

July  
2018



# ZONTA SEAS



## Zonta Club of Marathon 2018-2019

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### Mission Statement

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

#### Zonta's Vision

Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

Dear Zonta Zisters,

The summer heat is about to get too me....I've been busy trying to stay cool and dry. Hope all of you are doing better than I am. School is starting soon and our wonderful Z-Club will start with it.

I want to thank Liz for her work on the bucket vote, the results will be presented at the next meeting. This is a vote that you, the members, decide how you wish your funds to be spent. Our board is a recommendation board, not a deciding board. It's a member club and all members should decide how, what and when our funds are spent.

Welcome new member Alex Davis, we are thrilled to have you as a member. This brings the new member total to 6 for 2018-2019. Way to go! Continue to bring in members that will enhance our club. Being a Zontian is an honor and privilege. Alex, Zonta would like to welcome to you.

A little bird told me Yesenia will be back in August to live. Yah! Yesenia HURRY!!

Michelle Franck held a membership orientation, which was wonderful. The new members enjoyed learning more about Zonta and the history of our club. One even picked up the torch for Status of Women. Wow, new recruits are ready and willing....way to go.....thank you Michelle. Also new ideas were discussed and will be presented at the General Membership meeting in August. We are on Fire!

Congrats to Deb Shirley, our Zontian for July!! Deb all though new, has brought much to the table. Fourth of July Parade, generous donations for service....with more to come....stayed tuned. Thank you Deb and congrats from the entire club.

Speaker for August will be Kim Gregory from Baptist Hospital here in Marathon. She was requested by Michelle Coldiron as this is an issue that effects all of us.

Remember, we pay for 20 dinners every month at our General Meeting. Even if we don't have 20 members attending. Let's not choose to spend our money that way. Attendance is vital to our club's growth. See you in August!!

With Love to All Zonta Zisters!! Yours in Zonta!

Charlotte



Hats off to Kris Later  
Kris got us in the local papers!! Thank You!  
A Major Coup... Well done!  
We are so proud of you, Zonta Zisters!

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## 100 for our Centennial Zonta Anniversary Project!



June - 100 Packages of Candy Donated to Community 4th.



July - 100 Rubber Duckies for Marathon Children



August - Over 100 School Supplies for Elementary School

*Kim has given a wonderful gift to the Club for our Travel Fund!*

*Thank you Kim!*



*Hello Zisters,*

*For those of you who were not in attendance last night I have made an Irma drift wood Christmas tree! The proceeds are for travel auction. The first round of silent bidding went well and we currently have a tie. So please come to the August meeting with your highest and biggest bid. I am the only person to know so if you can not make it to the meeting*

*please call me & tell me what you want to bid.*

*Thank You in advance for your support!*

*Kim Youngblood*

*443-207-4000*

## TEAM UPDATES

### Service Team

Hi Ladies,

Here is our part of the newsletter representing the Service Team.

Thank you everyone for the abundance of items we were able to give to the elementary school! They are so very grateful. Our service project for the month of August will be very similar. We are asking each member to provide essentials for the Marathon High School. If each member could bring in 5 items we can reach 100 items for our 100th Anniversary.

Please bring the following items to our August Meeting:

**\*\*Notebook Dividers \*\*Pens/Pencils \*\*Paper \*\*Notebooks \*\*Composition Notebooks  
\*\*Folders \*\*Expo Markers\*\***

The service team provided gas and food for a woman in need. She was going through a hard time and is getting through it. We did not have any requests for our August meeting.

Next meeting will be Tuesday September 4th at 5:30pm at Bishop Rosasco and Co.

RSVP to Sherry via text or email.

305-684-0661 [la.sherrr@gmail.com](mailto:la.sherrr@gmail.com)

Please bring Sherry your service hours. She just needs to know how many hours total for each month. Thank you all!!

Thank you,  
Sherry & Maria  
Your Service Team Chairs

### Z-Club Corner Back in August

Z Club 2018-2019 Club Officers:

Recording Secretary: Ranisha Charles

Corresponding Secretary: Esmeralda Priet

Middle School Liaison: Aniyla Hawkins

Vice President: Jesikah Ban

Co-Presidents: Denety Garcia & Synthia Robles



Be Back Soon.....Yah We Have Missed You!

### FUNdraising

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events

Festival of Trees Gala: December 1, 2018

Bagging at Publix: January 5, 2019

Key Colony Beach Days/Rubber Duckie Race: March 3, 2019

BINGO Ho-Down: March 29, 2019



All dates are marked on the calendar on our website: [www.zontaclubofmarathon.com](http://www.zontaclubofmarathon.com)

# July

## Zontian of the Month Deb Shirley



### **Zontian of the Month**

**Congratulations to Deb Shirley**

**She is a new member who has stepped up to the plate from day one!**

**Deb holds the winning plaque for our Fourth of July Parade float which she was instrumental in.**

**Thank you Deb for all of your great work thus far!!**

# Celebrating our Zontians!



## Women's Equality Day August 26th

The date of August 26th was selected to commemorate the 1920 certification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote. This was the culmination of a massive, peaceful civil rights movement by women that had its formal beginnings in 1848 at the world's first women's rights convention, in Seneca Falls, New York.

The observance of Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, but also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality. Workplaces, libraries, organizations, and public facilities now participate with Women's Equality Day programs, displays, video showings, or other activities.

**We are still in pursuit of equity.....  
Maybe one day ???**

**The Red Purse....  
Women make 73¢ for  
every \$1.00 a man  
makes.**



# 69<sup>th</sup> Zonta District 11 Conference

The Zonta Clubs of Area 6 are busy planning *fun* and a *completely educational weekend!*

Share Your Pearls of Wisdom  
September 28-30, 2018



An **Unforgettable** Agenda Awaits You...

(no protocol / non-voting)



## **DYNAMIC:**

- Panel Discussions
- Round Tables
- Breakout Sessions

## **INFORMATIVE:**

- Introduction of New District 11 Project
- Globally Recognized Speakers
- Group Project – All Areas Can Participate
- Introduction of Exciting New Scholarship Program from ZI

Location:  
Sanibel Harbour Marriott  
Resort & Spa  
17260 Harbour Point Drive  
Ft. Myers, FL 33908  
239-466-4000



\*WATCH FOR TEASERS STARTING JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> - DETAILED INFORMATION ON ROOMS, SPEAKERS BIO'S, ETC.\*





**WALK ■■■■  
FOR ■■■■  
FREEDOM**

**ABOLISH SLAVERY  
WITH EACH STEP**

Join us as we walk for the millions of human trafficking victims across the globe.

DATE/TIME

October 30/8am

WHERE

City Hall, Marathon, FL

REGISTER!

Online @[www.a21.org](http://www.a21.org) or E-Mail  
[keyswalkforfreedom@gmail.com](mailto:keyswalkforfreedom@gmail.com)



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# Why It's Still Legal for Underage Girls to Marry in the U.S.

By [CHARLOTTE ALTER](#) June 1, 2017

Most Girl Scouts spend their time learning survival skills and selling cookies. But Cassandra Levesque, 18, spent her last year in Girl Scouts drafting and then campaigning for a bill that would raise New Hampshire's minimum marriage age from 13 to 18.

Under New Hampshire law—as in most other U.S. states—minors can marry as long as they have parental consent and a judge signs off. “Every girl dreams about what their wedding is going to be like,” says Levesque, “but some girls are having a wedding that they never dreamed of. They’re being put into relationships that they’re not ready for.”

Last year Levesque contacted her state representative Jacalyn Cilley about the teen marriage laws in New Hampshire and began drafting a bill to reform the law. In January, Cilley introduced the bill to prohibit all marriages under 16. The bill was later amended to abolish marriages for people under 18, before it was defeated by state house Republicans in March.

Representative David Bates, who led the campaign against the bill, argued that it was important to preserve the option for legal teen marriage in a few key scenarios, such as when a teenager is pregnant and wants to marry the father of her child, or when a teenager is serving in the armed forces and wishes to marry before deployment. Bates said that since 17-year-olds can join the military, “there is no way our legislature is going to tell [them] they’re old enough to risk their lives for our country but they’re too young to get married.”

It can be easy to think of child marriage as something that happens somewhere else—in war-torn countries, in nations notorious for the poor treatment of women. But in the U.S., nearly every state allows at least some people under age 18 to marry—and as the columnist Nicholas Kristof recently pointed out in the *New York Times*, the vast majority of those underage spouses are girls.

According to data compiled for the *Times* by a child-marriage-abolition group called *Unchained At Last*, more than 167,000 people under age 17 married in 38 states between 2000 and 2010. And according to data collected by the Tahirih Justice Center, a nonprofit advocacy group for women and girls fleeing violence, 27 states set no true minimum age for marriage, and nine states set age limits below 16.



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Fraidy Reiss, executive director of Unchained At Last, notes that in many states, people under 18 cannot retain a lawyer—which means they can't file for divorce or fight for custody of their kids. "Legally," says Reiss, "a 17-year-old is the same as a 7-year-old."

A handful of lawmakers across the country are trying to raise the minimum marriage age in their states. A California bill that would prohibit minors from marrying at all was recently adjusted to allow underage marriage under increased judicial scrutiny, a concession to help it pass. The New Jersey legislature recently passed a bill prohibiting all marriage under age 18, but Republican Governor Chris Christie vetoed it in May. And in Connecticut, a bill that would prohibit marriage below age 16 recently passed the state house unanimously.



Historical precedent—as well as modern mores and legal strictures—make marriage laws surprisingly difficult to change. According to legal experts, most U.S. marriage laws have their roots in the 18th century, when it was marital status (not age or consent) that determined whether sexual activity was legal or illegal. And today, because of a constitutional—and cultural—deference to parental rights, there isn't much that can prevent parents from marrying off their 16-year-old daughters. "We still believe parents act in the best interest of their children," says Doug NeJaime, who teaches family law at Yale Law School. "Our legal system doesn't second-guess that."

Even where there is evidence of sex with a minor, prosecutors are often less likely to file statutory rape charges when the victim and perpetrator get married. "The problem is prosecutorial discretion," says Marci Hamilton, the founder of anti-sexual-abuse organization ChildUSA and a professor of law and religion at the University of Pennsylvania. "They have limited resources, and they might have another case that's easier to prosecute."

But these obstacles aren't dissuading Cassandra Levesque. "I'm going to introduce the bill again," she says. "And I'm going to keep fighting, no matter how long it takes."

# Thank You for our Future We are Proud We Could Help

DEAR ZONTA CLUB OF  
MARATHON,

so much!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.  
PLEASE ACCEPT THIS CARD  
AS A SYMBOL OF MY  
SINCERE GRATITUDE.

SHARIL ALLEN

Zonta,  
Thank you so much for  
selecting me as one of the  
recipients of your scholarships.  
It will definitely help further  
my academics at Florida State  
University. Thank you again for all  
of your organization does for  
this community. I will make you  
Proud.  
- Alexandra Pebon

*You do the nicest things.*

Charlotte Quinn,  
Thank you for considering  
and including me in  
your generosity. I appreciate  
your support as I am  
launched into a new  
part of my life. I will  
one day return the favor  
to the community that  
supported me. —Audrey M



## The Pickle Challenge

Who will be the “Big Dill” this month?

Don’t forget to bring your quarters!!

“August Big Dill”

????? is the:

**BIG DILL!**

Thank you Michelle Franck (our Membership Chair)

## Alex Davis

**Birthday: 08/16**

**Member Since: 2018**

**Talents: Cooking, Shooting, Decorating**

**I am a deputy with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. I was born and raised in the Redlands, Florida and moved to the Keys in 2015.**

**I enjoy spending time with my family and friends and love working.**

**Happy to be a new Zontian!**



**Let's learn about Zonta.  
Thank you Michelle for hosting.  
So proud of our new Members.**

**Another new one inducted this  
month.**

**KEEP IT GOOOOOOOING!**



## Shout outs . . .



Thank You Jennifer Powell for informing us of the 3.4.5 Take The Drive Stay Alive. Project of LCM

## Don't forget your Z-Pal.....Remember Her

### Zonta Prayer:

We thank thee Father for this food and for thy gracious loving care. Help us to honor Zonta code, to be in all things fair and square. And grant our prayer for lasting peace, for every nation everywhere.



**Linda Johnson**  
August 8

**Deb Shirley**  
August 18

**Michelle Franck**  
August 23

**Judy Greenman**  
August 27

**Joanne Zimmerman**  
August 31

**Liz McDonald**  
September 1

**Linda DeGinder**  
September 26



### Zonta's Next Scheduled Meeting

**Board Meeting 5:30 PM Crane Point Gatehouse**  
Tuesday September 11th

**General Meeting 5:30pm Florida Keys Country Club**  
Tuesday September 18th

Check out the calendar on our new website for future meetings: [www.zontaclubofmarathon.com](http://www.zontaclubofmarathon.com)