okwesa, Organizational Development and Training Specialist.	Women Development and Gender Issues.