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PRESIDENT'S LETTER –



Hidden Figures is a newly released movie that is about three African American women who played pivotal roles in the early years of the NASA space program. I recently watched the movie and found it entertaining as well as fascinating. The women who were represented in the movie worked in the analytical calculations and one was even the first person to use a computer at NASA. The movie was nominated for numerous awards, including three Oscars in 2016.

Much of the story was about different challenges that came up in what was, at the time, a segregated south. Bathrooms for 'colored' folks were located a half mile away from where the women worked. They had coffee carafes for the 'colored' folk as well. And on top of being the only African Americans, they were also the only women. But, much of the story was about a leader, played by Kevin Costner, who seemed to recognize the inequality and changed the bathrooms, and advocated for the women to be a part of many administrative meetings and conversations, in part because they were so impressive with their knowledge of the math and engineering, but also to give the women exposure to other opportunities. It is a story of science and space but also about opportunities and the focus to pursue what is put in front of us.

Keeping in mind that from little acorns tall oaks grow, we all should remember the importance of the things we do each day. The women upon whom the movie is based are all still living, in their 90's at this point, and when told that a movie would be made that was about their experience at NASA, the women responded that they had no idea as to why. We rarely know greatness in the moment, but it is the things that we do each and every day that may give someone just what they need to break through to the next level.

We will be selecting our scholarship recipients soon and we always keep in mind that girl who may just need a chance. Because of all that you do, we are able to afford someone some help to pursue their dreams. As always, thank you for your support.

Kelly

May Meeting

Wednesday, May 17

Location: The Rose Petal Inn
41 North Main Street, Geneva

Time: 5:30 pm
Cost: \$12 for dinner

Reservations: Contact Emilie Sisson at emilie895@yahoo.com by Friday, May 12.



**Geneva: www.zontaclubgeneva.org
District 4: www.zontadistrict4.org
International: www.zonta.org**

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



BIRTHING KITS



On April 19 Zonta Club of Geneva members assembled 100 birthing kits. This is the fifth time our club has participated in this project. The purpose of the kits is to ensure cleaner, safer birthing conditions for women in developing countries. Thanks to Emilie Sisson for coordinating this effort.



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The Zonta Club of Geneva has an account at the [Linden Exchange Consignment Shop](#) (519 Exchange St., Geneva). If you have items to donate, you must schedule an appointment (315-789-6162). Be sure to tell them we have an account. Profits from item sales will be added to our bank account!

It could take a month or more to get an appointment, so call early. Also, they accept only two bags at a time.



**Zonta Club of Geneva Loans
Available Balance: \$20.77 as of 04/30/17**

Valentine Candy Fundraiser



We made \$1,085 this year from our valentine candy sale! This is the fourth year we have been making and selling homemade chocolates for our scholarship fund. Each year the candies have gotten fancier and more delicious and we have many repeat customers.

**Zonta North American
Inter-District Meeting 2017**



This is an opportunity for you to meet with state representatives, talk with Zonta International's leadership; learn new information on advocacy, leadership, membership and service; and spend time with Zontians from all over the United States and Canada.

When: June 2-4, 2017

Where: Hilton McLean Tysons Corner
McLean, Virginia

For details go to
www.northamericanmeeting2017.com.