



# ZONTA CLUB OF QUABOAG VALLEY BOG NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 2019

### Important Dates for your Calendar

2019

**16 Days of Activism—Zonta Says No!**

**December 9 Dinner Meeting**

Holiday program

Here is the list of what the YWCA of Western MA desperately needs for kids of all ages--1 month old to 18 years old:

**Books, Art supplies, Board games, Shoes/boots and Winter Coats for kids.**

Other children's gifts for Ware families are welcome as well.

2020

**January 13 Dinner Meeting**

Amelia Earhart tribute—Grace Gerhardt, Aerospace Engineering graduate Girls Rocket Award

**February 10 Dinner Meeting**

Period Project

**March 9-20 CSW64, UN—New York**

**March 9 Dinner Meeting**

**April 13 Dinner Meeting and Elections**

**May 4 Silent “no more!” Auction**

**May 16 Area 2 Spring Retreat**

**June 8 Dinner Meeting**

**July 4—8 Zonta Convention—Chicago**

**June 10 Dinner Meeting**

**September 12 Zonta Golf Tournament**

**Collecting for Good Causes:**

**Toiletries (Danielle) Magazines (Marge) Multicultural/lingual adult and children's books, puzzles and yarn (Debbie)**



Dear Sister Zontians and friends,

The month of December can be very stressful for lots of different reasons. Whatever your situation, there are two destressing strategies that might help.

(1) Focus on what you can control. Move everything else and the accompanying feelings of anxiety into an empty box, cover, and allow your higher power to handle them for you.

(2) Be good to yourself and others every day. Choose words and actions wisely; choose to be kind, regardless of the attitudes of others..



There is lots to read about in this issue of the Bog!

- Don't miss the recap of our very successful Centennial Founder's Day and our delegate's report on the amazing District 1 Fall Conference.
- Just in time for holiday giving is the list of books on strong women compiled by our local libraries.
- We are in the midst of the 16 Days of Activism and the Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women campaign. Check out the great write-up providing background on our advocacy initiatives.
- We are also wrapping up the Poinsettia plant orders. Hoping for the best year yet, with everyone's help.
- Getting together with the women from SoldierOn has been such fun this year. Don't miss this opportunity.
- January will be an inspirational meeting with several young people being honored. Think about who you want to invite.
- February's Period Project is coming up, too! We need to get started immediately after the holidays to pull this off.

Thank you for taking the time to peruse this issue. Looking forward to wishing the best of he season to each of you on December 9th. **REMINDER:** we will be collecting items at our December meeting for children staying in shelters over the holidays. Representatives from the YWCA of Western MA and Ware's Gifts for Kids will be on hand.

Be sure to RSVP for yourself and your guests.

**RSVP \* 5:30 Social and 6:00 Dinner at the Ludlow Country Club, Ludlow MA**

**Members are expected for dinner (\$18) unless notification made in advance.**

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

**Birthday wishes:**

Pam Albertson  
12/22



# Service Projects with the Women of Soldier On

November: Gratitude Attitude Journal Making (pictures)  
 December: 17 @5 Holiday Visit

We are looking for members to give these outings a try. The women are open for anything fun and you will have the support of experienced members. Two hours on a week night or week-end, and a little planning. What activity do you especially enjoy? Openings each month from January through April. Or, come to help out only and bring a snack to share.

Contact Trish.



“Surrender is the simple but profound wisdom of yielding to rather than opposing the flow of life.”

~ Eckhart Tolle

## Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley District I, Area II, Charter 1317 of Zonta International 2019—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](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:** Pamela 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:** Marge Cavanaugh, MaryAnn Rubis
- Nominating:** Pam Albertson, Liz Reeves, Marge Cavanaugh



## Local Centennial Founder's Day Award Winner: Dr. Cooper

By Springfield College Marketing & Communications

SPRINGFIELD, Mass – Springfield College President Mary-Beth Cooper was recognized with the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley Founders Day Award, an award given annually to a woman in the community who not only represents a champion for women's empowerment, but also is an influencer and mentor for equality. Cooper received the honor at Zonta International's 100th birthday celebration on Monday, Nov. 11 at Ludlow Country Club.

"I want to say thank you so much to Zonta International, it's truly an honor to be recognized with this very special award during this centennial celebration," said Cooper during her acceptance speech at the award ceremony. "This award means so much to me personally because the work that Zonta International is doing around the world, and the difference its making in our communities, ties right into the Humanics philosophy and the mission of Springfield College, which is to educate students in spirit, mind, and body, for leadership and service to others."

Cooper became the 13th president of Springfield College in August 2013, bringing to the College her experiences from a long and distinguished career in higher education administration and community service and leadership. With her leadership, Springfield College has experienced a rededication to the community service and civic engagement for which it is so well known, and has committed itself to building an inclusive campus that encourages engaged and diverse populations.

Locally, the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley is working with survivors of domestic abuse and homeless women veterans, partnering in service with like-minded organizations like the YWCA of Western MA to further strengthen their missions.

"It's that service to others that Zonta is showcasing every day, every year, that really makes receiving this award so special," added Cooper.

The guiding forces in Cooper's career have been her vision for human potential and education as the answer to creating flourishing communities, as well as her own yearning for intellectual stimulation. Cooper has conducted myriad professional presentations in a wide variety of venues, and she is frequently sought to serve as a consultant in her field. She has given numerous presentations on campus security and personal safety, management trends in higher education, time management skills, and women's issues.

In addition, Cooper is very well respected among her peers in higher education.

"Mary-Beth has been a powerful presence in our community since her arrival as president of Springfield College," said Bay Path University President Carol Leary. "She is deeply committed to the success of Springfield College and unselfishly contributes her creativity, energy, and ideas to several major non-profits as well. We are also fortunate to have her leadership and her support for the advancement of women and the values of Zonta."

Zonta International is a worldwide organization that has empowered women and girls through service and advocacy for 100 years. It was founded November 8, 1919 in Buffalo, New York, by a group of forward-thinking women who envisioned a women's service organization that would advocate for laws and policies that ensure gender equality and help every woman and girl realize her full potential. Through continuous engagement over almost 10 decades, Zonta International has become a respected and reliable agent of civil society. As a non-governmental organization with general consultative status with the Economic and Social

The Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley, a member of Zonta International, was chartered in 1991. Since that time, the club has contributed to improving women's lives and empowering them through service and advocacy. They've also worked on projects to raise awareness on issues of domestic violence, homeless women veterans, trafficking of women and children, ending early marriage, and suicide prevention in Western Massachusetts. Visit [zontaqv.org](http://zontaqv.org) or email: [info@zontaqv.org](mailto:info@zontaqv.org) to learn more.

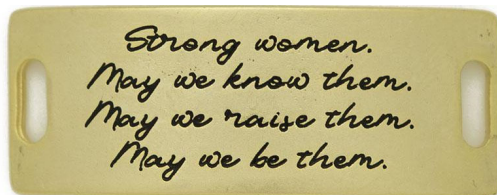
Springfield College is an independent, nonprofit, coeducational institution founded in 1885. Approximately 4,100 students, including 2,500 full-time undergraduate students, study at its main campus in Springfield, Mass., and at its regional campuses across the country. Springfield College inspires students through the guiding principles of its Humanics philosophy – educating in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others.



Dr. Cooper and guests pose with U.S. Zonta International Centennial Award winner, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

## Strong Girls Read

The Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley partnered 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 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.



**Below is a list of Young Adult and Youth selections, just in time for holiday giving!** For the full list, including Adult books, visit [www.zontaqv.org/books](http://www.zontaqv.org/books).

### Young Adult

A Girl's Guide to Joining the Resistance: A Feminist Handbook on Fighting for Good ~ Emma Gray  
 Bad Girls Throughout History: 100 Remarkable Women Who Changed the World By Ann Shen  
 Because I was a Girl: True Stories for Girls of All Ages by Melissa de la Cruz  
 Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson saved Apollo 13 -Helaine Becker  
 Hidden Figures Young Readers' Edition ~ Margot Lee Shetterly  
 Mary Wears What She Wants -Keith Negley  
 Our stories, Our Voices: 21 Authors Get Real about Growing Up Female in America by Amy Reed  
 Renegade Women in Film and TV. Elizabeth Weitzman  
 Roses and Radicals: The Epic Story of How American Women Won the Right to Vote ~ Susan Zimet  
 True : a novel -- Karl Taro Greenfeld  
 Yes She Can: 10 Stories of Hope & Change from Young Female Staffers of the Obama White House - Molly Dillon

### Youth

A lady has the floor by Kate Hannigan  
 Alabama spitfire by Bethany Hegedus  
 Beautiful by Stacy McAnulty  
 Beautiful Girl: Celebrating the Wonders of Your Body ~ Christiane Northrup  
 Bloom by Doreen Cronin  
 Bold & Brave: Ten Heroes Who Won Women the Right to Vote ~ Kirsten Gillibrand  
 Dear girl by Amy Krouse Rosenthal  
 Fearless Mary: The true adventures of Mary Fields,  
 American Stagecoach Driver -Tami Charles  
 Good night stories for rebel girls 2 by Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo  
 Grace for President by Kelly DiPucchio  
 Herstory: 50 Women and Girls Who Shook Up the World by Katherine Halligan  
 Hilda Must Be Dancing by Karma Wilson  
 How High the Moon -Karyn Parsons  
 I am Enough by Grace Byers & Keturah A. Bobo  
 Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor: The woman who loved reptiles -Patricia Valdez  
 Little Dreamers: Visionary Women Around the World ~ Vashti Harrison  
 Lola Dutch: When I grow up -Kenneth Wright  
 Love, Hate, and other Filters -Samira Ahmed  
 Mae Among the stars by Roda Ahmed  
 Pocket Full of Colors: The Magical World of Mary Blair, Disney Artist Extraordinaire ~ Amy Guglielmo  
 Secret Engineer: How Emily Roebling built the Brooklyn Bridge -Rachel Dougherty  
 She Believed She Could, So She Did: A Journal of Powerful Quotes from Powerful Women by Flora Waycott  
 She Persisted Around the World: 13 Women Who Changed History ~ Chelsea Clinton  
 Superheroes Are Everywhere ~ Kamala Harris  
 The Confidence Code for Girls: Becoming Your Amazingly Imperfect, Totally Powerful Self ~ Katty Kay  
 The Moon Within -Aida Salazar  
 The Science of Breakable Things by Tae Keller  
 When Ruth Bader Ginsburg Chewed 100 Sticks of Gum by Mark Weakland & Daniela Volpari

10 must-read children's books  
 FOR STRONG GIRLS



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## The Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women 2019 Campaign

Pam Albertson, Advocacy/ UN Chairman

Get ready for the 2019 Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign

**ZONTA SAYS NO**  
TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



From 25 November through 10 December, Zonta clubs and members around the world will join together to say NO to violence against women. Find tools to help you plan your Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign [here](#).

To begin, here is a short history of the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign. It was launched in 2012 in order to raise awareness of Zonta's efforts to end violence against women and girls. Since 2015, the Campaign has utilized the Council of Europe's (CoE) Convention (the Istanbul Convention) as a framework and raised awareness worldwide to this first legally binding instrument to fight violence against women (VAW) and domestic violence. In 2017, Zonta clubs addressed trafficking in human beings as one of the most widespread human rights violations utilizing another significant CoE Convention: The CoE Convention on Actions against Trafficking in Human Beings, a comprehensive, legally binding treaty. Last month's newsletter had an article which explained the CoE's workings.

Starting in 2018, the focus has been on child marriage, one of the worst obstacles girls face in nearly every country of the world. Each Zonta club is called upon to create awareness of this harmful practice among their members and to the public. The goal is to achieve local and national government and community commitment to fight child, early and forced marriage.

You may be aware that early marriage is legal in much of the USA. New Hampshire recently enacted a new law banning marriage under the age of 18 for any reason. **Your turn, Massachusetts.**

Gender equality is also vital to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which envisions a world in which "every woman and girl enjoys full gender equality and all legal, social and economic barriers to their empowerment have been removed." The 2030 Agenda asserts gender equality not only as a fundamental human right, but as a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world. Child marriage is a strong deterrent to girls achieving their full potential as equal human beings.

The goal of advocacy is to influence the making and implementation of laws, as well as general attitudes and behaviors. It is important to determine the focus of the advocacy action in order to better identify specific actions to be taken.

Prevention:

- Promote gender equal norms and violence-free environments in schools.
- Support programs that help men to change violent behavior.
- Request "safe cities": design/lighting of public spaces, safe public transportation, etc.
- Protection:
- Request One-Stop Centers with medical/legal/social help for victims.
- Promote short-term shelters and long term affordable housing for women and children. □ Support vocational training for victims to become self-supporting.
- Prosecution :
- Request laws that clearly blame perpetrators, not victims.
- Encourage the reporting of violence and give support to victims during legal processes.
- Promote the training of police and legal professionals to understand the issues.



Soldier On women join Zonta in our mission!

Clubs are encouraged to participate in service and advocacy activities that focus on ending violence against women and girls throughout the year, but particularly during the 16 Days of Activism (November 25, International Day for the Elimination of VAW through December 10, Human Rights Day).

ZI is supporting one major project through the Zonta International Strategies to End Violence against Women (ZISVAW) Fund during the 2018-2020 Biennium: Ending Child Marriage. For more information search "Ending Child Marriage: A Programme to Accelerate Global Action", a project in cooperation with UNICEF USA and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). By combining donations to the project with service and advocacy activities at district and club levels, Ending Child Marriage will have the potential to become a signature initiative for Zonta.

## Poinsettia Fundraiser—Last Call

There is still time to sell poinsettias! Deliveries start 12/3. The holiday season is a great opportunity to ask for friends and family's support of our fundraiser. And they end up with a beautiful plant!! Medium plants are \$20 and large are \$26. The order form is on the website. Email any orders to Mary or Liz. Thanks so much for all of your efforts to make this another successful poinsettia fundraiser!

Liz Reeves  
Chair, Poinsettia  
Fundraising Committee

Quantity	Size / Cost Medium (5-7 blooms) \$20 Large (10-14 blooms) \$26	Color Selection		Subtotal Multiply quantity times cost
		Red White	Pink Pink & White*	
<i>Example:</i> 2	Large	Red		\$52

*\* limited quantities of pink & white, so please note 2<sup>nd</sup> choice on same line.*

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Girls Rocket!**

A tribute to young women who have overcome adversity and show the tenacious spirit of aviatrix Amelia Earhart.

## Our January Meeting will be an Inspiring Start to the New Year ~ Invite a Guest to join you!

In honor of Zonta's 100th Anniversary and our most famous Zontian, the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley is offering a special award in January, acknowledging six individuals who have overcome adversity and show the tenacious spirit of aviatrix Amelia Earhart.

High school guidance counselors from Belchertown, Palmer, Pathfinder, Ludlow, Ware and Monson each nominated a deserving student and these young women (and their guests) will be honored at our January 13th meeting at the Ludlow Country Club.



Also joining us, as a guest speaker, is **Grace Gerhardt**—another young women who has a tenacious spirit! Grace graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in May 2019 with a degree in Aerospace Engineering and a minor in English. She is part of the Quality Engineering Development Program at Pratt & Whitney, where she will serve three eight-month rotations in different departments of Quality Engineering. Currently, she assists Military and Commercial Assembly Quality for the F135 and PW1100 engines, respectively.

Grace chose her field of study based on her love of astronomy and passion for building things and figuring out how things work. Although her current position doesn't perfectly align with her major, her background in aerospace engineering supports her in her every day job. She gets to have intellectual conversations with other coworkers and mechanics.

Naturally social and communicative, Grace enjoys her position because she is able to solve problems, improve processes, and help people through creativity and communication. She hopes to graduate from her rotational program and place out in a more technical-oriented position, but is open to other opportunities where she can learn and grow.



The Amelia Earhart Fellowship was established in 1938 in honor of famed pilot and Zontian, Amelia Earhart. The US\$10,000 Fellowship is awarded annually to up to 30 women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space sciences.

## Zonta International District 1 Fall Conference November 8—10, 2019 Wakefield MA Delegate Report by Debbie Wood



Trish, Mary, Mary Ann, Joanne, Marge, Pam and I all attended the conference in Wakefield, Ma. Our own Mary Knight offered a Social Media and PR educational forum on Friday followed by a presentation on Advocacy 101, Strategy and Coalition Building workshop. We sold a # of T-shirts in the store and throughout the weekend for a bargain price. Just as we were assembling Friday for dinner Trish and 6 other Zontian were stuck in an elevator. Trish texted pictures and comments assuring us that like true Zontians they were taking this adventure in stride. Following a fire department rescue operation, Trish joined the diners starting with a well earned glass of wine.

At the opening ceremony and session Friday evening we were greeted by Governor Liz Hart, Margaret Bateman, International Director from Australia and State Senator Jason Lewis. Pam offered a Treasurer's Report that included voting that took place in the affirmative to make the temporary dues increase from last biennium permanent and to balance the district budget by accessing reserves. Then, there were brief speeches from all candidates for District Offices. A Zonta Centennial Celebration topped off the evening with a beautiful cake and refreshments for all to enjoy.

The Saturday Business Session included Area reports describing the many activities of all clubs but sadly including a mention of the now disbanded Burlington, Vt club. Foundation Ambassador Mary Ann Rubis provided a Foundation update on all projects and programs. She also noted that the D1 goals are to raise \$65,000, extend the district's string to six consecutive biennia of 100% club donations and, (in the spirit of the centennial), encourage 100% of our members to donate. As of the end of October, the district has raised a total of \$27,000, (42% of goal), with 30% of members and 75% of clubs making donations. The decision to forego the district's unofficial conference, along with the disbandment of two clubs and a decrease in membership is reflected in our overall total being 25% less than this time last biennium. Cassandra Levesque, the luncheon speaker, related her experience as a girl scout and advocate for the rights of young girls entering child marriages which all led her to becoming a NH state Representative at the age of 18. The afternoon included workshops on Gender Inequality and Climate Change, Maximizing Zonta's Visibility through Coalition Building, Vaping and the Effect on Youth and New Ways of Building Membership.

The gala evening included our very own Mary Ann Rubis and others wearing 1920's style dresses and headpieces. It was announced that our Quaboag Club was the winner of a free registration next biennium for the largest # of funds donated by Zontians not attending the conference. The Silent Auction of baskets and other items was followed by a lively live auction with models of each purse enticing members to bid high for a great cause. Our donated chocolate basket and purse earned about \$90 for the District and Zonta International respectively.

Sunday started on a somber note as a Memorial Service was held to honor and remember the 12 women who have passed on. Mary Ann provided an update on Foundation donation totals as well as the winners of the various donor incentives. For the third consecutive conference, members from the ZC of Halifax donated the most, with a grand total of \$800. Members donating \$100 or more were given the opportunity to guess the value of a rose bouquet made of money. Nancy Shambaugh had the closest guess at \$167 and won the bouquet. The actual value was \$170. Lt. Governor-elect Donna Sroka won a special prize for identifying the significance of the \$170 total: ZI chartered 100 years ago; District 1 70 years. Individual donations were \$4675, Club donations \$4155, (including \$1,905 donated by our club), Silent Auction \$115 and the Purse Auction \$1835, with Mary Ann's matching donation in honor of the ZC of Halifax a grand total of \$11,635 was raised over the weekend. The amount was the highest to be raised in the history of our district! With the club donations made at conference, we have achieved one of our goals - 100% of our clubs donating to the Foundation. This is the earliest point in a biennium that our district has met that goal. \$165 was also raised for the Centennial Endowment Fund. The Business Session included District Reports from Committees and featured Aysha Emmerson, a Zonta Youth Representative to CSW63.

All are welcome to review the District 1 Fall Conference materials for detailed reports and information regarding the speakers. I believe all attendees found the weekend both stimulating and informative to motivate us forward as we celebrate and maintain the legacy envisioned by Marion DeForest 100 years ago.

**P.S. Pictures and presentation materials are available to view and download at [www.ZontaDistrict1.org](http://www.ZontaDistrict1.org)  
P.P.S. Check out the letter we received from ZIF about the donation we made at Fall Conference (page 9)**

### **Results of Election for 2020 – 2022 Officers**

Beatrice Schori (Halifax Club)  
District 1 Governor

Donna Sroka (Northampton Club)  
District 1 Lt. Governor

Terry Timmerman (Concord, NH Club)  
District 1 Treasurer

Nadine Salley (Area 1 Director),  
Vickie Palardy (Area 2 Director),  
Carol Dobson (Area 3 Director),  
No Candidate (Area 4 Director)

Nominating Committee (top 3 candidates):  
Judith Carpenter,  
Joanne Puopolo, Donna Raycraft



Start Spreading the Word!

## Assembling Period Project Kits

February 10, 2020  
Ludlow Country Club

### Message

You can donate items to create monthly menstrual kits for homeless women and to stock supplies at local shelters.

Needed:

- Sealed Boxes of Pads or Tampons
- Cleansing Wipes, Hand Sanitizers or Soap
- Panty Liners
- New Pairs of Underwear (Any Size)
- Cash to purchase items for the kit

Checks can be made out to Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley and sent to: PO Box 1034, Belchertown MA 01007-1034

**You can help assemble kits on February 10th at the Ludlow Country Club, Ludlow**

5:30 Set up/ 6:00 Dinner (\$18 – cash, check or credit card) RSVP by 2/5 to 413-219-8260 or [info@zontaqv.org](mailto:info@zontaqv.org)

Together, we can make a period just a little easier for women and teens in need

### Zontian Action Needed:

1. Ask everyone you know in your communities (family, church, community, work, etc.) to support this event by collecting supplies themselves and passing the word to like minded folks. [Amazon wish list](#) link will be posted at [zontaqv.org/period](http://zontaqv.org/period).
2. Find strategic locations willing to be collection points—hairdressers/salons, spas, nail technicians, workout gyms, etc. Offer to provide a box and a sign, and pick up products donated as needed. [Send location details to info@zontaqv.org for posting.](#)
3. Check in with partners who have delivered packets and products in the past to be sure they are willing to continue this year. They can register to join us at [zontaqv.org](http://zontaqv.org).
4. Identify other organizations who want to be involved—police departments, schools, local food pantries? If they join us on the assembly, they can leave with a supply of the kits and/or products.
5. In early January, check [www.facebook.com/ZontaQuaboagValley/](https://www.facebook.com/ZontaQuaboagValley/) to retrieve a post for you to share on your personal page
6. In early January, download flyer at [zontaqv.org/period](http://zontaqv.org/period)—post in public locations or use as an attachment in email campaign to pass the word.

**Our Partners in Delivering Packets and Products in 2019**

#SafePassages,  
#BHN,  
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#ValleyOpp, #DressforSuccess,  
#AmherstSurvivalCenter,  
#CareCenterHolyoke,  
#YWCAWesternMa,  
#WomenShelter ,  
#FriendsOfTheHomeless  
#ROCAYoungMotherProgram,  
#TheGrayHouse,  
#goodtogo  
Mental Health Association

If you know of anyone we missed, email details to [info@zontaqv.org](mailto:info@zontaqv.org)!





27 November 2019

Joanne Turner Chiacchia  
Treasurer  
Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley  
PO Box 1034  
Belchertown, MA 01007

**The Zonta Club of  
Quaboag Valley  
can take great  
pride in this  
recognition.  
Kudos, Ladies!**

Dear Joanne,

Thank you for your club's generous gift of US\$1,905.00 to the Zonta International Foundation. Your club's contribution plays a major role in building a better world for women and girls. During the 2018-2020 Biennium, we will:

- Reduce the incidence of early marriage for girls in twelve countries
- Improve Syrian refugee and Jordanian women's access to sustainable and decent employment
- Create opportunities for girls to receive a quality education in Madagascar
- Provide scholarships and awards to encourage young women on their way to becoming future leaders in traditionally male dominated fields

Together, we will make great progress toward ending violence against women by changing societal patterns of behavior through education and advocacy, and thus ensure results of lasting impact.

Please convey my personal thanks to your club members for your club's contribution, and for their commitment to the ideals of Zonta. Your belief in our mission has the power to transform lives.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Susanne von Bassewitz'.

Susanne von Bassewitz  
President, Zonta International Foundation

**Contribution Designation:**

Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund	US\$25.00
International Service Fund	\$880.00
ZISVAW Fund	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Contribution:</b>	<b>US\$1,905.00</b>

**Lifetime Contribution Total: \$66,702.76**