Zonta Quaboag Valley ~ November 2026 Newsletter



Registration closes soon!

November 16th at the Ludlow Country Club, the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley will celebrate 35 years of service and advocacy, making the world a better place for women and girls.

Community members, supporters, and friends are invited to join the festivities and learn more about Zonta and its work. Special guests include **State Senator Jacob Oliveira, Lynn Currier the Governor of Zonta District 1, and Nadine Salley, Area Director of Zonta District 1**, along with local poets who will share inspirational messages honoring the legacy of women mentors and our commitment to empowering the next generation.

RSVP: email **info@ZontaQV.org**. Tickets may also be purchased online through the club's secure registration site at **https://zontaqv.square.site/**.

Details and press release at **www.ZontaQV.org** or contact Mary Knight at 413-219-8260.

A Message from the President



Dear Zontian's and Friends:

As we move into the winter months, Zonta is warming up to celebrate Founders Day!

Our advocacy and climate committees are working on the 16 days of activism which begins on November 25th and concludes December 10, on International Human Rights Day. We will be highlighting events and activities that Zonta participates in throughout the year.

Opportunities to participate in giving to the community: Holiday gift giving to children and families experiencing domestic violence or housing instability, donating to Zonta (YW in leadership, Rose, etc.), donating to the period project as we start to collect items for our February event.

Note on Service Committee: We will meet next week to go over applications for Service Grants.

Sincerely,
Karen Keough-Huff

Scholarships and Awards



This year, the Club is offering two scholarships/awards, the ZONTA Women in Business Leadership Award and the ZONTA Young Women in Leadership Award.

The Zonta Women in Business Leadership Award celebrates excellence, and recognizes outstanding achievements by women between 18-35 years of age who are driving innovation, and creating an impact in the business world. This prestigious award honors exceptional leadership, entrepreneurial spirit, ethical conduct and significant contributions while addressing global or local issues affecting women and girls or climate justice. The award operates at the Zonta club, district and international levels. Zonta International offers 10 international awards of US $5,000 each, and a complimentary one-year supporting membership in Zonta International for the next financial year. Application deadline: November 5, 2026

The goal of the **Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award** is to encourage young women to participate in leadership positions by recognizing the candidate's commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to building a better world for women and girls through service and advocacy. In order for more women to be represented in key decision-making positions worldwide, we must encourage young women to pursue careers or seek leadership positions in public policy making, government and volunteer organizations and further their education with these aims in view. Women, aged 16-19 on April 1 each year, living in a Zonta district or who are citizens of a Zonta country, who demonstrate evidence of leadership, are eligible to apply. Application deadline: March 5, 2027

Applications are available at www.zontaqv.org/scholarships

16 Days of Activism 11/25 - 12/10

ZONTA SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The **Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign** is one of the most widely participated-in campaigns throughout the Zonta world every year. The actions you take, whether a long-standing project in your community or a new initiative sparked by current events, help build a better world.
This year, the Zonta International theme for the 16 Days of Activism and Zonta Says NO Summit explores how conflict, war and political instability affect women and girls in distinct and often disproportionate ways. Also this year, the ZSN Toolkit has been refreshed.

Let's start planning individual and club activities.

Zonta Foundation for Women News

Every Member Every November

During the 2026 Every Member Every November campaign, the Foundation's four biennial goal funds will go head-to-head in a friendly competition. Each fund will race to gain the most donations by the end of the campaign, working toward a cumulative goal of US$107,000.

We invite you to cast your vote by donating to the fund that means the most to you:
Amelia Earhart
Young Women in Leadership
The Rose Fund
International Servie



Learn How to Participate!

FREEWILL
A gift to support you, your future and our programming.

Explore the Options

NEW: Tax-Smart Ways to Give

To maximize fundraising revenue, the Zonta Foundation for Women has a new partnership with **Freewill**.
Not only does this give members access to creating a free will and planned giving after death, but also provides a way of giving non-cash assets you might have available - such as a tax-free Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA, Stocks or other securities, Donor Advised Fund, or even cryptocurrency.

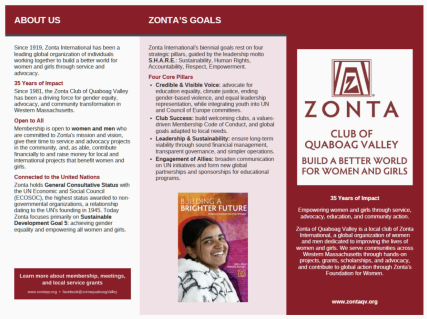
NEW: Zonta Community Give Back Grants

Zonta International is excited to announce the launch of the Zonta Community Give Back Grants program, a new initiative to recognize and support impactful, local service projects led by Zonta clubs around the world.
The program provides small grants to support mission-aligned community projects led by Zonta clubs, using a dual-tier model that combines financial support with opportunities for global recognition.

the 2026–2028 Biennium will focus on ending violence against women and girls. Grants will be awarded through a competitive application and selection process.
The Quaboag Club is eligible to apply for a microgrant of $1000 for a hands on project. Let's put our heads together and come up with a plan to apply!

MORE

New ZQV Brochure



Kudos to Vice President **Connie Mahoney,** Treasurer **Pattie Hallberg** and a their proofreaders for producing an attractive brochure about the Quaboag Valley Club!

Just in time to help us celebrate our 35th anniversary!



You can find a copy of the brochure at the club's website under the About Us tab. Brochures will be available for members, guests and intrested individuals at meetings and events.

https://zontaqv.org/about-us

Golf Tournament 2026 is a Wrap

Thanks to the efforts of club members, donors and sponsors, we experienced another successful golf tournament on September 12th. According to Co-chair Debbie Wood:
"Our 32nd Annual Golf Tournament on Sept.12th attracted 42 players this year. The sponsors, mulligans, 50/50, chance raffle and registration helped us realize after expenses (cart/greens fees, lunch and coffee) a total profit of $5525.60. Other venues, a week day or evening or 9 hole event are under consideration as well as other fundraising events."

Important Announcements

Mark your Calendar for Meeting Dates

November 16 ZQV Meeting—Ludlow Country Club * Program: Celebrating 35 years and recognizing those on whose shoulders we stand.

November 25 - December 10 - **Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women/ 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence**

December 10 **Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Virtual Summit**

December 14 Grapevine Grill, Belchertown - Holiday celebration

January 11 Zoom Meeting Amelia Earhart program

February 20 Period Project and Luncheon meeting Venture Way Collaborative

March 8 Women Making A Difference Event
March 8 International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day
March 8 - 19 - Commission on the Status of Women

April 12 ZQV Meeting

May 10 ZQV Meeting

June 14 ZQV Meeting zonta

June 25 - 29 North American InterDistrict Meeting (NAIDM) - Rapid City, South Dakota
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ZontaQV.org Updates



Education Awards (link)

- **Women in Business**
- **Women in STEM**
- **Young Women in Leadership**

Please review and share widely. Connie Mahoney is the Committee chair if you have questions.



Members Only Page added (link)
Contact Cherie or Mary for the password.

(1) Governance Documents / Club Bylaws, Officers
(2) Meeting Minutes
(3) Budget & Financials
(4) Board and Committee Roles & Club Roster
(5) Nominating Committee Documents
(6) Service Project & Fundraising Documents
(7) Past issues of Zonta Bog

P.S. Do you know what committees you are on? Everone is asked to participate in one or more of the standing committees; all are asked to support the fundraising committees. Descriptions for each are posted at **zontaqv.org/members-only**. Remember: Zontians volunteer enthusiastically!

Committee Chairs as of this time (committee members are posted on the site also):
Membership – Cherie Braun
Service Committee – needs chair
Advocacy and Climate Action Committee – needs chair.
PR and Communication Committee – Mary Knight
Scholarship Committee – Connie Mahoney
Golf Tournament Fundraiser – Karen Keough-Huff and Debbie Wood, Co-Chairs.
35 Anniversary Event – Board +
Spring Event – Board +

Items are being added over time. If you have suggestions for documents you would like Mary to prioritize, please let her know at info@ZontaQV.org.

Important - Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports are distributed in an email by the Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. If you miss the email, you can find these records on the **ZontaQV.org/members-only** site. Please review in advance of the next meeting.



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