



ZONTA CLUB OF QUABOAG VALLEY BOG NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2019

Founded in Buffalo, New York in 1919, Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to empower women worldwide through service and advocacy. With more than 29,000 members in 66 countries, Zontians all over the world volunteer their time, talent and support to local and international service projects and educational programs directed to improving the lives of women and girls. Interested in being part of this movement? Contact info@zontaqv.org.

Important Dates for your Calendar

March 8 International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day.

March 11-22 Commission on the Status of Women 63 @ UN—New York City

March 11 Dinner Meeting

April 8 Dinner Meeting

**May 4 Governor's Summit
Sping Workshop—Burlington, MA**
Mark Your Calendar!

May 6 Silent "no more!" Auction

June 7—9 NAIDC Meeting in Dallas, TX

June 10 Dinner Meeting
YWPA Scholarship Award

**November 8-10 Zonta District 1 Fall
Conference and 100th Common Action in
Wakefield MA**
Mark Your Calendar!

Collecting for Good Causes:

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



President's Message

Dear Sister Zontians and Friends,



It's hard to believe that March is here already! March is certainly living up to its saying.....In like a LION!

Sincere thanks to our community for their generous support of our Period Project! On February 11th, the Zonta clubs of Northampton, Springfield and Quaboag Valley assembled over 550 packets of feminine hygiene supplies for impoverished woman in need. These packets were distributed to area homeless shelters, food banks, the YWCA, high schools and several other organizations. In addition to the completed packets, we had a large surplus of additional supplies which were donated to those in need. We were in awe of the support from our community; financial, donations of products, as well as "hands on" help. Please take the time to look on our website, zontaqv.org/period/, to see the listing of the many local businesses that supported this project, and thank them for their support. I believe our Period Project is truly a labor of love. Thanks to all of you who join with us in support of women.

At our March 11th meeting, we will celebrate International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day, further explore JaneDoe.org and conduct a regular business meeting. Committee chairs or designees-please be prepared to give a brief update on your committee.

On the first Monday of May, (5/6), we will hold our annual Silent "no more" Auction to benefit Zonta International Foundation, Soldier On Women Veterans and a third recipient, (to be determined). Please bring your suggestions for a third recipient of our auction proceeds. We will invite a representative from the chosen organization to speak briefly at our April meeting.

Thank you, everyone, for your continued dedication and service!
President Trish

RSVP * 5:30 Social and 6:00 Dinner at the Ludlow Country Club, Ludlow MA
Members are expected for dinner unless notification made in advance.
Call/Text Trish 413-626-5656 or email
info@zontaqv.org with guest count and any regrets by the prior Wednesday.



Birthday wishes:

Patricia Matthieu 3/11
Nancy Ayres 3/17





As of January 31st, the Foundation has raised \$780,588, 15.6% of this biennium's goal. Surprisingly enough, this is the same percentage that ZI was at during this time last biennium.

The Rose Fund has already exceeded it's goal at 120%. The YWPA and JMK scholarships are at 29.6% and 28% respectively. The AEF is at 10%, the International Service Projects 8.8%, and ZISVAW 12.2%.

To date, District 1 has raised \$6,046, close to 11% of our goal of \$65,000. By this time last biennium, we had raised \$14,636, 58% more. As we expected, with the discontinuation of our unofficial fall conference, individual donations have declined. 10% of our current members have donated compared to 16% at this point last biennium.

We also had donations from seven clubs over that same time period

compared to our current four. I know many clubs are in the middle of fundraising activities and am confident that the total will increase going forward. D1 clubs have always strongly supported the Foundation. The three clubs with the highest overall totals, (individual + club donations), to date are: Quaboag Valley, Malden, and Northampton Area.

Club Presidents, please share this information with your members and ask them to consider honoring/remembering a special person in their lives with a donation to the Foundation on March 8th, International Women's Day and Zonta's very own Rose Day.

In Zonta spirit,
Mary Ann Rubis, Foundation Ambassador.

"Money and membership are the two most important resources of an organization like Zonta. Lacking one, we cannot do our work; we cannot fulfill our vision of a better world for women and girls."

Olivia Ferry
ZI President 2006-08



**Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley
District I, Area II,
Charter 1317 of Zonta
International
2018—2020**

President: Patricia Puepek
Vice President: Dana Burton
Treasurer: Joanne Turner-Chiacchia
Secretary: Shanique Spalding
Directors: Andrea Bordenca
Danielle Petrangelo
Mary Knight

Website: www.zontaqv.org

Committee Chairs 2019—2020

Finance & Audit Chair: Pam Albertson
Membership Chair: Dana Burton
PR /Communication Chair: Mary Knight
Advocacy/UN Chair: Pam Albertson
Service Chair: Debra Wood
Scholarships Chair: Dana Burton
Poinsettia Fundraiser Chair: Liz Reeves
Golf Fundraiser Chair: Debra Wood
Auction Fundraiser Chairs:
Patricia Puepek and Dianne Kidd
Centennial Chairs:
Marge Cavanaugh and MaryAnn Rubis
Nominating: Pam Albertson, Liz Reeves,
Marge Cavanaugh

Updates

Educational Scholarships 2019

Dana Burton, Chairman

The Young Women in Public Affairs scholarship is offered to high school ladies aged 16-19, who are active volunteers, involved in community, school, or workplace leadership/government, and support Zonta International's mission of empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. The winner receives \$1000 and becomes entered to win the Zonta District award of \$1000. This year the application is due by March 15, 2019 and can be found on our website zontaqv.org/resources

The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship is offered yearly to women pursuing a business studies who have demonstrated outstanding potential in the field. Any woman undertaking a business and/or business-related program at an accredited university/college/institute, including online students, in at least the second year of an undergraduate program through the final year of a Master's program at the time the application is submitted, is eligible to apply. The Scholarship may be used at any university, college or institute offering accredited courses and degrees. The winner receives \$1000 and becomes entered to win the Zonta District award of \$2000. This year the application is due by June 1, 2019 and can be found on our website zontaqv.org/resources.

Themed Basket for Top Floor Learning in Palmer

Marge Cavanaugh, liaison

Each year, QV donates a basket to Top Floor Learning in Palmer. The basket must be ready by April for display at the Palmer Library. We do budget \$150 for this, but the value is supposed to be at least \$300. In the past, our members have donated items to meet this goal. We can use any items that are golf or summer related. The basket has items for both men and women. We are fortunate to have some items left over from golf tournament, but still need more. If you have something to donate **please bring it to March meeting** or contact me and I will arrange to pick it up. Thank you for your generosity.



2/19 Event at Soldier On

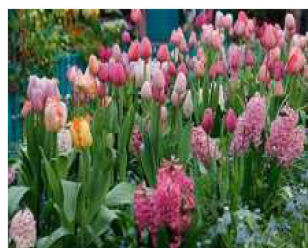
What a great evening with our Soldier On friends! Dianne, Nancy, Debbie and Liz helped plant twenty succulent gardens with the women. And how creative they are! Each garden planted had its own special flair! Fun, laughter and relaxation filled the room.



Updates continued



Spring Bulb Show @ Smith



Are there any more beautiful fields of flowers begging to be artistically captured than the flowering bulb nurseries of Holland? The field of flowers at **Smith College's Lyman Conservatory** is an amazing experience. Info about the show and parking: <https://www.smith.edu/garden/event/spring-bulb-show-fields-of-flowers>

We will have lunch nearby—our treat.

March 9th at 10am
SMITH College Greenhouse:
16 College Lane
Northampton MA

March 9th Solider On Event.

Please join us as we treat the Soldier On Women to a flower show and lunch. RSVP with Trish Pupek

Service Committee

Debbie Wood, Chairman

In honor of our Centennial year the Service Committee is going to collect 100 jigsaw puzzles to be distributed to the Soldier On ladies and the Women's Correctional Center. If we collect puzzles more suitable for children they will be donated to Camp Sunshine in Maine. I already delivered 6 puzzles to Soldier On and have another 25 to bring next month to the WCC.

We also continue to collect journals, colored pencils and adult coloring books as well as recycled children and adult books and games. Many of these items are available at Dollar stores. We continue our ongoing collection of toiletries which we donate to local shelters.

Please bring your items to our monthly meetings.



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MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

RSVP to Stephanie by 3/5 so we will have a count for tickets.

Centennial Anniversary

Mary Ann Rubis, Marge Cavanaugh, Pam Albertson, Patti Matthieu, Mary Knight, Liz Reeves, & Trish Pupek have been hard at work, making plans for celebrating the Centennial.

Highlights:

Centennial Promotion

We are working with Committee Chairs to ensure they are incorporating the Centennial theme and icon in printed material, publicity and signage. We are looking at purchasing mugs or luggage tags with the icon to use as giveaways and to sell.

Centennial Grant—We are working with the Soldier On program to submit a grant application.

Zonta Road Sign—Patti will measure the road signs and work with Roberts & Sons printer to create a metal version of the Centennial icon that can be affixed to the 3 signs by Patti's husband.

Centennial Club Award / Founder's Day in November—We want to make this a real special event, so we are seeking to find a special woman to honor by June so we can begin planning.

"100 Theme" —We would like to collect books on women role models for local libraries (with ZQV bookplate) – we could ask members and guests to help, create and publish an online funding program, get donations, etc. We are getting suggested book titles from librarians.

Registry / Archive of club records—Need to clarify WHAT will be included (list – e.g., newsletters, lists of members; event programs, etc), what FORMATS to use – electronic files, photobooks (like Shutterfly), thumb drives, or all hard copies in special containers to withstand aging; and WHERE these records will be stored.

QV Common Action—We would love to work on a collaborative project with Girl Scouts, Kiwanis youth (Shanique connection), YWCA (Danielle), local schools, etc. Ears open!

Display Table/Board—Liz and Mary Ann are exploring ideas for upgrading how we show Zontians in action.



November 8th of this year is the actual 100th anniversary of Zonta. We will meet with other members of Zonta District 1 in Wakefield MA at Fall Conference for a common action with Zontians around the world. More to come!



ROSE DAY

Submitted by:
 Mary Ann K. Rubis
 ZI Centennial Committee
 member and D1
 Foundation Ambassador

8 MARCH

A symbol of joy and friendship, the Zonta yellow rose celebrates its thirty-fifth anniversary this year. The first of three Zonta breeds of roses was introduced at the 1984 Zonta International Convention in Sydney, Australia. That rose was developed by the world-famous Harkness rose nursery in the United Kingdom. Originally bred for the owner’s daughter, Mr. Harkness graciously donated the rose to Zonta!

Since 1999, Zontians have acknowledged International Women’s Day, March 8th, as Zonta Rose Day. On this date, members recognize individuals in their communities who are impacting women’s lives by presenting them with yellow roses or items with its image along with information about Zonta.

In honor of this special Zonta symbol, the Foundation created the Rose Fund to finance any project/program not receiving the proposed dollar amount. Over the years, this unrestricted fund has proven to be very popular, with donations far exceeding its goal. Because of this support, reserves are being used to celebrate Zonta’s centennial anniversary. \$112,000 from this fund will be used to award six international and 32 district/regional Women in Technology Scholarships. An additional \$300,000 will finance the Centennial Anniversary Grants, awarded to like-minded organizations partnering with Zonta clubs to improve the lives of women and girls in their communities.

Please consider making a donation to the Rose Fund on March 8th in honor or memory of a special person in your life.

White Ribbon Day is part of an international campaign called The White Ribbon Campaign.

Designed especially with men in mind at the time, this was created by a handful of Canadian men in 1991 on the second anniversary of one man’s massacre of fourteen women in Montreal. They began the White Ribbon Campaign to urge men to speak out against violence against women. Today, the WRC is a worldwide campaign in 60 countries that has collected well over 5 million signatures and growing.



As part of this international human rights effort, the **Massachusetts White Ribbon Day Campaign** invites men and boys to be part of the solution in ending violence against women. On the first Thursday in March (**3/7/2019**), men throughout Massachusetts are encouraged to speak out to:

- # change societal attitudes and beliefs that perpetuate and make excuses for violence against women!
- # promote safety and respect in all relationships and situations!

“From this day forward, **I promise to be part of the solution** in ending violence against women and all gender-based violence.”
Massachusetts’ White Ribbon Day Pledge

build a network of resounding voices that will support and advance the initiatives and efforts of Jane Doe Inc. and its member organizations to promote the safety, liberty and dignity of survivors!

A Call to Men - The Next Generation of Manhood www.acalltomen.org/ is about creating a world where all men and boys are loving and respectful and all women, and girls are valued and safe. Check it out.



Zonta District 1 – Governor’s Summit

Save the Date!

Come network with Zontians and
explore ways Zonta International & District 1

Honors and Empowers Women



Saturday, May 4, 2019

**Boston Marriott Burlington
One Burlington Mall Road, Burlington, MA 01803
www.marriott.com**

*More information to follow including a reservation link
to book a room for Friday, May 3, 2019.*

What is Zonta?

Founded November 8, 1919 in Buffalo, New York, USA.

Members were the FIRST generation of women to be college educated and have the right to vote in North America.

Mission

A leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Vision

Gender Equality—Women's rights are recognized as human rights

Empowerment—Every woman is able to achieve her full potential

Access to all Resources—Women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men

A Life Free of Violence—No woman lives in fear of violence.

We focus on projects that matter:

ADVOCACY

Zontians advocate at the international, national and local levels on issues related to human rights and gender equality.

- At the international level, Zonta International advocates on global issues primarily through the United Nations (UN) and Council of Europe.
- Nationally, Zonta districts, areas and clubs take action in support of, or in opposition to, legislation on issues affecting women and girls.
- At the local level, Zonta clubs monitor laws and policies and their impact on women, participate in Zonta Says No activities, and host workshops and events like tonight to raise awareness about issues affecting women in our communities.

SERVICE

International service is integral to Zonta International's mission Through these international service projects, funded primarily through agencies of the United Nations and other non-governmental organizations, Zonta International improves women's lives by increasing their access to education, health care, legal services and economic opportunities while supporting efforts to prevent and end violence against women and girls in all its forms. These programs and projects are made possible through donations to the [Zonta International Foundation](#).

The International Service Program helps women in developing countries improve their legal, political, economic, educational and health status through training, education, health, sanitation, agricultural and micro-credit assistance to empower women to become independent and self-sufficient.

The Zonta International Strategies to End Violence Against Women (ZISVAW) program supports international service projects that promote and protect the human rights of all women and girls and work to end gender-based violence worldwide.

We have available some information on these programs and we encourage you to check them out or go to our website to learn more.

EDUCATION

To fulfill our mission of empowering women worldwide, we must focus on gender equality in education, an essential human right, critical to development for all. For women and girls, education provides the tools and resources to empower them to make decisions about their lives and the future of their families. Educated women can break the cycle of poverty; they can choose when to marry and if and when to have children; they can access quality health care to safeguard themselves and their children; they can educate their own children and ensure greater opportunities for future generations. Zonta International supports three programs for women and girls pursuing education and careers in the traditionally male-dominated fields of aerospace sciences and engineering, business and business management and public affairs. These programs are made possible through donations made to the [Zonta International Foundation](#).

Amelia Earhart Fellowship expands opportunities for women pursuing advanced studies in the typically male-dominated fields of aerospace-related sciences and aerospace-related engineering.

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship supports women pursuing undergraduate and master's degrees in business management.

Young Women in Public Affairs Award recognizes young women, ages 16-19, who demonstrate superior leadership skills and a commitment to public service and civic causes, and encourages them to continue their participation in public and political life.

New—Women in Technology Scholarship encourages women to pursue education, career opportunities and leadership roles in technology.

Members of Zonta are part of an organization that empowers women around the globe and that envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential.

Each member has made the following pledge:





Dear Zontians,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 2019 North American Interdistrict Meeting at the Embassy Suites - Hilton, DFW Airport South, Dallas, Texas June 7-9, 2019. The theme of this year's meeting is "Empowering Women – Past, Present and Future" in celebration of Zonta's 100-year anniversary.

On Friday morning, June 7 at 9 a.m., we will present Training Skills for Zonta, recommended for club and district leaders charged with responsibility for training other Zontians. Attendees will receive a certificate upon completion.

On Friday afternoon, we are thrilled to invite you to participate in an advocacy workshop, "Ending Early Marriage-a Strategy Session for North America,"

from 1:30 – 4 p.m. It will be jointly conducted by Fraidy Reiss and Samra Zafar. Fraidy is the founder and executive director of Unchained At Last, an organization that works to end child marriage in the United States. A survivor of a forced marriage, she dedicated her life to advocating for women and girls. Samra was a child bride in a forced marriage suffering 10 years of abuse in Canada. She is the founder of Brave Beginnings, a non-profit organization to support abuse survivors in their journey to build a life of respect and freedom.

Friday evening will include a buffet and round-table discussions with experts on various Zonta topics. Saturday will feature a general session, workshops, and lunch and dinner, both with speakers. There will be more workshops on Sunday morning followed by a breakfast croissant and fruit and a recap of all the information presented.

International President Susanne von Bassewitz will present our keynote address in conjunction with the International Board. Our president and board will enjoy the NAIDM and then hold an International Board meeting at the conclusion of the NAIDM in the hotel.

This is a superb opportunity for you to talk with Zonta International's leadership, become more familiar with our biennial goal to end child marriage, learn new information on service and advocacy, leadership and innovation, media and partnerships, and membership and outreach, spend time with Zontians from all over the United States and Canada, and perhaps spend a little time visiting, shopping and touring the Dallas area.

Early registration is now open. PayPal is available to accommodate credit cards on the NAIDM 2019 page on Zonta District 10 website. The NAIDM 2019 website [zontadistrict10.org/2017/north-american-interdistrict-meeting] includes our comprehensive program, link to reserve rooms, hotel information and Dallas-area attractions.

Early registration, through March 15, is \$235. Standard registration from March 16 through May 15 will cost \$250 and late registration after May 15 is \$275. The registration fee includes the program as well as the Friday night buffet, Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday light lunch. Hotel rooms will cost \$129 a night plus fees from June 6 to June 14. The hotel is conveniently located right next to the Dallas Fort Worth Airport and there is a free shuttle available to and from the hotel.

Registration form and the program link can be found at zontadistrict1.org/calendar-of-events.html

See you at NAIDM in Dallas!

Kind regards,

Judy Kautz
Host Committee Chair, 2019 North American Interdistrict Meeting
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