



Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley

Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

ZONTA BOG NEWSLETTER JUNE 2014

2014 CALENDAR

June 9, 2014 Dinner Meeting

YWPA Award

Officer Installation

Zontian of the Year

Raffle Drawing—

Be sure to bring stubs for your 10 packets of tickets and money to the meeting.

If you are unable to attend, make arrangements in advance.



June 27—July 2, 2014



Zonta International Convention—Review voting choices and provide feedback to the delegate at the June meeting.

September 8, 2014 Dinner Meeting

September 13, 2014 8:30 Shotgun start

20th Annual Zonta Golf Tournament Fundraiser at Mill Valley Golf Links

Sponsor and Player forms are online at zontaqv.org

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 joan-netc@comcast.net with guest count by Wednesday before meeting.

President's Message

Dear Quaboag Valley Zontians,

As we look back over the last two years we want to thank everyone for making our job such an easy and enjoyable one. For a small group of women, we have achieved a great deal.



For the 2012 – 2014 biennium we have again reached the goal of 100% individual member contribution to Zonta International Foundation. Collectively we have donated over \$3,600 in the past 2 years.

This year our club honored Yoko Kato with our Founders Day award. We had over 70 guests including friends, relatives, and other distinguished guests including Mr Nobuyuki Watanabe, Consulate General of Japan to honor Yoko for the work she does advocating to end violence against women. Our thanks to Mary Ann for her time spent with Yoko and to Mary for all her excellent coverage of the event on the web, newsletters, newspapers and TV.

Our ongoing fundraisers were, as always, very successful. In the past 2 years the golf tournament and poinsettia sales have brought in over \$1100 to be used for our service projects. A big thanks to Liz, Debbie, Marge and Kris for all their work in making these events such a success.

Dianne, Trish, B.J. and Loretta deserve a round of applause for preparing, planning and emceeding our 6th Silent No More Auction. We netted \$6811 that will be shared by three very deserving organizations. Thanks to Pam for bringing us into the modern era with the "square" which allowed us to accept credit cards at our events.

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Zontian of the Year 2014

The annual awarding of Zontian of the Year for the Quaboag Valley Club was begun by Deb Wood in 2001 for outstanding service deserving of recognition by peers. Each year the award recipient is honored with a \$100 gift that will be donated to the charity of her choice.

Recipients to date:

Marge Cavanaugh (01), Joanne Turner-Chiacchia (02), Deb Wood (03), Mary Knight (04), Liz Reeves (05), Mary Ann Rubis (06), Deb Allen (07), Ann Cormier (08), Kris Goold (09), Julie Bowder (2010), Patricia Pupek (2011), Dianne Kidd (2013)

Voting will be by secret ballot at the June meeting. As you think about your nomination for the 2014 Zontian of the Year, you might consider such factors as enthusiasm for our mission, participation in club events and fundraisers, committee work, leadership roles, longevity and other criteria important to the work of the club.

I nominate: _____ Because:

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 and content
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 encouraged.*
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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

April 14, 2014 Zonta of Quaboag Valley Dinner Meeting

Ludlow Country Club, Ludlow, MA

Present: Pam Albertson, BJ Bourdon, Carolyn Braskie, Marge Cavanaugh, Loretta Dansereau, Janet DaSilva, Kris Goid, Tina Guinasso, Desiree Joy, Dianne Kidd, Mary Knight, Liz Reeves, Mary Ann Rubis, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia and Debbie Wood

Absent: Chris Gerl, Melinda Graulau, Lynn Polaski, Lisa Sedelow

Guests: Dana Burton, Denise Deshane (Division 1 Governor), Sandra Goss, Donna Covino (Carson Center)

Co-President Ann Cormier called the meeting to order at 6:40

The meeting opened with Donna Covino of the Carson Center speaking as a representative on its behalf. The Center is one of the recipients of this year's 'Silent No More' Auction. She thanked the Club for this honor. The Center serves Ware, Palmer, and Monson. QV Zonta's donation will enable the expansion of services to Belchertown and Brookfield. The Hilltowns, Wales, and Hartwick are supported with a small grant. Donna offered information on the Center's history, organizational structure, process, and purpose—to provide behavioral health and rehabilitation services, as well as safe havens, and family service for both adults and children in communities throughout western Massachusetts.

The Ware Domestic Violence Civilian Police advocate works with the Center to provide it community referrals, as well as reports of violence from the police logs. Interestingly, the logs are frequently missing phone numbers since the victim is not ready to accept services. Two shelters have closed.

Donna explained that the Center is organized with representatives from various fields, such as nursing, religion, and education. Donna supervises the clinicians. At this point, there are two who take referrals, two regulators, and two who handle the phone calls. Often times the court will call a counseling agency which contacts the Carson Center. One huge service is providing advocacy by coaching, driving, and supporting a client in court. The 'safe plan' advocate creates safety planning for both children and adults. A new program which is currently being certified is 'Batterers' Prevention.' Most participants are batterers. Police are involved in this program. Therapists are trained to handle violent situations.

The Center also deals with little-thought-about issues. For example, rural towns often want power control over the financial expenditures. Another problem is that of transportation for those being treated. Three groups do have transportation—one in Palmer and two in Ware (one specifically for young mothers). Furthermore, sadly battered victims take on the average of seven incidents before they leave their home.



Installation of New Members:

Ann Cormier introduced Denise Deshane, District 1 Governor from Maine. She attended the meeting for the honor of installing two new Zonta QV club members, Dana Burton and Sandy Goss. Denise reviewed the meaning of 'Zonta' which is a Lakota Indian word for 'honest and trustworthy.' She also read the membership pledge. Following the presentation of yellow roses and Zonta pins to Dana and Sandy,

Denise gave the club an update.

- She shared with the members that Zonta had received UNICEF publicity from the U.N. regarding 'Every Child.'
- Also, each club has until May 31st to donate toward Zonta International's \$4.9 million fundraising goal.
- The Biennial convention, to be held in Orlando, Florida occurs from 6/26-7/1. Early Bird prices are available until 5/18.
- Fall Conference will be held in Springfield from 10/24-10/26

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Pam Albertson presented the Annual Budget and reviewed changes with the club. It will be voted on during the June meeting. Dues money should be sent to Pam ASAP.

NEW BUSINESS / COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Golf Tournament Report: Debbie Wood reviewed various details/past statistics of the fall golf tournament. Last year seventy two people participated. Can that number be beaten? Marge will be accepting money for players. She has distributed forms for sponsors. While she has collected a respectable amount of

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money, the tournament needs more. Also, we must get ticket stubs and money for the raffle in to Deb by the June meeting, when the drawing will be held. Prizes: 2 tickets and transportation to a Red Sox vs Yankees game 8/3; 32" Emerson Flat Screen TV; and \$100 in Lottery Tickets! Members are asked to start collecting prize items for the September tournament—suggested value of \$25 and up—we would like enough items so that every player receives one. The sign up for tasks will be circulated at the June meeting, so think about what is appropriate for your schedule.

Nominating Committee:

Marge Cavanaugh announced the slate of officers for the next biennium. They will be elected and installed during the June meeting.

Co-Presidents-Janet DaSilva and Kris Goid

Vice President-Lisa Sedelow

Secretary-Debbie Wood

Treasurer- Pam Albertson

Board Member-Tina Guinasso

Ex Officio Board Members- Ann Cormier and Joanne Turner Chiacchia

Silent No More Auction:

Dianne Kidd encouraged everyone to bring in more gift donations and to invite guests. Attendee names should go to Ann and gifts should go to Loretta Dansereau. Loretta will send out a list of donations. Set up schedules and assignments were developed for Sunday and Monday, keeping in mind that all club members should be able to shop. Pam will be handling credit cards for the first time! Dianne ran through live auction items.

Scholarship Committee: Kris announced the winner of the YWPA scholarship. She and her parents will be attending the June meeting. Kris also mentioned that college students have inquired about the Jane Klausman Scholarship. Then she read a heartfelt letter from the mother of a previous scholarship winner, Kayla Grenier. The letter was full of details about Kayla's studies (biomedical engineering), her participation in community work, as well as membership in the biomedical engineering sorority and council. In addition, Kayla is a cast member of 'Take the Floor,' a part of the River Dance Group.

U.N. Committee: B.J. Bourdon received an email from the U.N. chair encouraging all of the members to check out the website. Take time to look up Caryl M. Stern, CEO of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. Her new book, *I Believe In Zero*, is a series of stories occurring in various countries of her travels. Her goal is to obliterate children's deaths. More at: www.unicefusa.org/about/people/management/caryl-m-stern/book-i-believe-zero

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mary Knight has been designated as the club's delegate to the Zonta International Convention in Orlando. She is also walking for "The Rose Fund," for Zonta International. Please speak with Mary if you are interested in contributing.

When the Westfield Zonta Club was disbanded, its remaining funds were given to B.J. to invest in something useful for the Westfield-area community. B.J. went on to join the QV club. Until recently, the Westfield funds had been placed in a CD. B.J. Bourdon announced that she was been working with the Westfield State University to create an ongoing endowment to be used as a scholarship for a deserving female student. The beauty of an endowment is that it allows the University to administratively handle the scholarship funds. However, in order to qualify, the endowment must be of a minimal amount. BJ and her husband have most generously donated a significant amount of money to top off the Westfield Zonta Club funds in order to make the endowment a reality. B.J. will work with a Westfield advisor to create the criteria for the annual scholarship.

The raffle donated by Pam Albertson was won by Mary. Congratulations!
.Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn S. Braskie, Secretary

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Our fundraisers have allowed us to continue with our yearly contributions to Ware Christmas for Kids, local food banks, The Survival Center, the Palmer Library, and to financially support Zonta International's ongoing programs. We are pleased to have inducted Tina, Desiree, Dana and Sandy. They jumped right in on many projects and Tina will become a member of the Board in June. We also welcomed Janet back and she will become co-president for the next biennium.

We continue our monthly visits with the Vets. Our May outing to the Butterfly Museum coordinated by Carolyn was a huge success and still is being talked about by all the ladies. They greatly enjoyed the outing. April was a chocolate lover's delight as Lisa prepared candies with our veteran friends. The women look forward to our ongoing visits and the friendships we have formed with them.

We could go on and on about your accomplishments over the past 2 years. We want to thank each and every member of this great club for your contributions and support that helped make our time as co presidents so successful. Thank you all for being such a great group of women and such wonderful friends!

Joanne & Ann

Ann and I received this message from Cheryl Dorfman, the Foundation Ambassador, proving once again, that you are a generous and caring group of women !! and a BIG thank you to Marge! Joanne

I am pleased to announce that as the biennium winds down and the March ZIF report is in, four of our District 1 Clubs have achieved the distinction of having 100% of their members make at least one donation to the Zonta International Foundation during the current 2012-14 biennium! Congratulations go out to: Arlington, Lakes Region, Quaboag Valley and Quinebaug Valley

Collectively the membership of these four clubs have given individual donations of close to \$ 6,500 USD! Last biennium we had one club - Quaboag - achieve this 100% distinction, and it was the first time in anyone's recent recollection that any District 1 club had accomplished this goal. Now they are joined by three other clubs. This has been a banner year for our district in the support of OUR Foundation. To date the total of both club and individual donations over the past two years is \$ 46,256.80 USD!

Please remember that in order to be honored at convention for goals such as the 100% member distinction, members and clubs have until just April 30th to submit donations. They must be received by that date, and therefore any further donations should be made online to ensure the deadline is met. However, you still have until May 31st to donate for this biennium and those donations will receive credit in the 2013-14 Annual Report. Again that is a "received by" date, so either make the contribution in early May by mail or online. Once again we encourage any club with a spring fundraising event to make a final contribution and help us raise the final District total to as close to \$50,000 as we can - which would be an all time record for us. With the a week in April and most of May left, it is within reach!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has made out achievement thus far possible. Hats off to the club presidents who made the 100% attainment a goal and a reality. Each of the four clubs had movers and shakers who worked hard to make this happen and we so much appreciate their commitment and hard work! the clubs will be honored at both the ZI Convention in Orlando and at Fall Conference next October. As always I hope you will share this message with your membership and at upcoming Area meetings. And let me know if I can be of any further help to your clubs.

With appreciation and best wishes,
Cheryl Dorfman, D1 Foundation Ambassador

Have we met?
Do you know me?
I am one of many,
Along with Amelia Earhart,
Who represent sixty-six countries
And one thousand-two -hundred places.
2014 is my ninety-fifth birthday!!!

I have been blessed with a long, productive life
Which has not always been easy, fair, or respected.
But I have gained strength in the fellowship of others
Who share similar goals
To advance the status of women-world wide-
Through service and advocacy..
The miracle is that thirty thousand members have
Actually cast aside their pride, agreed to listen to others,
Have forfeited their time and finances for a common set of objectives :

To use service and advocacy to improve legal, economic , educational,
health, and professional status

To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill, and peace through
World-wide fellowship of Executives in Business and Professions

To promote Universal respect and justice for human rights and fundamental freedoms

To be united internationally to foster high ethical standards to implement
service programs

To provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities,
their Nations, and the world

I am non-sectarian and non-partisan

Do you know me?
I am a Zontian

You seem special
I would like to know you.....

Carolyn Braskie