



# ZONTA CLUB OF QUABOAG VALLEY BOG NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 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](mailto:info@zontaqv.org).

### Important Dates for your Calendar

**March 11 Dinner Meeting**

**April 8 Dinner Meeting**

**May 4 Governor's Summit  
Sping Workshop—Burlington, MA**  
*Registration is open!*

**May 6 Silent "no more!" Auction**  
**Note—this is the 1st Monday of May**

June 7—9 NAIDC Meeting in Dallas, TX

**June 10 Dinner Meeting**  
YWPA Scholarship Award

September 7—Zonta Golf Tournament  
Cold Spring Country Club

**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,  
Happy spring??? I think someone forgot to tell Mother Nature! While it is still chilly here in Western Mass, spring was in full bloom in central Italy! Flowers and trees were blossoming, the grass was bright green and daytime temperatures were in the low 60's. Perfect weather for blowing bubbles and playing on the swings with our 2 grandchildren!

Spring is coming and so is our annual Silent "no more!" Auction on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. We have a very important decision to make immediately, regarding the third recipient of our auction proceeds. Please carefully review the two proposed auction recipients on page 2 of this newsletter - **Gándara Esperanza Women's Transitional Support Services** or **'Strong Women and Girls Read'**. Please respond to me no later than Friday 4/5 with your choice for the 3<sup>rd</sup> auction recipient. **Please do not respond all.** Thank you, in advance, for your prompt attention.



**On April 8<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a regular business meeting. Mary Ann Rubis will give us an update on Zonta International activities. We will also hear more about activities related to our Centennial celebration. Please call or text me 413-626-5656 by Thursday, 4/4 to confirm attendance, as I need to get an accurate headcount to the club.

**On Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**, District 1 clubs will gather for the Governor's Summit Spring Workshop in Burlington, Ma. This is a wonderful opportunity for our newer members to learn more about Zonta and, also, meet Zontians from other areas. It is also an opportunity for our "seasoned" members to reconnect with Zontian sisters and share ideas and camaraderie. Please make every opportunity to attend this worthwhile Summit.

**On the FIRST Monday of May, we will sponsor our 11th annual Silent "no more!" Auction**—a delightful evening of fun and great food to benefit Zonta International Foundation, Soldier On Women Veterans and a third recipient, to be determined. Auction flyers will be available at our April meeting or invite your guests to visit our website: [zontaqv.org/silent-no-more](http://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 ( page 5). Remember, we are not looking for quantity, but rather **quality**. If you have some really nice SMALL gift items, please bring them to the April 8<sup>th</sup> 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 and invoices, for the \$129 fee, were sent recently via email. Please submit your dues to our club treasurer, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, in a timely manner, as our club is penalized, if dues are not submitted in time.

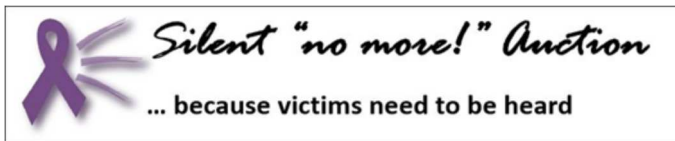
Thank you for your tireless dedication to our organization,

Trish Pupek  
President



### Birthday wishes:

**Susan Williams 4/14**  
**Ann Cormier 4/16**  
**Andrea Bordenca 4/30**



Our **Silent “no more! Auction** event is held annually to raise awareness and funds for projects aimed at empowering and improving the lives of women and children. Beneficiaries include Zonta International Foundation, Soldier On Women Veterans and a local organization chosen each year by members. Proposals for the 2019 recipient are noted below.

1. **From Daniele: Gándara Esperanza Women’s Transitional Support Services (TSS)** - a short-term residential program for women who need further stabilization and intensive case management after detox or for women that may be coming from a public shelter that were recently in detox or a higher level care. The women come in to this program with very little. I have learned they thrive on things such as movies, journals, colored pencils, candy, coffee, games, adult coloring books, nail polish, makeup, lotions, hair products. The TSS program and the staff are amazing. I witness these counselors and directors go above and beyond to help make these women’s journey a success. With working so closely and witnessing this amazing program, I feel any extra donation the program could use to provide the items so needed to make their days more comfortable would be so greatly appreciated.
2. **From the Centennial Committee: “Strong Women and Girls Read”** As we celebrate 100 years of empowering women and girls, the club’s Centennial Committee would like to recommend partnering with four local libraries to stock up on great books featuring some of the most awesome and inspiring female characters ever created. Head librarians at Monson, Palmer, Ludlow and Belchertown have provided us with an incredible list of books for youth, young adults and adults that they would obtain in honor of Zonta’s 100th birthday - each would include a tribute bookplate to Zonta and the Quaboag Valley Club - and feature in their individual libraries. While the libraries do purchase books with women role models, they are unable to do so on this scale. This is an opportunity to broaden our outreach in our local communities and highlight women and girls who refused to stay silent. Representatives from each library would be invited to the Auction and talk about this project.

"It took me quite a long time to develop a voice, and now that I have it, I am not going to be silent."

Madeleine Albright,  
Former U.S.  
Secretary of State



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

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

**Website:** [www.zontaqv.org](http://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 Pupek and Dianne Kidd  
**Centennial Chairs:**  
 Marge Cavanaugh and MaryAnn Rubis  
**Nominating:** Pam Albertson, Liz Reeves,  
 Marge Cavanaugh

## March 11, 2019 Zonta of Quaboag Valley Dinner Meeting

### Ludlow Country Club

Present: Marge Cavanaugh, Patti Matthieu, Danielle Petrangelo, Liz Reeves, Shanique Spalding, Joanne Turner Chiacchia, Debbie Wood, Trish Pupek, Kris Goold, Maria Puppolo and Pam Albertson  
 Not Present: Dana Burton, Mary Knight, MaryAnn Rubis, Andrea Bordenca, Dianne Kidd, Janet Da Silva, Sue Williams, Lisa Sedelow, Luz Rivera, Nancy Ayers

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 pm by President Trish Pupek.

### Business Meeting

Minutes: The January meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: February financial report was sent to membership via email. This report was reviewed and filed for audit. Joanne circulated the club roster and asked members to confirm their contact information. She also reminded members that membership dues are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Joanne will send the invoices in the coming weeks.

### Committee Reports

Membership: No report (Dana was not present to report)

Advocacy: No report (Dana was not present to report)

Service: Deb reported that puzzles and coloring books will be delivered to the Women Soldier On. Also Deb asks that members continue to donate puzzles, adult color books, journals, and coloring pencils. These donations will be distributed to the Women's Correctional Facilities.

Scholarship: Trish reported Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Scholarship applications will close March 15<sup>th</sup>. No applicants at the time of the meeting.

Centennial Committee: Trish and Marge reported that the Centennial Committee met on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The committee decided that one hundred books on topics of women, women's issues and empowerment be donated to the following libraries: Ludlow, Palmer, Belchertown and Monson. These libraries will provide each a list of twenty five books and prices. Maria informed the group that each library has a "Friends of the Library" group and, perhaps, the Centennial committee can seek some funding from these groups for the desired books.

Silent no more Auction: Trish reported that our club's 11<sup>th</sup> annual silent auction will be held on the first Monday of May, 5/6. Members are asked to solicit donations of auction items. Tickets for the auction will be available at our April meeting. The cost will remain the same. The group discussed the need to select a third recipient of the auction proceeds. Marge raised the issue of having our own club be the recipient. Trish explained that this is not in line with our guidelines. Danielle and Shanique recommended Gandara TSS program or DV Shelter. Pam suggested the Womanhood Program. Both Danielle and Pam will write up a brief summary on both these organizations and their mission. Trish will email this information to our club members for an email vote.

### Other Business

Period Project: Joanne reported that monetary donations for the Period Project are still trickling in and will be earmarked for next year's Period Project.

**Announcements:** Our next meeting will be April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Ludlow Country Club.

Meeting adjourned 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Shanique Spalding, Secretary



### Registration is Open!

Zonta Governor's Workshop  
 Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in Burlington MA  
 (8 am – 4 pm)

All Zontians in District 1 are encouraged to attend this Summit to learn, plan, engage and share. You won't be disappointed!

Boston Marriott Burlington is offering us a special group rate for Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$139 –149 per night. Link to book your group rate for Zonta Governor's Workshop at [www.newsletter.zontadistrict1.org](http://www.newsletter.zontadistrict1.org)  
 Last day to book: 4/10/19

Formal Registration and Agenda coming soon!





The 2019 North American Interdistrict Meeting at the Embassy Suites - Hilton, DFW Airport South, Dallas, Texas on June 7-9, 2019 is themed: "Empowering Women – Past, Present and Future" in celebration of Zonta's 100-year anniversary.

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.

Details about the NAIDM 2019 can be accessed through a link at [zontadistrict1.org](http://zontadistrict1.org)—click on Calendar of Events. This is the next best thing to attending an international convention. Please consider this opportunity.

**Soldier On Women and Zontians** were not waiting any longer to enjoy the beauty of living plants! In February we planted some succulents in a clay pot and top dressed them with decorative stones, shells etc. Just look at the creative plantings that will decorate the rooms of these fine women! In March, we enjoyed a field of flowers at Smith College's Lyman Conservatory—an amazing experience—and then went to lunch in Northampton. We are looking for someone to step for April's activity. Then, in May, all are invited to the Silent "no more!" Auction.



*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 \_\_\_\_\_

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