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Important Dates for your Calendar

March 8 Zonta Rose Day and International Women's Day

a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities. #PressforProgress



March 12 Dinner Meeting*

Dinner and Theater:

Lucy Stone—Women's Rights Advocate

Performed by Historical Interpreter Judith Kalaora, in honor of Lucy's 200th birthday.

April 9 Dinner Meeting*

Elections, Prep work for May event

May 5 ~Area 2 Spring Retreat

SAVE THE DATE—Details coming soon

Clarion Hotel and Aqua Lagoon Water Park 1080 Riverdale Street, W. Spfld

May 7 Silent "no more!" Auction

Start putting things aside and identifying possible donors and guests.

June 11 Dinner Meeting

YWPA Scholarship

June 29-July 3 International Convention Yokohama Japan

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

Call/Text Trish 413-626-5656 or email info@zontaqv.org with guest count and any regrets by the prior Wednesday.

Dear Sister Zontians and Friends:

Thanks to the generous response from our Valley community, on Feb. 12 the Zonta clubs of Northampton, Springfield and Quaboag Valley assembled more than 1,000 packets of feminine hygiene supplies for area women who are homeless or living in poverty. On our website, zontaqv.org/period/, please see the many local shops, stores and spas that enthusiastically became drop-off locations for supplies and donated money. We were encouraged by financial gifts and volunteer energy from people who read about our project in area newspapers.



So, to our friends: Because of your generosity, many women will be able to care for themselves with dignity during the coming months. Our packets, and boxes of extra supplies, will be distributed through the tireless organizations who serve women in Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden counties.

Thanks to all of you who stand with us in support of women.

On March 12th, we will travel back in time to experience societal norms with Lucy Stone, who was born in West Brookfield MA in 1818. Actress and historical interpreter, Judith Kalaora, will perform her one-woman play as suffragist Lucy Stone. **Invite friends and family and talk up this event in your networks!** If you would like to ensure that students and others without means can experience this timely educational performance, we invite you to send a donation (in any amount) to Zonta Quaboag Valley with a note in the memo: "Lucy Stone Free Admission." We will take care of the rest! **Please note the buffet will start at 5:45, we will have a short meeting and the program begins at 6:40.** Advance tickets for guests are \$20—check or online (see zontaqv.org/lucystone) and \$25 at the door with reservations NLT 3/7. Call or text Trish to confirm.

On the **FIRST** Monday of May, we will sponsor our **9th annual Silent "no more!" Auction**—a festive and amazing fundraiser to benefit Zonta International Foundation, Solder On Women Veterans and one more deserving nonprofit to be determined. Let us know your thoughts on the third recipient and start gathering those themed baskets and gift certificates.

Thank you as always for your dedication and service!

Mary Knight
President

P.S. Heartfelt thanks for the kindness shown to me and my family. Proud to be a Zontian.



Birthday wishes:
Patricia Matthieu 3/11

Local actress to perform one-woman show as suffragette Lucy Stone



Judith Kalaora has made a career of bringing history to life. An actress by training and a historian in practice, Framingham-raised Kalaora has been performing one-woman shows since 2010, embodying the spirit of famous women from history who helped change the world. On March 12th, Kalaora will present her play “I Now Pronounce You: Lucy Stone,” the story of 19th century women’s rights activist Lucy Stone who defied societal rules about gender and became an outspoken leader for suffrage. Kalaora plays Stone, telling her story from her teenage years as the first woman from Massachusetts to graduate from college to her late period as a writer, public speaker and political force.

“As I stood on that podium and spoke my mind and answered the questions that were asked, I knew I was born to be a public speaker,” said Kalaora in character as Stone, recounting Stone’s controversial first act of public speaking in an era where women were largely forbidden from doing so.

According to Kalaora, Stone is best remembered today for her refusal to take her husband’s last name after marriage - an act of social defiance that has since made women who keep their maiden names to be known as “Lucy Stoners.” But in Kalaora’s act, she recounts many of the suffragist’s other notable accomplishments, including the creation of the women’s rights periodical Women’s Journal, inspiring Susan B. Anthony to become interested in women’s advocacy.

Join us on Monday, March 12th at the Ludlow Country Club. Dinner 5:45 Show 6:40

RSVP by 3/6/18 – seating limited.

Prepaid admission \$20 – pay online at zontaqv.org/lucystone or by check payable to ZONTA, PO Box 1034, Belchertown MA 01007-1034.

Include notation with names of all attendees.

Admission at the door \$25 (cash, check or credit card) – reserve seat by emailing info@zontaqv.org with names of all attendees.

Donations accepted to provide free tickets to this timely educational experience for students and others without means. We are keeping a waiting list.

“Every girl, no matter where she lives, deserves the opportunity to develop the promise inside of her.”

Michelle Obama

Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley District I, Area II, Charter 1317 of Zonta International 2017—2018

President: Mary Knight
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Patricia Pupek and Dianne Kidd
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Nominating: Pam Albertson, Liz Reeves,
Marge Cavanaugh

February 12, 2018 Zonta of Quaboag Valley Dinner Meeting

Ludlow Country Club

Present: Pam Albertson, Andrea Bordenca, Dana Burton, Marge Cavanaugh, Kris Goold, Mary Knight, Danielle Petrangelo, Trish Pupek, Liz Reeves, Mary Ann Rubis, Shanique Spalding, Joanne Turner Chiacchia, Debbie Wood

Not Present: BJ Bourdon, Janet Da Silva, Tina Gianasso, Dianne Kidd, Patti Matthieu, Lisa Sedelow, Sue Williams

Zontian Guests: From the Northampton Club: Serin Deren, Lynn Goodhue, Judy Luddy, Audrey Millgate, Donna Sroka; From the Springfield Club: Linda Alston, Karen Duffy, Penny Kosiorek, Denise Reed, Jessica Rivera, Melissa Sipple

Guests: Chris Babineau, Susan Bishop, Hope Bodwell, Diane Brown, Maureen Ingram, Morgan Ingram, Christine Jutres, Larry Jutres, Gale L., Teresa L., Cheryl Lagodich, Bridgette Mulville, Barbara Pasternak, Jenn Patrie, Kathy Picard, Melinda Rigney, Elaine Sai, Jenna Sellers, Susan Torrice, Tracy Whitfield

President Mary Knight called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Mary welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the guests to briefly introduce themselves. Dinner followed the Zonta Blessing.

During dinner, Karen Duffy spoke about "What is Zonta." Mary Knight continued the overview speaking about Zonta's advocacy initiatives and service programs. Donna Sroka finished the overview by speaking about the educational programs Zonta offers via the three scholarship programs: YWPA, Amelia Earhart, and the Jane M. Klausman Award.

Business Meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report: Joanne reported that there was nothing new to report. The report was approved for audit.

Committee Reports:

Service: Debbie Wood reported that the Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force has requested a donation of \$200 to fund the presentation of "The Yellow Dress" at Palmer High School. A vote was taken and the donation was approved.

March 12 Meeting: Mary told about the program planned for the next Zonta meeting explaining that it will consist of a reenactment of Lucy Stone who was one of the first women suffragettes. She invited everyone to attend and to spread the word to those whom they thought would be interested.

Membership: Trish Pupek thanked everyone for coming and explained that a variety of membership materials are available for those who are interested in learning more about Zonta. She also suggested that people see her during the evening if they have any questions about Zonta.

Silent "no more" Auction: Trish told the audience about the "Silent no more Auction" which will be held on May 7. She explained how the proceeds will be divided between Zonta International, Soldier On, and a third organization which is yet to be determined. She invited all to attend.

Scholarship: Dana Burton explained who is eligible for the \$1,000 YWPA award the club offers. The deadline for applying is March 16. She told the audience that an application is available on the club's web site. Dana also explained that the club offers the Jane M. Klausman Award in the amount of \$1,000 and the deadline for applying is June 1.

The application is also on the club web site.

Soldier On Women: Mary Ann Rubis explained what the Soldier On program is and that it is one of the organizations our club works with. She continued by saying that in January club members spent an evening with the women making journals for them to use. Mary Ann also told how Debbie Wood hosts an annual camp fire in the summer at her home. Mary Ann closed by telling how some of the women veterans contribute items for the Auction as well as attend the event. She called our relationship with the Soldier On women a "mutually rewarding experience."

Mary announced that there will be an email vote to determine the third recipient of the auction proceeds.

Closing: Mary adjourned the meeting at 6:40 PM.

The remainder of the evening was spent preparing the kits for the Period Project. At the end of the evening, Mary announced that over 800 kits had been prepared. The audience responded with a round of applause.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Goold, Secretary



February 24th visit to Magic Wings with Trish Pupek and Mary Knight. Lots of fun on the tour followed by lunch. Thank you ladies!

The Women's Correctional Center is most appreciative of all our donations. They recently reached out to ask for help in purchasing poster boards for a contest they are starting in April. They can also use more journals and colored pencils. We have sufficient funds left from the initial supplies for the poster board and maybe some journals. Kathy Picard has offered to take all our donations on March 14th. **Please bring any adult and children's books and yarn to our March 12th meeting.** The Service Committee will review the need to request additional funds for future purchases.

Debbie Wood, Service Committee Chairman



Collecting for Good Causes:

Toiletries (Danielle) Magazines (Marge)

Gently used adult and children's books, puzzles and yarn (Debbie)



Silent “no more!” Auction

Because victims need to be heard

The Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley will hold its **Silent “no more!” Auction** on Monday May 7, 2018 6pm at the Ludlow Country Club, Ludlow, MA. The event is held annually to raise awareness and funds for projects aimed at stopping violence against women and children. **Please ask friends, family and colleagues to SAVE THE DATE.**

Beneficiaries of the event are the Zonta International Foundation, Soldier On Women Veterans, and a local organization to be chosen by members. You’ve met Kelly from ROCA Springfield Young Mother’s Program. **If you have additional suggestions for members to consider, please forward organization name and mission to Mary Knight so we can include in the voting.** FYI: Past recipients have included: YWCA YouthBuild, Ludlow C.A.R.E.S., the Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force, Carson Center’s Domestic Violence program, Bridges Inc, Tri-County Domestic Violence Task Force, Womanshelter Companeras, WestMass Elder-Care, local chapters of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention..

For the Auction itself, we are looking for fabulous items—quality being more important than quantity—for men, women, teens and young children. Think about terrific but unwanted gifts received in the past year and valuable but unneeded items that need a good home. Check perishable items for expiration date; used items must be checked to ensure near perfect condition.



Food & Drink ideas: •City bar crawl •Restaurant gift certificates •Upscale 5-course meal •Gift Certificate for Mom’s Day Brunch •Regional wine package •Pig roast or crawfish boil

Arts, Culture, & Entertainment: •Passes to a TV taping •Mohegan/Foxwoods Gift Card •Signed memorabilia •Dancing Lessons •Theater/Show tickets •Foreign Language Lessons •Music or art lessons •Museum passes

Gift Basket suggestions: •A night at the movies •Car Care Basket •Spa day •Book Lovers Basket •Gardening basket •Kid’s Book Basket •Ultimate coffee basket •Pet Care Basket •Foodie Basket •All About the Hair basket •Flowering plant

Services & Community: •Year of massages •Lawn Care •Total makeover •House Cleaning •Tour with the mayor •Feng Shui/ Professional Organization •Chauffeur for a week •Junk Pick Up

These are just a few ideas to get your creative juices flowing! Let’s think outside of the box (or basket)!

Invitations, press release, flyers, donation forms etc. will be available in early March. Contact Trish or Dianne with specific questions.



Zonta International Convention in Yokohama, Japan June 29—July 3, 2018

CALL TO CONFERENCE: Experience the fellowship of our organization with your fellow Zontians from all over the globe. This convention is the time to gather together and celebrate the impact we make in the world through our work in service and advocacy. We will recognize the strength, dedication and commitment we embrace within each other as we empower women worldwide. Yokohama, Japan’s first port of call, is a world-class city and the 2018 Convention Committee is working hard to ensure that your experience in Japan is one you will never forget. Registration and details at: <http://convention.zonta.org>. The 2018 Convention will officially start the celebration of Zonta International’s centennial anniversary. It is the gateway for Zontians to enter our commemoration of the last 100 years! The 2020 Convention will be Chicago, headquarters for ZI and ZIF.

In honor of International Women's Day...

I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU: LUCY STONE™



WHEN
Monday
March 12th
Dinner 5:45
Show 6:40

FEATURING JUDITH KALAORA

WHERE
Ludlow Country Club
Tony Lima Drive, Ludlow MA

Born in West Brookfield, Massachusetts in 1818, Lucy Stone dedicated her life to improving the rights of American women. She was a passionate advocate for gender equality and women's empowerment when it came to education, employment, and political participation. **To understand what a radical idea that was in her lifetime, you must travel back in time to experience societal norms when she came of age in 1838. We invite you to do just that!** Please join us for this timely, educational event performed by Judith Kalaora – Founder & Artistic Director of History At Play™

WWW.ZONTAQV.ORG

ADVANCE TICKETS

**\$20 check payable to
Zonta Quaboag Valley
PO Box 1034, Belchertown
MA 01007-1034
OR Pay online:
zontaqv.org/lucystone**

AT THE DOOR

\$25, cash, check or credit

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