



ZONTA

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QUABOAG VALLEY

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EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

ZONTA BOG NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2017

Important Dates for your Calendar

September 9 ZQV Golf Tournament
Cold Springs CC, Belchertown

September 11 Dinner Meeting*
Permission Slips by Gayle Suzanne
JMK Scholarship—Christina Rivera
Induction of Danielle Petrangelo

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:

I hope the summer break was all you had hoped for, and more!

I did see some of you at the Campfire hosted by Debbie in June, at the SoldierOn Women's luncheon, and at a mentoring session for new members in July. We also had a delightful summer picnic hosted by Trish and her family on 8/14. The entertainment was priceless! Thank you!

I was busy over the summer months helping the Berkshire club plan for this year's fall conference. As you saw from the Call to Conference brochure you received, it will be a "must attend" event! Please review the info on page 4 of this newsletter for the decisions we need to make at the September meeting.

The Golf Committee has been busy too, putting the final touches on our Tournament fundraiser scheduled for 9/9. Debbie's status report on page 5 provides details on how you can help make this another great event.

I would like to have the standing committees for this year finalized for the September meeting. If you have not responded by 9/6 with your preferences, I will make committee assignments so we can move forward with planning. To review the committee 'job descriptions' go to zontaqv.org/resources.

Looking forward to seeing you and several guests in September! Guests we know about include motivational speaker Gayle Suzanne, our JMK scholarship winner Christina Rivera, and Violence Prevention Coordinator at STCC, Amber Connors who will get to witness the induction of her colleague Danielle Petrangelo. **Be sure to let Trish know of your guest count or regrets by Wednesday 9/6.**

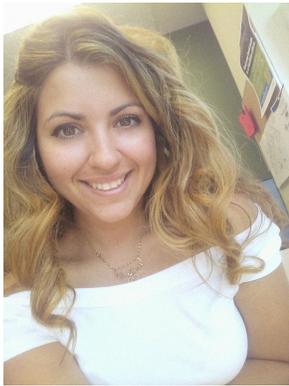
Best,
Mary Knight
President

Birthday wishes:

8/27 Marge Cavanaugh
8/29 Janet DaSilva
9/9 Lisa Sedelow
9/18 Shanique Spalding



2017 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship winner:



Christina Rivera

I work as a Lead Member Services Representative at Health New England Insurance Co. in Springfield. I am a mother, daughter, and sister; I love to travel with my family and I love the beach! My days are hectic and full but I always make time to give back to the community; I am passionate about “Paying it Forward”. I am the co-founder of Helping Girls: The Flow movement. A charity that helps provide homeless women and high school girls with sanitary products. I also host a yearly community diaper/wipes drive in which all collections are donated to the Grey House in Springfield.

This past year I decided to invest in my future and go back to college. I applied at Baypath University and was accepted. I am working towards a bachelor’s degree in Business Management. Once I complete my degree I aspire to become part of my company’s executive leadership team. As a mother of 3 children I wanted to show my kids that you can set a goal and achieve a dream at any age!

Women make up nearly 50 percent of the global workforce; however, gender equality is not yet a reality in senior management and corporate boardrooms around the world. According to a 2014 Catalyst Census [1], women hold only 4.2 percent of the CEO positions and 19.2 percent of board seats at S&P 500 companies. To encourage more women to pursue education and careers in business, Zonta International established the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship. Women of any age, pursuing an accredited business or business-related program who demonstrate outstanding potential in the field, are eligible and encouraged to apply.

**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

"A secret to happiness is letting every situation be what it is...instead of what you think it should be."



June 12, 2017 Zonta of Quaboag Valley Dinner Meeting

Ludlow Country Club, Ludlow MA

Present: Pam Albertson, Dana Burton, Ann Cormier, Janet Da Silva, Kris Goold, Dianne Kidd, Mary Knight, Trish Pupek, Mary Ann Rubis, Shanique Spalding, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Sue Williams, Debbie Wood

Not Present: Tina Guinasso, Danielle Petrangelo, Liz Reeves, Lisa Sedelow

Guests: Andrea Bordenca, Patti Matthieu, Kathy Picard, Sue DeTorrice, Camier Hall, Steve and Peggy Hall

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.

During dinner, Mary asked everyone to look at the Annual Report on the reverse of the agenda. She pointed out that there were several blanks in the statements and asked members to participate in filling in the blanks. Mary also announced that Danielle Petrangelo was unable to join us as she was in New Orleans and that BJ Bourdan had re-joined the club.

Induction of New Members: Mary invited Andrea and Patti to join her at the podium and inducted them as new members of the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley. The ceremony included the lighting of Zonta candles. Trish presented the new members with their Zonta pins, yellow roses, and some Zonta materials. The club welcomed them with a round of applause.

YWPA Award: Mary invited Dana, scholarship chair, to the podium for the awarding of the YWPA Award. Dana introduced this year's winner, Camie Hall. Dana presented her with a YWPA Award certificate, a check, and a yellow rose. Camie thanked the club for the award and said it was an honor to be selected as the winner. She told the group that she would be attending Union College in the fall.

Auction Distribution: Trish, auction chair, called Shanique to the podium and presented her with a check for the YWCA Youth Build Program from the auction proceeds. Trish also read a thank you letter from the Soldier On Program for their auction distribution.

Raffle Drawing: The winners were Kathy Picard and Trish Pupek.

Business Meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit. Joanne explained that the club needs to vote on the budget for the next club year. She asked if there were any questions on the budget as presented. There were none. Joanne then went on to explain that the club has a hefty reserve and the board voted to move \$522 from the reserve; \$300 will go into membership which will help with recruiting. After a brief discussion, the motion was made and seconded to vote on the budget. All voted in favor of passing the budget.

Bylaws: Mary explained that we need to vote on our bylaws. Some of the sections of our bylaws had to be rewritten to be in compliance with the bylaw format required by International. Mary further explained that a 2/3 vote is required to pass the newly rewritten bylaws. The motion was made and seconded for the vote. It passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Advocacy: Mary explained that the club received high marks on the recently completed club survey. Two suggestions came out of the survey and they are (1) to strengthen our work on gender advocacy and (2) to take better advantage of the "Zonta says NO" materials. She went on to say that we need to do a better job on social media regarding advocacy. She needs members to join her in order to produce more and better materials.

Membership: Trish thanked the club for the additional funds voted into the membership budget. The money will be used for new materials.

Scholarships: Dana stated that she has received one application for the Jane M. Klausman Award. The committee consists of herself, Marge, and Kris. She invited Sue to join the group and Sue agreed. Dana gave the committee members a copy of the one application received and stated that the winner is due to District by July 1, and that we honor the winner at the September meeting.

Service: Debbie stated that the committee consists of three veterans and she would like to have a new member on Service. In answer to a question as to what the Service committee does, Mary explained that the description of the various committee responsibilities is in the packet of new member materials. Debbie said that basically Service responds to requests from people for our help or for money.

Golf Tournament: Debbie stated that she has received checks from one half of the tournament sponsors so far. She passed around the tournament task sign-up sheet, and also asked members to remember prizes for the players. She explained that the best prize is a gift card and she stressed that the prize value should be a minimum of \$25. Mary said that the flyer for the tournament was included in the last newsletter.

Other Business & Announcements:

Mary said that Karen Duffy notified her that the Springfield club is collecting toiletry kits and duffle bags for kids going into foster care. Their next meeting is June 20 and Mary will get contact information if anyone is interested in attending.

Debbie announced that she is hosting a camp fire for the Soldier On women at her house on June 23. All are invited.

Trish announced that she is hosting the summer picnic at her house on August 14. She said there is a pool, so bring your suits. She'll let us know what we can bring for the picnic.

Mary announced that the Fall Conference will be in the Berkshires on October 20 – 22. This is a formal conference at which the district officers will be elected. Sharon Langenbeck, VP of Zonta International will be the Zonta representative attending the conference. Mary recommended staying overnight if you plan on attending.

Mary went on to say that Zonta will begin celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2018 at the Japanese convention. It will be a two year celebration with the kick off at convention. The 2019 North American Interdistrict meeting will be in Dallas, Texas. Mary said that she, Pam, Mary Ann attended this year's meeting and it was "amazing." She encouraged members to consider going to the next one. The 2020 International convention will be in Chicago, home of Zonta International.

Closing: Mary adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Goold, Secretary

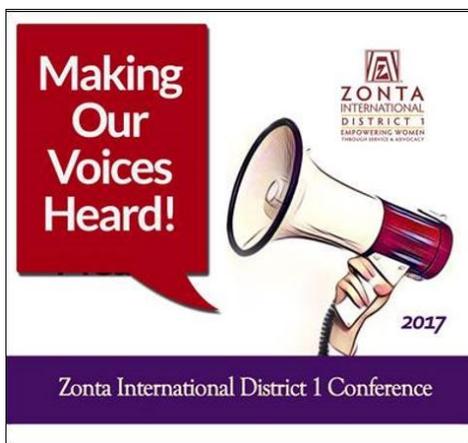


Our September Guest Speaker Gayle Suzanne is a Certified Professional Coach, TV show host, best selling author and workshop facilitator. She works individuals and groups to help them realize their fullest potential. Gayle has a passion to empower and inspire people to see their gifts and talents. She has been described as compassionate, humorous, insightful and intuitive. She is a member of International Coaching Federation. She has presented workshops at corporations, night life classes, non-profits, spas, and online seminars to attendees in US, Canada and Europe.

Gayle has promised to give us “permission slips” for taking care of ourselves!

Learn more about Gayle at her website gaylesuzanne.com

Check a link to one of her talks at <http://zontaqv.org/event/dinner-meeting-18/>



Zonta District 1 2017 Conference is in our backyard!

You should have received your Call to Conference in the mail. I have my registration form completed and my hotel room booked; I hope you will be joining me for this action-packed event. No Passports required!!

In addition to getting to hear some amazing speakers and to learn about initiatives locally and globally, the Quaboag Club will be taking an active role in the conference to be held at the Berkshire Crown Plaza Hotel in Pittsfield on October 20—22, 2017.

The following tasks need to be assigned at the September meeting, so please review and be ready to provide your feedback / volunteer.

- **A Delegate and Alternate need to be chosen** to represent the club as voting members of the conference. Voting will include the slate of candidates for district offices for 2018-2020, district budget, rules of procedure, etc.
- **MarketPlace**—Tables will be set up and clubs are invited to sell item(s) as a money maker. In the past we have sold tee-shirts and chances on a raffle basket. Ideas? We also need volunteers to ‘woman’ the tables during ‘store’ time.
- **Silent Auction**—At the Saturday night event, there will be a Silent Auction fundraiser where individuals and clubs donate a basket or high-ticket item for the auction table and choose who gets the proceeds from the highest bidder—the club, district or ZIF. Ideas?
- **Memorial Service**—We have been asked to handle the Ceremony of Remembrance for members of the district who have passed since last October. We need 2—3 individuals to help with the planning and execution.
- **Service Project**— We have been asked to replicate the Period Project assembly so that attendees of the conference can get first-hand experience on how it runs. We need 2—3 individuals to help with the planning and execution. The Berkshire club will be responsible for collecting the products.
- **Hospitality**—Area 2 clubs have been asked to contribute non-perishable items for the hospitality room—wine, packed items, etc.

We are very appreciative of the Berkshire Club hosting this event for the District and happy to do our part in making it the best Conference ever!



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.



\$40 /Person

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

Registration Form:

zontaqv.org/event/golf

Mall Registration AND
Payment by Sept. 1 to
Marge Cavanaugh, 57
South Street, Three
Rivers, MA 01069
Questions: Call (413)
283-6448 or email:
mecqtr@comcast.net

Count down time!

The 23rd annual Golf Tournament is on Saturday September 9th and we need to make a final push NOW in order to ensure its success.

We are in need of players. We have approximately 42 players with half of them paid to date. Hopefully an e-mail blast to Cold Spring Country Club members and friends and articles in our local newspaper will result in more interest so that our numbers increase. **We really ask you to spread the word**—it is a FUN tournament for a great cause. Everyone gets breakfast items, snacks, lunch and an item from the gift table. **Player forms at www.zontatqv.org.** Get names and checks in to Debbie or Mary by 9/2 so we can make up teams and assign holes.

We can use more gift certificates and prizes valued at \$25 or more. We have 20 committed gift certificates to restaurants, stores and gas stations. We have collected approximately a dozen prizes which include bottles of liquor, 12 packs of beer, a camping chair and a Yeti mug. As you get them, please send to Debbie or let her know the place or item you plan to bring on the

day of the tournament. It is important if you solicit donations to let me know so I can mention the donors in our program.

Event day assignments

- Pastries: Dana, Sue, Kris
- Snacks: Janet and Sue
- Sell special raffle and 50/50: Dana, Sue
- Sell mulligans: Janet
- Registration: Debbie, Marge, Pam and Mary
- Set up prize table: Andrea Bordenca, Shanique
- Prepare gift certificates: Debbie and Shanique
- Dessert: Kris and Trish
- Sign up lunch only: Shanique
- Let Debbie know if we have missed you!**



Blast from the past!
Prize table set up by Joanne, Ann, Kris, Liz, Janet and Julie

Correspondence

Women of Soldier On: "We feel very blessed and special to know people would take their personal time to make us feel appreciated." "Thank you so much for the June campfire Debbie and friends! We really enjoy connecting with other women. We really appreciate ZONTA's support!"

Camie Hall: "I am so grateful and honored to have won your generous scholarship award for Women in Public Affairs. I have always had a passion for community service and women empowerment, so I am honored to have won your organization's award that represents both! Thank you also for the lovely reception. The food was delicious and your members were so friendly and kind.

MaryAnn Rubis, District Foundation Ambassador: "A heartfelt thank you for your support of all of the Zonta International Foundation's funds. The club's donations are truly supporting local and global projects and scholarships across the board. Quaboag Valley is the only club so far this biennium supporting ALL funds! It is an honor to be a member of a club whose members are passionate about Zonta's mission and supportive of one another. We are an amazing group of ladies who also know how to have fun. I look forward to an upcoming Zonta year filled with camaraderie, rewarding projects and special moments. On behalf of the Foundation, thank you!"

Invitation: October 27 @ 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. CHD is proud to present the 13th annual Through Her Eyes Girls Conference. It is held every year to address the issues facing girls and young women at risk of personal and social dangers in our culture. Registration info/details at <http://chd.org/event/through-her-eyes-2017> **Andrea Bordenca and Kathy Picard will be presenting.**