



# Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley

## Member of Zonta International

*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

ZONTA BOG NEWSLETTER MARCH 2014

### 2014 CALENDAR

#### March 8, 2014 International Women's Day

A day on which men and women around the world celebrate the many advancements that women have made towards gender equality while exploring the challenges women continue to face today.

#### March 10, 2014 Dinner Meeting

Celebrating Women

#### April 14, 2014 Dinner Meeting /Service/ Elections

#### SAVE THE DATE!

#### 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

Reminder: this is the 1st Monday of the month.

#### 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](mailto:joannetc@comcast.net) with

guest count by Wednesday

before meeting.

### President's Message

Dear Quaboag Valley Zontians,

March is the month that spring arrives. May it really be true! Keep thinking sunshine and warm thoughts!

March is also the month to celebrate International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day.

As a member of Zonta, you support Zonta International's programs like the Safe Cities for Women in Honduras, Elimination of Mother to Child transmission of HIV in Rwanda and Liberia Fistula Program, just to name a few. Be proud of your involvement in improving the lives of women at home and around the world! Celebrate on March 8th.

Have you looked at the list of candidates for Zonta International? There is a very familiar name listed there. I am so proud to say that May Ann Rubis is a candidate for International Director!! We will all be cheering Mary Ann on and holding our heads a little higher because she comes from our Quaboag Valley Club.

On Friday, February 28, a few of us were able to attend the Celebration of Life for Connie Zambora. What a heartwarming ceremony with women sharing their remembrances of Connie's smile, her humor, love of all things purple, her struggles and her caring ways and generous heart. So glad we could be there to say farewell to Connie from her Zonta friends.

I am happy to report that we have received an application for membership from Dana Burton. Kris and I had the pleasure of meeting with her over coffee at Kristina's Kafe and Bakery in Belchertown. You can learn more about Dana in this newsletter.

I think my wandering friend and Co President may be returning in time for our March meeting. It will be good to welcome her back!

In Zonta friendship,  
Joanne



### Meet Dana Burton, MSAOM, L.Ac., Diplomate in Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM)

Dana grew up in Belchertown, Massachusetts. She attended Wilbraham & Monson Academy for high school and then went on to attend the University of Massachusetts Amherst. At UMass she received a Bachelor of Science in Biology. While studying at UMass she fell in love with alternative medicine and made the decision to become an acupuncturist. Dana went on to attend Finger Lakes School of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine at New York Chiropractic College. As part of her education she spent time in China, part of which was clinical experience at a Traditional Chinese Medicine hospital. She became dually enrolled and graduated with both a Master of Science in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine and a Master of Science in Applied Clinical Nutrition. Dana opened her business **Quabbin Valley Acupuncture** in Belchertown about 2 years ago.



Dana loves animals, especially her two pet Nigerian dwarf goats named Harriet and Bill. Her hobbies are gardening, camping, farming, reading and going to movies. She likes to travel and has been to China, Scotland and Alaska. There is another type of travel she loves – on her Harley motorcycle!

Dana first heard about Zonta from her mother, who heard about us from Loretta. (good work Loretta!!) Dana decided to check us out and see what Zonta was all about. She attended the December International Marketplace and our January and February meetings. She liked what she heard about Zonta’s goals and mission to improve the status of women and girls. We are very pleased that Dana has submitted her application to join us.

**Zonta Bog**  
 Newsletter feedback  
 and content  
 suggestions are  
 encouraged.  
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 Belchertown, MA  
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### 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

## February 10, 2014 Zonta of Quaboag Valley Dinner Meeting

### Ludlow Country Club, Ludlow, MA

**Present:** Pam Albertson, BJ Bourdon, Carolyn Braskie, Marge Cavanaugh, Loretta Dansereau, Chris Gerl, Kris Goold, Tina Guinasso, Desiree Joy, Dianne Kidd, Mary Knight, Liz Reeves, Mary Ann Rubis, Lisa Sedelow, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia and Debbie Wood

**Absent:** Ann Cormier, Janet DaSilva, Melinda Graulau, Lynn Polaski, Trish Pupek,

**Guests:** Dana Burton, Jean Fisher, Sandra Goss, Michelle LaRoche, Elaine Sai

**Co-President Joanne Turner Chiacchia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Guests were introduced and we enjoyed dinner together after the Zonta Blessing.**

The meeting opened with Liz Reeves' introduction of guest author from Amherst, MA, **DèDè Wilson**. Ms. Wilson has been a culinary professional for more than thirty years. During her career, she has been a guest speaker on the TODAY Show, has been a contributing editor to Bon Appétit magazine, an author of multiple cookbooks, and is currently establishing a [fascinating] website, **Bakepedia.com**.



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### OLD BUSINESS:

Carolyn Braskie submitted the Secretary's minutes which were approved as written.

Pam Albertson presented the Treasurer's report which was approved to file for audit. It is a report which should be reflected upon for its success.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Service Committee Report:** Marge Cavanaugh had asked to increase the expenditure of the donation for the Top Floor Learning Golf Basket. She will send a request to Loretta Dansereau to increase the amount the Club donates annually from \$75 to \$100.

**Auction Committee Report:** Dianne Kidd announced that it was time to prepare for the May "Silent No More" auction. The focus

should be on obtaining gift donations and inviting guests. Another focus will be on enabling all club members to shop.

**Marketplace Report:** This Christmas event resulted in a high interest of guests to join Quaboag Valley Zonta.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 19 - Game night with Veteran friends

February 27 - Board Meeting [cancelled] at 5:45

February 28 - Celebration of Life in memory of Veteran Connie Zamora

March 8 - Zonta Rose Day

March 10 - Monthly Dinner Meeting

March 19 - Activity with Veteran friends

March 27 - Board Meeting at 5:45

The raffles were won by Loretta Dansereau, Dianne Kidd, and Mary Knight. Congratulations!

BJ Bourdon announced that the QV Zonta Club Has reached 100% participation in individual donations to Zonta International! We should be proud! This money goes toward such International Service Projects in conjunction with the UN in such countries as Libya and Rwanda.

Joanne circulated the signup sheet for member participation in the monthly Veteran gatherings.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Carolyn S. Braskie, Secretary**

Zonta of Quaboag Valley was well represented at the memorial for Connie Zambora. She will be remembered with fondness.



### Note to members from our Treasurer, Pam Albertson:

"As of February 28 the bank balance was \$14,545 and service funds available were nearly \$8,000. The final profit from the poinsettia sales was \$2,497."

## Zonta International Foundation Report

I have now received the Jan. 31st report from ZIF and wanted to give you a brief synopsis of where we are in District 1:

We are now one of 9 districts with 100% of our clubs donating - but remember we got there first and held the distinction of being the only district at that level for several months!

We are still holding at 41% of our members making individual donations - an amazing increase over at least the last several biennia and a demonstration of outstanding commitment by our members. And the 41% places us second among all districts in the total percentage of individual contributions! Hats off to each and every contributor.

As a district we have donated to date (1/31/14) a total (club plus individual contributions) of \$ 44,626.30 USD. The \$50,000 mark is achievable considering we have 3 months remaining in the biennium and several spring club fundraisers in that timeframe. I encourage you to speak to your Boards and your members and see what we can do to make one final push to support OUR Foundation. But keep in mind that your club and its members have until APRIL 30, 2014 to make any additional donations to be recognized in the Foundation's publicized Annual Report. However, you have until MAY 31st to make any additional contributions to be counted in this current biennium total. (The report need to go to press in time for the 2014 Convention and hence the difference in dates.) May 31st is the absolute deadline for any monies to be counted in this biennium's club and district efforts – and that is a “received by” date: checks must be in the Foundation office by 5/31. All monies received after that date will be counted toward the next biennium – 2014-16.

Finally the Foundation is now at 71% of it's biennium fundraising goal of \$4.9 million, having now raised \$3,514,013! Historically, I think there is always a last minute rush of donations as the biennium closes, so I think we may make it. But everyone needs to do their part and every little bit counts. Last month I sent you all individual emails regarding your club's status with total donations to date, number of members making individual donations and your club total contribution. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to email me. And as always my sincere appreciation to you and your membership for their outstanding support thus far!

In Zonta fellowship and service,  
Cheryl Dorfman, District 1 Foundation Ambassador



## Zonta Rose Day - March 8th

Send a rose to someone who has made a difference Zonta Rose Day, which coincides with International Women's Day on 8 March, is a day to reflect on the worldwide voluntary work done by Zontians to improve the status of women.

We invite you to celebrate Zonta Rose Day by sending a yellow rose tribute to someone who has made an impact in your life. When you donate to the Rose Fund, we will email a virtual rose bouquet to the recipient or recipients of your choice. Your donation to the Rose Fund enables Zonta to continue supporting international service projects and educational awards, which advance the status of women worldwide.

To send a Rose:

Click the Donate Now link on the Zonta homepage.

Designate a gift amount and click "add donation"

Enter additional information, billing information, payment information, your tribute recipient's first and last name, and add your personal message in the description box

Check "Mail a letter on my behalf to"

Enter your tribute recipient's address and contact information

Click "Donate Now" at the bottom of the page once all information is entered

If you prefer to mail your contribution, download the mail-in contribution form on the Foundation Tools webpage. For assistance, please contact Development Manager Bonnie Wolinski at [bwolinski@zonta.org](mailto:bwolinski@zonta.org) or call +1-630-928-1400 ext. 222.