



ZONTA CLUB OF QUABOAG VALLEY BOG NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2020

Important Dates for your Calendar

March 8 - Zonta Rose Day

Please consider making a donation to the Zonta International Foundation in honor of someone who has made a positive impact on your life or the lives of others.



March 9-20 CSW64, UN—New York

March 9 Dinner Meeting

Donna Haghighat, CEO of the Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts.

April 13 Dinner Meeting and Elections

May 4 Silent "no more!" Auction

May 16 Area 2 Spring Retreat

Saturday 9—3 Clarion Hotel, WS

Join with other MA clubs to learn, be inspired, generate ideas for the next biennium

June 8 Dinner Meeting

July 4—8 Zonta Convention—Chicago

September 12 Zonta Golf Tournament

Fundraiser—Cold Spring Country Club

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 with guest count and any regrets by 3/4

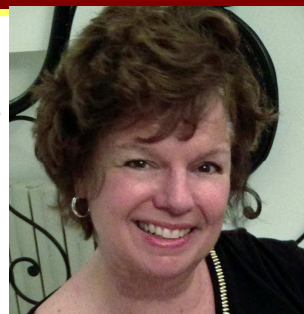
Collecting for Good Causes:

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



Dear Sister Zontians and friends,

A resounding THANK YOU to our Springfield, Northampton and Quaboag clubs who joined together at the February meeting to assemble over 500 feminine hygiene packets for local women in need. What an amazing collaboration between our clubs, local individuals and businesses who supported this project with product and monetary donations. Please see the listing of area businesses on zontaqv.org/period, who were drop off locations and make a point to say Thank you to these generous supporters. We received excellent "press" about this project (Thank you, Mary), and we are truly getting the word out about Zonta!



In February, we were also happy to welcome two new members into our Zonta QV family. Congratulations to Suz Tirrano and Stacy Troy! We look forward to working together to promote the Zonta mission.

The 2020 International Women's Day theme is "I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights". To help us celebrate International Women's Day, we welcome Donna Haghighat, CEO of Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts, as our guest speaker on Monday, March 9th. Donna will provide highlights of a report on the status of women and girls in Western MA. Please share this event with friends, family and colleagues who are interested in working together for change. Text me a count for members and guests by Wednesday March 4th.

On the FIRST Monday of May, we will sponsor our 11th annual Silent "no more!" Auction—an amazing fundraiser to benefit Zonta International Foundation, Solder On Women Veterans and one more deserving non-profit to be determined. Let us know your thoughts on the third recipient and start spreading the word about this very enjoyable evening.

In Zonta Service,

Trish Pupek
President
413-626-5656

Birthday wishes:

Patricia Matthieu 3/11
Nancy Ayres 3/17



Spending Time with the Women of Soldier On

We got together for a December holiday party and January valentines crafts. In February the women joined us at the Period Project (left) and we treated them to a day at Magic Wings!



Berkshire Club News—Sandy Carroll, President

In February, the club welcomed Casey DiCicco from Soldier On, speaking about the new permanent housing facility being built in Pittsfield. We are taking the lead from our sister Zontians in Quaboag by developing ways to provide consistent support and relationship building for the 10-12 new residents. We have created a committee to make sure we have a plan. We will also be providing welcome inspiration baskets and some basic necessities as the women move in and will be there on May 15th for the scheduled grand opening.

Quaboag club—let's join them!!

"Zonta is not an organization for the faint-hearted, the small in spirit, the person too busy to render service. It is for those who can accept a challenge to enter the world of affairs, clear-eyed, keen-witted, generous, worldwide in sympathetic understanding and faith in womankind."

Katherine B. Sears,
Confederation of Zonta Clubs
President 1927-1929, American
novelist, playwright and poet.



Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley District I, Area II, Charter 1317 of Zonta International 2019—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

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

Februry 10, 2020 Zonta of Quaboag Valley Dinner Meeting

Ludlow Country Club

Present: Chris Keough Huff, Cindy Hogan, Connie MaHoney, Dee DiFatta, Edie Kirk, Elaine Sai, Gina Wilkes Carvolas & Friend, Grace Kelly & Friend, Jenn Patrie, Jennifer Faulkner, Jessica Gonsalves, Jillian Mercadante, Jennifer Harris, Karen Keough Huff, Karen Miller, Quinn Orcott, Rachael Mahoney, Robin Zaglou, & Guest, Susan Bishop, Susan Crimm, Susan DeTorrice, Traci Earle & Guest, Tracy Thompson Viola, Tracy Woodfield, Christine Brown & Daughter, ROCA Leslie McCoy & Guest, Megan Clifford, Maria Malony, Patti Hallberg (came with inventory and pd but had to leave for family emergency) Andrea Bordenca, Dana Burton, Danielle Petrangelo, Dianne Kidd, Joanne Turner Chiacchia, Kris Goold, Liz Reeves, Luz Rivera, Marge Cavanaugh, Mary Ann Rubis, Mary Knight, Nancy Ayers, Pam Albertson, Patti Matthieu, Stacy Troy & Jessa, Suz Tiranno, Trish Pupek, Jess Hill, Melissa Sippel, Veronica Santan, Lynn Goodhue, Donna Sroka.
Absent: Debbie Wood, Janet DaSilva, Shanique Spalding.

Meeting Called to Order 6:51

Treasurers Report: Marge voted to file for audit Patti seconded it.



Induction of New Members

Dr Mary Ann Rubis performed the ceremony to induct Suz Tiranno and Stacy Troy. Welcome Stacy and Suz!!

Raffle: A beautiful scarf was raffled along with multiple boxes of chocolate.

Meeting Adjourned 7:10

Respectfully Submitted
Liz Reeves
Secretary

On to the Period Project where over 500 bags of hygiene products were put together!

Highlights of 2/17/20 Board meeting

Present: Trish, Dana, Andrea, Liz, Joanne, Mary
Absent: Danielle

Treasurers Report: We received donations for the Period Project. We will add to other money marked for this event.

Girls Rocket Event: The recipients and a guest were paid for this year. Joanne suggested that we budget for the twelve guests for next year if we repeat the event

Membership: Debbie Wood was suggested as a mentor for Stacy and Suz. They might also be entered in being on the Golf Tournament committee.

Period Project: We had fifty four attendees including club members at the event. Social media works well for getting the word out for guests as well as online donations.

March Speaker: We will advertise on Facebook and with Press Release. Joanne suggested that we have our upcoming meeting posted in the small local publications(Register, Sentinel etc) with other regular upcoming events.
We will also vote on the third recipient of the Silent Auction.

April: Business meeting and Elections. The program will be our third recipient of the Auction proceeds.

May: Silent No More Auction!! all members should start working on inviting guests and getting donations for auction items.

Dana will provide an update on YWPA, JMK and Technology Scholarships in the March newsletter.

Zonta Zoom: Andrea suggested that we have our Board meetings on Zoom. She will send a link to all Board members and we will have a dry run on Monday Feb. 23 at 6:00pm .

Mary shared an upcoming event through the Zonta Club of Northampton. On April 16 at the Homewood Suites in Hadley, Ma. There will be food, a Marion Deforest impersonation and a small silent auction.

Meeting Adjourned 7:02
Respectfully submitted
Liz Reeves
Secretary

The Status of Women and Girls

Donna Haghghat, CEO of Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts will be our guest speaker on March 9, 2020. She will share a report on the status of women and girls in Western MA

Donna Haghghat came to the Women's Fund with over 12 years of experience developing programs, cultivating relationships, launching startups, fundraising, directing communications strategy, creating strategic plans and building advocacy programs. Under her leadership, the Women's Fund has successfully launched The Young Women's Initiative for girls and young women of color in Springfield and forged a partnership with University of Massachusetts Amherst where participants in the LIPPI leadership program receive 500 level academic credit. Prior to joining the Women's Fund, Haghghat was Principal at Collabyrinth Collective, LLC. Previous roles have included Executive Director of the Aurora Women & Girl's Foundation, Chief Engagement and Advocacy Officer for YWCA Hartford Region, a strategic consultant, Chief Development Officer for Hartford Public Library, Interim Director and Grants/Program Manager of the Women's Education and Leadership Fund, and Co-President of AAUW CT.



Haghghat was awarded the Trinity College Alumni Medal of Excellence in 2019, was the grand prize winner of the 2012 University of Hartford's Barney School of Business International Business Plan Competition and was recognized as The Trinity Club of Hartford's Person of the Year in 1999 and the Trinity College National Alumni Association Award in 1996.

For the last 10 years, Zonta has donated a Golf Basket to **Top Floor Learning at the Palmer Library** for their annual raffle. The Club allocates \$150 towards the contents. Each basket should contain at least \$300 worth of goods. We make up the difference by donations from members. If you do not have golf-related items, I will shop for you using your cash donation. The items in basket usually include shirts, sox, gloves, hats, water bottles, snacks, books, and anything outdoor related. Also one larger item such as a golf bag, if I can find one on sale.

Please bring your donation to our March meeting.

Thank you all for the support.

Marge



Scholarships Available

Amelia Earhart Fellowship
\$10,000

Young Women in Public Affairs
\$1,000 Scholarship Award

Jane M. Klausman Business Scholarship
\$1,000

Women in Technology
\$1,000 Scholarship Award

Details at <https://zontadistrict1.org/zonta-impact/education.html>

Contact Dana Burton for due dates.

WANTED

The Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley is looking for a few members in good standing to serve on the club's Executive Board for 2020-2022!

It's a wonderful way to learn about different aspects of Zonta. We have numerous members that are more than willing and able to mentor you.

REWARDS for holding a Board Position:

- An equal voice in planning the future of the club.
- Front row seat to what committees are working on.
- An opportunity to share your time, talent and treasure.
- Hands-on leadership experience in a safe environment.
- Learn, grow and make a difference

Contact the Nominating Committee if you are interested in a position or want to nominate someone.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Marge, Pam & Liz
Nominating Committee

REWARD

ENDING CHILD MARRIAGE -

Annual Report Summary

Pam Albertson

Child marriage marks the end of childhood for many girls. Instead of playing or studying, child brides are significantly more likely to be the victims of domestic violence, to contract HIV/AIDS, and to die due to complications during pregnancy and childbirth. They are unable to make decisions for themselves.

Driving child marriage are factors such as poverty, a culture of gender inequality, customary or religious laws that condone the practice, and a lack of legal protections for the girls. In response UNICEF and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) came together in 2016 to establish the Global Programme to Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage. The Global Programme works in 12 countries – Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Yemen, and Zambia – where it brings together governments, civil society, families, and young people in a collective effort to prevent girls from marrying too young and support those already married as girls. Since it was launched in 2016, the Global Programme has reached almost five million adolescent girls.



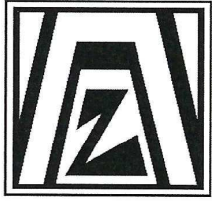
Hear the Song “Girls Not Brides”
<https://youtu.be/aUehNPRin5o>

The Global Programme achieved the following results in 2018:

- Nearly 3 million adolescent girls were empowered through life skills education and training, far exceeding the year’s goal of 1.4 million.
- 77 percent of girls enrolled in these programs transitioned from primary to lower secondary school, compared to just 59.8 percent who made the same transition in 2017.
- Direct support for education programs provided assistance to over 6,000 schools to help them improve the quality of girls’ education.
- Community members, headmasters, and parents were educated about the lasting benefits of girls’ education. Last year, 1.73 million individuals regularly participated in community dialogues organized by the Global Programme to address these topics.
- Media campaigns promoting gender equitable norms including ending child marriage reached an estimated 10.8 million people.
- Over 41 percent of individuals who participated in household surveys demonstrated positive attitudes and behavior toward investing in and supporting adolescent girls, compared to just 25 percent who expressed those views in 2017.
- Progress has been made. Eleven governments have developed national action plans to end child marriage, nine countries have costed plans, and six countries have allocated budgets for the implementation of the plans. In addition, several countries have repealed preexisting policies that discriminated against married and pregnant girls, especially in respect to their continued access to education.

Yes, child marriages are declining. The overall proportion of women who were married as children decreased by 15 percent in the last decade, from 1 in 4 to approximately 1 in 5. Yet despite this success, challenges remain. The current rate of decline is not sufficient to meet the SDG target of ending child marriage by 2030; instead of 10 years, it would take **50** years to achieve. Continued investment is critical for enabling the Global Programme to keep scaling up its programs to end child marriage.

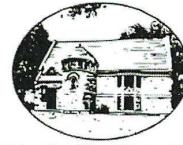
Zonta is the first private sector partner to join this effort. Zonta’s name and logo are recognized on all public documents issued by the Global Programme. Zonta is also prominently featured on UNICEF’s website and publications.



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THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

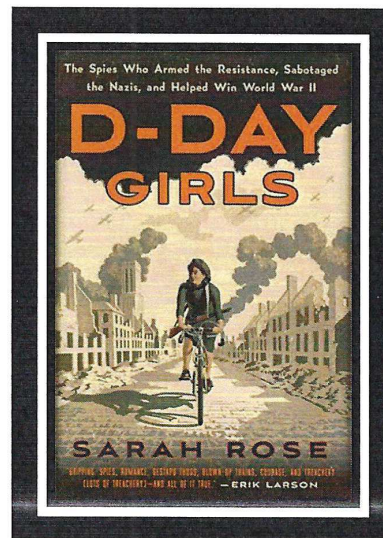
Hubbard Memorial Library



EXPLORE. ENRICH. ENJOY.

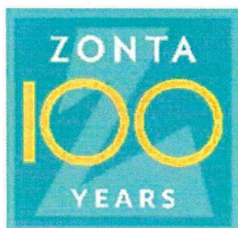
**Women's history month book discussion with
The Happy Hour Book Club in collaboration with
Zonta of Quaboag Valley
Celebrating 100 years of women's suffrage**

Thursday, March 26 6:30PM at Hubbard Memorial Library, Ludlow



In *D-Day Girls*, Sarah Rose draws on recently declassified files, diaries, and oral histories to tell the thrilling story of three of these remarkable women. There's Andrée Borrel, a scrappy and streetwise Parisian who blew up power lines with the Gestapo hot on her heels; Odette Sansom, an unhappily married suburban mother who saw the SOE as her ticket out of domestic life and into a meaningful adventure; and Lise de Baissac, a fiercely independent member of French colonial high society and the SOE's unflappable "queen." Together, they destroyed train lines, ambushed Nazis, plotted prison breaks, and gathered crucial intelligence—laying the groundwork for the D-Day invasion that proved to be the turning point in the war.

All are welcome. Please register at the circulation desk or by calling 583-3408.



Strong Women and Girls Read is the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley's initiative to offer books that feature strong women and girls.

Launched in honor of Zonta International's Centennial ~ November 1919-2019

WE EMPOWER WOMEN
ZontaOV.org

CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WITH A PRESENTATION ABOUT

Susan B. Anthony

Performed by actress:
Sheryl Faye

Tuesday, March 31st at 6:30PM

Susan B. Anthony was a women's rights activist who devoted her life to racial, gender, and educational equality. She is one of the most famous women in American history, and she played a prominent role in the women's suffrage movement and the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. She also advocated for women's labor organizations and for a woman's right to own property.

This live, entertaining, and historical performance will help you truly understand the profound positive impact Susan B. Anthony had on our history.



In 2020, we celebrate both the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment and Susan B. Anthony's 200th birthday!

**THIS PROGRAM IS FREE
AND REGISTRATION IS
NOT REQUIRED.**

Palmer Public Library - 1455 North Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069

