



Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley

Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

ZONTA BOG NEWSLETTER AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2015

Important Dates for your Calendar

September 12th Annual Golf Tournament Mill Valley Golf Links, Belchertown

7:30 a.m. Registration, Coffee / Pastries

8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start - 18 Hole Scramble

Picnic Lunch – including dessert

Raffles and Prizes for Everyone!

Cost: \$75 per person (\$55 for members) includes Greens Fee, Cart, Food, Prizes and a Day of Fun for a Worthy Cause!

Sponsor and Registration forms: ZontaQV.org

September 15th Dinner Meeting

Please note this is a Tuesday

October 12th Dinner Meeting

Please note this is Columbus Day

Official Fall District Conference Oct. 23-25th

Hosted by the Zonta Club of Burlington at the [Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in South Burlington, VT](#). Special Room Rates available until October 1, or sold out.

Toll Free: [1 \(800\) 222-8733](tel:18002228733)

November 9th Dinner Meeting

Founders Day Award

Collecting Toiletries

Debbie Wood is collecting donations to give to the Helping Hands Cupboard in Belchertown.

Feel free to bring to our monthly meetings.



**Are you proud to be a Zontian?
Spread the Word!**

Greetings Sister Zontians,

Your board has been meeting to plan an exciting 2015-2016 Zonta year!

Our goals so far:

To grow awareness about Zonta by creating an environment that makes others curious about our organization.

To increase membership by at least 10% by outreach and invitation.

To make member satisfaction a top priority by listening to members needs and ideas, showing gratitude and support for what each of you brings to the club as a whole, and ensuring that time spent devoted to service projects and meetings is of the highest quality and value.

We look forward to an enjoyable and productive year.

Thank you,
Lisa Sedelow, President



Our Annual Summer Picnic 8/12 at 6pm

Host: Lisa and Tina

at the Seldelow home, 28 Stevens Drive, Ludlow (on Haviland Pond)

Please bring a chair (if you have one) and a side dish or dessert (if you would like).

Parking is very limited, so please arrange to carpool - you can leave cars in the lot behind McDonalds.



2015 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship



Elizabeth Fitzgerald

Dana Burton, Scholarship Chairman, is pleased to announce that **Elizabeth Fitzgerald** is the recipient again this year of the Jane M Klausman Women in Business \$1,000 Scholarship. The award is given annually to a woman pursuing an undergraduate or master's degree in business management.

Elizabeth just recently graduated ELMS College with her BA in Accounting and Information Systems along with Business Management & Marketing. This July she is going to start work on her MBA. Her husband has also returned to school and together they are raising their six girls. She also was just offered a job from Meyers Brothers Kalicka PC after completing an internship with them earlier this year. She obviously is doing great and is completely deserving of the award. We will be honoring her at the September meeting.

In 2011, women held only 16.1% of the board seats at Fortune 500 companies according to the 2011 Catalyst Census. The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship program helps women pursue undergraduate and master's degrees in business management and overcome gender barriers from the classroom to the boardroom. Since the program's inception, Zonta has awarded 399 Scholarships to women from 50 countries.

*“Let us be grateful
to the people who
make us happy;
they are the
charming
gardeners who
make our souls
blossom.” —
Marcel Proust*

Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley District I, Area II, Charter 1317 of Zonta International 2015—2016

President: Lisa Sedelow
Vice President: Tina Guniasso
Treasurer: Pam Albertson
Secretary: Debra Wood
Directors: Ann Cormier
Joanne Turner-Chiacchia
Elizabeth Reeves

Committee Chairs 2015—2016

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

June 8, 2015 Zonta of Quaboag Valley Dinner Meeting

COME PREPARED TO BE INSPIRED



Katherine Mary Kraver
Author, teacher and
world traveler



Eve Falk
YWPA Award
Winner

The final meeting before the summer break was a special event. It was covered by Emily Thurlow, Turley Publications Staff Writer. Below is an excerpt from the piece published in the Wilbraham-Hampden Times on July 9th.

“During their June meeting, Zontians from throughout the Quaboag Valley region dined upon empowerment and education when guest speakers Katherine Mary Kraver and Eve Falk shared a few words at the Ludlow Country Club. In hopes of attracting additional members, together, Kraver and Falk’s experiences not only followed the tune of Zonta International’s aim of advancing the status of women worldwide, but also set the stage to encourage others to following the inspirational footsteps of author, teacher and world traveler Kraver, of Westfield, and recent Minnechaug Regional High School graduate Eve Falk of Monson.

During the dinner, Kraver read some passages from her book and told of her travels, where she has embarked on a number of journeys to countries around the world to get a better understanding of native peoples and to better her teaching as well.

Falk, who is this year’s Young Women in Public Affairs award recipient was recognized like several other young women in the past for her demonstrated leadership skills and commitment to public service and civic causes.... In keeping aligned with Zonta’s mission, Falk mentioned that two of her goals were to stay involved in volunteering and seeking leadership positions. She is also interested in entrepreneurship and one day may start her own business.”

The event was well attended and truly enlightening and inspiring. Congratulations to Mary Ann Rubis, Dana Burton and all the Zontians who worked on this effort.

Business Meeting

Present: **Ann Cormier, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Lisa Sedelow, Tina Guinasso, Debbie Wood, Kris Goold, Janet DaSilva, Liz Reeves, Marge Cavanaugh, Pam Albertson, Patricia Pupek, Mary Knight, Mary Ann Rubis, Dana Burton**

Absent: **Betty Bourdon, Dianne Kidd**

Guests: **Joanne Puopolo, Lt. Governor and Lisa Jacobson, President Malden Club**

Co President Janet DaSilva called the meeting to order at 8:15.

Secretary’s Minutes: Approved as written in the newsletter

Treasurer’s Report: The 2015-2016 Proposed Budget was reviewed and approved.

Fall Conference October 23-25th, Burlington, VT: Approximately 6 of our members plan on attending. A delegate will have to be selected at our September meeting.

Golf Tournament: Debbie requested that each member try to obtain one additional sponsor for the tournament. A list of tasks for members to sign up was circulated. Debbie will also send the list as an E Mail.

Campfire June 19th at Debbie’s: Debbie has confirmation that at least 6 Soldier On ladies are attending. Dana, Lisa, Joanne and Mary Ann are attending from our club and a few members from the Northampton Club are coming.

Silent “No More” Auction: Pam indicated that after expenses approximately \$4,900 was raised giving \$1,653 to each recipient. The amount is less than we raised in 2014. The Auction Committee will be reviewing and making recommendations.

Summer Picnic Date: Lisa with Tina’s help has offered to host the summer picnic at her home in Ludlow on Wednesday, August 12th.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Wood,

Golf Tournament Committee Report

Our September 12th tournament event will be here before we know it! Members should have both player and sponsor forms and they are also posted on our website, www.zontaqv.org.

We are fortunate to have a few new sponsors and we are still looking for additional ones at the \$50, \$75 and \$100 levels. They are assured signage on the course, mention in our programs and on our website. Sponsor forms should be submitted to Debbie.

We need golfers to participate and if they don't have a foursome we can coordinate to assure full teams. Send a copy of the Registration form to family and friends; let them know that players of all abilities find that this a fun event! Send Player Registration and payment to Marge.

Lastly, we provide prizes for all players with an approximate value of \$25 each. Keep in mind that we need items suitable for men as well as women. Gift cards to Dick's and other sporting goods stores, restaurants, Home Depot, Lowe's, etc. are always popular, along with beer and wine choices.

I will be bringing the task list and suggestions for gift cards to the picnic on Aug. 12th for members to review. Feel free to E Mail any questions or additions to the above information.

Debbie Wood, Chairman
Golf Tournament Committee



Zonta North American Inter-District Meeting

Mary Knight, Mary Ann Rubis and 5 other District 1 Zontians attended the NAID meeting in June at the Minneapolis Airport Hilton. It was a fabulous meeting with many compelling speakers and a variety of topics, including

From Conflict to Win-Win Jacque Gudmundsen, ZI Leadership Development Chairman

Leading with Gratitude, Respect, Acceptance, Consistency and Excellence Shelli Cutting, ZI Leadership Development

Stepping up to Leadership Kathleen Douglass, ZI Leadership Development Committee

PR for Advocacy Efforts Katherine Cleland, Zonta International PR&C Chairman

Service in Zonta: What's Your Best Kept Secret? Joan Westcott, Zonta International Service Committee

Zonta Board Basics Kathleen Douglass, Zonta International Leadership Development Committee

Engaging and Productive Club Meetings Shelli Cutting, Zonta International Leadership Development Committee

Managing Meeting Challenges Carol Pasanen, EdD Presenter

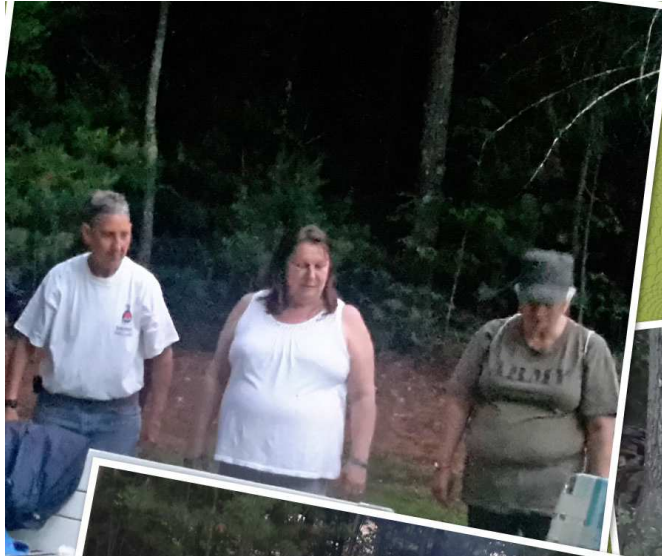
Fundraising Secrets Karen Macier, CFRE Executive Director, United Way of Seneca County

Identifying and Nurturing Donors Bonnie McArthur, President, Zonta Club of Pontiac North Oakland, Michigan, USA

Using Social Media to Boost Giving Brenda Fraser, Zonta e-Club of USA1

Power Point presentations have been posted at <https://www.zonta.org/ZontaEvents/ZontaNorthAmericanInterDistrictMeeting.aspx>

Highlights of most of the sessions are on our website at zontaqv.org/NAID



We had a perfect evening with Northampton (and husbands) and Quaboag Zontians, and 5 Veterans. Besides enjoying special s'more concoctions and beverages, we were treated to entertainment by the ladies from Soldier On. Thanks Debbie Wood for hosting such a great summer event.

