



Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley

Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

ZONTA BOG NEWSLETTER MARCH 2015

2015 CALENDAR



March 8 International Women's Day & Zonta Rose Day

March 9 Dinner Meeting
Advocacy Theme

April 13, 2015 Dinner Meeting

May 1—2, 2015 District 1 Spring Retreat will be held in Wells, Maine. Details to follow!

May 4, 2015 Silent "No More!" Auction (1st Monday of month)

Start getting the word out for attendees and donations.



June 8, 2015 Dinner Meeting—final meeting before summer break

Note: Member reservations for the dinner meeting are assumed and payment expected unless notification is made in advance.

Contact **Kris Goold** kmgould@aol.com or (413) 783-4376 with your guest count by Wednesday before meeting.

Collecting Toiletries

You probably have toiletries from your travels to share, or can pick up an occasional 'extra' during a shopping trip.

Debbie Wood is collecting donations to give to the Helping Hands Cupboard in Belchertown. Feel free to bring to our monthly meetings.



President's Message

Greetings Sister Zontians,

The winter weather certainly has been raising havoc with us. I'm told that the February meeting is the first one in the club's history that had to be canceled due to bad weather. Let's hope that the March meeting takes place as planned.

One of the items that was on the February agenda was a review of the revised procedures for bringing a new member into the club.

Those procedures are included in this newsletter and include inviting a prospective member to attend at least two meetings. It's important that a prospective member gets to experience the dynamics of a Zonta meeting and learn about some of the projects and activities in which the club is involved. Also, per the 2014 Orlando Convention, membership is now open to men. It will be interesting to see how that plays out over time. I've met some male members of various Zonta clubs in the past. They added a different perspective to the clubs that proved to be quite valuable.

Another item of interest that we were going to talk about is inviting **Katherine Mary Kraver** to be the guest speaker at our June meeting. Katherine is an elementary school teacher and author who was featured in an article in the Springfield Republican a month or so ago. She has traveled extensively and her first book, "It Was Just A House," is about a young girl who is a refugee in Jordan. **Mary Ann Rubis** suggested that we invite her and take advantage of her appearance to use the meeting as a member recruitment night. The Membership Committee is looking for help to make this happen—please speak to **Lisa Sedelow**.

The Soldier On Program has a new contact person. Her name is **Sara Scoco** and her email address is Sara-Scoco@wesoldieron.org.

For our March meeting, **Tina Guinasso** will be speaking about Advocacy. She'll provide us with information about what advocacy is and how we can become advocates for women who need Zonta's help and support. Please try to attend this meeting as I'm certain you will find it enlightening.

Our March meeting is scheduled for March 9th. Your attendance is assumed unless you contact me beforehand. If you know you will not be able to attend, please either email me at kmgould@aol.com or call me at 413 783-4376 by noon, the Friday before the meeting. That is my cutoff time for notifying Ludlow Country Club. Thank you for your cooperation. I look forward to seeing everyone in March.

Kristin M. Goold
Co-President



What is Advocacy? Advocacy Chairman: Christina Guinasso <tinaguinasso@gmail.com>

Advocacy as defined by Zonta is the expression of support for or opposition to a cause, argument or proposal. **Advocacy** may include influencing laws, legislation or attitudes. Zonta **advocacy** is an action taken in the public interest or for "the greater good" with respect to advancing the status of women and girls and their human rights.

What we can advocate for:

Improving the status of women in regards to:

- Legal
- Political
- Economic
- Educational
- Health
- And professional

Advance the understanding, good will and peace towards women

Promote Justice and universal respect for human rights and freedoms

Ways to advocate:

- Educating
- Introducing new legislation
- Fundraising
- Giving emotional support
- Outreach
- Public Events



This is just a snapshot on what **advocacy** means and how we can affect the lives of women both locally and abroad. This month we will talk about how this club currently improves the lives of women both locally and globally and how we can build upon this.

**Golden Words
from Famous**

Women:

"If you are always trying to be normal, you will never know how amazing you can be."

Maya Angelou

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

- Co-Presidents:** Kristin Goold
Janet DaSilva
- Vice President:** Lisa Sedelow
- Treasurer:** Pam Albertson
- Secretary:** Debra Wood
- Directors:** Tina Guniasso
Ann Cormier
Joanne Turner-Chiacchia
Elizabeth Reeves

Committee Chairs

- Finance & Audit Chair:** Pamela Albertson
- Membership Chair:** Lisa Sedelow
- PR /Communication Chair:** Mary Knight
- United Nations Chair:** BJ Bourdon
- Advocacy Chair:** Tina Guinasso
- Service Chair:** Loretta Dansereau
- Scholarships Chair:** Dana Burton
- Poinsettia Fundraiser Chair:** Liz Reeves
- Golf Fundraiser Chair:** Debra Wood
- Auction Fundraiser Chair:** Dianne Kidd
- Archives Chair:** Marge Cavanaugh
- Nominating:** Loretta Dansereau,
Dana Burton, Mary Knight

January 12, 2015 Zonta of Quaboag Valley Dinner Meeting

Editor note: The February meeting was cancelled due to snow.

Ludlow Country Club, Ludlow, MA

Present: Pam Albertson, Dana Burton, Marge Cavanaugh, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Janet DaSilva, Mary Knight, Liz Reeves, Mary Ann Rubis, Lisa Sedelow, Debbie Wood

Absent: B.J. Bourdon, Ann Cornier, Loretta Dansereau, Chris Gerl, Sandy Goss, Tina Guinasso, Desiree Joy, Dianne Kidd, Trish Pupek, Kris Goold

Guest: Gail Dragicevich

Co President Janet DaSilva opened the meeting at 6 P.M.

Minutes: With a correction of 16 days of "Activism" the Minutes as they appeared in the newsletter were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Pam Albertson reported that the restricted funds that were conserved from the disbanded former Westfield Zonta Club for a scholarship for a Westfield University student were transferred to B.J. Bourdon to manage an endowment scholarship fund. As indicated in the Financial Report, \$4,362.00 was collected from the sale of poinsettia plants. Once the expenses amounting to \$2,479.00 were paid the profit was \$1,883.00. This is down from last year.

Thank You Notes: Debbie informed the group that Childhelp had sent the club a thank you for honoring Kathy Picard who in turn used her donation from the club in her name to benefit the Childhelp organization. The Palmer Food Share also sent a thank you for our donation of \$150.00 to their organization.

Amelia Earhart Month: Dana Burton provided some background regarding the Amelia Earhart Fellowship program which was established in 1938. Currently 35 Fellowships amounting to \$10,000 are awarded annually. This has amounted to 1438 scholarships and over \$8.6 million that have been awarded to women in 70 countries since the inception. Dana described 4 women from MIT and their studies. Dana introduced a Heads and Tail game to test our knowledge of Amelia Earhart. In a playoff between Mary Knight and our guest Gail, Mary was the winner.

Introduction of Gail: Gail related that in addition to her work as an author, she is a life coach and has a strong interest in issues affecting women. She was encouraged to attend our future meetings to learn more about expectations and the benefits of becoming a member.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Lisa shared copies of the Membership Packets for members to use in extending invitations to prospective members. Janet mentioned a 2002 document outlining some Membership Procedures. It was recommended that the Membership Committee review and revise the document before presenting to the Board and ultimately the members for approval.

Service Committee: Loretta was not present and there are no outstanding requests for funds. Mary Knight informed the group that a "Request for Service Funds" form is located on our website. Loretta has requested that we circulate the form to sign up and keep in mind various activities to offer the Soldier On women.

Poinsettia Sales: Liz mentioned that the decrease in orders from past customers accounts for an overall decrease in sales.

International Marketplace: Since Dianne was not present Janet stated that information discussed at the Board meeting would be shared with the Marketplace Committee. General remarks indicate that screening of vendors might help avoid duplication of items offered.

Soldier On: Debbie reported that the December visit to Look Park and the distribution of blankets and stockings to the women were all well received by the 12 residents of the cottages in Leeds.

Old Business:

Update on Founder's Day: Overall it was agreed that it was a meaningful event and resulted in good publicity which can also be considered as part of our participation in the 16 days of activism. Our recognition of the "Zonta Says No" campaign can also be included in the 16 Days of Activism.

Soldier On: Janet informed the group that Sandy is offering manicures to our Veterans in the month of January but Sandy has yet to hear from Cindy Nolan regarding the number of interested women who might attend one of the 2 dates she is proposing. In regards to future activities to offer the Veterans, a number of ideas were exchanged such as: craft projects, visits to local sights, game play, chocolate or cooking activity, etc. It was agreed that Joanne would make contact with Kate Doherty to get a list of ideas of interest to the Veterans to help us propose activities for future visits. She will also check to see if they have an interest in the proposed manicures which Sandy is offering and recommend that they make

Awards from Fall Conference: Janet circulated the certificates which our club received for the

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Committee Updates

Scholarship Committee: Dana Burton reminds us that applications for the \$1000 Young Women in Public Affairs Award is due March 15th. Help us pass the word. Details on the award and a copy of the application is available at www.zontaqv.org.

Treasurer Update: Pam Albertson reports that the final profit from the poinsettia sales is \$1,937. Additional payments were received since the last report. Available service funds are \$9,268 from previous years so let's start thinking of projects our club can support! We have raised an additional \$5,612 since June 1 so we are looking at over \$14,000 in funding availability.

Membership Update: The committee met to review and revise the Membership Procedures created by Deb Wood in 2002. Suggested changes are published on the next page.

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highest donation per capita and 100% donation from all members of our club.

Next District Conference: Janet announced that the next Fall conference is scheduled for October 23-25th in Burlington, Vermont.

Twibbon: Tina was not present but will explain and provide instructions in the newsletter for signing up for the application for those who might be interested.

Potential New Members: Janet mentioned a list of names for follow up. Lisa will follow up with Cindy Willette and In the Box owner Sharon. She sent a Membership packet to Milagros Johnson. Another interested person, Nancy Otto hopes to attend our next meeting. Two names (Pamela Peck and Tammy Gardner) were not familiar to those present.

New Business:

Leave of Absence for Desiree Joy: Desiree's request for a Leave of Absence to pursue her studies was approved by the Board and announced to the membership tonight. She plans to rejoin our club by the fall of this year.

Additional Board Member: The Board had recommended the addition of another Director to the Board. Liz Reeves has agreed to accept the position until the end of this Zonta year.

Co President for next 3 meetings: Janet indicated that Kris would be presiding at the February, March and April meetings as Janet will be away.

Women's Night of Comedy (March 26th): Lynn Goodhue, Northampton Club is hoping to have a table with Zonta members. Debbie sent an E Mail with the link to register and recommended letting



Lynn know once this is done. So far Debbie, Pam and Kris have expressed an interest in attending. [Proceeds to benefit Girls Inc. www.wboa.org/comedy-night]

World Aids Day: Kris informed the Board that in December a \$50 check was submitted to Zonta International in honor of World Aids Day. [The funds were collected from members and guests at the December Marketplace event.]

Announcements:

* Mary Knight mentioned that new logos and letterheads for Zonta International and our club are now available on our website.

* Mary also mentioned that January 30th is the deadline for newsletter articles.

* Karen Duffy and her husband adopted a baby boy this month.

* On behalf of the club Janet presented Lisa from the Ludlow Country Club a gift in appreciation for all that she has arranged for our Zonta meetings and events.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 9th at Ludlow Country Club.

Raffle Winner: Marge was the winner of both raffle prizes.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by
Debbie Wood, Secretary

Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley Membership Procedures Updated May 2002	Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley Procedures for Working with Prospective Members ~ Updated February 2015
To assure the successful recruitment, orientation and installation of new members, the following process is suggested:	To assure the successful recruitment, orientation and induction of new members, the following process is suggested:
1. A sponsoring club member extends an invitation and encourages a prospective to attend at least two dinner meetings. Sponsoring member or club may pay for the first time a guest attends.	1. A club member or the Membership Chairman extends an invitation and encourages a prospective member to attend at least two dinner meetings, and maybe a committee or board meeting. The member or club may pay dinner cost the first time a guest attends.
2. The prospective member is provided with orientation materials and asked to complete a prospective member information form included in their packet and submit this to the Membership Committee Chair.	2. The prospective member is provided with orientation materials and should provide the club with an email address so she/he can be added to the newsletter distribution list. If the individual expresses interest in accepting the commitment of membership, she/he will be asked to complete and submit a Prospective Member Information Form to the Membership Chairman.
3. Membership Committee Chair assures the potential member receives a club newsletter and presents the application for consideration to the Board for review.	3. The Membership Chairman reviews the application with the Membership Committee. All candidate names are submitted to the Board with the Committee's recommendation.
4. The sponsoring member is notified of the club's interest in a member and coordinates with the Membership Committee Chair to interview the applicant for publication and review by the full membership in the newsletter.	4. The Board will assign a member to notify the candidate of the club's interest and solicit a short biography with picture for publication in the ZQV Bog Newsletter so the candidate is introduced to the full membership.
5. When the perspective member is recommended for acceptance and the club has voted to accept the member, the prospective member is asked to make payment for dues per current payment schedule to the Club Treasurer.	5. When the candidate is recommended for acceptance and the club has voted its approval, the prospective member is asked to make payment for dues per current payment schedule to the Club Treasurer.
6. The Treasurer and Membership Committee Chair will coordinate the completion and submission of the Member Report Form with payment to Zonta International Headquarters, sending a copy to District Governor or designee.	6. The Club Treasurer and Membership Chairman will coordinate completion and submission of the Member Report Form with payment to Zonta International Headquarters and the District Treasurer. The Club Treasurer will order a name tag for the new member and she/he will be notified of the Induction date.
7. Following the completion of #6 above, the potential member can be installed when she is presented with a Zonta pin, Manual of Procedures, copy of Bylaws, list of club committees, and a club roster.	7. At the Induction Ceremony, the new member will be presented with a nametag, a Zonta International pin, Manual of Procedures, copy of Bylaws, list of club committees, and a club roster. The printed materials may be delivered by email (as an option) if requested.
8. The new member is assigned a mentor or buddy, provide with a continued introduction to the club and Zonta activities and support for at least six months. A survey evaluating the new member's experience and involvement in the club can be issued to the new member at reasonable intervals.	8. The Board will assign the new member a mentor to provide ongoing support and guidance during the first 6 to 12 months. The new member will select one or two committees of interest and meet with the Chairmen of those committees. A survey evaluating the new member's experience and involvement in the club can be issued to the new member at reasonable intervals. The new member will report any status changes (address, phone, email, etc.) immediately to the Club Treasurer.
9. The Membership Committee will maintain records regarding all individual member committees, positions, and Board offices held.	DELETED
10. All changes in status (address, phone, email, etc.) will be submitted at least annually to Zonta International and District on the Member Report Form.	INCORPORATED IN #8
11. An Annual Questionnaire will be distributed for completion by all members at the close of each year with the Membership Committee compiling and summarizing the results for Board and Membership review.	NOT PART OF PROSPECTIVE MEMBER PROCEDURE