



**ZONTA**  
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**ZONTA CLUB OF  
 QUABOAG VALLEY  
 BOG NEWSLETTER**

**APRIL 2022**

**2022 Dates for your Calendar**

**April 11 Business Meeting**

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for the 2023-2025 Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley Board of Directors.

**Officers:**

President: **Debbie Wood**

Vice President:

Treasurer: **Sue Seaver**

Secretary: **Mary Knight**

**Board Members:**

**Kris Keough-Huff**

**Cyd Melcher**

**Kerry Chenausky**

Past President: **Dana Burton**

**Nominating Committee:**

**April 23 Spring Workshop \*\*\*\***

**May 9 Business Meeting**

**June 13 Business Meeting**

**Zonta International Convention 2022**

**Hamburg, Germany**

**June 25—28**

In-Person or Virtual

**Zonta.org/**

**convention**



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Hello fellow Zontians and Friends,

What a great meeting we had this March. Ollie was such an amazing speaker and really brought up some great intersections between the work we generally do and climate change activism. It was also a great tie in to the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) which I am hoping some of you were able to watch. Next meeting, Monday, April 11th at 6pm, Mary Knight will be giving us a summary of some of the exciting things she saw at the CSW. If the weather is warm enough maybe we can meet outside, if not we will stick with Zoom. Here are some links from Ollie in case you missed her presentation or would like to know more about her organization:



Register for mailing list: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/OllieMae1/YCANRegistrationForm>

Website: <https://climateactionnowma.org/youth-climate-action-now-2/> where you can learn more about our main mission

Instagram Page: [https://www.instagram.com/youth\\_climate\\_action\\_now/](https://www.instagram.com/youth_climate_action_now/) where you can now receive easy, accessible updates on upcoming actions in your community.

Very shortly we are going to have to vote on a slate of officers for our club for the next biennium. Thankfully we have volunteers for every position except Vice President. This position could be shared by two people, keep in mind.

District spring workshop is going to be Saturday, April 23 online. I am told there are some great speakers and great prizes so I encourage everybody to sign up for this great FREE event! While you are at it, sign up for the International Convention, June 25-28. This event can be attended in person in Hamburg, Germany or virtually!

May and June are our last two meetings before the summer break. In May I am hoping to hear from our Young Women in Public Affairs scholarship winner. Hopefully, they will be able to join us in person or virtually. For the June meeting I am thinking we could have a little club picnic either at someone's home or a pretty park somewhere. It sure would be nice to get together to finish out this "year".

In Zonta Friendship,  
 President Dana Burton

*If you believe in the mission and share the values of this organization, you have the qualifications to take a leadership role. There are plenty of mentors who will pave the way for learning and growth.*



**Birthday wishes:**

Ann Cormier 4/16  
 Andrea Bordenca 4/30

## Are You Up for a Challenge?

The Center for Women & Community has asked us to Support Survivors and Create A Violence-Free Community by participating in the CWC Community Challenge! It's like a walk-a-thon, but with more options! In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, you can raise awareness and/or money for the free Sexual Assault Support, Advocacy, and Prevention Services provided to our community by the Center for Women & Community (CWC).

**The challenge can be fun, creative, relaxing or physical.** You can better yourself, your community, and just have fun! Ideas: Take a hike together, Spring clean a yard of someone in need of help, Host a plant swap, Lean something new as a team, read a book on strong women and have a discussion on Zoom, Flip something you've thrifted.

**Share resources to help a friend, help your community,** and make a real impact in supporting survivors and a violence free community. Use your platforms and networks to raise awareness!

**Raising Funds to directly support survivors** and a violence-free community through services such as:

- Free 24/7 support and advocacy hotline
- Safety planning
- Help obtaining a restraining order and working through the legal system
- Support while in the hospital for medical care including a Sexual Assault Nurse Exam (SANE)
- Ongoing Counseling & Support groups
- Workshops on topics such as consent, healthy relationships, and bystander intervention
- Intensive trainings such as "Community Leaders in Violence Prevention"
- Trainings on "How to Receive a Disclosure and Support Survivors"

We can do something as club, as groups of 2 or more, or as individuals.

**More info: [umass.edu/cwc/challenge](http://umass.edu/cwc/challenge) Share your suggestions with Dana.**



### 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](http://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 of Quaboag Valley— March 14, 2022 Business Meeting

## Business Meeting – Zoom

**Present:** Dana Burton, Kerry Chenausky, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Karen Keough-Huff, Chris Keough-Huff, Mary Knight, Cyd Melcher, Liz Reeves, Mary Ann Rubis, Mike Wallace, Debbie Wood, Trish Pupek, Patti Matthieu, Susan Seaver. Kris Goid, **Absent:** Andrea Bordenca, Marge Cavanaugh, Janet DaSilva, Maria Maloney, Danielle Petrangelo, Suz Tiranno, Stacy Troy, Gloria Caballero Roca, Pam Albertson

**Guests:** Ollie Perrault [olliemae1207@gmail.com](mailto:olliemae1207@gmail.com), Reporter: Sofi [SShlepakov@umass.edu](mailto:SShlepakov@umass.edu), Fides Ushe [fidesnyachunda@yahoo.com](mailto:fidesnyachunda@yahoo.com), Emma Aiken [emmalemur@gmail.com](mailto:emmalemur@gmail.com), Carole Mazzarino <[camazz42@comcast.net](mailto:camazz42@comcast.net)>, Liz Hart [elizabethhart@aol.com](mailto:elizabethhart@aol.com) (Malden Zonta), Vickie Palardy (Berkshire Zonta), Chris Shirtcliff <[cfssmain@charter.net](mailto:cfssmain@charter.net)>

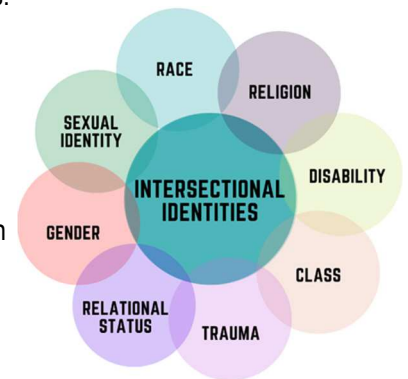
President Dana Burton welcomed all of our guests and introduced tonight's guest speaker: **Ollie Perrault** - a fifteen-year-old climate activist and youth climate leader. She lives in Easthampton and has been working with other local climate action organizations to spark social change since she was eleven. She is a founding member of a new local youth led climate action group, Youth Climate Action Now [<https://climateactionnowma.org/youth-climate-action-now-2/>], that works to empower other young people to lead the next steps in the fight against the climate crisis, through monthly youth-led webinars and inspiring all through the creative arts.



She is also encouraging all of us to be intergenerational and create joyful disruption of the status quo for all ages! Ollie had us riveted throughout her presentation and in breakout groups. She introduced us to **climate intersectionality** – acknowledgement that everyone has their own unique experiences of discrimination and oppression; we must consider anything and everything that can marginalize people

if we are to make an impact in our efforts to tackle inequalities and injustice. To be an ally in the climate change movement, check your privilege (what impacts discrimination you do or don't experience) and pledge to listen and learn from varied points of view. NO ONE SOLUTION WORKS FOR ALL. Large or small, start making a difference in your sphere of influence. Ollie encourages us also to follow Climate Action Now of Western MA [<https://climateactionnowma.org/>] and the Youth Group as we develop advocacy and service initiatives on Climate Change.

**If you missed this powerful presentation, check it out at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NrAfl\\_twpMM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NrAfl_twpMM)**



Dana called the business meeting to order at 7:15pm

**February 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 and Cyd shared that the World Affairs Council will be hosting Nazifa Safie and her husband Safieullah to talk about many of the same things Nazifa spoke to the Club about in January. The event will take place on May 18 from 5:30 to 7 PM at Valley Venture Mentors in Springfield and is expected to be well attended. While we cannot use Service funds to sponsor this event, Mary is interested in making a donation on behalf of the club. Sue, Liz and Mike are interested as well. Mary will collect donations and get them to Cyd.

**Nominations – we need 1 or 2 volunteers to step up for the Vice President position for 2022-2024. Voting is scheduled for next month. PLEASE consider stepping up and notifying Dana that we can count on you.**

## Service Committee:

Joanne has a submission for the Service Grant Challenge and will share with her committee.

Debbie Wood has kindly volunteered to assemble our golf donation basket for the Palmer Library's Top Floor Learning fundraiser. Due to generosity of members, she will not be needing the \$100 budgeted. Thank you Debbie and all donors!!!

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*March 2022 Business Meeting minutes continued*

**Membership:** Acting Chair Mary asked everyone to do a targeted read of the latest Zonta District 1 Newsletter – posted at [www.zontadistrict1.org](http://www.zontadistrict1.org). It includes important and interesting information that all members should be aware of. The District Membership Committee has been actively involved in creating resources for clubs. Pictured here is a visual of the resources. Also, members are encouraged to download the ZI Phone App. Great information! Members interested in learning more on any of these topics should contact Mary.

### **May Calendar Fundraiser**

We have all the days covered with gifts \$25 - \$180 and a special Mother's Day basket in the works. Please notify Mary of any final items before 3/15. The calendar will be prepared and shared March 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Scholarships**

Dana noted that we have three applicants for the YWPA; her committee will review and select a winner. Also the JMK scholarship is now available. It will be distributed widely and added to our website shortly. If you know any non-traditional women in the area who is in need of funds to pursue a business related degree, please share.

### **2022 Zonta International Convention**

The Hamburg, Germany event is still scheduled to be hybrid, but the in-person component will be watched carefully as the conflict in Ukraine continues. Delegates are expected to attend in-person. Mary plans to travel and volunteered to be a delegate. Dana will share info provided by ZI so she can get up to speed on voting decisions to be made at this year's convention.

### **Club Member T-Shirts**

If we are still interested in getting T-shirts printed for members, Sunraise in Hadley has a good price. Trish noted that we still have shirts left over from the last purchase – burgundy with a yellow rose – but most are size small. We will get a full accounting of what's available and make a decision on how to proceed at a later meeting.

### **Upcoming events**

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

**April 11 – Business meeting – TBD if Zoom or in-person.** Please share info from CSW meetings you attend! Voting for officers.

**April 23 District wide Spring Workshop** Topics and ideas welcome!

**May 9 – Business meeting – TBD if Zoom or in-person**

**June 13 – Business meeting – TBD if Zoom or in-person**

**June 25-28 – International Convention in Hamburg, Germany – hybrid meeting**

Dana thanked everyone for attending and we adjourned at 7:48

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Knight, Secretary

## **Thank You notes from recipients of the Club's Service funds**

PALMER FOOD SHARE: Thank you so much for your support of our efforts at Palmer Food Share

ALIANZA DV Services: We are so thankful for your ongoing support! The \$250 will help us provide critical support to women and girls in need.

THE GRAY HOUSE: Thank you for the donation to be used for feminine products!! We are honored to partner with you!

YWCA of Western MA: Thank you for your generous donation to purchase sanitary products for our shelter residents. The women who reside in our shelter will be 'over the moon' to receive these products. We will let them know the donations are from Zonta!

SAFE PASSAGE: We are so grateful for the gift of \$250 to Safe Passage to purchase menstrual supplies for guests in our emergency shelter and community programs who have experienced domestic violence.

CHD: We are grateful to your club for the generous donation to provide feminine products! They will be made available for at our drop-in center for people experiencing homelessness. Thank you for your support and partnership.

# 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
<b>Total value of the gifts donated for this fundraiser: \$2200 +. Sale of chances ends 4/30 at 10pm.</b>						
<b>1</b> \$50 Gift Card Amazon	<b>2</b> \$50 Gift Card Stop & Shop	<b>3</b> \$50 Gift Card Barnes & Noble	<b>4</b> \$75 Gift Card Big Y Stores	<b>5</b> \$50 Gift Card Randall's Farm	<b>6</b> \$50 Gift Card Staples	<b>7</b> \$100 Gift Card Johnny's Bar & Grille
<b>8</b> <i>Mother's Day*</i> \$300+ Basket of special treats	<b>9</b> \$50 Gift Card Home Depot	<b>10</b> \$50 Gift Card Amazon	<b>11</b> \$75 Gift Card Big Y Stores	<b>12</b> \$50 Gift Card Amazon	<b>13</b> \$50 Gift Card Pride	<b>14</b> \$100 Gift Card Tractor Supply
<b>15</b> \$180 Tickets for 2 Red Sox Game 6/15 @ 7:10pm	<b>16</b> \$50 Gift Card Walmart	<b>17</b> \$50 Gift Card Dunkin	<b>18</b> \$75 Gift Card Big Y Stores	<b>19</b> \$50 Basket Texas Roadhouse	<b>20</b> \$50 Gift Card Dick's Sporting	<b>21</b> \$100 Gift Card Center Square Grill
<b>22</b> \$100 Gift Card Salem Cross Inn	<b>23</b> \$50 Gift Card Target	<b>24</b> \$25 Gift Cards for Cracker Barrel & Target	<b>25</b> \$75 Gift Card Big Y Stores	<b>26</b> \$50 Gift Card VISA	<b>27</b> \$50 Gift Card Big Y Stores	<b>28</b> \$50 Gift Card L.L. Bean
<b>29</b> \$50 Gift Card Starbucks	<b>30</b> \$50 Gift Card Bass Pro Shop	<b>31</b> \$50 Gift Card Atkins	<b>Rules: Starting May 1st, an announcement of the winner for that day will be posted at 6pm on <a href="http://www.facebook.com/ZontaQuaboagValley">www.facebook.com/ZontaQuaboagValley</a>. The winner will be notified by phone or email, with arrangements for delivery. Then, that name will go back into the pot for the next drawing.</b>			

Drawings will be on each day of the month in May. Winning names will be re-entered into the remaining drawings. Proceeds from the sale of this fundraiser will be used to support the work of Zonta, locally and globally.

**Please fill out information below** and return it with your \$25 donation to a Zonta member **or mail with check** to Zonta of Quaboag Valley, P.O. 1034 Belchertown MA 01007 **or register and pay online at** <https://zontaqv.square.site/>

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

\* **Mother's Day** – Picture and itemized list at [zontaqv.org/may2022](http://zontaqv.org/may2022)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Seller: \_\_\_\_\_



# SAVE THE DATE!

## Join us on April 23rd for the Zonta District 1 Virtual Spring Workshop

The planning group for the District-wide Workshop, led by the Zonta Club of Amherst Area, is working to gather a variety of experiences and tools to help us continue to do good work together, locally and globally.

Admission is free.

**Arrive with Curiosity, Leave Inspired!**



### 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](http://www.zonta.org/convention)

Sign into Zonta Member site and click on 2022 Club Mailing for details

**MARCH 2022 CLUB MAILING MATERIALS**

Following is a listing of all documents for this club mailing.

ITEM	DOCUMENT/LINK	SUGGESTED CLUB ACTIONS
<b>2020-2022 Business</b>		
1	Zonta Connect Mobile App - link	Encourage download and conversations.
2.1	Reports - Pilot Project "Individual Membership Category" (Resolution 1)	Share and discuss with your club members.
2.2	- Conducting an Overall Review of Zonta International (Resolution 2)	Sign up to attend the <b>26 April</b> information session on the outcomes of Resolution 2 work.
2.3	- Revision and Restatement of Bylaws and Zonta International (Resolution 3)	
2.4	- Women in Technology Scholarship (Resolution 5)	
3.1	Club Membership Dues – Managing Your Club Online Instructions	Share with your treasurer and membership committee chairman. Deadline for dues: <b>1 June.</b>
3.2	Club Officer Form 2022-2023 - link	Complete and return to Headquarters <b>as soon as possible.</b>
3.3	Add Your Voice Membership Campaign - link	Add and pay for new members by <b>31 May</b> to qualify.
<b>Convention Business</b>		
4	Convention App (registered convention attendees only) - link	Available beginning <b>5 April.</b>
5	2022 Credentialing Process	Register your delegate and alternate or proxy by <b>15 May.</b>
6.1	Slate of Candidates for Election	Share with your club and voting delegate(s).
6.2	Candidate Biographies - link	Share with your club and voting delegate(s).
6.3	Election Guide Sheet	For use with an assigned proxy.
7	Report of the 2020-2022 Bylaws and Resolutions Committee	Share with your club and voting delegate(s).
8	Proposed 2022-2024 Biennial Goals	Share with your club and voting delegate(s).
9	Proposed 2022-2024 Fundraising Goals	Share with your club and voting delegate(s).
10.1	Proposed 2022-2024 International Service Project Descriptions - Adolescent Girls' Health and Protection in Peru	Share with your club and voting delegate(s).
10.2	- Her Health and Dignity, Our Priority, in Papua New Guinea and Timor-este	
10.3	- Engaging Girls on Climate Change in Madagascar	
10.4	- Global Programme to End Child Marriage	
11	Z Club and Golden Z Club Fee Increase	Share with your club and voting delegate(s).
12	Voter Guide Sheet	For use with an assigned proxy.
13	Zonta New Tagline: Build a Better World for Women and Girls	Share with your club for information.
14	2022-2024 Education Programs	Share with your club for information.
15.1	2022-2024 Budget Cover Letter	Share with your club for information.
15.2	2022-2024 Zonta International Budget	Share with your club for information.
15.3	2022-2024 Zonta Foundation for Women Budget	Share with your club for information.
16	Zonta Foundation for Women Donor Recognition Criteria	Share with your club treasurer.