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Message from the President



Happy New Year Zonta Sisters & Friends!

2018 is sure to fly by as we fill it with fun, fellowship and fundraising! Speaking of flying.... we honor a fellow Zontian this month, Amelia Earhart! What an amazing woman she was in a time when women did not do the types of things she did. Born July 24, 1897 and died in 1937 when she disappeared while flying over the Pacific Ocean. Just imagine what the world was like in the early 1900s especially for women! I love this quote from her: *"Women must try to do things as men have tried. When they fail their failure must be but a challenge to others."* I hope you will join us on January 23rd to hear a special guest speaker who is a pilot and a member of the 99's club, a club founded by Amelia for women pilots!

This month is filled with committee meetings and a fun social event. Our very important Service meeting is on Wednesday, January 31st at HCR (5:30pm). It is the best meeting to attend if you want to have a voice in deciding the recipients of our fundraising dollars. We will honor those agencies at our February 27th member meeting.

Speaking of fundraising, April 29th is our Annual Swing into Spring Fundraiser. This year we will be line dancing at Nashville's in Henrietta. The committee is hard at work and will have more information soon. Tell your friends and family to save the date!

Here's to a happy, healthy new year as we continue to do good in the world and work to empower women and girls everywhere!

Peace always,

Cheri



Zonta International

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January 23rd Amelia Earhart Meeting



The Ninety-Nines, Inc.
International Organization of Women Pilots
Finger Lakes Chapter

As you may know, Amelia Earhart was the first President of the Ninety-Nines, established in 1929 by 99 women pilots. So, we are excited to have Naomi Wadsworth, a pilot and member of the Finger Lakes Ninety-Nines, as our speaker. Please join us to hear Naomi talk about her journey to become a pilot. Naomi not only helped to make the National Warplane Museum in Geneseo a reality, but has also spent over 30 years flying a great number of aircraft to promote the museum as well as flying in the airshows. Naomi contacts and schedules all aircraft for the museum as well as being responsible for airshow safety and waiver compliance. Come hear this accomplished woman pilot at our Amelia Earhart Meeting!

This month's meeting will be at Joey B's at Brickstone Restaurant, 1325 Elmwood Ave. Cost: \$28.00 for members and guests. Dinner menu: 2 choices of Joey's Homemade Soups, salad, potato bar station, coffee/tea, and dessert donate by Savoia's and Wegman's cookies donated by Sierra. A cash bar is available.

As usual the meeting will be 5:30 - 8:00 pm with dinner being served at 6:00 pm. Guests are always welcome and encouraged!

Your reservation is a financial commitment even if you cannot attend; payment for cancellation after 1/19/18 is expected due to the cost for the meal reservation. To reserve your seat please contact **Isabella Foltyniak** - RSVP's by phone call or text: 585-363-3068 and by email: Isabella.Foltyniak@gmail.com by 1/19/18.

This month's collection item is deodorant for Center for Youth and Angels of Mercy. Please do not feel pressure to donate. These donations should be at your convenience.

December Meeting Review

Our Holiday Fellowship Meeting was as fun as always. Not only did we have a great time socializing with each other, but we also worked to decorate journals to give to women in recovery and shopped to support our Zonta sisters and our favorite charities.

Please see all the pictures from our meeting on page 7 – what a wonderful evening!



General Meeting Schedule

Jan. 23 rd	4 th Tuesday	Amelia Earhart
Feb. 27 th	4 th Tuesday	Service
March 27 th	4 th Tuesday	Advocacy
April 24 th	4 th Tuesday	Leadership
May 22 nd	4 th Tuesday	Annual Meeting
June 26 th	4 th Tuesday	President's Choice (1 st meeting of 2018-19 Zonta year)

Board Meeting Schedule

Open to all ZCR members!

St. John's Home, Hastings Conference Room,
150 Highland Avenue, 5:45 – 7:00 PM

February 5th
March 5th
April 2nd
May 7th
June 4th



	Birthday	Anniversary
Sierra Stiller-Saiger	01/16	01/17
Andrea Somerville	02/11	06/06

Donations Needed

We are still collecting the following items at our monthly meetings:

- ◆ Toiletries for Mercy Community Services
- ◆ Printer cartridges for Mt. Hope Family Center

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is looking for people to fill the following Board positions:

Director 2019-2019 (one position vacated)
Director 2018-2020 (two new positions)
Vice President

If you would like to be on the Board, or have an idea of someone you think should be on the Board, please contact Lesia, Dot, or Pat to have the name(s) offered into consideration.

Support RESOLVE

Join RESOLVE for the 9th Annual Doll Tea Party & Fashion show on Feb. 3rd, 1:00 – 4:00 pm at Perinton Presbyterian Church. This fun, family-friendly event will feature a doll and teddy bear fashion show, a basket raffle, valentine making, a selfie-station, and more!

For more information: [Doll Tea Party](#)

Lucky Numbers

Don't forget to sell your lottery tickets! Final money and ticket stubs are due to Edna by 1/31. Mail them to her if you will not be at any January functions. *Thank you!*

Grant Recipient Meeting

The meeting to determine the 2018 Service Grant recipients will be held at HCR, 95 Metro Park, Rochester, NY 14623 at 5:30 on Wednesday, January 31st. All members are invited to participate in determining our grants this year. Some food will be provided to tide us over the dinner hour. Please let **Edna** know if you are planning to attend so we can order enough food. Thanks!

Indoor Fun with Your Zonta Sisters!

January 21st we are having a fun, social event at Radio Social (1 - 3pm). No RSVP needed. Cost is on your own for bowling, food & beverage (all optional). Non-bowlers welcome - join us for fellowship if you can. Friends welcome!

D4 Letter from Gov. Lori

Dear Zonta Members of District 4,

It is very hard to believe that 2017 is coming to a close. So many wonderful things have happened in our District this year. Award presentations, service projects, advocacy events and fellowship moments.

We collectively had accomplished many, many things. We have raised funds for great community and international projects. We have donated a total to date of \$83,573.20 US in comparison to \$70,819.71 to date last biennium. We are on target for providing two Amelia Earhart scholarships. We have 31 out of 35 clubs that have contributed to the Zonta International Foundation.

District 4 held the 55th Conference was held in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Congratulations to the new board for the next biennium.

Governor Elect, Bonnie Clesse,
Lt. Governor Elect, Janice Durmis
Treasurer Elect, Roxy Rapedius
Area 1 Director Elect, Brenda Graham
Area 2 Director Elect, Nita McCown Vice Area 2 Director Elect, Karen Grant
Area 3 Director Elect, Jenny Johnston
Area 4 Director Elect, Gina Orsini,
Area 5 Director Elect, Diane Balaban
Area 6 Director Elect, To be Announced.
Nominating Committee: Chair, Lori Robinson, Nancy McCulloch and Jill Colburn.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our Area Workshops. Please mark your calendars for the Area Workshops being held in April 2018.

Area 1 & 2 April 28th Burlington, Ontario
Area 3 & 4 April 21st Batavia – Genesee County, NY
Area 5 & 6 April 7th Washington - County, PA

However you celebrate the holidays, May you be filled with Love, Joy and Peace this Holiday Season & throughout the New Year.

Warmest regards,

Lori

Service Update

Journals

At the December dinner meeting, we completed 49 journals. This was a great effort by all those that attended.

Friendship Children's Center Christmas Families

Zonta supplied several gifts to 3 adults and 10 children. The children ranged in ages from 9 months to 17. The members donated \$706 for the shopping spree, as well as, several members purchased gifts to donate. I had a great time shopping with the help of daughter Michelle and granddaughter Emma. Thank you to all the members for their generosity. The gifts were delivered to FCC on December 10th.

Birthing Kits – FYI - 82 completed by me last October (just needed one item added); will be delivered to Judy Powers.

submitted by Alyce

Friendship Children's Center

Friendship Children's Center, a not for profit childcare center, located in one of the poorest quadrants (northeast) of the city, has provided quality care for children for 85 years. The childcare services are designed to strengthen and supplement family life through age appropriate, educational, emotional, social and physical experiences in a nurturing environment. Friendship Children's Center is NAEYC Accredited and adheres to the highest standards of care. The Zonta Club of Rochester has supported the Center from the beginning (1922) by having a member of the Rochester Club serving on their board and also with grants and other miscellaneous projects.

Save the Dates!

March 4, 2018: Zonta Club of Buffalo Ladies First Jazz Concert Fundraiser.

March 10, 2018: Batavia Lucky Number Luncheon

April 21, 2018: Areas 3 & 4 Spring Workshop hosted by the Zonta Club of Batavia

Zonta History

Nancy has submitted some Zonta History – we'll review some years in each newsletter as we get ready for Zonta's 100th Birthday!

- 1930 - Zonta started clubs in Europe
- 1930 – Zonta's name was changed to Zonta International
- 1931 – Object adopted: “to work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through a world of fellowship of executive women in business and the professions united in the Zonta ideal of service.”
- 1935 - New Zonta Object: “to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women”

Advocacy – Letter Writing

The Advocacy Committee wants to make members aware of pending legislation that effects women, especially in NYS. (Information from the Domestic Violence Consortium.) We want to encourage our members to support this legislation by contacting their Assembly Members and Senators. We will draft letters (you can use ours or personalize the ones you receive via email), give you envelopes, and provide the names and addresses of area Assembly Members and Senators. We'll make you aware of your representatives stand on sponsoring or co-sponsoring the legislation.

This month we are targeting bill A04271, no area co-sponsors.

Creation of "Melinda's Law", in Relation to the Removal of Children in Domestic Violence Cases A04271 (GRAF) / S04368 (GOLDEN) What would this bill do? Amends the Family Court Act to provide that the non-offending parent not be listed as a respondent in a custody hearing solely because they are a survivor of domestic violence when there is no evidence of abuse or neglect by that parent. Allows the non-abusive parent a way to report incidents of abuse perpetrated by the abusive partner without fear of having their children removed from their care. Why is this bill needed? The abusive partner will often use threats of the removal of the children by Child Protective Services as a means to further control the non-abusive partner and deter them from reporting the abuse. Abuse sometimes moves from the partner to the children, and can escalate over time if the abuser believes that the non-abusive partner is afraid to report such abuse, under the fear of losing their children. Creates an opportunity to prevent the escalation of abuse without fear of children being removed from a survivor's custody.

Former Zontian Betty Lohr

submitted by Edna

I saw this article in the current ZooNooz (from the Seneca Park Zoo Society). (See article next page) Betty is a former Zontian (and former president of the club) who was my boss at Kodak before she retired. Sounds like she left a nice endowment to the Zoo, hence the article. I remember well her stories of photographing all of the animals, including one of a spider where she had to go into its cage in the middle of the night and do all sorts of contortions to get into position to take the photo so she wouldn't receive a deadly sting!

Anti-Human Trafficking Conference

submitted by Cheri

Please see the Anti Human Trafficking Conference flyer on page 6.

Hi All,

I plan to attend this conference. Would be great to have you join me if you have time and interest.

Cheri

January Collection

Submitted by Andrea

At this month's **January dinner meeting** we will be collecting **Deodorant**

Anti Human Trafficking Month/Day Jan. 11th

These items will be donated to **Center for Youth and Angels of Mercy**

What Is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery where people profit from the control and exploitation of others. As defined under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA)

Sex Trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or

Labor Trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purpose of labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

***5,686 total hospitals in the United States. 60 have a plan for treating patients who are being trafficked. 95 percent of emergency room personnel aren't trained to treat trafficking victims.**

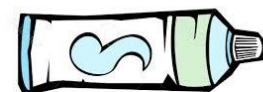
Thank You for your generosity! We have an incredible group of generous women in the Zonta Club of Rochester!

Please do not feel pressure to donate. These donations should be at your convenience.

THANK YOU to those who are able to deliver these items!

Heads Up! February Collection

Toothbrushes and Toothpaste



In Memory of Betty M. Lohr



In 2017, Seneca Park Zoo Society was honored to receive a bequest from past long-time docent, member, and Zoo fan Betty Lohr who died in 2014.

Lohr was a familiar face around the Zoo, most frequently in the Mair Building near the primates from 1985-2007, where she would volunteer as a docent, until health issues prevented her from continuing. Zoo guests were amazed by her wealth of knowledge about all the animals at the Zoo.

Prior to her retirement, Lohr worked for Eastman Kodak Company as a statistician and worked her way up to the head of Payroll at Kodak Office. At Kodak, she joined the Photographic Club, which allowed her to develop and print her own photos, many of which were of the Zoo. Many of her photos were originally used for the ZooParent program and other marketing efforts.

Lohr's passion for life kept her calendar filled. She traveled extensively, was an avid golfer, cross country skier, formed numerous bridge clubs and bowling leagues, and loved to socialize. Her compassion for people led her to become a member of the Zonta organization, where she joined in 1965, and served as president in 1976.

Zoo staff remember her as an extremely educated, sweet, well-loved person. One story that was fondly recounted by several of the animal care staff was when they shared a behind-the-scenes experience with the elephants when they were relocated to their new habitat in Africa. Elephants were top on her list of favorites and she was thrilled to see them explore their new surroundings.

Lohr's contributions, both personal and financial, were recognized at the Forever Wild Society event in November, when she was posthumously made a member of the Society. For information on the Forever Wild Society, or incorporating the Zoo Society into your estate plans, please contact Development@senecazoo.org.



Lohr took this photo of California sea lion Nemo when the sea lions were located in their current alligator habitat.



In this serene photo of the Japanese Macaque, Lohr captured a tender moment among these two primates.



Lohr loved to photograph the birds of the Zoo. Here, she got a perfect shot of the Great Horned Owl and its intense stare.

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING CONFERENCE

WHEN

**Saturday, January 27, 2018
9am - 4pm**

WHERE

**U of R School of Medicine & Dentistry
Flaum Atrium
415 Elmwood Ave**

REGISTRATION

ursmdahtc.wordpress.com

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- Raise awareness of human trafficking
- Educate how to identify trafficking victims
- Give strategies to sensitively address needs of trafficking victims
- Promote advocacy work with Rochester healthcare providers, students, and others at URM
- Provide the community a forum to collaborate to help trafficking victims

BENEFITTING

**Local Anti-Trafficking
Efforts**

FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Parveen Parmar

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Photos from Our December Meeting



Our Annual Holiday Photograph



Alyce showing the decorated journals



Cheri, Lynn, and Edna ready to eat cake!



Dot and Cindy sharing their smiles.



Vendors set up and waiting for the shoppers.



Everyone ready to party!

Our Mission, Vision, and Theme

Zonta International Mission Statement

Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Vision

Zonta International envisions 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

Theme

Empowering Women Through Service and Advocacy

Newsletter Schedule

The next newsletter will be distributed in February. Submissions must be in by February 6th.

Your comments, suggestions, and submissions are welcome! Please contact Pat Deane, Newsletter Editor, 585.292.9850x22 or pthosdeane@yahoo.com

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