



ZONTA

CLUB OF
QUABOAG VALLEY

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EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

ZONTA BOG
NEWSLETTER
MAY/JUNE 2017

Important Dates for your Calendar

June 2-4 North American Inter-District Meeting – McLean Virginia Hilton
www.northamericanmeeting2017.com

June 12 Dinner Meeting*
Induction of New Members
YWPA Award, Year End Report

September 9 ZQV Golf Tournament
Cold Springs CC, Belchertown

September 11 Dinner Meeting*
Planning for a successful year!
Jane Klausman Scholarship

October 9 Dinner Meeting*
Select Founder's Day recipient
Final plans for Fall Conference

October 20—22 District 1 Fall Conference in the Berkshires!

November 13 Dinner Meeting*
Founder's Day

November 25—December 10
16 Days of Activism

*** 5:30 Social and 6:00 Dinner.**
Member reservations for the dinner meeting are assumed and payment of \$18 is expected unless notification is made in advance.

Call Trish 413-626-5656 or email info@zontaqv.org with guest count and any regrets by the prior Wednesday. In an emergency, members have until noon of the day of the meeting to call without penalty.

Collecting Toiletries (Debbie) for local Cupboard and **Magazines** (Marge) for hospital waiting rooms.

Dear Sister Zontians and Friends:

Where has time gone? Our meeting in June starts the new Zonta year and ends our meetings for the summer break! As is our tradition, we have a Year-end Report in this issue of the Zonta Bog. We few have accomplished an awful lot of good work together! Please take some time to review each summary. Questions and ideas are encouraged!

Our Silent "no more!" Auction in May was another great success. Trish does an excellent job of summarizing highlights in her report on page 4. Kudos to all! I know Marge was with us in spirit!

The June meeting will be a full one. We will be inducting our three newest members: Andrea, Patti and Danielle. Please bring family members and friends for this special ceremony. Their mentors will present them with a Zonta rose at the end. We will honor our Young Women in Public Affairs recipient Camie Hall with a \$1000 check and certificate. We then have a number of business items to cover, including the 2018 Fiscal Budget, Bylaw revisions (details will be emailed), Committee reports and announcements.

While we don't have business meetings in July and August, there will be activity. Debbie Wood will host a campfire for Zontians and the Soldier On Women on Friday, June 23rd at 6:30. Please RSVP with her. Trish will host an August get-together for members at her home in Westfield; details will be emailed. The Golf Committee will be hard at work getting ready for our fundraising tournament on 9/9 at Cold Springs CC in Belchertown. Please see Debbie's report on page 4 to see how you can help. The ZQV Board will meet over the summer to map out the year's activities and committee work. If you are interested in joining the Membership, Advocacy or another standing committee, please let me know. The Nominating committee will be reaching out to members to fill slots for 2018-2019 Leadership positions. Please consider stepping up—you will get lots of support and it is a wonderful growth experience. Finally, I will be working with the Berkshire Club on getting the Call to Conference material out.

The District website (zontadistrict1.org) has been updated with information you may want to check out. There is a Call to Action regarding the United States' decision to withdraw funding for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). As you will read, this has a dramatic impact on two important projects we support. Also on the home page are links to handouts and videos presented during the District's Spring Workshop in Wells ME. Good stuff!!

Looking forward to seeing you and several guests in June! Be sure to let Trish know of your guest count or regrets by June 6th.
Best, Mary Knight, President



2017 Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Awarded to Camier Hall of Tantasqua Regional High School

Camie Hall is a very deserving recipient and has a promising future ahead of her. Camie was class president for the last three years at Tantasqua, where she excelled in studies and sports. She helped build a school in the Dominican through Global Leadership Adventures and volunteered with Fields of Growth program to teach lacrosse in Jamaica. Camie will be attending Union College in New York this fall, where she plans to major in psychology with a minor in digital media. She hopes to continue her passion for community service through the Big Brothers-Big Sisters program at Union and become active in service projects in Schenectady. Camie has the traveling bug too. She looks forward to opportunities of studying abroad and doing outreach work in other parts of the world.



Shanique Spalding named to Regional Commission on the Status of Women and Girls

Congratulations to Shanique Spalding and the other Regional Commissioners for Hampden and Hampshire-Franklin Counties. Modeled after the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, the eight unfunded county and regional women’s commissions were legislatively created to study and report on the status of women and girls in their geographical areas, and to provide permanent and effective voices for women and girls. Each county and regional commission reports their findings annually to MCSW and is supported by and engaged with the Commission on a regular basis. #proudzontian service

"Successful people reach their goals not simply because of who they are, but more often because of what they do"

-Dr. Heidi Grant Halvorson

Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley District I, Area II, Charter 1317 of Zonta International 2016—2018

- President:** Mary Knight
- Vice President:** Patricia Pupek
- Treasurer:** Joanne Turner-Chiacchia
- Secretary:** Kristin Goold
- Directors:** Debbie Wood
Dana Burton
Lisa Sedelow

Website: www.zontaqv.org

Committee Chairs 2016—2018

- Finance & Audit Chair:** Pam Albertson
- Membership Chair:** Patricia Pupek
- PR /Communication Chair:** Mary Knight
- Advocacy/UN Chair:** Dana Burton
- Service Chair:** Debra Wood
- Scholarships Chair:** Dana Burton
- Poinsettia Fundraiser Chair:** Liz Reeves
- Golf Fundraiser Chair:** Debra Wood
- Auction Fundraiser Chair:** Patricia Pupek
- Archives Chair:** Marge Cavanaugh
- Nominating:** Pam Albertson, Liz Reeves, Marge Cavanaugh



April 10, 2017 Zonta of Quaboag Valley Dinner Meeting

Ludlow Country Club, Ludlow MA

Present: Pam Albertson, Dana Burton, Marge Cavanaugh, Kris Goold, Dianne Kidd, Mary Knight, Trish Pupek, Liz Reeves, Mary Ann Rubis, Lisa Sedelow, Shanique Spalding, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Sue Williams, Debbie Wood

Not Present: Ann Cormier, Janet DaSilva, Tina Guinasso

Guests: Andrea Bordenca, BJ Bourdon, Linda Carestia, Patti Matthieu, Danielle Petrangelo

President Mary Knight called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Mary welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the guests to introduce themselves. Dinner followed the Zonta Blessing. Mary reviewed the agenda while waiting for dinner to be served. She also explained that after the meeting, we would assemble as many baskets as possible for the upcoming auction.

After dinner had been served, Mary showed a video about what the ZIF is doing globally. She referred to the back of the agenda for a summary of the projects highlighted in the video. Mary then introduced Mary Ann Rubis who presented an update on donations for this biennium. Mary Ann reported that 2017 donations are down 1.7% overall; club donations in District 1 are down 11%; however, our club and its members have donated over \$7,000 thus far. She went on to review the standings of each of the Zonta funds.

Business Meeting:

Minutes: The minutes for the March meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit. Joanne distributed the dues invoices and explained that payment is due by May 1. There is a \$15 fine if dues are not paid by June 1. Dues may be paid tonight or mailed to Joanne.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Mary stated that we have three new members to vote on tonight. They are Andrea Bordenca, Patti Matthieu, and Danielle Petrangelo. Their histories were published in the newsletter. Mary asked the women to please leave the room while the club voted on their membership. A motion was made and passed to vote on all three as a group. The club voted unanimously in favor of accepting the three candidates as members. A question was asked as to when they are officially considered members. The answer is when headquarters receives the paperwork and their dues. They are technically members as of June 1.

Mary welcomed the women back into the room and congratulated them on becoming members of the club. She explained that the formal induction ceremony will be held at the June meeting.

Scholarships: Dana stated that she received nine applications for the YWPA Award. The committee reviewed the applications and selected Camire Hall from Tantasqua as the winner. The winner's application went to District April 1 for consideration for the District award. Dana stated that she has received only one application for the Klausman Award so far.

Service: Debbie Wood stated that we had a little over \$400 left from the Period Project and Joanne had received \$60 more tonight. Debbie

explained that she received a request from Friends of the Homeless which has an essential thrift store in conjunction with Bay Path University. Debbie proposed donating the \$460 to them as they do the shopping for the store. Mary called for a vote and all voted in favor of donating the \$460 to Friends of the Homeless.

Debbie then went on to say that she had read Kathy Picard's book, "Life with My Idiot Family." Kathy requested \$2,000 from Service to provide her book to those who have been victims of sexual abuse or interface with victims. All of Kathy's work has been at her own expense. Debbie feels that the club should grant her request. Kathy has said that all the books will have a sticker in them stating that Zonta helped fund the books. Mary suggested that the Service committee get together and make a formal recommendation as Debbie is the only member who has read the book thus far.

Debbie closed her report telling the club that the day of manicures by Sandy Goss for the women in Soldier On went well.

Auction: Trish spoke about the upcoming Silent "no more" Auction. She thanked everyone for bringing items to the meeting for the auction. She asked members to email Marge with the names of guests and whether or not their ticket had been paid for. She also asked that we email Joanne with the descriptions of additional auction items so that she can prepare the bidding sheets. Trish explained that she had the tickets for the auction and was going to give each member 10 tickets to sell. She asked that if anyone paid for their ticket, to please write "Paid" on the back of the ticket and let Marge know as well. She distributed the auction task sheet and asked members to sign up to help that evening. The question was asked whether or not the tickets for Saratoga would be in the auction again this year. Dianne Kidd said she would check with her husband, the donor of the tickets.

Trish explained that the funds from this year's auction would go to ZIF, Soldier On, and the Youth Build Program. Shanique Spalding explained what the program does and how it helps youth who haven't graduated from high school prepare for a job. The funds will go to the Signal Success Curriculum.

Other Business & Announcements:

Mary asked how many members are planning on going to Maine for the Spring Retreat. Six members are planning on going. Mary suggested getting together to car pool. Mary stated there is another opportunity for participation in a Zonta event, the North American Interdistrict Meeting in early June in Virginia. Mary said that she, Mary Ann, and Pam will be attending. They will bring back materials to share with the club.

Mary announced that Marge has been nominated for the Citizen of the Year Award by the Quaboag Chamber of Commerce. Notification of the winner will be made on the 19th.

Debbie distributed forms for the upcoming golf tournament. She told us that Cold Spring has donated a foursome of golf as a prize. She asked that if a member gets a new sponsor to let her know.

There was no raffle tonight.

Closing: Mary adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM at which time the members began assembling baskets for the auction.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Goold, Secretary

Year-end Report 2016-2017

Membership Committee Report ~ Trish Pupek, Chair

We are heading into the 2nd year of this biennium with five new members: Shanique Spalding, Susan Williams, Andrea Bordenca, Patricia Matthieu and Danielle Petrangelo. We lost one long time member—Ann Cormier who moved west, and gained back long-time Zontian Betty Jane Bourdon. We focused efforts on acquiring professional looking materials for members to use in marketing our club this year. Several members worked hard to introduce Zonta to their friends and coworkers. Kudos to all who have handed out our businesses cards and brought in new faces—especially to our two high-profile meetings: November's 25th Anniversary/Founder's Day and the Period Project assembly meeting in February. At all our events, we maintained a Membership table with packets that were put together by the membership committee. There was also other pertinent information about Zonta and activities that our club is involved in for guests to take with them and learn more about our club.

We had a varied selection of programs and activities throughout the year to keep all of our diverse members engaged and we distributed a survey to members to get ideas for future meetings.

We are proud that we had representation from our club at all major Zonta events this year: Zonta International Convention in Nice France, District 1 Fall Conference in Truro Nova Scotia, Commission on the Status of Women in New York City, District 1 Spring Workshop in Wells ME and the North America InterDistrict Meeting in Virginia. We are also pleased to hear that we had 100% participation for individual contributions to the Zonta International Foundation to further the work we do throughout the world.

Finance Committee Report ~ Pam Albertson, Chair

Joanne assumed the treasurer position effective June 1, 2016. As of April 30, 2017, available cash was \$18,000. Through April 30, 2017, \$5,440 of service funds had been disbursed. The largest amount of \$2,010 was paid to ZIF. This represented fundraising efforts during the previous year. Fundraising profits during the current fiscal year for which ZI will receive one-third of the monies raised so far include the golf tournament (\$3,336) and the poinsettia sales (\$1,752). ZI will also receive one-third of the profits from the Silent "no more!" Auction.

Poinsettia Committee ~ Liz Reeves, Chair

We had another successful poinsettia fundraiser in 2016! Our profits were not quite as much as last year (2015 -\$1907.75 and 2016 - \$1831.00) a difference of \$74.71. As usual our membership helped with wrapping plants and getting deliveries out. Thank you for everyone's efforts. Last year a few of us were talking about some changes to implement to help spread out some of the responsibilities of the fundraiser. We implemented the changes and it was so helpful for me! Thank you! Also, the age old question...how can we sell more poinsettias translating into more funds raised! Let's get some input from the membership at our September meeting.

Golf Tournament Committee ~ Debbie Wood, Chair

The 22nd Annual Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, September 8, 2016 at Mill Valley Golf Links in Belchertown. Thanks to registration, sponsors, sale of mulligans, strings and raffle tickets we realized a profit of \$4096.

Given the variety of great items collected for our Silent Auction I have no doubt that we can expect nice prizes for our 2017 tournament on September 9th to be held at Cold Spring Country Club. We depend on sponsors for much of our profit so we hope you can solicit donors to contribute. We also need players to make our event successful. Sponsor and Player Registration forms are located on our web page. Gift certificates and items with a \$25 value are most welcome as we award a prize to every player. I will have a task sign-up form at our June meeting for prior-to and the day of the tournament.

Silent "no more" Auction ~ Trish Pupek, Chair

On Monday, May 8th, our Zonta club held its 9th annual Silent "no more!" Auction at the Ludlow Country Club. Once again, our club members displayed outstanding teamwork to help us realize another successful auction. There was an abundance of wonderful auction items to bid on, as well as incredible live auction items, such as an overnight hotel stay at Mohegan Sun including a \$100 dining certificate, front row tickets to Saratoga racetrack and a weekend stay at a luxurious condo in Wells, Maine. There were some tense moments, nail biting and lots of laughs during the live auction. A special thanks to our auctioneer extraordinaire, Dianne, who kept the momentum going! No one went home empty handed! Our auction netted a profit of \$6382 which will be divided equally among our auction recipients: YWCA YouthBuild Springfield program, Soldier On Women Veterans and the Zonta International Foundation. Our Zontian sister Marge and her entourage were missed this year, but we know they were with us in spirit. Sincere thanks to our members, friends of Zonta and generous donors for helping us raise the funds for these worthwhile organizations.

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Year-end Report 2016-2017

Service Committee Report ~ Debbie Wood, Chair

Recurring Service Funds Request include:

Zontian of the Year (\$100 given to Opportunities for Community for 2016), Founder's Day (\$100 Zonta International, \$200 International Foundation for Suicide Prevention, \$200 Palmer Senior Center), YWPA Scholarship (Olivia Murray \$1000), Jane M. Klausman Scholarship \$1000 not disbursed 2016, Jubilee Cupboard, Christmas for Kids, Helping Hands Cupboard, Palmer Food Share, Trinity Episcopal Church, Community Survival Center, Palmer Library Basket for Top Floor Learning (including items donated by members)

We disbursed the following additional funds for service:

Zonta International Foundation-\$2010 and more to be disbursed.

Top Floor Learning \$100

Links to Libraries \$300

District Auction (\$100 for Gift Card) plus proceeds from raffle

River East School to Career Program \$350

Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force \$100

Period Project - Over \$500 for supplies and donations and over 500 Period Project Kits for Friends of the Homeless, the Care Center, YWCA, Safe Passage, Dress for Success, programs of the Center for Human Development, and HAP transitional housing programs.

Kathy Picard - \$2000 for distribution of her book "Life with My Idiot Family" and associated expenses for her child advocacy efforts.

ZI, Soldier On, Youth Build YWCA to receive May 2017 Silent No More Auction proceeds.

Soldier On - Expenses related to distribution of blankets, stockings, gifts, plants and materials and trips to Quabbin, Butterfly Museum, Spring Bulb Show and Silent Auction. Members have donated in-kind snacks for visits to the women.

Advocacy Committee Report ~ Dana Burton & Mary Knight, Co-chairs

This biennium, we included articles in our newsletter about the many days of advocacy that Zonta recognizes throughout the year.

We discussed International Service and ZISVAW projects for this biennium and progress updates during three meetings attended by multiple guests. For the Zonta Says No / 16 days of Advocacy campaign in 2016 we published pictures on Facebook of different groups carrying our Zonta Says No banner. Each day, a picture was posted with a statistic about violence against women. Through the efforts of our club and sharing these posts, the campaign reached hundreds of people each day, bringing awareness to our community. Our Period Project was also an opportunity to advocate for low income and homeless women who are unable to purchase feminine products with government-provided assistance money.

Scholarship Committee Report ~ Dana Burton, Chair

This year was a rewarding year for the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley scholarship committee. Though we did not award the J.M. Klausman scholarship in September of 2016 we already have an application for 2017. The deadline for the Klausman scholarship is May 27 and we hope to receive a few more in the next week plus. As for our Young Women in Public Affairs scholarship, we are happily awarding it to Camier Hall from Tantasqua Regional High School at our June meeting! Camier is a very deserving recipient and has a promising future ahead of her.

PR & Communicaiton Committee Report - Mary Knight, Chair

We continue to try to expand promotion efforts to attract attention for our causes and interest in our mission. Our newsletter is well received and is shared with the District Board, club presidents and an email list of Zonta Supporters (100+), collected over several years. Announcements are also distributed by email to these audiences. Our press releases have been published in local papers – most steadily in Palmer and Ludlow. Our 25th anniversary and Founder's Day award for Marge Cavanaugh were especially well covered. Posers and flyers were used successfully for the Period Project; we also had a television interview and a newspaper reporter and photographer at the event. We have a presence on the web – zontaqv.org and on Facebook, where we have created 'events' for meetings and projects. Most of our guests continue to be garnered from word of mouth.

Archives Committee Report ~ Marge Cavanaugh, Chair

With Liz's very talented assistance by keeping our Poster up to date and displayed at many gathering, we are keeping a record of the club activities. I have accumulated many items which will be put in an album/scrapbook in the near future. As we approach our 100th anniversary, we are looking to highlight our key accomplishments.

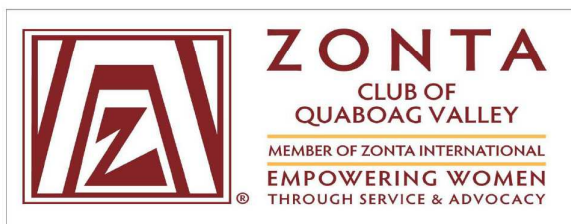


ZONTA GOLF TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017
COLD SPRING CC BELCHERTOWN**

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

Your support helps strengthen our organization, allowing us to continue providing the important community and worldwide service projects that further Zonta's vision of a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.



\$90 /Person

**Includes
Greens Fees, Cart,
Coffee/Pastries
Picnic Lunch
Raffles
Prizes for ALL
Day of Fun for a
Worthy Cause**

Registration Form:

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