



ZONTA CLUB OF QUABOAG VALLEY BOG NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2020

Important Dates for your Calendar



October 12 Business Meeting—Zoom
Domestic Violence Awareness Panel:
Survivors In the time of COVID-19

November 9 Business Meeting—Zoom

December 14 Business Meeting—Zoom

January 11 Business Meeting

February 8 Business Meeting

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 8 Business Meeting

March 15-26 Commission on the Status of Women 65 will be Virtual—
unwomen.org Click on CSW for updates

April 12 Business Meeting

May Silent "no more!" Auction

June 14 Business Meeting

September 12 Zonta Golf Tournament
Fundraiser—Cold Spring Country Club

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

Happy autumn Zontians and friends!

What beautiful weather we've been having and the golf tournament was no exception (thanks Marge)! It was a chilly start that day but the sun was shining and the golfers were lining up (6 feet apart of course). We had an epic turn out and even needed a waiting list. Financially, it was our best year yet. A big "thank you" goes to the golf committee and the extra helpers. Looking on the even brighter side, with Covid forcing us to change things we have learned some new tricks that may be beneficial to keep using.



Another success was our September business meeting. We met outside at the Memorial ball park in Ludlow and were finally able to induct Maria as a new member, swear in Patti and Luz to the board and meet Sue, who transferred in. It was wonderful to see everyone's masked faces and sit together on a beautiful evening.

October is domestic violence awareness month as most of you probably know. There has been a lot of news on the increase of DV and all types of abuse during Covid. We are going to get our own personal update on what's happening locally from Monica Moran (Manager of Domestic Violence Awareness Programs for the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission), Emily Skoczylas (new Director of the Palmer DV Task Force) and Danielle Mickey (SAFEPLAN Advocate for the Belchertown court). Please feel free to invite guests.

I hope to virtually see everyone at the October meeting!

Sincerely,
Dana Burton

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Elizabeth Reeves 10/10
Dianne Kidd 10/25

The Shadow Pandemic: Violence Against Women and Girls and COVID-19

Globally,

243 million



women and girls aged 15-49 have been subjected to sexual and/or physical violence perpetrated by an intimate partner in the previous 12 months.

The number is likely to INCREASE as security, health, and money worries heighten tensions and strains are accentuated by cramped and confined living conditions.

Emerging data shows that since the outbreak of COVID-19, violence against women and girls (VAWG), and particularly domestic violence, has **INTENSIFIED**.

In **France**, reports of domestic violence have increased by **30%** since the lockdown on March 17.

In **Argentina** emergency calls for domestic violence cases have increased by **25%** since the lockdown on March 20.



In **Cyprus** and **Singapore** helplines have registered an increase in calls of **30%** and **33%**, respectively.

Increased cases of domestic violence and demand for emergency shelter have also been reported in **Canada, Germany, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States.**

As stay-at-home orders expand to contain the spread of the virus, women with violent partners increasingly find themselves isolated from the people and resources that can help them.

87,000 women were intentionally killed in 2017. The majority of these killings were committed by an intimate partner or family member of the victim.

Violence against women and girls is pervasive but at the same time widely under-reported. Less than **40%** of women who experience violence report these crimes or seek help of any sort.

The global cost of violence against women had previously been estimated at approximately.

US\$1.5 trillion
That figure can only be rising as violence increases now, and continues in the aftermath of the pandemic.

The surge in COVID-19 cases is straining even the most advanced and best-resourced health systems to the breaking point, including those at the front line in violence response.



Domestic violence shelters are reaching capacity, or unable to take new victims due to lockdown and social distancing measures. In other cases, they are being re-purposed to serve as health centers.

National responses to COVID-19 must include:



Services to address violence against women and girls, including increased resources to support shelters, hotlines and online counselling. These essential services should be expanded and adapted to the crisis context to ensure survivors' access to support.



A strong message from law enforcement that impunity will not be tolerated. Police and Justice actors must ensure that incidents of VAWG are given high priority and care must be taken to address the manifestations of violence emerging in the context of COVID 19.



Psychosocial support for women and girls affected by the outbreak, gender-based violence survivors, frontline health workers and other frontline social support staff must be prioritized.



"Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

Ruth Bader Ginsburg



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

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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—In Person, In the Park!

Business Meeting – Ludlow Memorial Ball Park September 14, 2020 @ 6pm

Present: Pam Albertson, Dana Burton, Marge Cavanaugh, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Janet DaSilva, Kris Goold, Mary Knight, Maria Maloney, Patti Matthieu, Danielle Petrangelo, Trish Pupek, Luz Rivera, Mary Ann Rubis, Susan Seaver, Stacy Troy, Debbie Wood

Absent: Nancy Ayers, Andrea Bordenca, Dianne Kidd, Liz Reeves, Suz Tiranno

Meeting called to order 6:05 by President Dana Burton

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes published in the Bog as written.

Treasurers Report: Andrea is unavailable tonight. Golf tournament proceeds and expenses still being calculated, but looks like we will exceed \$5000 in profits to use for our service initiatives in 2021-2022! Past treasurer, Joanne, passed out documentation on our available Service funds as of June 2020. Opening balance is \$11,415 (previous year's fundraising \$9108 plus unspent service balance \$2307). Of that total, \$8363 has been designated in approved 2020-2021 budget, leaving available funds of \$3052 for all other projects/requests for this biennium.



Installation - Mary Ann Rubis installed incoming Board Members Luz Rivera and Patti Matthieu, who were absent from our virtual meeting in June. Because we were in-person for this meeting, President Dana was pinned by outgoing President Trish – and Trish received her Past President pin in turn.

Induction – Mary Ann also inducted our newest member Maria Maloney, who was warmly welcomed to the

Quaboag club. Also welcomed was Susan Seaver, who has transferred her membership to us from the Southern Maine club.

Committee Reports

Dana has requested that committee chairmen submit an outline of their plans for the year and identify any support needed.

Golf Tournament 9/12/2020

The decision to go forward with this year's tournament, despite the pandemic, was the right one! Debbie shared that we

made adjustments to the format to keep everyone safe – including a hands-off Chinese Auction, box lunches and outdoor registration. Though we chose not to solicit local businesses, our members and friends were very



generous with contributions for raffle prizes and cash donations. We had a record 112 players who generously purchased raffle tickets, 50/50 and mulligans. We anticipate a profit exceeding \$5500! Debbie acknowledged her amazing committee: Long time member Kris, who will step down this year, Marge (our voice of reason), Mary (behind the scenes work), and the newest members Stacy and Suzanne – who provided some great perspectives in making the 2020 tournament work! Luz has volunteered to step up for the 2021 event. Typically, it would be on a Saturday, but we may move it to Sunday 9/12/21 as next year marks the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

Service – Joanne is the new chair of this committee. Her first proposal comes at the request of Mary Ann: That the club start a new practice of making at least a \$25 donation to the Zonta International Foundation Service Fund in the name of every new member (starting with Maria), recognizing their induction into our club. The new member would choose the specific service project that resonates and share her/his reasoning. This practice would introduce new members to the ZIF and its work,, encourage their own donations to the Foundation, educate members on the funds and encourage their active donations, too. The proposal was unanimously approved by vote of the membership.

Maria has selected Strengthening Response to GBV Survivors in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste and has pledged to match the club's donation.

Nominating – Marge set forth a slate for the 2020-2022 Nominating Committee: Janet, Kris, and Trish. The slate was unanimously approved by vote of the membership.

October Meeting – We will continue meeting on Zoom for the time being.

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness month, a panel of experts in this field has been assembled for a program update on DV in the time of COVID-19. Speakers include

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Business Meeting minutes continued

Monica Moran (manager, Domestic Violence Prevention Projects, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission), Emily (Palmer Domestic Violence Task Force Group) and Danielle (Belchertown court advocate). More details will be included in the October newsletter and the public will be invited to join the Zoom meeting.

November Meeting

Discussion was held about the traditional Founder's Day program held every November and attracting friends, family of the chosen individual and substantial publicity to honor the recipient. Given the limitations of the pandemic, the consensus is that we will postpone this program to March 2021.

Soldier On – Only three women currently reside in the Leeds building and the public is not allowed on the premises. It was suggested that we could join them for a walk and box lunch at Look Park and maybe schedule Zoom Craft events. Deb also asked if we can donate books and puzzles to the program. Trish will touch base with the program coordinator for dates and members are asked to let Dana know who would like to take monthly lead for continuing our tradition of support for the women.

Other Business

Suzanne – our delegate for the 2020 Zonta International Convention – will provide a report in the October Zonta Bog and chair an ad-hoc committee to update our Bylaws to reflect changes voted on at Convention.

Dana thanked everyone for their willingness to meet in person at the ball park with chairs socially distanced.

Meeting Adjourned 7:00

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Knight
Secretary

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

Present: Dana Buton, Andrea Bordenca, Mary Knight, Patti Matthieu, Danielle Petrangelo, Trish Pupek **Absent:** Luz Rivera
President Dana called the meeting to order at 6:05.

Minutes: The minutes from August 2020 were moved and voted as written.

Treasurers Report: Andrea reported that she has been depositing golf tournament checks from players and noted that there are expenses to be paid. She will have the tally the week after the event but looks like it's definitely a good money raiser! We have more people enrolled this year than last year! The timing of this is perfect. As far as overall financials, she is still not situated within the software and has been having some roadblocks there. She is in coordination with Joanne and continues to make the deposits and keeping track of everything manually. She will have a few questions for Joanne and will keep us posted.

Golf Tournament: Saturday's event is shaping up well – record number of players, good weather, plenty of raffle prizes, volunteers in place to set up Chinese raffle, manage registration, raffle / 50-50 / Mulligan sales, picking of raffle prize winners, etc. Plans include ensuring the tournament will be safe for all.

September 14, 2020 Business Meeting:

Dana suggested holding the meeting in person at the Memorial playground in Ludlow (weather permitting) and will confirm after getting feedback from members. Mary Ann will induct Maria and swear in Patti and Luz. Trish will receive the past-president's pin and Dana will get the President's pin. Suzanne will give a summary of the ZI Convention proceedings. We will vote on the Nominating committee slate for 2020-2022. Committee chairs will be asked for plans for this year.

October 12 ZOOM Business Meeting:

Speakers to honor Domestic Violence Awareness month. Emily from PDVTF and Monica Moran will be on panel, along with a Belchertown court advocate arranged by Danielle. Details on topic will be publicized in the October newsletter – the public will be invited.

November 9 Founders Day Meeting:

Discussion needed on Founder's Day in this COVID-19 environment. It will be added to 9/14 business meeting agenda.

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:

Soldier On – only 3 women at the Leeds home currently. Suggestions needed on how to safely interact. Look Park? Zoom?

Poinsettia Fundraiser coming up

Ad hoc ByLaw Committee will be headed by Suz.

Next newsletter will be published the weekend of 10/1.

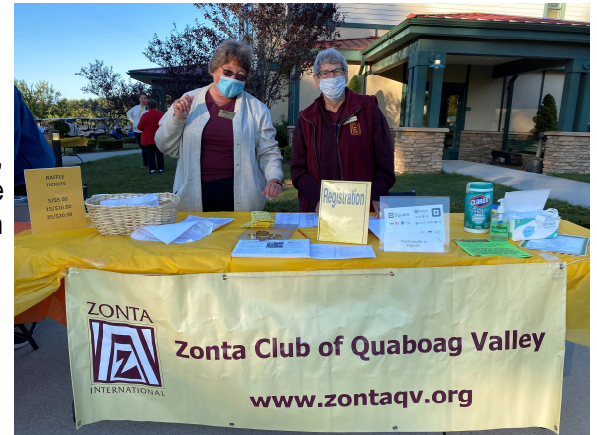
Meeting was adjourned at 7:05

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Knight, Secretary

26TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT WAS A SUCCESS!

This 2020 golf tournament may be one of our most memorable events in the history of our club. Given it was scheduled amidst a pandemic, racial unrest and during a highly contested election year, I am relieved and proud that our efforts paid off. I express my deep gratitude to all Golf Committee members for helping to bring all the pieces together. The introduction of the “chance raffle” took some planning but resulted in over 70 items, many valued at \$25 and some worth \$150, \$50, \$35. Players were able to make their selection with free and purchased raffle tickets. The winners were drawn and posted so players could collect their items in a staggered and timely fashion. We learned some ways to improve the raffle for next year but we are pleased that this new raffle alone earned us \$1150 towards our funds raised. Mulligans, 50/50, registration, unsolicited sponsors and donations resulted in our best year yet, with a grand total of over \$5500! We are still sorting the profits so the actual total will be reported in next month’s Treasurer’s Report. Given that we did not solicit sponsors this year (\$1500 in the past) and we are still in the midst of a pandemic, the fundraiser was an exceptional success. Thanks to the generosity of so many club members who donated prizes and supported the cost of extra golf carts, printing materials and raffle tickets our only expenses were food and greens fees/carts. We are also grateful for the countless hours, e mails and meetings devoted to this event by all committee members.

We had a great crew of members at 6:30 a.m. on hand to set up the raffle tables, sell raffle and 50/50 tickets and mulligans and register players. We have received mostly positive feedback; players enjoyed the boxed lunches and some won closest to the pin and line and our very own members Stacy and Suz and their team were the first all female team to place amongst the 3 top winning teams. We sent follow up e mails to all team captains and continue to receive positive feedback and comments which the committee will take into consideration for planning for the September 12th, 2021 (a Sunday) tournament. I invite 100% participation on the part of all our members in our next tournament. Even if you don't golf, I can assure you that you will experience a fun and rewarding event.



Golf Tournament 2020 Committee

- Debbie Wood, Chairman
- Marge Cavanaugh
- Kris Goad
- Mary Knight
- Stacy Troy
- Suzanne Tiranno



2020 Zonta International Convention

By Suzanne Tiranno, Delegate



As a first year member of our Zonta club, I was excited and honored, albeit also surprised, to be asked to serve as our club's convention delegate! At first I felt nervous to approach this role and to vote on behalf of our club, but I quickly shifted my thinking more towards a place of gratitude and excitement for the opportunity. I need to extend much praise and thanks to Mary Knight, for answering my many questions and being willing to talk me through the customs and best practices most needed to fill this role. I came away from the experience confident that serving in this capacity was a most fruitful and rewarding role that new member can experience, and I thank our entire club for trusting me with this responsibility.

When I last spoke to our club about the convention, I reported on the varied changes being proposed to the bylaws, rules of procedure, and resolutions. I also expressed my excitement for our own Mary Ann Rubis and assured the club I would be proudly casting our ballot for her as the candidate to join the International Nominating Committee. I was so proud to learn that Mary Ann was in fact the candidate selected to represent North, Central, and South America on the International Nominating Committee. It's wonderful to have someone from our club serving in such a distinguished position within the ZI organization. Congrats again to Mary Ann!

As a result of the elections, 16 amendment proposals to the Bylaws of ZI were adopted by the voting members, 1 amendment proposal to the Rules of Procedure was adopted, and 8 Resolutions were adopted. Below, I very briefly mention the results I think are most relevant to our club's work. Whereas this is just a summary, I'm happy to share a PDF of the full voting results.

Adopted Amendment Proposals to Bylaws (changes in red):

- ZI Executive Committee may now transact business by mail or electronically.
- Club membership shall be drawn from women and men individuals with experience in a recognized business or profession.
- Changes were adopted to the way complaints are to be written and submitted against ZI board members, district board members, club officers, club suspensions, and club members. Concerned parties now have at least 20 days to respond to complaints. More details can be found in the full voting results.
- A club with a convention delegate, who is the sole member attending the convention, shall be entitled to an emergency proxy.
- The officers of a club shall be at least a pres., vp, secretary and treasurer or dual treasurer/secretary. There may be one or more directors.
- The club treasurer shall make monthly periodic reports.
- E-clubs Clubs may hold their meetings electronically.
- Committees shall include Membership, Service, Advocacy and such others as be authorized by the club board.

Adopted Amendment Proposal to Rules of Procedure:

- Zontians shall not use membership contact details for the purpose of lobbying for or against candidates running for office at any level. Membership lists may not be provided to other organizations.

Adopted Resolutions:

- Resolution to continue "Individual Membership Category"
- Resolution to conduct an overall review of ZI.
- Resolution to authorize the revision and restatement of the Bylaws of ZI.
- Resolution to continue the "Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women" campaign.
- Resolution to adopt Women in Tech Scholarship as a permanent education program.
- Resolution to include the ZI Centennial Icon Color palette in the approved Zonta palette and tints.
- Resolution stating any new member paying full dues in April/May shall be considered fully paid for the following year.
- Resolution on allowing a daily registration fee allowing non-delegate members and guests to attend conventions for single days.

Please let me know if you'd like a more detailed copy of the full voting results! Thank you again for the opportunity to represent our club at the 2020 ZI Convention!



The Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force

Flags of Hope Project

Open to everyone who lives or works in the Ware River Valley

What Does Respect and Connection Look Like in Our Community?

Why Does it Matter To You?

(respect and connection between family, friends, intimate partners, neighbors . . .)

The project: Due to COVID-19 we will not hold our Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk this year. Instead, we will collect Flags of Hope. We will hang these flags in rotating locations around the community starting with Veteran's Park on October 24/ 25. We will also make a video of flags for social media

How to participate: Make a flag and get it to us! On a piece of cloth, answer the question above. Keep it simple or make it an inspired art project. Use words or pictures or both. Keep it 12"x12" to 36"x36". Use something waterproof so rain won't ruin your flag –

like a permanent marker, or acrylic paint. You are welcome to sign your flag! Pick up a blank flag (or use your own material) and drop off your finished flag in the designated boxes at the side entrance of Ware Town Hall Mon.- Fri. 8am-4pm or on the front porch of BHN/Valley Human Services, 96 South St., Mon.-Sat. 8am-4pm. If you need supplies for a group, want Project updates, prefer to submit a picture of your flag by email only, or have a question contact the Task Force at wrvdvtaskforce@gmail.com.

By giving us your flag, you consent to have it displayed and photographed for this public project.



Deadline: Flags must be received by October 17, 2020



It's hard to believe the Poinsettia Fundraiser is just around the corner! We will be sending out the order forms by the end of October. Please feel free to send any business names you would like added to the list. Order forms will also be on our website so members can approach family, friends, colleagues etc. We will do deliveries the week of November 30. Any members that are able to help with deliveries please let me or Mary Knight know. Members can also make arrangements to pick up poinsettias at the greenhouse.

There has been an unprecedented demand for our product line at the greenhouse. Maybe because people are spending more time at home? Whatever the reason we look forward to a successful fundraiser! Thank you in advance for all of your efforts! Please email me with any questions.

Poinsettia Chair
Liz Reeves



The ZONTA Club of Quaboag Valley Annual Poinsettia Fundraiser

We invite you to participate in our annual poinsettia fundraiser. These plants brighten up the office and home during the holiday season, and make wonderful gifts for friends, colleagues and clients. These florist-quality Poinsettias in foil-covered pots are available in two sizes and four colors. Deliveries will be made between late November and early December.

To order: Complete the order form and (1) mail OR fax to the Committee Chairs (contact info below) or (2) provide to the Zonta Club member who will call you in the next two weeks. Payment is due at delivery. Make checks payable to "Zonta of Quaboag Valley".

Business/Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Quantity	Size / Cost	Color Selection		Subtotal Multiply quantity times cost
		Red White	Pink Pink & White*	
<i>Example:</i> 2	<i>Large</i>	<i>Red</i>		<i>\$52</i>

** limited quantities of pink & white, so please note 2nd choice on same line.*

Total: _____

Zonta of Quaboag Valley – Poinsettia Fundraiser Committee Members

Committee: Liz Reeves, Andrea Bordenca, Patti Matthieu, Mary Knight, Susan Seaver

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Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. The Quaboag Valley Club uses profits from this fundraiser to support local community projects such as raising awareness on issues of child marriage, domestic violence, homeless women veterans, trafficking of women, and more. Visit us at zontaqv.org for more information. Thank you!!

