

ZONTA CLUB OF QUABOAG VALLEY BOG NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2020

Greetings Zontians and Friends,



I want to start my first president's message by saying thank you to Trish for guiding our club so well for the past two years. You were a great president and I'm honored to follow in your foot steps.

I hope everyone has been staying healthy and soaking up the sunshine this summer. I know that for many this has probably not been the summer you planned on but I hope you enjoyed it anyways. This pandemic has certainly highlighted how important it is to find joy in the little things.

Unfortunately, with Covid still in full swing in many places around the country and some recent spikes locally our Zonta club is going to have to continue to modify and get creative. I am very excited that we are still "on" for our 26th annual Golf Tournament! The event will be modified slightly to keep everybody safe but should still prove to be a great time as always. Please spread the word, especially since we missed the Silent "No" More Auction fundraiser in May.

For our normal business meeting on September 14th we are going to try something totally new and attempt to meet outside at Memorial Park in Ludlow by the Hubbard Library. The board recognized that virtual meetings are okay but since some of our members don't "Zoom" and some are not able to make it to Trish's Soiree we should try to take advantage of the weather while we still can and all get together. The meeting location—in person or Zoom— will be confirmed by email on Sunday 9/13.

I am very excited that we will be officially welcoming Maria Maloney as a member of our club and swearing in Luz and Patti as board members. In this newsletter there is the new committee assignments and the September meeting would be a good time to check in with your other committee members and set goals for the year.

I am looking forward to growing and learning together this year. I know that at times it may be tough with us all being mostly apart but in true Zonta fashion we will persevere and continue to "come together" and achieve great things.

Thank you,
Dana Burton
President

P.S. Guests are invited to our virtual meetings. If you know any one who is interested in joining us, simply contact us by email to get a meeting link: info@zontaqv.org

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Birthday wishes:

Marge Cavanaugh 8/27
Janet DaSilva 8/29
Maria Maloney 9/9
Suz Tiranno 9/28
Stacy Troy 9/30



For Your Calendar

August 2020 Board Meeting: 8/13, 6p, Zoom
 Summer Soiree: 8/23, 5p, Trish's

September 2020

Board Meeting: 9/10, 6p, Zoom
 Golf Tournament: 9/12, 8a, CSCC
 Business Meeting: 9/14, 6p, Zoom

October 2020

Board Meeting: 10/8, 6p, Zoom
 Business Meeting: 10/12, 6p, Zoom
 Domestic Violence Awareness Month

November 2020

Founder's Day Meeting: 11/9,
 Board Meeting: 11/12, 6p
 11/8 Zonta International birthday
 11/25- Int'l Day for the Elimination of Violence- start of
 16 Days of Activism
 Poinsettia Fund Drive

December 2020

Board Meeting: 12/10,
 Business Meeting: 12/14
 12/1- World Aids Day
 12/2- Int'l Day for Abolition of Slavery/
 Suppression of the Traffic in Person
 YWPA materials avail.

January 2021

Business Meeting: 1/11
 Board Meeting: 1/ 14
 Amelia Earhart Month
 1/11- AE day
 JMK materials avail

February 2021

Business Meeting: 2/8 Period Project?
 Board Meeting: 2/11
 Black History Month

March 2021

Business Meeting: 3/8
 Board Meeting: 3/11
 3/8- Zonta Rose Day/ Int'l Women's Day
 YWPA- applications due to club

April 2021

Board Meeting: 4/8
 Business Meeting: 4/12
 4/1- YWPA winner due to district

May 2021

Silent "no more!" Auction: 5/3
 Board Meeting: 5/13
 Membership Dues
 JMK application due to club

June 2021 Board Meeting: 6/10

Business Meeting: 6/14
 JMK winner due to district

"Don't ever underestimate the importance you can have because history has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own." Michelle Obama



Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley District I, Area II, Charter 1317 of Zonta International 2020—2021

President: Dana Burton
Vice President: Danielle Petrangelo
Treasurer: Andrea Bordenca
Secretary: Mary Knight
Directors: Patti Matthieu
 Luz Rivera
 Patricia Pupek

Website: www.zontaqv.org

Committee Chairs 2020—2021

Finance/Audit Chair: Joanne Turner-Chiacchia
Membership Chair: Danielle Petrangelo
PR /Communication Chair: Mary Knight
Advocacy/UN Chair: Pam Albertson
Service Chair: Joanne Turner-Chiacchia
Scholarships Chair: Maria Maloney
Poinsettia Fundraiser Chair: Liz Reeves
Golf Fundraiser Chair: Debra Wood
Auction Fundraiser Chairs:
 Patricia Pupek and Dianne Kidd
Nominating: TBD
Bylaw Revisions: Suz Tiranno

Zonta of Quaboag Valley Zoom Meetings

Zonta of Quaboag Valley
Business Meeting on Zoom
 June 8, 2020

Present: Trish Pupek, Marge Cavanaugh, Liz Reeves, Dana Burton, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Pam Albertson, Suz Tiranno, Stacy Troy, Debbie Wood, Mary Ann Rubis, Andrea Bordenca, Mary Knight, Danielle Petrangelo, Liz Reeves.

Absent: Dianne Kidd, Nancy Ayers, Kris Goold, Janet DaSilva, Patti Matthieu, Luz Rivera, Susan Seaver (transferring from Southern Maine club), and Maria Maloney (on agenda for induction)

Guests: Dee DiFatta, Jena Marie Roseman, Karen Keough Huff

Meeting called to order 6:05 by Area Director Mary Knight (Trish running late)

Welcome Jena Marie Roseman, YWPA award recipient Dana hand delivered a check, certificate and yellow rose in advance of the meeting. Jena shared her plans for college and her passions. She greatly appreciates this honor. Best of luck Jena – keep us informed!

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes published in the Bog as written. Thank you to Liz for taking on this role after Shanique was unable to continue.

Treasurers Report: A motion was made and voted to file the report for audit. Joanne reminded us that this service donations for 2020-21 will not be impacted by the Pandemic – we have a fund balance of \$11,415, with most of that earmarked. However, the ability to have a golf tournament and deliver poinsettias this fall will impact our service expenditures for 2021-22. Thank you, Joanne for four years of dedicated support in keeping our 'books' straight! Joanne will work with Andrea to transition responsibilities and mentor as needed.

International Convention 2020 – Suz has generously stepped in as our delegate for convention, as Maria was not eligible because of the timing of her membership. She will get training on the online voting procedure later this month, but explained that her role will be to review materials and vote on the following:

2018-2020 Slate of Candidates (she has the bio's and will review the speeches when available)
 2020-2022 Biennial & Fundraising Goals (published in the May issue of the Zonta Bog) and Budget
 Proposed projects: (published in the May issue of the Zonta Bog)

Let Us Learn Madagascar Project Description
 Ending Child Marriage Project Description
 Adolescent Girls' Health and Protection in Peru Project Description
 Strengthening Response to Gender-Based Violence Survivors
 Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws and Rules of Procedure of Zonta International
 Suz gave us highlights of the amendments, the rationale for recommendations by ZI and the possible impacts of each. She also shared that this opportunity was of great interest and encouraged all members to review these materials.

Installation - Mary Ann Rubis did her usual stellar job of installing our new Executive Board, with a bow to our incoming president's background in Chinese medicine! This was our first virtual installation, so no roses or president/past president pins exchanged, but it was certainly memorable.

President: Dana Burton

Vice President: Danielle Petrangelo

Treasurer: Andrea Bordenca

Secretary: Mary Knight

Board Members: Trish Pupek (Luz Rivera & Patti Matthieu will be installed in September)

President Dana gave thanks to Mary Ann and addressed club members:

"I am honored to be chosen to be the new president for the Zonta club of Quaboag Valley. I joined 6 years ago this month and I wouldn't have believed you if you said that I would be president in 6 years. I want to thank Trish so much for her wonderful leadership over the past 2 years and beyond. She is a superb asset to this club and I hope she is ready to guide me forward in her place.

In my 6 years as a member I feel we have accomplished so much and I cannot wait to see what new things we will achieve going forward. My goals for the next 2 years are firstly to continue to be an example of generosity, hope, and open-mindedness for our community. In times like these more people need to be active, join in government, and speak up. I feel we as a club could focus more on the needs of local women of color and I would love to see our club become more diverse. Increasing our club's membership has always been one of our main goals and Danielle and I will continue to look for new ways to inspire people to join our club. With our ever changing pandemic that may require everyone to get creative. I would also like to try to reach into underserved areas locally, like Ware, Warren and the Brookfields. Keep your eyes and ears open for any organizations we can work with in those areas. Lastly, I hope we all continue to work together, support each other, and have fun while doing great things."

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Business Meeting minutes continued

Zontian of the Biennium

Members took a moment to cast a secret ballot and Trish Pupek was the winner. \$100 will be sent from the club in her honor to the Zonta International Foundation.

Trish also received thanks and gifts from her Board for outstanding leadership this biennium!

Trish expressed her appreciation and continued commitment to the ongoing success of the club. She shared that she has been in communication with Lisa at the Ludlow Country Club and we will be welcomed back when it is safe to meet in person. She has also been in contact with our Soldier On liaison and we are missed. Hopefully we can reconnect soon.

Committee Reports

The June issue of the Zonta Bog included reports from each committee for the past year. Even though the Pandemic got in the way of the Silent “no more!” Auction, we still have accomplished a lot!

Golf Tournament scheduled September 12, 2020

The decision about whether to go forward in this environment will be decided by the end of June. In the interest of keeping people safe, several variations to the event were discussed. Instead of a buffet, perhaps a boxed lunch. Instead of prize table, maybe cash prizes for top winners and small gift bag for everyone else. Reduce cost if no food but provide snacks and water. Hold a raffle for special prize to raise money lost by not having sponsors. The committee is open to all ideas. Stay tuned!

We hope to have a summer gathering in person. The Board will discuss.

Meeting Adjourned 7:30

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Knight
Secretary

ZQV Board Meeting August 13, 2020 6:00 PM on Zoom

Present: Dana Buton, Andrea Bordenca, Mary Knight, Danielle Petrangelo, Trish Pupek Absent: Patti Matthieu, Luz Rivera

President Dana called the meeting to order at 6:05.

Minutes: The minutes from June 2020 were moved and voted to accept as written.

Treasurers Report: Andrea is working with Joanne to finalize the transition. She will have a report for members at the September business meeting. While we have been accepted by the Federal government as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (Federal Tax ID #04-3516496) since 2016, past treasurer, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia is submitting an application on the club’s behalf to the MA Attorney General to accept us as a public charity in the Commonwealth. The designation will require ongoing paperwork and annual fee but will ensure we are operating legally in the state.

Committees 2020-2021: Dana has appointed Committee Chairs and made the assignments. [See page 5 of this newsletter]

Summer Get-together: Trish has generously offered her home as the meeting place on Sunday August 23rd at 5:00pm, weather permitting. She has a spacious backyard for social distancing and will provide box lunches instead of the usual potluck. Please RSVP with Trish so she has an accurate count.

Golf Tournament on September 12: Debbie and her committee are working to ensure the tournament will be safe for all. A Golf report in September Zonta Bog newsletter will outline full details. Players and prizes are needed!!

September 14, 2020 Business Meeting:

Dana reported that the Ludlow Country Club is not open at this time, so the meeting will be on Zoom or (if weather permits) on the Ludlow common (adjacent to the Library). Agenda will include: Induction of Maria, Install Luz and Patti, Vote on nominating committee. Report on 2020 ZI Convention from our delegate, Suz Tiranno

October 12 ZOOM Business Meeting:

Speakers to honor Domestic Violence Awareness month. Details on speakers will be publicized in the October newsletter – the public will be invited.

November 9 Founders Day Meeting:

Nominations requested! For ideas, check out www.westernmasswomen.com/ (Dee DiFatta is on that board), <https://www.mywomensfund.org/> (Donna Haghghat, E.D. spoke to us last year), <https://westernmass.dressforsuccess.org/> Other sites?

December 14 Business Meeting:

Dana has a possible speaker from the Five College Women’s Research Center who could talk about “The F word: Feminism”.

Other Business:

Reminder - Any suggestions for Zoom activities with the Soldier On women are welcome.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Knight, Secretary

Committee Assignments for 2020-2021

Committee Chairs are asked to meet with committee members and be prepared to report on their plans for the upcoming year.

Scholarship: Maria (Ch), Kris, Dana, Marge, Suz

UN/Adv: Mary Ann, Pam (Ch), Debbie

Service: Maria, Janet, Joanne (Ch), Patti

1st Service request: Mary Ann Rubis requests that each new member get to pick a ZIF project for the club to donate towards (\$25 or 50). The member will report on that project at a future meeting so all members are kept informed of the International initiatives.

Membership: Danielle (Ch), Mary, Luz, Andrea,

Silent Auction: Janet, Sue, Joanne, Dianne (coC), Trish (coC)

Poinsettia: Sue, Liz (Ch), Luz, Patti, Danielle

Golf: Kris, Marge, Suz, Stacy, Debbie (Ch),

Public Relations: Mary (Ch), Dana

Finance: Joanne (Ch), Andrea, Pam

Nominating – The current committee will have a slate of proposed members for us to vote on at the September business meeting.

By-Laws – An AdHoc Committee will be formed with Suz as Chair to amend bylaws reflecting changes made at 2020 ZI Convention.



Birds Fly in a V

by Madisyn Taylor

Like birds flying in a "V," when we feel the presence of others moving along side of us, there is little we cannot accomplish.

As they swoop, drift, and glide, inscribing magnificent patterns across the sky, birds are serene displays of grace and beauty. Long a source of inspiration, birds can be messengers from the spirit realm, or a symbol of the human soul, as they cast off their earthly mooring and soar heavenward. An upturned wing, a graceful flutter, all so effortless and free... More magnificent still is the inspiring sight of birds migrating, progressing steadily across the horizon in a solid V formation that is a singular pattern too unique to be mere chance.

Pushing steadily forward, this aerodynamic V reduces air resistance for the whole flock. With wings moving in harmony, the feathered group continues its course across the sky, covering more ground together in community than as individuals. When the bird at the front gets tired, she will move to the rear of the formation where the wind drag is lowest, and a more rested bird can take her place.

By learning from the example of our winged guides, all of us can feel empowered to take on daring challenges as we chart adventurous courses. Feel the strength of others moving alongside you, as their presence lends power to your wings during this journey across the sky of life. When buffeted by unexpected gusts, we can choose to find refuge in the loving shelter of friends and family. We may even marvel as an otherwise difficult day passes by like a swift wind, as a kindred spirit charts a way for us through the clouds and rain ahead. If your wings begin to ache on your journey, look around for somebody else to fly at the front for a while. All of us move faster when we move together. Let your ego drop earthwards as we all soar ever higher.

zonta.org/Web/News_Events/News
HIGHLIGHTS

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL HONORS #REALLIFEHEROES ON WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY, 19 AUGUST

On World Humanitarian Day, the world commemorates humanitarian workers killed and injured in the course of their work.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL ENCOURAGES MEM- BERS TO SUPPORT YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

On International Youth Day, Zonta International celebrates young people and lifts up their voices, actions and initiatives.

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT SHARES MESSAGE FOLLOWING EXPLOSION IN BEIRUT

Our thoughts are with our members in Beirut in the aftermath of last Tuesday's devastating explosion.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is truly an honor to be your President for the first biennium of Zonta's second century and to be the first Amelia Earhart Fellow to serve as Zonta's President

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL RESPONDS TO DISCRIMINATION

As an advocate for women's rights that are, in fact, human rights, Zonta is committed to treating everyone with equal respect and can not tolerate discrimination.

Our Golf Tournament is Just Days Away!



ZONTA GOLF TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020
COLD SPRING CC BELCHERTOWN**

8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start - 18 Hole Scramble

Your support helps strengthen our organization, allowing us to continue providing the important community and worldwide service projects that further Zonta's vision of a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.



Mail Registration AND Payment by September 5th to
Zonta of Quaboag Valley
PO Box 1034, Belchertown MA 01007
Questions: (413) 219-8260
Email: info@zontaqv.org

In response to the uncertain times of COVID-19, there will be some changes to this annual fundraiser to offer a safe and fun outing for all to enjoy. In consideration of the businesses who have suffered losses, we have not solicited sponsorships for this event.

\$95 /Person
Includes
Greens Fees, Cart,
Boxed Lunch
Raffles
and Prizes
Day of Fun for a
Worthy Cause

Registration Form:
zontaqv.org/golf

TAKE A PICTURE!



The Golf Tournament Committee has spent a great deal of time carefully researching how we can offer a safe and fun event in this era of COVID 19. With some modifications we believe we can provide a meaningful experience for all participants.

Registration and raffles will be held outdoors and masks are required. We will have gloves and sanitizer on hand. No breakfast items or snacks will be handed out, but the club's food truck will circulate during play with snacks and non-alcoholic beverages for sale. Box lunches will be handed out after play.

We need the help of all members for the following:

1.) **WE NEED PLAYERS!!!** Please assure that all registrations are submitted with payment. We made it easy to register on line this year. If there are incomplete teams we can make assignments. Please see attached Registration form in this newsletter and online at zontaqv.org/golf. Post and share with as many people as possible.

2.) **WE NEED PRIZES** including gift cards, all denominations and appropriate for men and women. I imagine some of you may have suitable items you saved for the auction which you can donate. Some combinations of items with gift card for \$40 to \$50 value are appreciated. We plan to compile a list with a description of value much like we do for the auction so please

send that list to me. If you have any doubts take and send a picture. It is important that we receive the items prior to the tournament. (Set up will start at 7am.) Twelve prizes will be set aside for the 3 winning teams: the top all male, all female and mixed four-some. The remaining prizes will be used in a Chinese raffle for all players. The prizes will be displayed before play and participants can choose which items they want to bid on. A winning raffle ticket for each will be drawn during the tournament by members who are not playing, and posted.

3.) **WE NEED HELPERS AT THE TOURNAMENT.** At least 3 are needed by 7:15 to assist Committee members to sell raffle, 50/50 and mulligans. Andrea or designee will provide seed money, charge machine and 2 checks for payment to Cold Spring and the caterer. Once the tournament starts we need at least 2 to 3 women to post raffle winners and guard prizes. Boxed lunches are available by the end of the tournament for non golfers who plan to stay for lunch. The cost is \$13.00.

Since we do not know the future as far as club gatherings, the auction and service projects, we hope members will use this opportunity to be generous to help us raise funds in service of women in need. Questions welcomed.

Gratefully,
Golf Tournament Committee: Debbie Wood (Chairman),
Marge Cavanaugh, Kris Goold, Suz Tiranno, Stacy Troy



The ZONTA Club of Quaboag Valley
26th Golf Tournament Fundraiser
Saturday, September 12, 2020
Cold Spring Country Club
Route 21 Belchertown, MA

7:30 a.m. Registration, Coffee
8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start - 18 Hole Scramble
Boxed lunch, Raffles and Prizes
Cost: \$95 per person

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Space limited – sign up (with payment please) A.S.A.P.

Pay online at zontaqv.square.site/ or attach a check payable to **ZONTA of Quaboag Valley** for the following players: (Note: If you don't have a foursome, we will assign you to one.)

1) Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

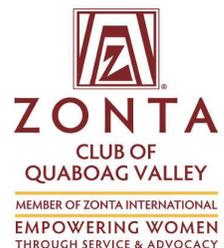
I'm interested in marketing my business at this fundraiser!

I have a gift to contribute for the prize table

Mail Registration AND Payment by Sept. 5 to:

Zonta of Quaboag Valley, PO Box 1034, Belchertown MA 01007-1034

Questions: Call (413) 219-8260 or email: info@zontaqv.org





A profound shock to our societies and economies, the COVID-19 pandemic underscores society's reliance on women both on the front line and at home, while simultaneously exposing structural inequalities across every sphere, from health to the economy, security to social protection. In times of crisis, when resources are strained and institutional capacity is limited, women and girls face disproportionate impacts with far reaching consequences that are only further amplified in contexts of fragility, conflict, and emergencies. Hard-

fought gains for women's rights are also under threat. Responding to the pandemic is not just about rectifying long-standing inequalities, but also about building a resilient world in the interest of everyone with women at the centre of recovery. Explore these varied impacts below and take a quiz to test your knowledge. For more information on this topic, visit UN Women's dedicated web page featuring news, resources and more, and learn about our response.

More: <https://interactive.unwomen.org/multimedia/explainer/covid19/en/index.html>



Our Programs
**International
Service Projects**



Descriptions and videos of this biennium's programs

<https://www.zonta.org/Web/Programs/International-Service-Projects-Home>

Zonta International is passionate about providing life-changing opportunities for women and girls through international service. By partnering with agencies of the United Nations and other recognized non-governmental organizations, Zonta has improved women's health, provided better economic opportunities and prevented gender-based violence in 66 countries.

Since our first service project, Zonta has contributed more than US\$28.7 million to our International Service and Zonta International Strategies to End Violence Against Women projects.



Ending Child Marriage

Learn how we are protecting the rights of millions of vulnerable girls and putting an end to this global violation of human rights in 12 countries in Africa and Asia.



Let Us Learn Madagascar

Learn how we are creating opportunities for vulnerable and excluded children, particularly girls, in Madagascar to realize their right to an education.



Eid bi Eid

Learn how we improved women's access to sustainable and decent employment, enabling greater equality and reducing violence against women in Jordan.