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**ZONTA CLUB OF
QUABOAG VALLEY
BOG NEWSLETTER**

MARCH 2021

2021 Dates for your Calendar

March 8 - RGB Tribute in honor of International Women's Day & Business Meeting

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

April 12 Business Meeting

April 24 District 1 Spring Workshop 9am—noon Free for members, guests

May Silent "no more!" Auction
New format! News coming soon.

June 14 Business Meeting

June 25—27 Cincinnati NAIDM North American Inter-District Meeting
zontadistrict4.org/category/naidm-2021/

September 12 Zonta Golf Tournament
Fundraiser—Cold Spring Country Club

October 22-24 District 1 Fall Conference

We expect to see all of you on Zoom; if you are unable to attend, 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**

Hello Zontians & Friends,

I want to start off by thanking our own Andrea Bordenca for leading us on such a great discussion at our last meeting. I think we all learned some great tools for addressing our unconscious biases and how to work with others who may not see eye to eye with us. We all need to continue to strive to achieve all forms of equality.

Also thank you to all those who have donated supplies to our annual Period Project. The supplies will be divided up and distributed to local organizations in need.

In March our club is hosting a tribute to Ruth Bader Ginsburg. We are encouraging everyone to read up on her achievements in order to have a great discussion and maybe even a little healthy competition. Mary has devised a RBG Bingo game, so be sure to have your card set up and ready to go for the meeting. It will be sent with the Zoom invite.

Our April meeting will feature updates on Zonta International programs and the Commission on the Status of Women. Maybe, if the weather is good enough we could even meet outside together.

Our normal Silent "No More" auction is going to look a little different this year. The final details are still being worked out but it looks like we may do a calendar fundraiser. We will still be looking for baskets, gift cards, and other donations so if you are out and about please consider the fundraiser.

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. Spring is on the way!

In Zonta Friendship,
President Dana Burton



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Patricia Matthieu 3/11
Nancy Ayres 3/17

International Women’s Day ~ March 8

IWD is an occasion marked by women’s groups around the world. Since its birth in the early socialist movement during the First World War, recognition of the day has grown. The United Nations officially declared 1975 as International Women’s Year. In 1977, the United Nations solidified March 8th as the day to celebrate International Women’s day worldwide. Each year thousands of events are held throughout the world to inspire women and celebrate their achievements.

There are several ways to reflect and give tribute to the women who have empowered you.



Send a virtual bouquet of roses on www.zonta.org/donate:

Designate a gift amount and choose a fund.

Under the Honor/Memorial Tribute Information section, click the checkbox for Yes, then Yes, I would like to send an eCard and enter your recipient’s email address and your personal message and select your preferred eCard.

Purchase a single rose or a bouquet of yellow roses and deliver with a thank you to someone who has inspired you to be your best.

Post a picture on social media with your hand raised and the hashtag #choosetochallenge - the International Women’s Day theme for 2021. “Let’s all choose to challenge” highlights the importance of challenging biases and misconceptions in the interest of creating a more inclusive and gender-equal world.



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

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

"Women belong in all places where decisions are being made."

Ruth Bader Ginsberg



Zonta of Quaboag Valley— February 8, 2021 Business Meeting

Business Meeting – Zoom

Present: Pam Albertson, Andrea Bordenca, Dana Burton, Marge Cavanaugh, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Kris Goold, Karen Keough-Huff, Chris Keough-Huff, Mary Knight, Patti Matthieu, Danielle Petrangelo, Trish Pupek, Susan Seaver, Suz Tiranno, Stacy Troy, Debbie Wood

Absent: Dianne Kidd, Nancy Ayers, Janet DaSilva, Luz Rivera, Maria Maloney, Mary Ann Rubis, Liz Reeves

Guests:

Audrey M. Millgate from Northampton Area Zonta Club, D Phillips, Lindsey Tosches, Mike Wallace

President Dana Burton welcomed everyone and asked our guests to introduce themselves. She gave a short overview of Zonta and our activities locally and globally, announced that the period project will conclude at months end, encouraged all to spread the news about two scholarships we are sponsoring, and invited questions and support for mission.



Andrea Bordenca, board member and CEO of the Institute for Generative Leadership, USA, facilitated a conversation around the role implicit bias plays when it comes to belonging, inclusivity, and race. We practiced bringing attention to our unconscious biases during breakout sessions in an effort to bring intentional awareness and practice to future conversations. Andrea suggested a practice to disrupt the thoughts that may drive reaction may be to “speak back” what you’re hearing and remain curious. To help us build on the information discussed, she shared several resources. Their links are listed on our website at <http://zontaqv.org/managing-unconscious-bias> along with more information on Andrea’s background. A sincere thank you for the stimulating conversation!

Following the Program, the business meeting was called to order at about 7:15 by President Dana Burton

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

Treasurers Report: Andrea did not have a report.

Committee Reports Nothing to report at this time.

Other Business Reminder that the Commission on the Status of Women in NYC will be completely virtual.

Future Meetings

March 8th – In honor of International Women’s Day and Zonta Rose Day, we will pay tribute to a woman who was honored by Zonta International with the U.S.A. Centennial Recognition Award in 2020 for demonstrating outstanding commitment to empowering women through service and advocacy: Ruth Bader Ginsburg. We will invite Zonta members and friends to join us with a beverage and nibbles for a one hour social and casual discussion about the life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Dana provided a reading list in the January Bog and we welcome specific discussion questions.

Dana thanked everyone for attending. Next Newsletter deadline is 2/28; next meeting 3/8/2021.

Meeting Adjourned 7:40

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Knight, Secretary

ZQV Board Meeting February 15, 2021 6:00 PM on Zoom

Present: Dana Burton, Mary Knight, Patti Matthieu, Danielle Petrangelo, Trish Pupek

Absent: Andrea Bordenca, **Note 12/22: Luz has asked for a leave of absence.**

President Dana called the meeting to order at 6:03.

Minutes: The minutes from January 2021 were moved and voted to accept as written.

Treasurers Report: Andrea messaged that she will have a report for the next business meeting.

Period Project – Packages coming in but this will not be a huge collection as in the past. We will continue promoting and accepting deliveries until February 28th. The following week, we will deliver products and gift cards to as many organizations as possible, with regrets to others.

February 8 Program – Sincere thanks to Andrea for leading the program celebrating diversity and tolerance, and confronting bias and stereotypes. Feedback was positive and the additional resources very much appreciated.

March 8 Program – followed by Business Meeting

In celebration of Women's History month, we will have an RBG tribute. We will provide members with a reading list and questions for discussion. Meeting will be facilitated by Liz, Pam and Mary Ann (or some combination). Promotional news release and Facebook event will be posted, and it will be covered in the March newsletter.

April 12 Program – followed by Business Meeting

Perhaps highlights from the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), being held virtually in March and updates on International Service projects will be available as meeting topics. Links and information will be published in March newsletter. Danielle will also have information from the YWCA of Western MA to share.

May 2021 Silent "no more!" Auction is postponed for another year, but we would like to have a fundraising event. Trish will meet with her committee to discuss the possibility of doing a month-long Calendar lottery – where we invite people to make a \$25 donation to the club and enter their names into daily drawings for prizes. Winning names will be re-entered into the remaining drawings. If ALL members are willing to support the effort, this could be an effective fundraiser. Proceeds will be used to support service initiatives of the club. **Question for Dana: Will we have a regular Business meeting in May?**

Other Business

Spring Workshop – April 24 from 9am to noon – Mark your calendars! Our club will be asked to provide something for the program. Maybe Andrea's talk on biases? Or something humorous so we can lighten the load of info and improve coping skills. Help needed from members.

We need to replace Luz' board position. Our bylaws state that vacancies are filled by the Board and that we can have up to 4 Directors. We would like to name 2 more Board Directors-at-large to expand the diversity of input during these unusual times of virtual connections. Dana will reach out and select interested members.

ByLaws - Mary Socha, District Bylaw Chair, has provided guidance in the February District 1 Newsletter. Mary will reach out to Suz on how to proceed.

Next board meeting 3/15/2021 at 6:00

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Knight, Secretary

*Thank
You!*

Letters of appreciation have been received from the following organizations:

Community Survival Center in Indian Orchard—The \$100 will be used to pay some operating expenses like keeping the lights on and the refrigerators running! Thank you!

Trinity Episcopal Church in Ware— The \$100 to the Jubilee Cupboard will help us serve the families experiencing stress and uncertainty during this chaotic time. We could not do this without generous folks like you.



2021 Zonta District 1 Spring Workshop

Add your voice to Zonta in our next century
Awareness, Advocacy and YOU!

Saturday, April 24, 2021 | 9 a.m. -12 p.m. EST

SAVE THE DATE:

The Zonta District 1 Spring Workshop will be held on Saturday, April 24th, 2021 via zoom at no cost for attendees and guests.

Sign-in at 8:45 a.m. and the meeting will run from 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EST.

Enjoy a fast-paced agenda that will cover many topics, so you will gain exciting ideas and resources to take back to your club. The program is designed to touch on membership, leadership, advocacy, service and our impact on women in the world. Speakers and fun activities will help raise awareness about yourself, your role in the club, and how other Zontians in District 1 are engaged in women's issues. We will offer advocacy updates; easy and effective ways you can act locally; how to inspire and engage mem-

bers when we can't meet face-to-face; and how to give back to our community during these unprecedented times. Expect fun, laughter, raffles and a time to connect with other members.

Throughout the event, we will be spotlighting club successes - so at registration, we will ask all attendees to share what you are most proud your club does. Our goal is to first make others aware of your great ideas, and second to develop content to share the Zonta good works happening every day throughout our district.

We hope to see you there!

Applications Being Accepted for Two Scholarships

Western MA ~ The Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley is now accepting applications for two local awards, with the possibility of winning District and International honors as well.



The 2021 Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award, recognizes young women for their demonstrated leadership skills and commitment to public service. Scholarship Chair, Maria Maloney, of Monson, MA notes: *"We are looking for women in the Quaboag Valley and surrounding towns who are high school juniors or seniors, and have an active commitment to volunteerism, experience in local or student government, demonstrated leadership skills, and dedication to advancing the status of women throughout the world. The club offers an award of \$1,000 cash to the most outstanding applicant."*

Completed applications are due by March 12th.

The 2021 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business (JMK) Scholarship is open to women in Western MA enrolled in at least the second year of an undergraduate program through the final year of a Master's program in business, leading to a business management career. The program is designed to encourage women to enter careers and to seek leadership positions in business-related fields in their communities and throughout the world. The club offers a \$1000 scholarship to the most outstanding Klausman applicant. **Completed applications are due by May 15th.**

Applications are available for download at www.zontaqv.org/resources.

For both leadership awards, the local winner's application will then be submitted for competition at the Zonta District 1 level (New England states of the U.S. and Nova Scotia, Canada). The District 1 winner goes on to compete internationally, funded by the Zonta International Foundation for Women.

Questions? Email Maria Maloney at MariaMaloneylicsw@gmail.com

The Notorious RBG



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. 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.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg: A Reading List: <https://libguides.wlu.edu/law/RBG> (rev. 9/24/20) Highlights of texts written by and about Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the U.S. Supreme Court; information and video on the nomination and confirmation of Justice Ginsburg, some of her most notable opinions and dis-

sents authored as a justice, and several of the cases she argued before the Supreme Court as an attorney.

Discussion Questions for you to think about:

Kathleen Peratis recalls her boss RBG telling her of the Supreme Court, "Don't ask them to go too far too fast, or you'll lose what you might have won". Is this statement relevant to our work in our communities and country in advancing the status of women and girls? Are there certain situations, like advocating against child marriage, where it is more or less relevant? RBG firmly believed that for women to be equal, men had to be free. During a dinner party, she interrupted another guest who mentioned that RBG worked on behalf of 'women's liberation.' She turned on him and said, "It is not women's liberation; it is women's and men's liberation." *Notorious RBG p 72* Is this declaration relevant to Zonta's mission? Why/why not?

RBG believed that "women belong in all places where decisions are being made." Back when many feminists were arguing that women spoke in a different voice, RBG observed the flaw in describing women as inherently different or even purer than men: "To stay uncorrupted, the argument goes, women must avoid internalizing 'establishment' values; they must not capitalize on opportunity presented by an illegitimate opportunity structure." What do you think? How can the ideas proposed be used to advocate on behalf of women and girls?

Fellow attorney Marcia Greengberger says that "RBG was never in it to be the only one, to be the superstar that nobody could match." RBG mentored legions of feminist lawyers and happily welcomed Sotomayor and Kagan to the Supreme Court. In your experience, have you seen more women helping women or the reverse? Do you think more women are supportive of others in this day and age?

In case you are in need of a beverage during our discussion, here are a couple of suggestions:

THE RUTH BADER GINGER COCKTAIL ~ FOR ONE OR TWO

4-6 ice cubes 3 ounces dark rum 1 ounce ginger liqueur or brandy
2 teaspoons orange juice 2-3 pinches ground cardamom
2 slices of orange 2 mint leaves, slightly crushed

Place 2-3 ice cubes in each of 2 glasses. Place the rum, brandy, orange juice and cardamom in a cocktail shaker or glass jar. Shake vigorously and pour equal amounts in the two glasses. Twist the orange slices slightly to extract a few drops more of orange juice into the liquid, then place the slice on the rim of the each glass. Place one slightly crushed mint leaf in each glass, stir and serve.

GINGER-ORANGE MOCKTAIL ~ FOR A CROWD

5 cups freshly squeezed orange or satsuma juice (from 7 oranges), plus orange slices for serving
3 cups pineapple juice, chilled 1/2 teaspoon orange bitters, such as Angostura 3 (12-oz.) bottles ginger beer, chilled

Combine orange juice, pineapple juice and bitters in a pitcher or punch bowl. Top with ginger beer. Serve over ice. Garnish with orange slices.




15-26 March 2021 ~ The 65th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
Largest annual gathering on women’s rights worldwide.

Priority theme: Women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls;

Review theme: Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development

Virtual and Free—just register in advance for the CSW Forum at ngocsw.org/ngocsw65/
Once you get confirmation, go back to that site to enter any of the areas below.


NGO CSW65 Virtual Forum Features



NGO CSW Events

Join the events organized by NGO CSW/NY including Consultation Day, Conversation Circles, Orientation and Advocacy Training, regional caucuses and more!


[Visit our Exhibit Booth](#)



Attend Parallel Events

Attend over 700 Parallel Events hosted by global women’s rights and gender equality organizations! You can search the schedule of events by topics of interest and region. Please note that to register and attend any Parallel Events, you must have a profile on our NGO CSW65 Virtual Forum platform.


[View schedule](#)



Network with Attendees

Connect with other NGO CSW65 Forum attendees. You can see a list of all attendees, search people by topics of focus and region, and contact them directly! You can also post in the Public Forum to start a public discussion with everyone on the platform!


[Register](#)



Virtual Artisan Fair

Shop authentic handmade fashion, home, and jewelry accessories during the NGO CSW65 Forum! Global artisans who support NGOs with women-focused initiatives can apply to sell their goods through our virtual platform during the two-week Forum. All proceeds go to the artisans or their organizations.

[Visit the Artisan Fair](#)




Virtual Exhibit Hall

Visit different booths to learn about the organization, and connect with them. During the NGO CSW65 Virtual Forum, there will be live representatives you'll be able to talk to within each booth.

[Visit the Exhibit Hall](#)

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Digital Handbook

This year, our Handbook is totally digital. Handbook ads are available to purchase and Handbook Ad Sponsors are prominently featured on our platform. The digital Handbook will be available closer to the Forum.

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With over 700 **NGO/CSW Events** and **Parallel Events** to choose from you need to do your homework in advance.

- You might want to start with **Zonta sponsored events**—descriptions are located at zonta.org/csw *Click on the link to go to the schedule page—then click on the + sign to reserve a spot. **Selection will be added to “View My Agenda”***
- At **“View Schedule”** button above, look for the search button and search **topics of focus** to narrow the number of parallel events. Example: technology, racism, trafficking, child marriage, young women, etc. *When you find a workshop of interest, click on the + sign to reserve a spot and add to your agenda.*
- **Consultation Day** 3/14 at 10am will kick off the NGO CSW Events
- Zonta representatives will be available in the **Exhibit Hall** if you have questions
- The **Artisan Fair** will provide a chance to shop and support organizations worldwide.



Virtual Side Events hosted by member states and UN entities are posted www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw65-2021/side-events
Hundreds of events running 27/7—Filter by keywords or topic Register separately for each event you want to attend.

All of this for free! Please take notes about key take-aways from any event you attend to share with us in the April Bog

CAN THEY REALLY CHANGE? CAN WE?

Choose one of 4 sessions:

Session I:

March 10 and 11, 2021

9am -1pm each day

Session II:

April 21 and 22, 2021

9am - 1pm each day

Session III:

May 26 and 27, 2021

9am - 1pm each day

Session IV:

June 9 and 10, 2021

9am - 1pm each day

A Workshop with JAC Patrissi and Michele Penta

Join us in strengthening
our skills at building
transformative relationships
and communities

This workshop will examine the behaviors and beliefs of those who cause harm in intimate relationships and deepen our understanding of perpetration as a behavior within the frameworks of white supremacy and other forms of superiority and dominance.

Through an interactive format, JAC and Michele will examine what works with people who use abuse tactics and invite us to orient our work with people who cause harm in a way that engages compassion without collusion.

Link to Register:

<https://www.cvent.com/d/0jqpf6>

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