



Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley

Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

ZONTA BOG NEWSLETTER APRIL 2014

2014 CALENDAR

April 7 World Health Day Protect yourself from vector-borne diseases: small bite, big threat.

April 12 Outing with the Women Veterans
10:30 at the Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory, South Deerfield, followed by lunch

April 14 Dinner Meeting
Installation of new members, election of officers
Please bring donations for the Silent "no more!" Auction basket. Dues for 2014-2015: \$124

Area 2 Spring Workshop
Saturday, April 26, 2014
Hosted by the Berkshire Club
Mazzeo's Ristorante
1015 South Street, Pittsfield, MA.



May 5, 2014
Silent "No More!" Auction
Pass the word!! Flyer and press release at zontaqv.org

May 15 Jane Klausman applications deadline. See ZontaQV.org for more information and pass along to interested parties.

June 9, 2014 Dinner Meeting / YWPA Award

SAVE THE DATES!

September 13, 2014 Zonta Golf Tournament
October 24—26 Fall District Conference in Springfield, MA

Member reservations for the dinner meeting are assumed and payment expected unless notification made in advance. Call Joanne at 283-9575 or email joannetc@comcast.net with guest count by Wednesday before meeting.



Call to convention! Check out the details at orlando2014.zonta.org

President's Message

Dear Quaboag Valley Zontians,

Spring is here and we are gearing up for a very busy season. Governor Denise Deshane will join us for our April meeting and will install our two new members: Dana Burton and Sandy Goss.



On Saturday, April 12th there will be an outing with the Women Vets to the Butterfly Museum and lunch. This should be a fun day. Call or email **Carolyn Braskie** by April 2nd if you are planning to attend so she can order tickets.

On Saturday, the 26th, the spring workshop hosted by the Berkshire Club will be held in Pittsfield. Registration deadline is April 11. If you need a form, download one from our website: www.zontaqv.org/calendar.

The Club has chosen the three organizations that will receive the proceeds from our auction: **Soldier On, Zonta International Foundation** and **the Carson Center for Human Services**. A representative from the Carson Center will speak to us at our April meeting to tell us more about what the center does and how our money will be used.

The auction committee is hard at work preparing for the evening's event. They need everyone's help selling tickets, gathering gifts and donations and helping with everything from setup to clean up on the night of the auction. We will hear more from the committee at our meeting.

The 2014 International Convention will be Held in Orlando, June 27 – July 1. If you are planning to attend and would like to be our Club's delegate, please let Joanne or me know.

In Zonta friendship,
Ann

Save the Date: 20th Annual Golf Tournament



The Golf Tournament Fundraising event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 13th, with an 8a.m. shot-gun start at Mill Valley Golf Links in Belchertown. The cost is \$65 non-members, \$45 members. Proceeds of this fundraiser are used to further the service initiatives of the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley.

Please pass the word to friends, family and colleagues. This is a FUN event for men and women of ALL abilities—you do not have to be a regular golfer to participate. Everyone gets a chance at the prize table! Sponsor letters are available and all members are encouraged to start soliciting. Great marketing for small businesses—each sponsor gets a sign and mention in promotional materials! Also, start thinking about and collecting items for the prize table—value of \$25 and up encouraged.

Raffle Tickets

The annual raffle which is associated with the golf tournament will actually be held in June at the regular dinner meeting. The reason for the advanced drawing is that the prizes must be redeemed during the summer! Each member is asked to sell at least 10 tickets. The prizes are extremely valuable, so this should not be difficult for anyone!



Debbie Wood

Zonta Bog
 Newsletter feedback
 and content
 suggestions are
 encouraged.
 Please send to
 Info@ZontaQV.org
 or PO Box 1034
 Belchertown, MA
 01007

Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley District I, Area II, Charter 1317 of Zonta International

Club Officers 2013—2014

- Co-Presidents:** Ann Cormier
 Joanne Turner-Chiacchia
- Vice President:** Kristin Goold
- Treasurer:** Pam Albertson
- Secretary:** Carolyn Braskie
- Directors:** Dianne Kidd
 Trish Pupek
 Lisa Sedelow
 BJ Bourdon (ex officio)

Committee Chairs 2013—2014

- Finance:** Pam Albertson
- Membership:** Kristin Goold
- PR /Communication:** Mary Knight
- UN /Advocacy:** BJ Bourdon
- Service:** Loretta Dansereau
- Scholarships:** Kristin Goold
- Poinsettia Fundraiser :** Liz Reeves
- Golf Fundraiser:** Deb Wood
- Auction Fundraiser:** Dianne Kidd
- Archives:** Marge Cavanaugh
- Nominating:** Marge Cavanaugh
 Liz Reeves

March 10, 2014 Zonta of Quaboag Valley Dinner Meeting

Ludlow Country Club, Ludlow, MA

Present: Pam Albertson, BJ Bourdon, Marge Cavanaugh, Ann Cormier, Loretta Dansereau, Tina Guinasso, Dianne Kidd, Trish Pupek, Liz Reeves, Lisa Sedelow, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Debbie Wood

Absent: Carolyn Braskie, Janet DaSilva, Chris Gerl, Kris Goold, Melinda Graulau, Desiree Joy, Mary Knight, Lynn Polaski, Mary Ann Rubis

Guests: Dana Burton, Sandy Goss

Co-President Joanne Turner-Chiacchia called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

Marge explained Zonta's role in the White Ribbon Campaign. Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force supports it by participating in a pledge signing at area schools. Marge is the Zonta representative to the Task Force. This campaign asks men and boys to sign a pledge they will not use violence against women.

Joanne introduced guests and asked Sandy to tell us about herself.

OLD BUSINESS

Secretary's minutes were approved as written.

Pam Albertson gave verbal treasurer's report. No changes since last month. She is working on budget and ex board will discuss at meeting before presenting to club. Suggestions from members should be directed to Pam. Dues are due by May 15th and are same as last year.

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Workshop: Deb O'Neil has requested a speaker for the Area Workshop. Deb and Trish will speak about our fund raising efforts and why they are successful. Trish and Deb will present together.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP

Dana Burton was proposed for membership and was accepted unanimously by club. She will be inducted in April because of May Auction, but will officially join in June.

SERVICE

Lisa needs contact info for Women Vets. March 19th activity will be chocolate making with Liza, Liz and Loretta. May activity will be attending Auction with BJ and Dianne.

NOMINATING

Marge asked members to volunteer for offices for the coming biennium. Elections will be held at April meeting.

GOLF

Raffle tickets will be available for April meeting. We will raffle Red Sox Tickets, flat screen TV and Lottery Tickets.

AUCTION

Dianne reported that they are fine tuning some issues from last year. Possibly increase in cost if meal choice changed. Need one more member on committee. Marge will do it. Recipients of funds will be the Women Vets and Zonta International Foundation. Two possible recipients of last 1/3rd were presented by Trish and Joanne. Trish suggested Christina's House in Springfield and Joanne suggested The Carson Center for Human Services domestic violence center which serves the Quaboag Valley towns. Dianne will email a description of each charity and members will vote on the one they wish to receive the funds. She then spoke about items needed for auction and that they can be brought to Loretta's house or to next months meeting. Each donation should have a tag with information on it. Loretta will email sample to members. She stressed the sooner she has them, the easier to get ready. BJ needs help at the check-in-out table. Would like two shifts of three so members can enjoy auction. Pam, Marge, Jo-Anne, and Ann volunteered. A sign-up sheet will be available at next meeting for other tasks. When accepting gift from donor be sure to state if they want acknowledgment and forward name of donor to Joanne. The committee will be meeting again before our regular meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joanne told us about the Memorial Service for Connie Zamora which was held at Look Park. It was a very moving and fitting testimony to Connie.

Joanne sent flowers from the club to Kris Goold, whose husband is in the hospital after surgery.

Ann Cormier won the raffle. She will be responsible for April raffle prize. Guest speakers will be recipients of May Auction Funds.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Marjorie Cavanaugh, Substitute Secretary



Silent "no more!" Auction

Because victims need to be heard

**Monday, May 5, 2014 6-9 pm
Ludlow Country Club, Ludlow, MA**

Admission: \$30

Chance to bid on a large array of valuable items and themed baskets
Appetizers, buffet meal, dessert, coffee/tea ~ Cash bar
Beautiful, convenient location, free parking, relaxing atmosphere and plenty of seating
Opportunity to network with like-minded individuals and support important causes

Sponsored by Zonta of Quaboag Valley / Proceeds to Benefit:

The Carson Center for Human Services' domestic violence program at Valley Human Services

Serving women through collaborations with the Ware Police Department and local Domestic Violence Task Forces in Quaboag Valley. Advocacy services include safety planning, court accompaniment, support accessing needed services such as day care, counseling, or housing, emotional support, information about the dynamics of domestic violence, etc. Our support will provide unrestricted funding to help expand much needed outreach.

Soldier On Women Veterans wesoldieron.org / women

Preserving the dignity, independence and quality of life of women veterans and expanding transitional housing for female veterans who have found themselves homeless since leaving military service.

Zonta International Foundation zonta.org

Helping women and girls overcome gender barriers to educational and professional advancement; providing opportunities for women to earn higher wages and achieve economic independence; ensuring that women and children have access to quality, affordable health care; and striving to end violence against women while helping survivors rebuild their lives.

Tickets may be reserved by May 1st through Zonta Club members, or

By writing: ZQV PO Box 1034 Belchertown, MA 01007-1034

Calling: 413 219-8260

OR emailing: info@zontaqv.org

Auction Items and Tickets: Cash, checks and credit cards accepted.

Make checks payable to **Zonta of Quaboag Valley**

Donations of Auction items are welcomed! Contact Ann Cormier anncormier@aol.com or (413)283-4646 with Donor name—item description —value – Info on delivery or pickup needs.

ludlowcountryclub.net



- Menu**
- Assorted Fruit
 - Cheese /crackers
 - Veggie Platter / dip
 - Salads
 - Pasta Dishes
 - Carving Station
 - Grilled Vegetables
 - Array of Delicious Desserts
 - Coffee and Tea
 - Cash bar / Specialty Drinks

Silent Auction

The auction will include a large array of valuable items and themed baskets donated by members of Zonta of Quaboag Valley and local businesses.

Donors will receive publicity on the

zontaqv.org website, in the evening's program and in all marketing materials.