ZONTA CLUB OF BOCA RATON AREA





Boca Bulletin

President's Message & Annual Report

Dear Boca Zontians,

May is the time of year that we take the opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments for this past year and begin to look forward to the new Zonta year, 2020-2021, beginning on June 1. However, while this Zonta year began as every other year has, with planned service activities, both hands-on and contributions (financial and material), as well as fundraisers making those financial contributions possible, this has turned out to be a very different year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. May is the month when we have our Annual Meeting, induction of new members and installation of officers for the coming year and the Zonta biennium. This year is also the year that Zonta International holds its biennial Convention. This year's Convention was to celebrate Zonta's 100th Anniversary, as well as conduct the business of Zonta International. Further, our club is celebrating our 45th Anniversary, with a celebration to take place at our March/April Meetings.

Some of our hands-on activities and mini-fundraiser/fellowship activities were also cancelled during this difficult time and included participation in the Field of Hope at Victim Service of Palm Beach County, participation in the neighborhood outreach for Women's Breast and Heart Health Initiative, and additional volunteer time at Boca Helping Hands. Further, our mini-fundraiser/fellowship at the New Florida Follies Show was also cancelled.

That said, we will be holding a Virtual Annual Meeting, including induction of new members and installation of officers, as well as discussion related to proposed International Bylaws changes, election of international officers, and International goals and projects for the coming biennium. While the convention is canceled due to the Coronavirus, election and voting on those proposed issues will still take place in some manner. The time and means for our Virtual May Meeting will be communicated shortly.

What have we accomplished during this past year?? We had a very productive year prior to March, when the pandemic began for all of us. We provided hands-on service to our community, while raising funds for contributions to complete our commitment to ZIF and assist our recipients, Women's Circle and the Not Just Me Foundation. Further, we were able to add to our scholarship funds.

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS <u>2020</u>

- Board Meeting TBD
- Virtual Business Meeting and installation—Meeting Date TBD
- June 2—Joint Board Meeting—outgoing and incoming—Boca West Library, 5:30 pm
- June 17—Business Meeting, Pavilion Grille, 5:30 pm
- July 7—Board Meeting, Boca West Library, 5:30 pm
- July 15—Business Meeting, Pavilion Grille, 5:30 pm

NOTE: Meeting Locations are dependent on what is able to be opened and operational at the time.

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Other activities included:

- 1. Holding a successful Membership event
- 2. Having a successful fundraising luncheon in January raising funds for our service projects and scholarship fund while enjoying entertainment by It Takes Two. Further we were able to celebrate Amelia Earhart month by recognizing a local female pilot, Kimberley Lowe, who is a member of the Goldcoast 99's and Captain with American Airlines for her work inspiring young women and influencing them to consider aviation as a viable and enjoyable career choice
- 3. Volunteering hands-on time at Boca Helping Hands
- 4. Donating food for 15 Thanksgiving baskets for distribution at Boca Helping Hands
- 5. Donating food on a regular basis to Boca Helping Hand for distribution to those in need
- 6. Holding a successful Toys for Tots/Fellowship event in December.
- 7. Donating toiletries for survivors of sexual assault at Palm Beach Victim Services and items for the children's waiting area at the same location.
- 8. Donating a Holiday gift card to help a woman and her 3 children (clients of Victim Services) have a better holiday
- 9. Holding mini-fundraisers/fellowship events to enjoy each other as well as raising funds for service Thank you for a wonderful Zonta year and support for me as your President.

Jane



Boca Helping Hands is always in need of pantry items. Please bring your food donations to any of our meetings. Diane Sawchuk will be happy to collect them and take them to the center. She is always happy to answer your questions about our work at BHH. Contact Diane at 561-477-0852, dianesawchuk@comcast.net.

Palm Beach Victim Services

Donations of children's books (ages 0-18), coloring books, games, toys, etc., will be collected by Jane at all meetings.





Stay Safe and Healthy!