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ZONTA CLUB OF QUABOAG VALLEY BOG NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2021

2021 Dates for your Calendar

September 12 Zonta Golf Tournament
Fundraiser—Cold Spring Country Club

September 13 Location T.B.A
Business Meeting .

October 11 Location T.B.A.



Guest Speaker - Please bring donations!
Followed by Business Meeting

October 22-23 District 1 Fall Conference
hosted by the Concord NH club will be completely virtual. This is an important event for our club and district, held every two years—so please mark your calendars. More details forthcoming.

November 8
Business Meeting

December 13
Business Meeting

2022 Dates for Meetings /Speakers

January 10	February 14
March 14	April 11
May 9	June 13

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Hello Fellow Zontians and Friends,

I hope you all have been enjoying our hot, humid, New England summer. I for one am very excited for autumn and a change of temperature.

I am also looking forward to getting back together with all of you and working some Zonta magic. I was hopeful we were going to be able to resume meeting at the Ludlow Country Club but unfortunately we have decided to cancel that plan due to continued COVID threats; we all must continue to stay safe. We are currently working on an outdoor venue where we can meet safely but in person for a few months. Then we will go back to Zoom meetings online for the winter.

With these changes to how we meet it is more important than ever to try and stay focused and connected on our mission. I felt like we had a lot of great speakers last year but lost some momentum amongst our members with our projects. In the end we did well and raised a lot of money for it being a tough year. I am hoping we can improve on that this year. Please take a few minutes to look at the information and survey on PAGE 7. I am really hoping that all of you will respond to that survey before September 8th so the board can go over your thoughts on the future of our club. We are then going to turn the discussion over to the club and have a brain-storming session at the September 13th meeting.

The golf tournament on Sunday, September 12th is a great way to get involved and be more hands on. At this point we could use a volunteer or two for the second shift at the tournament 11a-2p, a few more gift certificates for prizes (see PAGE 5) and mostly we need players. Please spread the word to family and friends! Registration forms and more information is on our website www.zontaqv.org/golf.

In October, at Debbie's suggestion, I have asked **Diane Jacobs, the Volunteer Engagement Manager for Dress for Success Western MA**, to come and talk to us. We are also hoping that members can collect and donate work appropriate clothes, shoes, purses, jewelry, etc. from family and friends. For more information on acceptable donations or to make a donation on your own see the website: www.dfswm.org/donations.

I am hoping that everyone will reaffirm their commitment to Zonta—not just monetarily (though that is great), but with some time and energy as well; many hands make life work. Please let me know of any questions or concerns going forward. I realize everyone is at a different place in their lives and situations arise. We are definitely happy to have anyone in whatever capacity they can be but, if you have the time and desire to grow, consider stepping up! There are many great resources on the ZI website about leadership and management and mentors in the club to work with you!

Can't wait to see you all soon!
In Zonta Friendship,
President Dana Burton



Birthday wishes:
Maria Maloney 9/9
Suz Tiranno 9/28
Stacy Troy 9/30

Your Elevator Speech - What Is It and Why Should You Care?

Zonta is an amazing organization and when people hear the mission they are naturally drawn to learn more or want to join us. The problem is no one still knows what/who Zonta is and stands for. How many times have you said 'I belong to Zonta' only to have the reply 'What is that?'



An elevator speech can help. It provides consistent messaging, helping to promote the Zonta brand. An elevator speech is a clear, brief message or “commercial” about you and/or your organization. It communicates who you are, what you’re looking for and how you can benefit your organization. The idea behind having an elevator speech is that you are prepared to share this information with anyone, at anytime, like during an elevator ride.

All Zonta clubs are invited to participate in the “What is Zonta?” Elevator Speech Pitch Campaign.

Interested in helping to create an “easy to remember” Elevator Speech?

Find out more at Zonta.org / click [MyZonta](#) and sign in. Choose Tools / PR / Elevator_Speech_Pitch.aspx

Here you will find a PowerPoint presentation, sample speeches, call recordings and submission instructions.

All Elevator Speech Pitch (1) video or (2) text/photo entries must be submitted **1 September through 8 October 2021.**

Mary Knight is the contact for Zonta District 1 and can guide groups through the process.

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
 Susan Seaver
 Chris Keough-Huff

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:
 Trish Pupek, Kristin Goold, Janet DaSilva
Bylaw Revisions: Suz Tiranno

*"If we learn to open our hearts, anyone, including the people who drive us crazy, can be our teacher."
 ~ Pema Chödrön*



Zonta of Quaboag Valley— June 14, 2021 Business Meeting

In Person at Keough-Huff home, 357 Stebbins St., Belchertown MA

Present: Dana Burton, Marge Cavanaugh, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Janet DaSilva, Karen Keough-Huff, Chris Keough-Huff, Mary Knight, Patti Matthieu, Liz Reeves Mary Ann Rubis, Suz Tiranno, Stacy Troy, Mike Wallace, Debbie Wood

Absent: Andrea Bordenca, Maria Maloney, Pam Albertson, Danielle Petrangelo, Kris Goold, Susan Seaver, Trish Pupek,

Guest: Gloria Caballero Roca alicedont@gmail.com 413-512-1451 (friend of Mike's)

President Dana Burton welcomed everyone to our first in-person meeting of the year!! Much gratitude to Chris and Karen for hosting the gathering. Mike introduced Gloria – a friend from Holyoke who is interested in the mission of Zonta. You may have heard her name in the news – she is a candidate for mayor of Holyoke - an academic, educator, and as an Afro-Cuban she is excited to be the only Latina to have announced their candidacy for the position.

Dana distributed an updated club roster, but it had some missing information. Corrected version attached.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30.

May 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 current report to vote on but will present one to the Board next week, along with the Proposed 2022 Budget. The reports will be sent to all members for an email vote.

A vote was taken about the \$50 donation in memory of Luz: Zonta International Foundation for Women's Rose Fund was chosen. Andrea is asked to handle that transaction.

Committee Reports

Golf – Debbie reported that her committee is very well organized. Raffle items were collected tonight and additional ideas were shared – please get your items to Suz and Stacy. Donations from “friends of Zonta” are welcome – just get contact info to Debbie so she can send a thank you, Sponsor donations are coming in – please let Debbie know if you have additional businesses for her to contact. Players are needed – registration form and flyer are online at zontaqv.org/golf. Online registration and payment are available at that site as well. Dana circulated a Signup sheet for the 9/12 event. Non-players are asked to donate at least 2-3 hours to help out.

Calendar Fundraiser – Sales of ‘chances’ went exceptionally well – 298 – for a net profit of over \$7000. Ideas were shared about doing this again next spring. This fundraiser was chosen to replace the Silent “no more!” Auction this year. It was a lot less work, but the auction raises visibility in the community and is a classy event. Decisions will need to be made.

Other Business

The Board is looking for suggestions for 2021-2022 activities, speakers, projects, service fund requests, advocacy initiatives. A hands-on project that gives us visibility was suggested. Mary or Dana will follow up with Soldier On women for a status. Collaborating with other organizations should be explored. Please send ideas to Dana – we are open to all that align with the mission of Zonta. Service Project request form is located on the zontaqv.org website under Resources.

Mike and Chris asked for Zonta marketing materials – Mary will send them business cards and laminated flyer. Anyone else looking for materials to share should contact Danielle or Dana.

Upcoming events:

August – summer picnic at Trish's home in Westfield. Invitation will be sent soon.

September 12 – Golf Tournament Fundraiser

September 13 – Business meeting. Dana will speak with new caterer at Ludlow CC to see if that venue is possible.

If not, other sites for in person meetings will be explored. Update will be sent to all members when we learn more.

October 11 – Business meeting

October 23-23 – Fall Conference – remotely hosted by Concord NH club. We will have a memorial for Luz.

November 8 – Founder's Day meeting/event – Proposals for women leaders are needed.

November 27 – December 4 – Poinsettia Fundraiser

Dana thanked everyone for attending and we adjourned to share a meal and conversation. Next Newsletter deadline is 8/25.

Meeting Adjourned 7:05

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Knight, Secretary

ZQV Board Meeting June 21, 2021 6:00 PM on Zoom

Present: Dana Burton, Mary Knight, Patti Matthieu, Danielle Petrangelo, Trish Puppek, Chris Keough-Huff, Sue Seavers

Absent: Andrea Bordenca

Danielle asked that we change her email to dpetrangelo@ywworks.org (from gelo50@comcast.net).

NOTE TO DANIELLE: Go to Zonta website and make that change. Let MK know if you need help.)

President Dana called the meeting to order at 6:08.

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

Treasurers – Andrea was not available. She owes us the following updates in July:

Ensure payment for four name tags for our newest members (Susan, Chris, Karen and Michael)

Ensure \$50 donation from Sunshine Fund is sent to ZI Women's Rose Fund in Luz's memory

Report on Calendar Fundraiser.

Update on status of membership details at ZI website.

No Treasurer Report voted on and approved for Audit since December 2020. Please prepare report from December – May for Board review, then send to all members and vote on by email.

2022 Budget for Board review, then send to all members and vote on by email.

Provide a list of year end activities that will be completed for 5/31.

Ensure payment of YWPA check for winner announced in April. Dana or Mary will deliver.

Reports

Membership – Two applications received: Cynthia Melcher and Gloria Caballero Roca. Danielle will follow up with each to ensure they get some basic info on Zonta and welcome their interest. Mary will add them to our list and send the District 1 newsletter.

Golf Tournament – Sue, Trish and Chris will help out while players are on the Course. Help need from all members in sharing info about the tournament and soliciting prizes. Communications are planned for July and August to members and the press.

Other Business

**Summer get-together – Trish has volunteered her house for a summer picnic August 8th. Details to follow.

Fall Conference – October 22-24, 2021 – Concord NH club is the host. Specifics not yet available but the formal conference will be totally remote.

Survey results will be shared with the board immediately following this meeting. Please review before summer board meeting.

Active engagement by all – one of the survey suggestions is that we ask members to commit to at least two things they will be involved in this year – maybe tie it in with committee assignments?

Dana will follow with Casey DiCicco about SoldierOn status.

Dana will follow with Tony from Villa Rose about LCC meetings

September Meeting – we would like it in-person and FUN as we reconnect – ideas?

October Meeting – Invite Dress for Success as a guest – website: dfswm.org

November Meeting – Founder's Day - TBD

Next board meeting TBA

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Knight, Secretary

**** The summer get-together was scheduled for August 22nd—the day an uninvited guest (Hurricane Henri) arrived.** We held a Zoom meeting instead at 4pm that day for anyone who was available. We did a check-in and discussed the upcoming golf tournament plans and tasks to be completed. A discussion was held about meeting in person at the Ludlow Country Club—Dana had been in touch with the new caterer to make arrangements. It was decided that the Delta strain of COVID-19 is still very worrisome and meeting indoors is a concern. Suggestions for an outside, covered venue is being pursued by Dana and Marge for at least September and October. Finally, Dana requested all members complete the strategic planning survey before the next Board meeting—September 8th. See PAGE 7

The ZONTA Club of Quaboag Valley 27th Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Sunday, September 12, 2021 @ Cold Spring Country Club, Belchertown, MA

It is crunch time ladies! We have 72 players registered with more players expected. Please spread the word that we welcome more players of all levels for a day of fun for a good cause.

Suz and Stacy have the chance raffle items in hand thanks to the generosity of so many members. We are in good shape for some of the 12 winner prizes but can use the specific suggested items for anyone who has not yet donated items:

\$40 gift card to Kristinas, (2) \$40 gift cards to Auntie Elsie's, 12-24 packs of craft beer, \$25 gift card and 6-12 pack from Drunken Rabbit brewery, and any bottles of alcohol or wine.

For members who informed Suz and Stacy of plans to donate items, please contact us for pick up or drop off ASAP.

We are well staffed for set up and just after players head out onto the course at 8:30 am. We have 2 members staying from 8:30 and 10:30 till the end to monitor prizes and hand out boxed lunches and snacks. We welcome other non golfers to join them even if for a couple of hours between 10:30 and 1 pm. See the list of the task sign up for members who indicated they could help with snacks or on the day of the tournament. Please let me know if there are any changes or questions.

I am confident we will have a good turnout and event on Sept. 12th!

Check out zontaqy.org/golf for a list of our amazing sponsors! \$1500 collected so far.

Debbie Wood, Golf Tournament Chairman

Just a couple of the dozens of prizes!



ZONTA CLUB of QUABOAG VALLEY GOLF TOURNAMENT Sunday September 12, 2021 Cold Spring Country Club

Task	# Needed	Volunteer Names
Registration 6:30 A.M.	2	1. Marge 2. Mary
Provide snacks (by 9:30 am)	3	1. Debbie-crackers and chips 2. Janet ? granola bars, peanuts, candy 3. Dana ? fruit
Sell Chance Raffle Tickets (by 6:30 am)	2	1. Suz (Takes \$) 2. Stacy (Records name next to #)
Sell Mulligans (by 6:30 am)	1	1. Karen
Sell 50/50 (by 6:30 am)	3	1. Joanne (Takes \$) 2. Dana (Provide tickets & place in bag) 3. Patti (Sell as floater to players)
Set up Registration, Sales & Prize Tables (by 6:30 am)	6 - 10 Golf Committee + others	1. Suz 5. Marge 9. Patti 2. Stacy 6. Dana 10. Joanne 3. Debbie 7. Mary 4. Karen 8. Pam
Direct players to carts, offer water & float (by 6:30 a.m.)	3	1. Debbie 2. Pam 3. Patti
Pull Raffle & 50/50 Winners & Record & Post Organize prizes (After 8:30 am)	4	1. Joanne 2. Dana 3. Patti 4. Chris K-H
Monitor Prizes, hand out snacks & boxed lunches (8:30 to end)	3	1. Chris K-H 2. Kris Gould (10:30 till end) 3.
Awarding of 50/50, closest to pin/line & prizes to 3 teams/12 players	2	1. Debbie 2. Marge
Collection/dispersion of raffle prizes & clean up	7	1. Kris 4. Karen 2. Chris K-H 5. Suz 3. Mary 6. Stacy 7. Pam
Payment to CS & Joseph's	1	Debbie

Please Welcome Two Prospective Members!



My name is **Gloria Caballero Roca** I am a Cuban American living in this country for the last 24 years. I am a mother, an educator, an activist and a peace fighter. I believe education and health care are human rights and I also believe that every human being deserves a dignified quality of life.

I am a human being who emphasizes the need for respect, care, understanding, dialogue and empathy among all of us so that we start living life in its full capacity. During many years of teaching, studying and doing research I came to the realization that we humans have been guided towards a path of disengagement through consumption. We are divorced from our main source of life, the Earth, and from the air, the water, the forest, and all living things. As an academic who has taught both at high school and college level national and internationally, who has given talks at over a dozen countries around the world and now with two Ph.Ds and two MAs, I got to the conclusion that it is only through free access to education, one that emphasizes critical thinking, hands on projects and the possibility for creativity, that true freedom and liberation comes with a strong quality education.

I am currently running for the office of Mayor of Holyoke and it will be an honor for me to be a member of Zonta organization, a place for gender equality and for women and girls to get inspired in the Light of freedom, self determination and peace.



Cyd Melcher has been in nonprofit and college administration for over 35 years. She has served as Executive Director of the World Affairs Council of Western Massachusetts, a nonpartisan educational organization dedicated to fostering civil discourse on international affairs, since 2003. Previous employers include Hampshire College (her alma mater), Mount Holyoke, Fitchburg State, the Worcester County Food Bank, St. Paul's Universalist Church, the Children's Museum at Holyoke, and Learning Ally.

Cyd has served on many boards including Necessities/Necesidades (now Safe Haven), the Unitarian Universalist Association's Connecticut Valley District, and Ferry Beach Park Association. She recently returned to the board of directors of the Palmer Public Library where she previously served as President. Cyd was a member of the Zonta Club of Western Massachusetts in the late 1990s. She lives with her husband Dave Basler in Three Rivers.



YWPA 2021—Thank you from Jacqueline Dugay

Dear Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley,

I am writing today to express to you my sincere appreciation for awarding me the Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship. As a future major in Business with a focus on Accounting/Finance at Washington and Lee University, this scholarship will go a long way to helping me realize and achieve my academic goals. With my college financial burden lessened, I will be able to focus more fully on my classes without the anxiety of wondering whether I'll be able to afford it.

I want you to know that I truly appreciate your kindness and generosity to me, and I hope to make the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley proud through my studies and career path afterward.

Sincerely, Jacqueline Dugay

Questions for members about the upcoming Zonta Club year that will help us in Strategic Planning. Please respond before September 8th

1. What are you proud of from the past that you want to see us continue doing?
2. What has served us in the past but needs changing up OR replacing going forward?
3. Which club committees can you commit to supporting this year and how (hands-on, monetary, virtual)?
4. Please identify any connections you have with like-minded organizations we might collaborate with on some project, and/or media contacts we could tap into for increasing our visibility.
5. Please identify any “experts” you know who believe in our mission and might be willing to be a mentor to us on a specific, short-term basis. (Examples: publicity, social media, strategic planning, online fundraising, etc.)
6. If we are missing out on any of your talents, strengths, or superpowers that might benefit the club, please enlighten us!
7. Are you interested in participating in the Elevator Speech Initiative? Scope: Developing a clear, brief message or “commercial” about our organization – 1-3 minutes long – targeted to someone who has not heard of Zonta. It communicates who we are, what we do and the difference we make.
8. The District is planning a series of mini-workshops over the next couple of years for interested members. Please help us prioritize development by putting a checkmark next to any that you might be interested in attending.
 - Membership Onboarding Mentoring Recruiting Retention Other:
 - Fundraising In-person Online Other:
 - Service Hands-on Collaborating with other organizations Other Click or tap here to enter text.
 - Advocacy How to basics Specific subject:
 - Leadership Club Committee Chair Board Member President Treasurer Area Director
 - Goal-inspired Leadership People Leadership Other:
 - Business Strategies Communication Plan Website Newsletters Social Media Press Releases
 - Other topics:

Responses can be sent by email or mail to info@zontaqv.org / PO Box 1034 Belchertown MA
 A fillable form was sent to all members by email. If you need it resent, contact info@zontaqv.org

FYI



President Joseph Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

August 25, 2021

Dear President Biden,

The Zonta USA Caucus, part of Zonta International, which is a leading democratic and global non-profit founded in the United States over 100 years ago to empower women, wishes to express our concern about the impact of the current situation in Afghanistan on all the women and girls who live there.

We represent over 7,000 members of Zonta International residing in the United States. From 2002-2008, we supported the health and education of women and girls in Afghanistan in collaboration with UNICEF and the Afghan Institute of Learning. We have seen more than 24,000 women educated and treated through our efforts. This work is now all at risk.

The situation in Afghanistan is at a critical point for women and girls. We urge the US Administration to respond by taking the following actions immediately:

- Prioritize the evacuation of women's rights defenders, particularly journalists and others already being targeted for violence,
- Provide increased security for those departing,
- Suspend bureaucratic requirements for visas and loosen eligibility requirements,
- Greatly expand resources for resettling refugees in the US,
- Support those women who stay behind in order to continue peacebuilding efforts,
- Ensure that aid workers have access to those needing services,
- Hold the Taliban accountable for any violations of promises they've made to protect rights of women and insist that Afghanistan women's voices are not silenced,
- Afford the same services to Afghanistan women translators who come to the US that our veterans are given,
- Consult with women leaders in Afghanistan and those who are refugees in other countries to determine the best courses of action to empower women according to their culture.

The United States has a responsibility to all the women and girls in Afghanistan to see that their rights are not jeopardized by the Administration's decision to withdraw troops from the country. The Zonta USA Caucus calls on you to take immediate action to protect them.

Sincerely Yours,
The Zonta USA Caucus

Why Do We Need the Equal Rights Amendment?

Most Americans think there is a provision in the Constitution protecting women from discrimination, but that does not exist. The Equal Rights Amendment will guarantee equal status under the law and provide bedrock legal protection when women—or men—face sex discrimination.

Equal Protection would cover:

Lack of equal pay for equal work Pregnancy discrimination Violence against women
 Other forms of sex discrimination These are widespread, but those facing sex discrimination don't have effective legal relief.

Without the ERA, the Constitution does not explicitly guarantee that the rights it protects are held equally by all citizens without regard to sex. The first — and still the only — right specifically affirmed as equal for women and men is the right to vote.



USA Women struggle with gender inequality. The US is one of the only developed nations without Equal Rights for Women in our Constitution. According to the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Gender Gap Index, a measure of gender equality that takes into account women's access to resources and political empowerment, the United States ranks 51st out of the 149 countries evaluated.

- 94% of Americans support constitutional equality for women
- It's undeniable that women have made significant progress toward equality over the years. However, women continue to battle systematic discrimination in the form of unequal pay, workplace harassment, and domestic violence, and more.
- Tackling these issues will take more than just reactionary solutions. We must address the root cause of inequality by amending our constitution.
- The ERA will pave the way for further legislative progress towards gender equality and will allow the courts to closely scrutinize sex-based discrimination.

Where We Are

The closest we've ever been! Since the 1982 deadline passed, three more states have ratified the ERA, meeting the 38 required for filing. We know the deadline is an issue, and you can help fix it. The U.S. House passed their resolution to remove the deadline on March 17, 2021. In the Senate, Senators Benjamin Cardin and Senator Lisa Murkowski have introduced SJRes1 to remove the ERA deadline.

Call to Action: Urge your Senators to get SJRes1 passed and guarantee equal rights under the law for all Americans.

Amending the US Constitution requires that ¾ of state legislatures ratify the amendment. Zonta USA—with its 7000+ members across the country—is a member of the ERA Coalition. Zonta has been working on behalf of women for more than 100 years! Let's get this done! ZontaUSA.org ERACoalition.org GenerationRatify.org VoteEquality.us

Steps to Ratify the ERA

- **DONE: 38 States to Ratify**
- **Remove the Deadline for Ratification in the House and Senate**
- **Send it to the Supreme Court**
- **WIN Equal Rights for Women Under the constitution**



MISSISSIPPI REVOLUTIONARY WAR

RATIFY THE ERA

"If I could choose an amendment to add to the Constitution, it would be the **Equal Rights Amendment**. So I would like my granddaughters, when they pick up the Constitution, to see that notion – that women and men are persons of equal stature – I'd like them to see that is a basic principle of our society."

Supreme Court Justice
Ruth Bader Ginsburg