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ZONTA CLUB OF QUABOAG VALLEY BOG NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2022

2022 Dates for your Calendar

June 13 Business Meeting in person at the Keough-Huff residence

**Zonta International Convention 2022
Hamburg, Germany
June 25—28**
In-Person and Virtual
[Zonta.org/convention](https://www.zonta.org/convention)



Summer Get-together TBD

September 10 Golf Tournament Fundraiser

September 12 Business Meeting

October 10 Business Meeting

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Hello fellow Zontians and Friends,

Congratulations again to Sruthi, our club's YWPA scholarship winner and now District winner! She is in the running for a \$5000 award from Zonta Foundation for Women, so wish her luck.

Thank you to everyone for a successful May calendar fundraiser and congrats to all the winners.

At the May meeting Mary, our 2022 Convention delegate, gave us a good summation of topics to be voted on in Hamburg Germany. If you have any questions or comments please contact Mary.

Thank you to all the new officers and board members for the next biennium. The club and I greatly appreciated your service to our club. I can not wait to get back to normal in person meetings and really get to know our newer members better. It has certainly been a difficult couple of years.

The June 13th meeting (the last one before summer break) will be at Chris and Karen's lovely abode! Thank you ladies so much for hosting us. Their address is 357 Stebbins St. in Belchertown. I will send an email out as the time gets closer but it was discussed that we would do a potluck style event.

Our annual Golf Tournament will be the Saturday before our September meeting (9/10) at the Cold Spring Country Club. We will need all hands on deck to donate prizes, solicit players and prizes, supply snacks, and sign up for tasks at the tournament.

REMINDER: At the June meeting I will be passing around three sign up sheets: (1) selecting a month for hosting/ finding speakers for meetings in the coming year, as discussed on page 8; (2) selecting 2023-4 committee choices described on page 7, and (3) selecting task assignments for the Golf tournament.. If you are unable to attend, please let me know your preferences; otherwise the board will assign for you.

Hopefully, we will start meeting back at Ludlow Country Club in September on the 12th at 5:45 pm.

Alright that's it for me, I'm off to Iceland for the week! I hope to see you all on the 13th at Chris and Karen's!!

In Zonta Friendship,
President Dana Burton

Birthday wishes:

Mary Ann Rubis 6/15



Kerry Chenausky 6/26
and a big welcome to
baby Vincent!!



Building a Better World for Women and Girls



Zonta International is needed now more than ever. Our vision for gender equality is not yet a reality. Around the world, women and girls are facing increased challenges as a result of COVID-19, climate change and threats to their human rights. To respond to these challenges, we need a strong, committed community of individuals working together at the local and global levels to fight for gender equity. Together, we will build a better world for women and girls.

The 2022-2024 biennial goals remain aligned with ZONTA’s mission and vision and centered under five pillars:

1. **Stand Out for Gender Equity**—Expect training on advocacy, a focus on women in the workplace, special action on International Women’s Day and elevation of Zonta in the global conversation of women’s rights.
2. **Represent Global Citizenship**—In addition to supporting fundraising goals, we will focus on Zonta Says No, Child Marriage, Climate Change Action and amplifying club service efforts.
3. **Develop Future Leaders**—We will elevate the energy of JMK and YWPA programs and engage awardees, spotlight Amelia Earhart Fellows, encourage Golden Z club members to continue in Zonta clubs, embrace the views and voices of young professionals, and launch the Great Girls & Great Women Cross-Mentoring Program.
4. **Celebrate Ourselves**—We will promote the “Spirt of ZONTA” - a positive club environment and membership experience, honor our legacy Zontians (25 years+) who have paved the way for us, and value diversity—respecting people of all backgrounds and ensuring everyone feels empowered to be their full authentic selves!
5. **Position ZONTA for the Future**—A strategic plan will be developed and shared in 2023 to ensure ZI’s long-range sustainability, while continuing the evaluation of our organizational structure and operations at all levels; a business plan with timeline and recommended changes will be identified; and we will place a priority on chartering new clubs with the help of dedicated teams

**Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley
District I, Area II,
Charter 1317 of Zonta
International
Club Officers 2022—2024**

President: Dana Burton
Vice President: Cynthia Melcher
Treasurer: Susan Seaver
 Joanne Turner-Chiacchia
Secretary: Mary Knight
Directors: Kerry Chenausky
 Gloria Cabellero-Roca
 Karen Keough-Huff
Website: www.zontaqv.org

Committee Chairs/ Members 2022—2024 T.B.D.

Finance/Audit: Chair
Membership: Chair
PR /Communication: Chair
Advocacy/UN: Chair
Climate Action:
Service: Chair
Scholarships: Chair
Poinsettia Fundraiser: Chair Liz Reeves,
Golf Fundraiser: Chair Debra Wood,
Spring Fundraiser: Chair Patricia Puppek

Nominating:

Zonta of Quaboag Valley— May 9, 2022 Business Meeting

Business Meeting – Zoom

Present: Dana Burton, Kerry Chenausky, Karen Keough-Huff, Chris Keough-Huff, Mary Knight, Cyd Melcher, Mary Ann Rubis, Mike Wallace, Debbie Wood, Trish Pupek, Patti Matthieu, Susan Seaver, Kris Goold, Marge Cavanaugh

Absent: Andrea Bordenca, Janet DaSilva, Maria Maloney, Danielle Petrangelo, Suz Tiranno, Stacy Troy, Gloria Caballero Roca, Pam Albertson, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Liz Reeves

Guest: **Sruthi Kurada** <sruthi.kurada1@gmail.com>

Sruthi Kurada, YWPA 2022 winner, joined us tonight. She is indeed a worthy candidate for the Young Woman in Public Affairs award—given annually to encourage young women between the ages of 16 and 19 to participate in public affairs by recognizing a commitment to the volunteer sector and evidence of volunteer leadership achievements in their community. A senior at Advanced Math & Science Academy (AMSA) in Marlborough MA, Sruthi is passionate about the application of computer science to aid the healthcare and biotechnology sector. She is currently a student researcher at the Bayes-Mendel Lab in Harvard Medical School working on developing a novel all-cancer risk assessment model. In addition to research, she is an advocate for democratizing access to STEM education opportunities. Towards this goal, she founded MetroHacks EmpowHer, a year-long team competition for high school girls to create a computer science project that benefits their community. [Check out Sruthi's website for more information on her many accomplishments.] Sruthi will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall and is interested in pursuing machine learning applications to aid the healthcare and biotechnology sector. Ultimately, she looks forward to utilizing the entrepreneurial skillset that she developed while leading my own research projects and founding EmpowHer to serve her community through education and technology.



Editor note: Shortly after this meeting, we were notified by the District 1 YWPA Committee Chair that Sruthi Kurada has won the District award of \$1500 and is in the running for one of 5 awards of \$5000 from Zonta Foundation for Women!

Dana called the business meeting to order.

April 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.

IMPORTANT: Annual dues of \$129 must be paid by 5/14 at the latest. Make check out to Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley and mail to PO Box 1034, Belchertown MA 01007. We will have a draft of the 2023 budget for review in June.

Leadership: A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the following slate of officers for the 2022-2024 biennium: President – Dana Burton (1 year); Vice President – Cynthia Melcher; Treasurer – Susan Seaver; Assistant Treasurer – Joanne Turner-Chiacchia; Secretary – Mary Knight; Directors – Kerry Chenausky, Karen Keough-Huff, Gloria Caballero-Roca. We will install them in June.

To relieve some of the pressure on the Leadership team, it was agreed at the last meeting that

(1) Members (individually or paired) will volunteer to plan the program for one month of the upcoming year. Sign up at the June meeting.

(2) Members will identify a leadership position (Board or Committee Chair) that they would like to step into at a future date, and ask to be mentored by a person with experience in that position.

International Convention 6/25 – 28. All members are encouraged to register to attend virtually if unable to travel to Hamburg Germany for this event. www.zonta.org/Web/News/Events/Convention_2022 Mary Knight and Mary Ann Rubis will be our delegate and alternate, respectively. Mary reviewed the convention voting items (see page 5).

May Calendar Fundraiser: 240 Tickets were sold, providing us a \$6000 profit (minus Square fees). Another very successful fundraiser! We are drawing daily winners and posting the winners and a Zonta Fact on Facebook.

Editor note: \$50 donation received after the meeting should take care of covering Square fees!

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May 2022 Business Meeting minutes continued

Committee Reports

Golf Committee: The committee has met and are finalizing forms and logistics for the September 10th fundraiser. Still open:the purchase of polo shirts with Zonta emblem for members to wear at functions like this.

Other Business:

Top Floor Learning: Thank you Debbie for assembling and delivering our Basket to the TFL fundraiser. Members interested in buying a ticket for one of the nearly 100 baskets can see Mary or Marge.

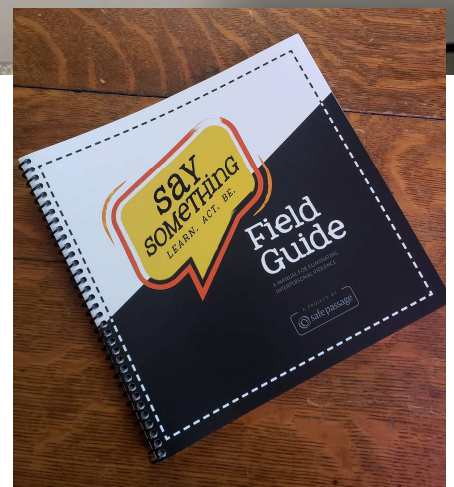
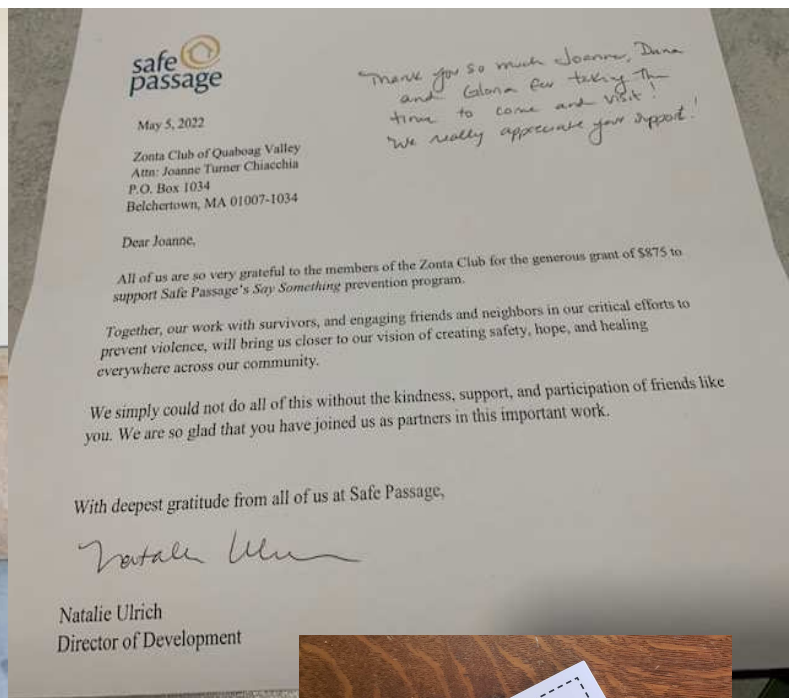
Wellness Fair on Belchertown Common: Chris has volunteered to set up a table for Zonta. Mary will provide handouts.

Climate Action: Mary asked for volunteers to meet to brainstorm ways we might get involved in moving this forward. Chris, Karen, Dana, and Kerry are interested.

NEXT MEETING: Chris and Karen have offered their home for our June 13 meeting. We will bring our own food and drink.

Dana thanked everyone for attending and we adjourned at 7:00

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Knight, Secretary



We were pleased to grant a service request by **Safe Passage of Northampton** to offset printing of a program booklet for **Say Something** - 8-hour skills-focused training program grounded in effective strategies of bystander intervention and empowerment self-defense. It is provided free of charge for community members and volunteers. In addition to the training, the Say Something Field Guide workbook will be freely available to the community (download or print). The hands-on component suggestion is for Zontians to attend the training with their supporters and/or to distribute the Field Guide as appropriate.

Shown here are QV Zontians Joanne (Service Chair), Dana (President) and Gloria delivering our check to Natalie (Safe Passage Development Director)

Delegate Pre-Convention Report from Mary F. Knight ~ The following is an outline of delegate voting responsibilities:

➔ The Slate of Candidates for the 2022-2024 International Board and Nominating Committee

The next President of ZI will be Ute Scholz, current President Elect. As delegate, I will cast a vote for the next International President-Elect, Vice President, Treasury/Secretary, seven International Directors, one Nomination committee candidate for North, Central, and South American, and four Nomination committee candidates At Large. Links for the candidate names and bios are at zonta.org/Web/2022ClubMailing. I will listen to speeches and follow Election Guide authorization for any club proxies.

➔ Report of the 2022-2024 Bylaws and Resolutions Committee The full report of 28 Bylaws and 6 Resolutions to be voted on is available at zonta.org/Web/2022ClubMailing

BYLAWS - The committee elected not to move forward with a complete revision/restatement as suggested at 2020 Convention, given that Resolution 2 (Overall Review of Zonta International) should be completed first. That said, several recommendations are proposed to creating a 'simplified, sustainable and understandable framework' and to allow for more flexibility to clubs. Most notable:

- Expanding 'terms of office' for key positions at all levels in the organization and providing for an individual to hold more than one specific officer position at the club level making it easier to identify leaders.
- Updating duties for select positions and committees for better clarity.
- Incorporating a definition of 'good standing' so that it is in the Bylaws and easy to understand.
- Moving complex and long text on removal, expulsion and suspension language out of the Bylaws and into a Zonta International policy.

1. RESOLUTION regarding a policy on women's reproductive health Proposed by: District 21 – not recommended by ZI Board as Statement on Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health (2019) plus ZI's Advocacy Policy, empower Zonta clubs to determine the best course of action for advocacy at the country level.

2. RESOLUTION on continuing an overall review of Zonta International Proposed and recommended by: ZI Board

All members should review Resolution Summary Report available zonta.org/Web/2022ClubMailing

3. RESOLUTION on daily registration fee at Zonta Proposed by: District 27 – not recommend by ZI Board as this would have unforeseen consequences for the flexibility and budget of Convention organizers.

4. RESOLUTION regarding the "Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women" Campaign Proposed by: District 27/approved by ZI Board

This campaign promotes Zonta's credibility and visibility, and has a strong impact within the Zonta world. <http://zontasaysno.com/>

5. RESOLUTION to extend WIT Scholarship for another biennium with a slight modification. Proposed by: District 14 – not recommended by ZI Board for financial reasons. However, accumulated reserves for JMK provides an opportunity to increase scholarships and restructure the JMK Scholarship to include business technology and information technology in business studies to acknowledge these fields where female students are underrepresented.

6. RESOLUTION regarding age of young professional (raise to 35) Proposed by District 7 – not recommended by ZI Board

Most young professional are expected to have started their careers at 30 and can then afford to pay full dues.

➔ Proposed 2022-2024 Biennial Goals The goals remain aligned with ZONTA's mission and vision and are centered under five pillars. Download details: zonta.org/Web/2022ClubMailing

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➔ Proposed 2022-2024 Fundraising Goals With the support of our Zonta clubs, club members, individual members and friends, ZIF proposes raising **US\$4,413,000** to support our international service projects and education programs:

International Service Program* \$3,200,000 *Please note that gifts to the International Service Fund cannot be designated to a specific project.

Amelia Earhart Fellowship \$560,000

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship \$370,000

Young Women in Public Affairs Award \$283,000

➔ Proposed 2022-2024 International Service Projects Summary and individual project descriptions at zonta.org/Web/2022ClubMailing

- **Adolescent Girls' Health and Protection in Peru** - Improve the capacity of services to respond to the health needs of adolescents, in particular adolescent girls, in a timely manner and prevent all forms of violence in schools and other services. US\$750,000 to UNICEF USA
- **Her Health and Dignity, Our Priority** - All women and girls in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste live life free from violence. US\$750,000 to UNFPA
- **Engaging Girls on Climate Change in Madagascar** - Support girls and a generation of children and adolescents by providing environmental education in Madagascar through child-friendly schools. US\$500,000 to UNICEF USA
- **Ending Child Marriage** - Scale up the Global Programme's activities to protect and empower girls, and ultimately help bring an end to the practice of child marriage. US\$1,200,000 to UNFPA and UNICEF via UNICEF USA

Please be on the lookout for players (all abilities welcomed!), sponsors (great marketing tool for businesses of any size), and friends interested in donating a \$25 gift card or basket item for our Golf Tournament Fundraiser in September.



ZONTA GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022
COLD SPRING CC BELCHERTOWN

8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start - 18 Hole Scramble

Your support helps strengthen our organization, allowing us to continue providing the important community and worldwide service projects that further Zonta's vision of a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

Register and pay online at zontaqv.square.site

Or

Mail Registration AND Payment by September 1st to
Zonta of Quaboag Valley PO Box 1034, Belchertown MA 01007

Questions: (413) 219-8260

Email: info@zontaqv.org

Saturday 9/10
8:30 Shotgun

\$100 /Person
Includes
Greens Fees, Cart,
Boxed Lunch
Raffles
and Prizes
Day of Fun for a
Worthy Cause

Registration Form,
Online payment,
and Details:
zontaqv.org/golf



TAKE A PICTURE!

ZQV Standing Committees – Zonta Club Manual pages 13-15 (zontaqv.org/resources). Committees meet to establish goals and benchmarks; the chair reports out to the club in the newsletter, by email and/or at business meetings.

Membership Committee (Chair Cyd) - This committee is vital for the future of the club and for the growth of Zonta International. Duties include defining short and long-term goals in keeping with the current recommendations; developing a plan for retaining current members and recruiting new members; encouraging every member to identify and invite like-minded women to meetings and events; identifying and training a mentor for each new member; and evaluating progress toward goals periodically during the year.

Service Committee (Current Chair Joanne) - This committee recommends action by the club that aligns with Zonta International goals. Duties include promoting local service projects that improve women's legal rights, health, education, economic status, that end violence against women and enhance women's self-esteem; and coordinating programs of ZI and the club to raise awareness of status of women's issues, provide education/development to women and to publicize and raise funds for local and international projects. In addition, the committee may consider offering financial or advocacy support that align with the objects of Zonta, and keeping members informed of the accomplishments of women and the activities of local women's organizations.

Advocacy/UN Committee (Current Chair Pam) - This committee supports improving the status of women and women's human rights, and advocates to influence the laws and attitudes that affect women's lives at the club, district and international levels. Responsibilities include engaging actively in advocacy activities to improve the lives of women locally; developing resources for members to be effective advocates in their communities; reporting on successful advocacy outcomes by other clubs; promoting service projects through linking of outcomes to inform about the status of women; and work in cooperation with other organizations to educate people about legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional issues which affect the lives of women and girls in their community.

Climate Action Committee – ZI has asked all clubs to raise their voices and visibility on this issue. This will take a concerted effort.

Other Committees –

Public Relations / Communications Committee (Current Chair Mary) – This committee promotes the Zonta image in the community through the use of positive publicity. Internal and external communications generally include newsletters, brochures and programs, flyers and posters, press releases, social media, internet updates, etc. New outreach ideas are encouraged.

Scholarships Committee (Chair needed) - The club provides two education awards annually: Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship and Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award. Based on specific timelines for each, the chairman solicits applications online, by press release and by mail to high school or college contacts. The committee selects a winner and sends the winner's application to District. The chairman introduces the winner at a club meeting when possible and presents her with a certificate and \$1000 check.

Golf Tournament Fundraiser Committee (Current Chair Debbie) – This committee organizes and runs the September tournament. Tasks include finding a location, negotiating fees, soliciting business sponsors (getting signs for each), advertising for players (arranging them in teams), acquiring tchotchkes / giveaways, and overseeing the successful completion of the tournament. All members assist by collecting player prizes worth \$25 or more, inviting golfers of all skill levels to play, and signing up for one or more tasks leading up to and the day of the tournament.

Poinsettia Fundraiser Committee (Current Chair Liz) – This committee organizes and oversees the November/December sale of Poinsettia plants. Tasks include soliciting local businesses, tracking orders, arranging delivery routes, covering plants with foil (medium vs. large). All members assist by ordering plants for themselves or to give as gifts, and volunteering to deliver to businesses when able to do so.

Spring Fundraiser Committee (Current Chair Trish) Since the Pandemic, we have switched from holding a Silent “no more!” Auction to a May Calendar Fundraiser. All members are asked to donate or solicit gift cards and prizes (value \$25 - \$100) and send the description, value and location of the gifts to Mary by April 1st. These items will be printed on the calendar and sales of chances will be sold by all members through friends, family, Giveaways begin on May 1 and end May 31. Winner will be announced by video and arrangements made for the donor to get the prize to the winner each day.

Soldier On Women Veterans – Just restarting All members are encouraged to take at least one month a year to plan /participate in an activity with the women. Currently the club president tracks monthly activities, but a volunteer would be welcomed..

Shared Leadership—As agreed at our April business meeting discussion on the Future of our Club, members (individually or paired) will volunteer to plan the program for one month of the upcoming year. To help each other, all members are encouraged to identify topics, speakers or activities that might be appropriate. A few ideas are noted below. Once a month is chosen you are not alone! The board will assist with logistics, promotion and any other supports needed. Please be ready to sign up at the June meeting.—or let President Dana know your preference in advance.

Month	Key Dates / Suggested Topics for Meeting
September 2022	Highlights from 2022 Convention
October 2022	11 th Int'l Day of Girl Child 24 th United Nations Day Advocacy training Domestic Violence Awareness Month
November 2022	8 th – Zonta International Day Fall Conference will be held in odd year (2023) 25 th – Observe International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women / Zonta Says No Nov 25 - Dec 10 th - the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Founder’s Day Award
December 2022	1 st – World AIDS Day 2 nd – Int'l Day for Abolition of Slavery/Suppression of the Traffic in Person Celebrate the Spirit of Zonta
January 2023	11 th AE Day; Amelia Earhart Month – Event honoring Amelia
February 2023	Period Project Awareness Teen Dating Awareness Month
March 2023	8 th – Zonta Rose Day/International Women’s Day Women’s History Month CSW67
April 2023	World Health /Earth day – focus on climate awareness
May 2023	Membership event – highlight International projects?
June 2023	Celebration of Accomplishments