



ZONTA

CLUB OF
QUABOAG VALLEY

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

ZONTA BOG NEWSLETTER APRIL 2018

Important Dates for your Calendar

April 9 Dinner Meeting*

Elections, Planning for Zonta International Convention, Prep work for May event

May 5 ~Area 2 Spring Retreat 9 –3:00 Registration form coming soon.

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

May 7 Silent “no more!” Auction

We are looking for donations from members and friends of Zonta; start inviting guests too. See important details in this newsletter

June 11 Dinner Meeting

Installment of officers
YWPA Scholarship

June 29-July 3 International Convention Yokohama Japan

Note: The 2018 Convention will kick-off a two-year centennial celebration for Zonta International. A common action for Zontians world-wide is scheduled November 8, 2019 and a Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign is being launched. The celebration concludes at the 2020 Convention in Chicago. Lots more to come!



September 8 Golf Tournament

Cold Spring Golf Course

RSVP

* 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:

We continue to get notes of appreciation from organizations which were recipients of the Period Project—most recently, The Helping Hands Cupboard Food Pantry, Safe Passage, CHD and YWCA of Western Massachusetts. Nice job!

The March program was another very successful event. Actress and historical interpreter, Judith Kalaora, performed her one-woman play as suffragist Lucy Stone and received a standing ovation. Thank you for encouraging friends and family to join us. Good crowd and another chance to share info about Zonta!



On April 9th we will have a regular business meeting, choose a delegate for Convention in Japan, and elect officers for the next biennium (see slate of officers on page 2). We will also get to meet the recipient of our latest donation award—Regina Sanderson of the Womanhood Program. She and Dr. Aline Gubrium will be on hand to share info about digital storytelling they are implementing at the program. **See the RSVP information on the left**—we need an accurate count for the Ludlow Country Club!

On May 5, Area 2 clubs will meet for our biannual retreat—themed this year as **Spring Ahead—Be Inspired**. We want to make this an event you really don't want to miss. So if you have specific workshop topics and speakers to suggest, let me know right away!

On the FIRST Monday of May, we will sponsor our 10th annual Silent “no more!” Auction—a festive and amazing fundraiser to benefit Zonta International Foundation, Solder On Women Veterans and this year's local organization: **Roca Young Mother's Program**. Invitations should go out NOW. Use the flyer in this newsletter or invite your guests to visit our website: zontaqv.org/silent-no-more for all the details and payment info. Start gathering those themed baskets and gift certificates, too. Each Auction item must be accompanied by a form—see page 6 of this newsletter. Remember, we are not looking for quantity, but rather quality. If you have some really nice SMALL gift items, bring them to the April 9th meeting and we will come up with ideas for a basket someone can make up. We are also looking for members and friends who have a knack for gift wrapping those baskets to meet on a day prior to the Auction for a basket making party!

Finally, club membership dues are due in May. Our treasurer Joanne Turner-Chiacchia will mail invoices for the \$129 fee in early April. Please be responsive so she doesn't have to follow up—the club is penalized if dues are not submitted in time.

Thank you as always for your dedication and service!

Mary Knight
President



Birthday wishes:

Susan Williams 4/14
Andrea Bordenca 4/30

Nomination Committee Report—Liz Reeves, Marge Cavanaugh, Pam Albertson

The slate of officers which will be voted on at the April meeting: **President- Trish Pupek, Vice President- Dana Burton, Treasurer- Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Secretary- Shanique Spalding, Board Members- Andrea Bordenca and Danielle Petrangelo.** Joanne would like a member to shadow her as training for taking the Treasurer’s spot the next time. Thank you all for stepping up!

Service Committee Report—Debbie Wood, Chair

We delivered the last of the items we purchased for \$250 allocated to **the Women’s Correctional Center** on the 14th of March. We will continue the ongoing donation of used books, puzzles and yarn but will review donations of additional new items during 2018 to 2019 after June of this year.

The Request for Service Funds submitted by the **Womanhood Program** was reviewed by the Service Committee which recommended approval of \$520 for the purchase of 2 laptops for the Digital Storytelling program. Sixteen (16) members responded in the affirmative which is a majority so the request was approved. Regina Sanderson and Dr. Gubrium who will be facilitating the digital storytelling program will be attending our April meeting to inform us more about the program. We will present a check to Regina at that time..



Regina Sanderson has been a Probation Officer for over 30 years in the Eastern Hampshire District Court. In October 2015 she visited the Quaboag Club to provide information regarding the Womanhood Program which she introduced that spring. The 10 week program is an innovative approach to probation that combines skills such as preparing for job interviews with activities including yoga and art therapy, and aims to turn women away from the criminal justice system. Just as importantly, the program gives women the self-confidence they need to turn their lives around, as well as a support system drawn from the instructors and the dozen or so participants. After listening to Gina, our club voted to support this program financially and several members attended the fall term’s graduation ceremony in November 2015. It was very impressive.

"Sometimes it’s better to be kind than to be right. We do not need an intelligent mind that speaks, but a patient heart that listens." — Gautama Buddha

Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley District I, Area II, Charter 1317 of Zonta International 2017—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 2017—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 Chairs:**
Patricia Pupek and Dianne Kidd
- Archives Chair:** Marge Cavanaugh
- Nominating:** Pam Albertson, Liz Reeves,
Marge Cavanaugh



March 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, Shanique Spalding, Joanne Turner Chiacchia, Sue Williams, Debbie Wood

Not Present: BJ Bourdon, Janet Da Silva, Tina Gianasso, Dianne Kidd, Patti Matthieu, Mary Ann Rubis, Lisa Sedelow
Zontian Guests: From the Northampton Club: Judy Luddy & husband, Audrey Millgate,

Guests: Maureen Austin, Brandi Barcomb, Peggy Baxter, David Cohen & Guest, Susan De Torrice, Liz Dineen, Colleen DuroShea, Gail Gramarossa, Felicia Hallberg, Maria Hallberg, Patricia Hallberg, Steve Hartwell, Marnie Henneman, Ramona Hussey, Cliff McCarthy, Joanne McDiarmid, Monica Moran, Corrine Moskal, Jenn Patrie, Kathy Picard, Monica Roche, Elaine Sai Elizabeth Serra, Deb Shepard, Denise Smith, Linda Tsoumas, Sarah Hutchinson Underwood

President Mary Knight called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM. Mary welcomed everyone to the meeting citing that we were celebrating Juliette Low, founder of the Girl Scouts of America, and International Women's Day. Mary referred everyone to the back of the Agenda "What is Zonta" and encouraged all to work on the answers. Dinner followed the Zonta Blessing.

Business Meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report: Joanne reported that she had emailed the Treasurer's Report and that there had been no questions. The report was approved for audit.

Committee Reports:

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. Trish told the audience about the 9th annual "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 ROCA. Trish said the club would welcome donations for the auction.

Scholarship: Dana Burton explained we offer two scholarships both at \$1,000: YWPA for high school young women and Jane M. Klausman for college-aged women. The deadline for applying for the YWPA is March 16 and the deadline for applying for the Klausman Award is June 1. Both applications are on the club web site. Mary stated that there are also District and International awards available for the local club winners. Mary explained that Zonta also offers an Amelia Earhart Award at the International level and that it is for women studying aerospace and aeronautics at the graduate level.

Soldier On Women: Liz Reeves explained what the Soldier On program is and that it is our major service project. She continued by saying we share a monthly activity with the women and this month's is planting a succulent garden.

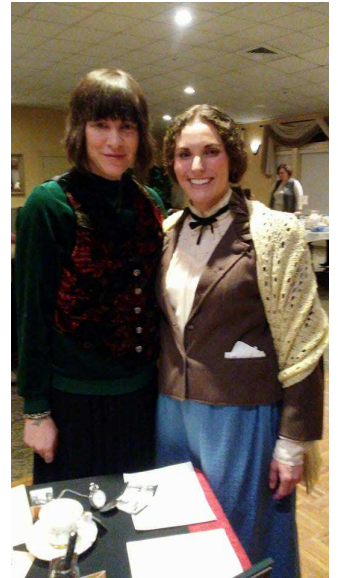
Closing: Mary adjourned the meeting at 6:35 PM.

I Now Pronounce You: Lucy Stone:

Mary introduced the guest performer actress Judith Kalaora who presented her show about Lucy Stone, who was a suffragist born in West Brookfield over 200 years ago. Following the presentation, Judith took questions from the audience and offered an overview of the other programs she presents.

Mary acknowledged the evening's sponsors and thanked everyone for coming.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kristin Goold, Secretary



Soldier On project for March.

Liz, Lisa and Mary Ann had a great time planting succulent gardens at Soldier On. Eleven women from the program participated. We had cut up fruit, cookies and flavored seltzer as a snack. It seemed like everyone had a good time.



Collecting for Good Causes:

Toiletries (Danielle) **Magazines** (Marge)
Gently used adult and children's books, puzzles and yarn (Debbie)



We have come a long way with the #MeToo movement, but.....

One in five undergraduate females in the United States will experience sexual assault by the time they finish college, according to the Office on Violence against Women and the Bureau of Justice Statistics. The vast majority of sexual assault and rape cases in the United States, however, go unreported.

WHY?

Because often when women do come forward, they are met with disbelief and/or victim blaming. Fragmented reporting systems, unclear or lax disciplinary systems, lack of coordination with local police and lack of training for campus personnel involved in the reporting and disciplinary process further discourage victims from coming forward and getting the help they need.

The bipartisan Campus Accountability and Safety Act, introduced in the Senate by **Senator Claire McCaskill**, and in the House of Representatives by **Representative Carolyn Maloney**, would protect students and professionalize the response to and reporting of sexual assault by:

- Establishing new campus resources and support for student survivors.
- Requiring fairness in the campus disciplinary process.
- Ensuring minimum training standards for on-campus personnel.
- Creating historic new transparency requirements.
- Ensuring coordination with local law enforcement.
- Establishing stiffer penalties for violations.

Please contact your senators and representative and ask them to support the bipartisan Campus Accountability and Safety Act to ensure that all students feel comfortable coming forward to report sexual assault and so that more perpetrators can be brought to justice.

Sincerely,
Bobbee Cardillo & Sherrill Mulhern
 Members Zonta International Advocacy Committee

Resources:

<https://whoismyrepresentative.com/state/view/MA> [add ZipCode]
www.zonta.org/Global-Impact/Advocacy/-USA-Advocacy-Action-Center
 [Letter available at Take Action button that you can easily customize and send.]



Delegate to Convention

Delegates are key participants in the 2018 Convention. By taking part in the decision-making process, they make sure the club's voice is heard at convention. It is very important that the delegate and alternate:

- Familiarize themselves with the Zonta International 64th convention website convention.zonta.org, and check for continuous updates.
 - Register in a timely manner for the Convention. The number of delegate(s) a club is entitled to is according to bylaws Article X Section 4. Alternates take the place of the delegates in case the delegates are hindered in participation, therefore both delegate(s) and alternate(s) have to be registered.
 - Understand the Zonta International Bylaws and all the documents that will be discussed and voted on at Convention.
 - Participate in training sessions specially allocated for them and in all business sessions.
 - Collect and return voting machines according to the instructions given in the training session.
 - Report back to the club the results of the Convention.
- Credentialing will officially open in April 2018.**

Slate of Candidates for 2018-2020

The Zonta International Nominating Committee (INC) has the pleasure of advising you of the Slate of Candidates for officers and directors of the 2018-2020 Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation Boards and the 2018-2020 Zonta International Nominating Committee. The slate is posted on the Zonta International website on the International Nominations Tools page. These candidates are up for election at the 2018 Zonta Convention in Yokohama, Japan.

Quaboag Valley is entitled to one delegate who vote on our behalf at the Convention. The INC adds: "We wish to advise that delegates/proxies cannot be instructed on how to vote for those on the slate. The convention provides the opportunity for voting members to listen and talk with candidates before elections are held. Candidates will make oral presentations on Saturday, 30 June 2018. At the end of the candidates' speeches, a "Meet the Candidates" session is scheduled to provide the opportunity for voting members and convention attendees to meet the candidates to assist with their decisions."



Silent "no more!" Auction

... because victims need to be heard

Monday, May 7, 2018 6:00 (5:30 preview)
Ludlow Country Club, Ludlow, MA

Admission: \$30

Appetizers, buffet meal, dessert, coffee/tea ~ Cash bar
Chance to bid on a large array of valuable items and themed baskets
Beautiful, convenient location, free parking, relaxing atmosphere, and plenty of seating
Opportunity to network with like-minded individuals and support important causes

Menu

Assorted Fruit
Cheese /crackers
Veggie Platter / dip
Salads
Pasta Dishes
Carving Station
Grilled Vegetables
Array of Delicious
Desserts
Coffee and Tea
Cash bar /
Specialty Drinks

Sponsored by Zonta of Quaboag Valley / Proceeds to Benefit:

Roca Springfield Young Mothers' Program rocainc.org/work/young-mothers-program

Roca helps high-risk young mothers get out of violence, go to work and care for their children. Donations from the auction will be used toward Cognitive Behavior training aimed at redirecting unhelpful thinking and behaviors, and Healthy Habits classes focused on strategies for healthy bodies and healthy relationships.

Soldier On Women Veterans wesoldieron.org/women

Preserving the dignity, independence, and quality of life of women veterans and expanding transitional housing for female veterans who have found themselves homeless since leaving military service.

Zonta International Foundation foundation.zonta.org

Helping women and girls overcome gender barriers to educational and professional advancement; providing opportunities for women to earn higher wages and achieve economic independence; ensuring that women and children have access to quality, affordable health care; and striving to end violence against women while helping survivors rebuild their lives.

Tickets may be reserved by April 28th (*Specify seating preferences for groups*)

- **Buy online** – Link at zontaqv.org/silent-no-more and from members of the club, or
- **Send check payable to Zonta of Quaboag Valley** to P.O. Box 1034, Belchertown MA 01007 with names of all guests.

Donations of Auction items are welcomed! Contact us by 4/27 with

Donor name—item description —value – Info on delivery or pickup needs.

Phone: (413) 323-4806 **E-mail:** info@zontaqv.org

Questions? Call (413) 323-4806 **E-mail:** mfknight@crocker.com

The Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley (www.zontaqv.org) is part of Zonta International — a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy,

Silent Auction

The auction will include a large array of valuable items and themed baskets donated by members of Zonta of Quaboag Valley and local businesses.

Donors will receive publicity on the

zontaqv.org website, in the evening's program and in all marketing materials.

The Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley is now a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Silent "no more!" Auction Donation Form

Donor Name _____
Business/
Organization _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Value \$ _____
List donor on website & brochure _____ YES _____ NO _____
Description of Donation _____

Zonta Contact _____

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