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THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

**ZONTA CLUB OF
QUABOAG VALLEY
BOG NEWSLETTER**

MARCH 2022

2022 Dates for your Calendar

March 8 Zonta Rose & International Women's Day. Honor someone you admire by making a donation in her name to the Zonta Foundation for Women.

March 14 Business Meeting
Speaker: Ollie Perrault—Climate Change

Commission on the Status of Women
CSW66 March 14—25 Virtual only

April 11 Business Meeting

April 23 Spring Workshop

May 9 Business Meeting

June 13 Business Meeting

Zonta International Convention 2022
Hamburg,
Germany

June 25—28

Please consider virtual registration if on-site does not work.



Zonta.org/convention



Stories of resilience in 2021 Annual Report
www.zonta.org/annualreport

The Zonta Foundation for Women is pleased to share the 2021 Zonta Foundation for Women Annual Report. Read about the impact our donors' gifts made on women and girls all around the world over the last year.

Hello fellow Zontians and Friends,

We have a busy spring ahead of us! February's meeting was very informative. Thank you again Theresa Nicholson for speaking with us about homelessness in Western MA and how Covid-19 has effected CHD's efforts. The Period Project was able to donate over a hundred kits and many more supplies along with some generous cash donations to many local shelters and organizations including CHD. Great job everyone!



In March we will focus on climate change. Our club's March business meeting will feature Ollie Perrault a youth member of Climate Action Now. She will talk to us all about climate change and what we can be doing to lessen our impacts. The Commission on the Status of Women from March 14-25 also has a climate action component and I encourage you all to attend some of the events. In March we really need to firm up our slate of club officers to be voted on in April. We have at least one interested person for every slot except Vice President. So again I urge everyone who has not already stepped up to please consider a leadership role if you're able.

At our April meeting I hope to have some members speak about what events they attended at the CSW and pass along the key points to all of us. It certainly would be nice if the weather was warm enough that we could meet outside, so everyone cross your fingers. Also in April is the District 1 spring workshop on the 23rd. Details about that are to be announced.

The May calendar fundraiser is off to a great start. Secretary Mary Knight informed the board that we already have 10 gift cards ranging from \$25-\$100. We mostly need \$25 ones now so please stop in to local businesses and ask them to support Zonta. In April we will be asking members to begin to sell tickets again for a chance to win calendar raffle prizes, so please start to think of friends and family that may be interested.

Everyone stay warm and healthy! Spring is on the way. I hope to be seeing you all in person soon.

In Zonta Friendship,
President Dana Burton



Birthday wishes:

Patricia Matthieu 3/11
Nancy Ayres 3/17
Gloria Caballero Roca 3/28

What is the link between climate change and gender inequality? Climate change is like being on a runaway train.

- ~Increasing greenhouse gas emissions are causing global warming.
- ~Global warming is triggering extreme weather events.
- ~Extreme weather events are causing major social disruption as millions of people are displaced.
- ~Social disruption magnifies existing inequalities – including gender inequality.

The gains in gender equality made over the last one hundred years by Zonta International are at risk. Zonta International is understandably concerned and recently released its Statement on Climate Change: a Gender Equality Issue. In 2020, District 23 joined the dots and developed Zonta Says NOW to gender equality and climate action to work at both ends of the train by reducing emissions and closing the gender gap.

☞ Zonta Says NOW aims to create a gender-equal, sustainable world by:educating girls ~ advocating for women’s rights and - inspiring more female leaders.

Watch CSW Zonta Says NOW on the actions we can take to slow down global warming and close the gender gap. There is something for everyone to do – but time is running out – which is why Zonta Says NOW! zontaqv.org/advocacy

Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley
District I, Area II,
Charter 1317 of Zonta
International
Club Officers 2021—2022

President: Dana Burton
Vice President:
Treasurer: Andrea Bordenca
Joanne Turner-Chiacchia
Secretary: Mary Knight
Directors: Patti Matthieu
Patricia Pupek
Susan Seaver
Chris Keough-Huff

Website: www.zontaqv.org

Committee Chairs/ Members 2021—2022

Finance/Audit: Chair Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Pam, Sue
Membership: Chair Mary Knight, Mike, Andrea
PR /Communication: Chair Mary Knight, Dana
Advocacy/UN: Chair Pam Albertson, Mary Ann, Chris, Debbie
Service: Chair Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Patti, Chris, Maria
Scholarships: Chair Kris Goold, Maria, Marge, Dana
Program: Chair: Cyd Melcher, Karen, Dana
Poinsettia Fundraiser: Chair Liz Reeves, Patti, Danielle, Mary
Golf Fundraiser: Chair Debra Wood, Suzanne, Stacy, Marge, Karen, Chris, Dana
Spring Fundraiser: Chair Patricia Pupek, Joanne, Janet, Sue
Nominating:
Trish Pupek, Kristin Goold, Janet DaSilva

ZONTA BOG NEWSLETTER

Zonta of Quaboag Valley— February 14, 2021 Business Meeting

Business Meeting – Zoom

Present: Dana Burton, Gloria Caballero Roca, Kerry Chenausky, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Karen Keough-Huff, Chris Keough-Huff, Mary Knight, Cyd Melcher, Liz Reeves, Mary Ann Rubis, Mike Wallace, Debbie Wood, Pam Albertson, Trish Pupek, Patti Matthieu, Susan Seaver

Absent: Andrea Bordenca, Marge Cavanaugh, Janet DaSilva, Maria Maloney, Kris Goold, Danielle Petrangelo, Suz Tiranno, Stacy Troy

Guests: Theresa Nicholson (speaker), Fides Ushe <fidesnyachunda@yahoo.com> (friend of Mike who is working to educate young girls in Malawi), Donna Sroka (Northampton Zonta), Vickie Palardy (Berkshire Zonta)

President Dana Burton welcomed all of our guests. Mary introduced guest speaker **Theresa Nicholson, Director of Homelessness Services at CHD** who shared her perspective on the status of women and children living in homelessness and poverty during this pandemic, especially in rural areas of the Quaboag Valley and its surrounding communities. Theresa confirmed much of what we have learned about the pandemic disproportionately impacting women with children living in poverty and the added stress exacerbating instances of domestic violence. The moratorium on evictions created a lack of available housing to shelter newly homeless families, so many have been moved into motels where they receive take out meals and other supports. Asked about clothing donations, Theresa suggested getting them to Salvation Army; needy families get vouchers to shop there. On the positive side, CHD has received added federal and state fund to support their efforts and many individuals and organizations have pulled together in creative ways during this difficult time. Theresa was pleased to receive support from our Period Project and will let us know of other needs as time goes on.



Dana called the business meeting to order at 6:45pm

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

Treasurers Report: Joanne sent the Financial Report out by email. A motion was made and seconded to file the report for audit. Mary mentioned that thank you notes were received from Helping Hands in Belchertown and the Community Survival Center in Indian Orchard for the \$100 checks we sent to their Open Pantries.

Service Committee:

- Joanne reminded us that Service Grant Challenge letters have been sent to many organizations. It was suggested and agreed to that we would add money categories to the service request (\$250, \$500, \$750 and \$1000). One request has been received and will be sent to members for a vote before the next meeting, with the Service Committee's recommendation.
- An issue was raised about our service area. It was unanimously agreed that our reach extends beyond the confines of "Quaboag Valley" and – while we will not change our Charter Name – we will continue to open to serving Western MA areas not covered by other Zonta clubs.
- Motions were made, seconded and approved to donate \$50 each to: ZIF Amelia Earhart fund in memory of PDG Helen Lawrence and Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School in memory of Michael Cavanaugh (Marge's husband)
- Debbie Wood has kindly volunteered to assemble our golf basket for the Palmer Library's Top Floor Learning fundraiser.
- At the last business meeting, the Period Project was discussed and we decided on a two-prong effort:
By a vote of membership, 5 organizations were picked to receive Cash Donations earmarked for the purchase of menstrual hygiene products: CHD, YWCA of WM, Gray House, Alianza, and Safe Passage. A motion was made, seconded and voted tonight to award each the amount of \$250. A letter will be sent with the check explaining its purpose.
Remaining organizations (Amherst Survival Centr, The Care Center, ROCA Springfield, Palmer DV and Ware River DV Task-forces) will receive delivery of packets assembled and products collected by generous members and donors.

Membership: Acting Chair Mary asked everyone to do a targeted read of the latest [Zonta District 1 Newsletter](http://www.zontadistrict1.org) – posted at www.zontadistrict1.org. It includes important and interesting information that all members should be aware of.

Nominations – we need 1 or 2 volunteers to step up for the Vice President position for 2022-2024

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Zonta of Quaboag Board Meeting—February 21, 2022 on Zoom

Present: Dana Burton, Mary Knight, Chris Keough-Huff, Joanne Turner Chiacchia, Trish Pupek

Absent: Andrea Bordenca, Danielle Petrangelo, Patti Matthieu, Sue Seavers

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

Minutes: The minutes from January 2022 were moved and voted to accept as written.

Treasurers – Joanne has no changes in financial status

Nominations – Dana noted that we need a slate of officers for the next biennium in March, for voting on in April. So far, we have one candidate for President (Debbie), Treasurer (Sue) and Secretary (Mary); and three potential Directors (Karen, Kerry, Cyd). We still need a candidate for Vice President – REALLY important.

Service – Joanne, Chair of the committee, announced she has one application for the Service Grant Challenge; letters have been sent out with Period Project donations inviting participation from other like-minded organizations.

Upcoming meetings

March 13 – 25 virtual Commission on the Status of Women – details to be published in the next Bog

March 14 business meeting – speaker from Climate Action Now

Next board meeting March 21.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Knight, Secretary

February Business Meeting minutes continued

Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley
Empowering women through service and advocacy
Lottery Calendar Fundraiser \$25 Donation

May 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Circles/Blogs	6	7
8 Mother's Day*	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	*Mother's Day - Prizes are awarded at 10:00AM, 10:00AM EST			

Drawing will be on each day of the month in the evening. Prizes will be awarded into the evening drawing. Prizes from the sale of this fundraiser will be used to support the work of Zonta, locally and globally.

Please fill out information below and place it with your \$25 donation to a Zonta member or mail with check to: Zonta of Quaboag Valley, P.O. Box 3036, Northampton, MA 01067 or register and pay online at <https://zonta.org/usa>

Thank you to our Zontian members for their generosity and to our special sponsors:

Name _____ Address _____
Phone # _____ Email _____
Seller _____

May Calendar Fundraiser

After a brief discussion, members present agreed that this fundraiser was worth the effort. So, between now and 3/25, we need to collect 31 items – minimum \$25 gift cards during the week, up to \$100 for weekend and a special basket for Mother’s Day. The calendar will be prepared and shared March 31st and then we need to SELL, SELL, SELL. 31 chances to win. Last year’s \$7000 profit success was due to nearly 300 chances sold plus sponsors who stepped up.

Upcoming events

March 13-35 Commission on the Status of Women – virtual and free! More info will be published in newsletter

March 14 Business Meeting @6pm Climate Change speaker
April 23 District wide Spring Workshop Topics and ideas welcome!

Dana thanked everyone for attending and we adjourned at 7:43

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Knight, Secretary

Note: If you have Zontian magazines you would like to recycle, please see Mary Knight. We add a sample magazine to the welcome package of new members.

Climate Change—A Human Rights Issue

Western MA: Climate change is a major global crisis. It has a negative impact on people and the environment around the world. All of us and next generations will be affected; however, not all of us will be affected in the same way.



On Monday, March 14th at 6pm, the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley will host an information session on Climate Change and its impact locally and globally. Our guest speaker is **Ollie Perreault - a fifteen-year-old climate activist and youth climate leader**. She lives in Easthampton and has been working with other local climate action organizations to spark social change since she was eleven. She is a founding member of a new local youth led climate action group, Youth Climate Action Now, that works to empower other young people to lead the next steps in the fight against the climate crisis.

The public is welcome to join us on this virtual meeting and can get a Zoom invitation by contacting info@zontaqv.org.

While Zonta International is not an environmental or disaster response organization, climate change disproportionately affects women and girls,* and action is needed from a gender equality perspective.

Zonta International, as an organization pledged to empower women and girls at the global and local levels and promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, therefore, calls for action in favor of a fair and human rights-based approach to solve the crisis of climate change in the post-pandemic world and achieve greener, cleaner and equal societies. As a non-governmental organization with general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, we will participate in the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (3/14-25/22) which has as a priority theme: Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes.

The Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley (www.zontaqv.org), based in Western MA, is part of Zonta International - a global community that has empowered women and girls through service and advocacy for 102 years. We invite interested individuals to learn more about this organization and its mission by contacting info@zontaqv.org or visiting www.zonta.org or www.zontadistrict1.org.

- **What does climate change have to do with gender equality?**

Women and girls are more heavily impacted by climate change than men.

- Women, as caregivers, and food providers, are more vulnerable when flooding and drought occur;
- Women face systematic violence that escalates during periods of instability and can precipitate early marriage or forced prostitution as a way to survive;
- During extreme weather events, women are at greater risk of being injured, killed, displaced and unemployed.
- Globally women have less socioeconomic power than men, so it is harder for them to recover from disasters; and
- The UN highlights that gender-sensitive responses to climate change are needed – but average female representation on negotiating bodies is well below 30%.

Much of this disadvantage can be rectified through Zonta's existing advocacy, health, education, and violence eradication programs. However, we need to ramp up our activities to ensure that girls are educated, child marriage is ended, gender equality gaps are closed, and women are supported to take on leadership positions in the workplace, community and political spheres.

The 5 Rs Guide

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Rethink. Repair.

*Be part of the solution
for a sustainable future.*

Zontaqv.org/advocacy



District 1 Virtual Spring Workshop

Save the Date!
Saturday, April 23rd

Seeking volunteers from each Area to help organize and coordinate. Also looking for ideas for specific workshop topics, keynote speakers, and presenters.
Let Beatrice know if we can count on you.

*Arrive with Curiosity,
Leave Inspired*

**Saturday April 23, 2022
Virtual District Workshop**

United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) www.ngocsw.org

NGO CSW/NY organizes the civil society side of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). The NGO CSW Forum runs parallel to the official session taking place at the UN Headquarters. This provides civil society the opportunity to engage in the processes and CSW sessions without ECOSOC-accreditation or a UN grounds pass.

<https://ngocsw.org/ngo-csw-66/>

Registration for the Forum is now open! It is virtual and FREE. The NGO CSW66 Forum will take place from 13-25 March, kicking off with Consultation Day on the 13th. Over the two weeks of the UN CSW, NGO CSW/NY organizes more than 500 events that inform, engage and inspire grassroots efforts and advocacy needed to empower women and girls.



Last year, we had the first-ever virtual Forum with a record-breaking 27,000+ participants and over 700 events!



**Zonta Convention 2022
25-28 June**

This will be a special convention, as it is the first one of our second century of empowering women through service and advocacy. We are eager to reconnect with Zonta friends and to meet new friends.

Both in-person and virtual!
www.zonta.org/convention