



**ZONTA**

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**ZONTA CLUB OF  
QUABOAG VALLEY  
BOG NEWSLETTER**

**JANUARY 2021**



**Important Dates for your Calendar**

**January 11 Amelia Earhart Program  
& Business Meeting**

**February 8 Black History Program  
& Business Meeting, Period Project Info**

**March 8 - Zonta Rose Day**  
Consider making a donation to the ZI Foundation for Women in honor of someone who has made a positive impact on your life or the lives of others.

**March 11 - RGB Tribute in honor of  
International Women's Day  
& 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**

We expect to see all of you on 1/11; if you are unable to Zoom, please let Dana know. **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](mailto:info@zontaqv.org)**

Dear Zontians and friends,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. Let's all put our positive intentions into 2021. I'm wishing for everyone to have a healthy, peaceful, and happy new year.

My friend Jennifer Hamilton gave us a great discussion of Feminism at December's meeting. I'm so glad we were able to have an open and honest talk. I'm hoping she will come back again sometime soon.

We have a great line up of meetings over the next couple months.

January we are going to celebrate Amelia Earhart with an amazing speaker, Jess Sexauer. Unfortunately, she can't join us live but is currently making a video and answering your questions. I cannot wait to hear from this truly inspiring woman.

February, we obviously won't be able to have our normal period project assembly meeting. However, we are still going to collect menstrual products and get them to organizations that need them. The Amazon wish list is posted on our website and I encourage you all to share it with your friends and families. Products purchased will be shipped to my house and then will be divided up between any organizations wishing to participate. During our February Zoom meeting, I would like to open up a conversation about bias and stereotypes. Club member Andrea Bordenca is going to lead us in this conversation. She has been doing some great work through the Institute of Generative Leadership on addressing our biases.

In March, we are going to have a Ruth Bader Ginsburg tribute meeting. I'm going to send out a reading list of RBG books and articles so everyone can prepare.

I am really looking forward to all the possibilities that this year holds. I can't wait to see what we can accomplish.

Sincerity,  
President Dana Burton



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**Karen KeoughHuff 1/18**  
**Debra Wood 1/19**  
**Luz Rivera 1/28**  
**JoanneTurner-Chiacchia 1/30**

## Amelia Earhart month—Celebrating Women Redefining What’s Possible: Jessica Sexauer



Jessica in the front seat of the helicopter with a fellow female Apache pilot in the back.

**Jessica Sexauer** grew up in a military family, moving every two to three years due to her father’s job as an Army Aviator. Throughout her childhood, Jess had the opportunity to live in Germany and Thailand as well as four US states, including Massachusetts.

With a desire to also serve her country, Jess attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. While there, Jess studied Mathematics and was the captain of the women’s Rugby team. She graduated and commissioned as an Army Officer in 2012 and began flight school at Fort Rucker, Alabama where she selected to fly the AH-64 Apache Attack Helicopter.

In 2015 while stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado, Jess deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan for a nine month combat deployment as a Platoon Leader. Following deployment, Jess was stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska where she served for 28 months as a Company Commander. During this time, she went on a nine month rotational deployment in South Korea.

Jess is currently training to be an Instructor Pilot back at Fort Rucker, Alabama, where she lives with her spouse, Alex and three pets, Emmett, Abbie and Ellie.

Amelia Earhart spent much of her career speaking and writing to promote women's opportunities in aviation and other fields. She hoped that one day men and women would be valued for their individual abilities. "It has always seemed to me," she wrote "that boys and girls are educated very differently ... too often little attention is paid to individual talent. Instead, education goes on dividing people according to their sex, and putting them in little feminine or masculine pigeonholes."

### Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley District I, Area II, Charter 1317 of Zonta International 2020—2022

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

**Website:** [www.zontaqv.org](http://www.zontaqv.org)

### Committee Chairs 2020—2022

- 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

“Some of us have great runways already built for us. If you have one, take off! But if you don’t have one, realize it is your responsibility to grab a shovel and build one for yourself and for those who will follow after you.”

**Amelia Earhart**



# Zonta of Quaboag Valley—December 14, 2020 Business Meeting

## Business Meeting – Zoom December 14, 2020 @ 6pm

**Present:** Dana Burton, Marge Cavanaugh, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Kris Goold, Mary Knight, Patti Matthieu, Danielle Petrangelo, Trish Pupek, Liz Reeves, Mary Ann Rubis, Susan Seaver, Suz Tiranno, Stacy Troy, Debbie Wood

**Absent:** Pam Albertson, Andrea Bordenca, Dianne Kidd, Nancy Ayers, Janet DaSilva, Luz Rivera, Maria Maloney,

**Guests:** Karen and Chris Keough-Huff, Jennifer Hamilton

President Dana Burton welcomed everyone and began the evening with Announcements:

- ◆ Congratulations to Karen and Chris have been voted members of the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley. They will be inducted at our January meeting. We are confident that they will be assets to our club, and we hope to offer them leadership opportunities – a win-win.
- ◆ The Every Member Every November Challenge exceeded expectations. Thank you to all members who contributed and a “well done” to the Chairman of the Zonta International Development Committee, Mary Ann Rubis, for a well-run campaign. With our help, more than US\$450,000 was raised to support Zonta’s international service projects. Every dollar donated will provide life-changing opportunities for women and girls around the world.
- ◆ Sincere thanks to all members who donated gift cards in lieu of this year’s toys for children in shelters during the holidays. Over \$300 worth were given to EACH the YWCA and Palmer DV Task Force for distribution.
- ◆ Kudos to those who contributed to Christmas treats for Soldier On. Dana delivered filled stockings, a beautiful handmade scarf and gift card, along with several puzzles.

## Dana introduced our speaker Jennifer Hamilton, whose topic was “The F-word, Feminism”

Jennifer is a Professor of Legal Studies and Anthropology at Hampshire College and visiting Professor of Sexuality, Women’s & Gender Studies at Amherst College.

“Feminism” is both controversial and challenging, even today. In an interactive session with members, Jennifer covered different perspectives about power and inequality, how the pandemic has shed a spotlight on sexual stereotypes about societal roles, the importance of men and women to work together to achieve equality, and for women to mentor other women on the freedom to choose their path and fight injustices. Ruth Bader Ginsberg noted that Equality is not sameness. Equality is understanding difference – gender and racial differences. To have equality you need to recognize and accommodate those differences.

We would love to have Jennifer (and perhaps some of her students) back to continue the discussion.

## Following the Program, the business meeting was called to order at about 6:45 by President Dana Burton

**November Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes published in the Bog. The vote was in favor.

**Treasurers Report:** Andrea shared her report by email. A motion was made and seconded to file the report for audit. The vote was in favor.

Joanne Turner-Chiacchia discussed her role as Vice Treasurer. A few years ago, we applied to the IRS for a federal status 501(c)3 public charity and were approved. Donations to the club can be tax-deductible as permitted by law. We have to complete a couple of reports annually to maintain that status. This past spring, Joanne began the process to get us recognized on a state level by the Attorney General’s Public Charity Division. This has proven to be a lot more work than anticipated, partly because of the pandemic’s impact on staff availability. We need to keep Joanne as the point person until we get a stamp of approval on our status from the state. Joanne also raised the issue that the annual reports that will be needed to maintain our public charity status with the state are more cumbersome and may require that we hire an accountant to assist in this effort.

## Committee Reports

**Poinsettia Fundraiser** – Liz reported that we have met or exceeded last year’s profit on poinsettia sales. Specific numbers will be available in next month’s Treasurer’s Report. Thanks to all member who made this fundraiser a success – spreading the word, buying plants, wrapping, delivering, tracking, accounting, etc.! Well done!

**Education Scholarships** –Maria has reached out to area high schools about the YWPA application being available. We also got a news release out to local papers and on our website. Please help pass the word.

## Future Meetings

**January** – We would love to get a speaker tied to the Amelia Earhart theme. Karen will check with her niece for ideas.

**February** – We can’t have our typical Period Project meeting, but there is a strong need for products and awareness during these difficult times.

Getting great speakers and projects that we can use to engage members and the public will be critical during the next several months. Dana will send out an email to all members to get us brainstorming.

Dana thanked everyone for attending. Next Newsletter deadline is 12/27; next meeting 1/11/2021.

## Meeting Adjourned 7:10

Respectfully Submitted  
Mary Knight, Secretary

## ZQV Board Meeting December 21, 2020 6:00 PM on Zoom

**Present:** Dana Buton, Mary Knight, Patti Matthieu, Danielle Petrangelo

**Absent:** Luz Rivera, Andrea Bordenca, Trish Pupek

**Editor note 12/22:** *Luz has asked for a leave of absence. She has started a business and is inundated with work.*

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

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

**Treasurers Report:** Andrea informed Dana that the Poinsettia Fundraiser total (before expenses) is \$4620. Mary noted that an additional \$20 was forwarded to Andrea, and that the total includes over \$450 of donations – the largest of which were from Liz and the Palmer Library. Dana mentioned that we are fortunate to have had two successful fundraisers this year, despite the state of the economy and the pandemic.

**December 14 Meeting** – Mary distributed the draft Business Meeting minutes for Board review. All present thought Jennifer Hamilton and her topic were wonderful, the interactive format was engaging, and we want more!

### January 11 Meeting

We will induct Karen and Chris. Mary Ann will be asked to do the honors. Danielle is get materials to the new members, request payment of dues and get correct spelling for badges. Andrea will be asked to order badges and send proper notification with dues payment to Zonta International. Dana has Zonta pins. We will deliver with flowers to the ladies.

Dana might have a lead for a speaker in celebration of Amelia Earhart month. Karen was exploring options, too. Details will be finalized and published in the January newsletter, on Facebook and in a news release.



### February 8 Meeting

We will go forward with the Period Project, but it will be different. Donors will be asked to order products at our Amazon Wish list (link available at zontaqv.org). Items will be shipped to Dana. With help from members, boxes of items will be distributed to organizations in the area who – in turn - will see that local women and girls get the support they need. Mary will get a list of those organizations published to the website and prepare a news release. Dana will add to Facebook.

As February is Black History month, we would like to have a program celebrating diversity and tolerance, and confronting bias and stereotypes. Andrea will be asked to lead that discussion.

### March 8 Meeting

Mary Ann suggested a book discussion for a meeting. With Women's History month in March it was suggested that we focus on RBG. We will provide members with a reading list and questions for discussion. Perhaps we can get Jennifer back for March to facilitate that program?

### Future meetings

The Commission on the Status of Women will be held in March and updates on International Service projects will be available as meeting topics. It was suggested that Trish and Dianne might spearhead a Plan B for the Silent "no more!" Auction – given that this pandemic will continue through the Spring – possible online auction or maybe we sell something like note cards or garden stones. Dana will send out email asking for additional input.

**We would love to put together a schedule of programs for the rest of the Zonta year (Jan—June) so we can promote and generate some enthusiasm!**

### Next board meeting 1/18/2021 at 6:00

Meeting was adjourned at 6:36

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Knight, Secretary

# Twining/ Friendship Club/ Sister Club

A message from Governor Beatrice Schori:

Brittany Vaughn from District 9 Zonta Club of Burbank Area had proposed a program called Twining, sister club or Friendship club. The idea is to truly experience that Zonta is an International Organization.

A task force (I am a member) will organize the project. I contacted our President Sharon Langenbeck and she approved the project. It does not fall under the umbrella of ZI and is looked after by the task force. Governors would match up different Districts. Clubs than would also be matched up with clubs from around the world. How wonderful if we could exchange ideas, support each other and also hopefully get to visit each other.

Of course Conferences and International Conventions are a valuable venue to meet fellow Zontians. Those meetings are an experience of a life time.

Please let your members know about this proposed project. Find out if they are interested to participate. We are in a time crunch and I would appreciate to hear back from each President by January 7 / 2021  
If you have any questions please feel free to reach out. **Let President Dana know if you want to pursue this idea.**



This November, every member made a difference.

Together, we raised:

# US\$451,747



THANK YOU TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS WHO HELPED MAKE THIS POSSIBLE!

## 2021



### YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD

Recognizing young women for their commitment to volunteerism, volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to empowering women worldwide



#### 1 APPLICATION, 3 OPPORTUNITIES

<b>Club award</b> Varies by club	<b>32 district awards</b> US\$1,500 each	<b>10 international awards</b> US\$5,000 each
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Applications must be received by the applicant's local Zonta club's deadline. To locate a club near you and download an application, please visit: [zonta.org/YWPAAward](http://zonta.org/YWPAAward).

**CLUB DEADLINE:**

March 12, 2021

**SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:**

Maria Maloney  
Scholarship Chair  
53 Nieske Road  
Monson, Ma 01057

Download form and information from [www.zontaqv.org/resources/](http://www.zontaqv.org/resources/)



## The Period Project 2021

This year – with the pandemic and economic hardships, the need for women is direr than ever. The Zonta Clubs of Western MA are pooling resources for #The Period Project to raise awareness and collect items needed during a monthly menstrual cycle. While we are unable to collect products and put together monthly kits, **we are asking members and the public to purchase needed supplies listed on our Amazon Wish List—link at [zontaqv.org/period](https://zontaqv.org/period). Products will be collected and divided among organizations that are accepting donations.**

If you would prefer to make a cash donation, we will purchase items in short supply. Donate online at [zontaqv.square.site](https://zontaqv.square.site), or make check out to Zonta, and send to PO Box 1034, Belchertown MA 01007-1034

### Our Partners in Delivering Packets and Products:

Amherst Survival Center | The Care Center | CHD | YWCA of Western MA | MHA Safe Passage | Woman Shelter Companeras | ROCA Springfield | The Gray House

## International Women's Day 2021

A challenged world is an alert world and from challenge comes change. So let's all choose to challenge.

The Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley will celebrate women’s achievement on March 11th by learning more about Ruth Bader Ginsburg—a woman who raised awareness against bias and took action for equality.



Ruth Bader Ginsburg: A Reading List  
<https://libguides.wlu.edu/law/RGB> (rev. 9/24/20)

About this Reading List: RBG: A Reading List highlights texts written by and about Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the U.S. Supreme Court. Additionally, it provides users with information and video on the nomination and confirmation of Justice Ginsburg, some of her most notable opinions and dissents authored as a justice, and several of the cases she argued before the Supreme Court as an attorney.

Please submit your discussion questions to [info@ZontaQV.org](mailto:info@ZontaQV.org). Please invite friends and family to come join us for a lively discussion on the American justice system, feminism, family, and the remarkable legacy of the great dissenter.

Upcoming half day workshop for empowerment & dignity building: "Dignity in Conversation" co-facilitated by Zonta of Quaboag Valley Board Member, Andrea Bordenca. Open to all.

The system is broken, and our voices needs to be heard! The Dignity in Conversation program is for individuals and business leaders who are ready to make a difference. Sign up today and begin building power & influence for the betterment of all.



## "Dignity in Conversation" A pilot program of a 4-hour Workshop and a 3-hour Peer Group Session.

Virtual Workshop ~ January 19, 2021, 8am - 12pm —Led by Jessi Kirley & Andrea Bordenca

Experience the power of connecting to self-worth (dignity) in the body, and learn a guided embodiment exercise

Hear guest stories of dignity threats & resilience strategies

Practice conversation tools to make more effective requests and better promises

Virtual Peer Group Session ~ January 26, 2021, 8am - 11am — Facilitated by Jessi Kirley.

Share workshop takeaways

Share personal stories of success and challenges

Strengthen new dignity-grounded conversation skills

Expand network of support ~continue building their skills and growing your network by joining an ongoing monthly Peer Group

Together we can raise the cultural standards of dignity within the workplace and at home, and contribute to the movement to shift institutionalized economic, gender, and racial injustices globally.

COVID-19 has thrown most of the world population into turmoil on every front, disproportionately affecting women and BIPOC populations - The acronym, which stands for black, Indigenous and people of color. It has revealed the many broken systems and institutionalized injustices like never before, and has threatened the livelihood of countless small businesses. More and more people are demanding humanity and raising their voices to affect change.

Our program offers simple tools for using our words more effectively, to make better promises and requests. These educational and training programs help people build stronger relationships and have more positive influence at work, home, and in their community.

*"Without the shared language and understanding of dignity....We will continue to act instinctively in the service of self-preservation when we experience a threat to our dignity."* **Donna Hicks, Leading with Dignity**

Facilitators: Jessi Kirley, Andrea Bordenca, Susan McNamara, Kalpana Devi

Guest Speakers: Chetna M. Malaviya, Dr. Leslie A. Saulsberry

**Pricing—Suggested cost: \$325 | Need-based ~ Pay-what-you-can: \$50-250\* if**

Paying for the course would interfere with paying for your basic living expenses, You have been economically strained due to the COVID-19 pandemic, You are Black and/or Indigenous. (As a step towards reparations.)

**Buy tickets: <https://kirleycollective.com/dignity-in-conversation/>**

**Questions: Contact Andrea Bordenca**