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## Zonta Club of Rochester

PO Box 10545, Rochester, NY 14610

March 2018 Newsletter

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**ZONTA**  
CLUB OF  
ROCHESTER  
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

### Message from the President



Dear Zonta Sisters & Friends,

My heart is full from receiving the heart award at our February meeting. I truly was left speechless! I feel so honored to be given this recognition by all of you. Thank you beyond words! I choose to give the \$25.00 to the soon to open Owen's House, the 2<sup>nd</sup> location for Crisis Nursery.

The other highlight of our February meeting was meeting each of the agency representatives that attended to receive a check from our club for a specific request they made through the grant process. It is such an honor to be part of an organization that works hard to raise funds to give back to the community and to our International programs.

We are reminded as we approach our annual Swing into Spring Fundraiser on April 29<sup>th</sup> to get sponsors, donations, sell raffle tickets and promote attendance so we can once again give to the many programs helping women and children find a better life.

Let's celebrate International Women's Day by contributing to the Rose Fund!

Spring is around the corner! Happy March!

Fondly,  
*Cheri*



### Zonta International

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Zonta Club of Kungsbacka, Sweden District 21

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Director 16-18 **Sierra Stiller-Saiger**  
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### Zonta Websites

Zonta International [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)  
Zonta District 4 [www.zontadistrict4.org](http://www.zontadistrict4.org)  
Zonta Rochester [www.zontarochester.org](http://www.zontarochester.org)

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Zonta International  
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And

**SHARE the Posts from Zonta!**

## March 27<sup>th</sup> Advocacy Meeting



This month we are excited to have Katherine Smith from the League of Women Voters Rochester Metropolitan Area as our guest speaker. Katherine, a past President of LWVRMA, had been their VP of Advocacy previously. Katherine has done advocacy work and lobbying for not-for-profit groups and unions for 50 years. She is going to tell us what advocates can do to make a difference in their communities. As Katherine says, "I'm so excited about the work women have been doing the past year in our community to have their voices heard by elected officials." Don't miss hearing this influential woman!

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: pasta with shrimp, assorted vegetables, salad, rolls and butter, coffee/tea, and dessert donated by Nancy McCulloch. 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 3/22/18 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](mailto:Isabella.Foltyniak@gmail.com) by 3/22/18.

At our March dinner meeting we will be collecting feminine hygiene products (tampons and maxi pads), to be donated to Jennifer House and Sojourner House. Please do not feel pressure to donate. These donations are at your convenience.

## February Meeting Review

*submitted by Edna*

The Service Committee's February dinner meeting began with members meeting and chatting with and getting to know our Service Grant recipients. We then awarded this year's Heart Award to Cheri Magin for her yeoman service to Zonta. She has impressed everyone with her energy of "all things Zonta". Thank you, Cheri, for all you do and have done for us--we all appreciate your dedication! (Please see page for the Heart Award tribute.)

We then had 6 of our 7 service grant recipients (one agency was not able to attend) talk to us for a few minutes each about how their organizations will be using their grants. It is always very informative and rewarding to hear about their organizations. We all left with a high degree of pride that we were able to financially help these great organizations in their important work.

A special "thank you" to Joanne for providing the dessert for our meal, and to Cindy for giving each of us the beautiful International Women's Day cookie.

Be sure to see the pictures from our meeting on page 4.

## General Meeting Schedule

March 27 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Advocacy
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Leadership
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Annual Meeting
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	President's Choice (1 <sup>st</sup> 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  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
May 7<sup>th</sup>  
June 4<sup>th</sup>



	Birthday	Anniversary
Nancy McCulloch	03/27	02/89
Susan Perry	04/01	06/11
Cindy Semrau	04/12	10/00

## 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  
Secretary  
Treasurer

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.



## Fellowship

*submitted by Andrea*

### Blackfriar's "When We Were Young and Unafraid"

We are excited to have a chance to get together to see **the Blackfriars production of "When We Were Young and Unafraid."** This is a close look at what domestic violence before we had organized agencies to help women in these difficult situations. If you are interested in attending, purchase your ticket to a performance on either March 25<sup>th</sup> or April 8<sup>th</sup>. You can join us for a lively discussion after the performance (once we know who will attend, we will pick the location for our discussion.) We hope to see you there!

### Habitat for Humanity, Women Build

Anyone interested in the **Habitat for Humanity, Women Build**, please watch for emails with details about this upcoming event. It will be exciting to make a difference right here in Rochester! Who doesn't want to say, "Hey, I helped build a house!.....?" (Remember, not every job will involve slinging a hammer, all are welcome!)

## Collection/Donation Service Project

*submitted by Andrea*

### February:

Once again, our club out did itself with generosity! We collected toothbrushes and toothpaste to donate to both Jennifer House and Sojourner house. This was part of our efforts to support local organizations that reach out and assist women who were previously incarcerated. There were two large boxes that were overflowing with our member's generous donations. These were delivered to both locations with great appreciation! Thank you again club members and their friends who support this effort!

### March:

At our March dinner meeting we will be collecting feminine hygiene products (tampons and maxi pads.) For the price of a cappuccino you can restore a woman's dignity! These items will be donated to Jennifer House and Sojourner House as part of our ongoing effort to support women who have been previously incarcerated and the local agencies who assist them.

To get a better understanding of what it is to be homeless and a women with her period, check out this blog post: <https://soapboxie.com/social-issues/Homeless-Periods-Suck> This is a frank explanation of what it is to be living on the fringe as a women. It may hit a little hard, but it will also remind us of why it is so important to help our fellow sisters.



Donations from February's Meeting!

## Swing Into Spring 2018!

*submitted by Lynn*

Hello Friends- Just a reminder that Swing into Spring is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We need your help to put your best foot forward to help make this a success! Please solicit sponsors, wine and items for the lucky draw and silent auction.

It is high priority that you donate money for the Wine Pull to Sheri Statton, sell reservations for the event and your \$500 Grand Prize tickets (send names of attendees to Pat), and collect donations for the Auction and Lucky Draw. Your commitment to our biggest fundraiser of the year makes our grant money for next year! The more money we make the more we can give! Thank you so much for your participation.

All members should bring their donations for Swing into Spring to the March 27th meeting!

## Save the Dates!

- April 5, 2018: Gandhi Institute's Soulforce** (see flyer pg. 6)
- April 11, 2018: Zonta Club of Kenmore's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Lucky Number Dinner** (see flyer pg. 6)
- April 12, 2018: RESOLVE'S Revolutionary Awards Breakfast** (see flyer pg. 5)
- April 21, 2018: Areas 3 & 4 Spring Workshop** hosted by the Zonta Club of Batavia (see info pg. 4)
- April 29, 2018: ZCR Swing into Spring Fundraiser!**
- May 6, 2018: Zonta Club of Buffalo's Not Your Grandmother's Tea** (see flyer pg. 5)

## Zonta History

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

- 1940 - Zonta International now has 4300 members, 140 US clubs, 6 Canadian and 6 European clubs
- 1943 - South American and US Zontians gather to celebrate the first Pan American Day on April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 1944 - Convention delegates adopted a resolution endorsing the elimination of gender discriminations regarding job opportunities and rates of pay.
- 1945 - Zontians attend the opening of the United Nations in San Francisco, CA USA.
- 1946 - Zonta's program theme is "Action for World Peace"
- 1947 - US Zontians voted to endorse a bill to admit an extra 100,000 war refugees into the US
- 1948 - First Z Club is established
- 1949 - 7200 members, 200 clubs in North America, South America and Europe

## Heart Award Tribute

*submitted by Dot*

### Zonta Club of Rochester 2018 Heart Award Recipient Cheri Magin

The Heart Award recognizes a member each year for her contributions to all phases of her life: Family, Community and Zonta. This year's Heart Award recipient is Cheri Magin.

Cheri Magin stepped up to assume the role of President one year earlier due to the unexpected departure of the president and assumed the responsibilities at the club, district and international level. Most members are not aware of the amount of personal time she has invested in our club over the last year. She quickly accepted her new role and did her best to assume a smooth transition for the club. While it is the duty of every member to participate in club activities, she has made it a point to be available and provide guidance and support to board and committee members, along with potential new and current members. She understood the importance of attending the District 4 workshops and conference and saw them as an opportunity to learn and bring information and ideas back to the club.

As a leader, Cheri communicates with the board about information, requirements, ideas and suggestions that are presented from a host of sources so that the board can work together to prioritize the urgent and critical action items. Like many of us she would prefer to address all of the ideas but understand the need to invest our time, talents and resources wisely as volunteers.

Our club was very fortunate when she returned to the Rochester community after several years and one of her first goals was to rejoin Zonta. Her commitment to and belief of Zonta's mission is unwavering at every level!

As part of this recognition, Zonta will donate \$25 to a charity of Cheri's choosing. Please join me in congratulating Cheri as this year's Heart Award 2018 recipient. Thank you!

## Area 3 & 4 Spring Workshop

The Zonta Club of Batavia is host to this year's Area 3 & 4 Workshop, which will be held at Batavia Downs on April 11<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 to 3:15 (registration begins at 8:15). The theme for this year's Workshop is - **Changing Times – Learn from your Past, Live in the Present, Look forward to the Future.** It's a very informative day with large group meetings and round table topics (see the registration for round table discussion topics).

As an added bonus, our host Club, Batavia, will be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary along with the Zonta Club of Grand Island, and will be making the celebration part of the Workshop. The Zonta Club of Rochester was Batavia's sponsoring club, and they still have the flag stand we gave them as a gift. What a great day this will be, filled with learning and celebration!

Download your registration form [here](#) (control + click).

## Pictures from February's Meeting



Cheri receives the Heart Award



Angels of Mercy Accepts Their Donation



VOA Accepts Their Donation



Cindy's International Women's Day Cookie

## Congratulations Louise!

*submitted by Edna*

Last month Louise was honored by the Rochester Business Journal. Louise was elected to the Circle of Excellence. The Circle of Excellence recognizes women of longstanding, notable success in the community who are leading the way for other women. Please extend congratulations to Louise for this well-deserved honor and recognition!

## Thank You from St. Joseph's

*This thanks was on time – but we missed it in our mail.*

Can't thank you enough for the tremendous hard work yesterday at the breakfast. From all accounts it was the best ever:

- Most people served
- Most fun had by everybody
- Most connections made among guests
- Most baked goods made and sold
- Most Beanie Babies sold – of course, this was the first time we had any!!
- And, we made some money for the Center as well.

Here are preliminary results:

Breakfasts served: 263

Money taken in:

Registration: \$ 1,642.00

Donations: 315.00

Beanie Babies: 36.00

Baked Goods: 585.00

\$ 2,578.00

Good will and committed supporters of the Center: Priceless

Special thanks to Creative Caterers who donates all the eggs, potatoes, bacon and sausage for the event, and Anthony, their chef, who braved this event for the first time.

The kitchen was run seamlessly, the "front of the house" was like a well-oiled machine. Beautiful teamwork everyone.

Ever Grateful: Chris

Christine Wagner, SSJ, Executive Director St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center, Inc.

## Another Thank You from St. Joe's

Thank you for honoring St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center with a grant to provide child care for our Women on the Move. The program, in its 10<sup>th</sup> year, gives women who want to work for financial independence the tools necessary – knowledge and support. The women of Zonta embody that knowledge and support, and you are always there for the Center – at our annual events (Fall Breakfast and June Auction and Party) and through the year! You give of your time, talent and treasure with great energy and commitment. Thank you. The annual Auction and Party is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "Once Upon a Time." The story that you help write at St. Joe's has twists and turns, but with your help, we'll continue to offer quality health care that's comprehensive in scope and integrated in practice. Thank you!

## Summary of ZI Service Projects

*submitted by Edna*

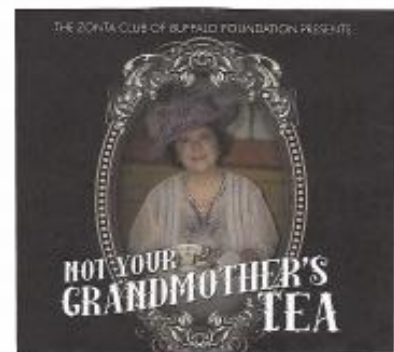
Thanks to generous contributions this biennium, Zonta International Foundation has been able to:

- Provide fistula surgical treatment to fifty-seven women and girls in Liberia during the first two quarters of the year, making a grand total of 1,479 repairs of various types of fistulae since the project was established, and a total of 371 survivors rehabilitated and reintegrated into their communities.
- Protect adolescent girls in Niger by creating 320 safe spaces within their communities and enroll a grand total of 32,000 adolescent girls in modular mentorship sessions.
- Construct and furnish four classrooms including school furniture, teaching and instructional materials and a sports field in Madagascar.
- Provide over US\$500,000 in scholarships to promising women and girls seeking professions in business and aerospace sciences and engineering, and recognizing community leadership.

## From Zonta Club of Buffalo



*SAVE the DATE*



Sun, May 6 (1:00 pm-4:00 pm)

Twentieth Century Club  
595 Delaware Ave, Buffalo NY

Site of the oldest women's club in America  
Delicious teas, sandwiches, desserts  
Unique entertainment  
Door prizes, basket raffles, silent auction items

Registration materials to follow at a later date. For more information contact  
Caren Shapiro at: [cdkshapiro@gmail.com](mailto:cdkshapiro@gmail.com) or 716-436-3217

**Thank You and Flyers**

January 25, 2018

Ms. Alyce Van Patten  
Zonta Club of Rochester  
PO Box 10545  
Rochester, New York 14610-0545

Dear Ms. Van Patten and the Zonta Club of Rochester:

Thank you for your gift of women's undergarments, received on 1/11/2018. Your support is life-changing for survivors and their families in our community. Because of your generosity, we are able to provide critical services for thousands each year.

We couldn't do this without you. With our 24/7 crisis hotline and 49-bed emergency shelter, Willow is a refuge for those fleeing abuse. Our network of support stretches from crisis intervention and safety planning to skill building and individual counseling. We offer support sessions with topics including credit repair, legal workshops, housing clinics, yoga, meditation and art. Willow advocates can be found at the Hall of Justice through our Court Advocacy Program, at the University of Rochester Medical Center through the HEAL Collaborative, and throughout our community with prevention education and mobile advocacy programs. **Your gift makes this all possible.**

With our full range of services and locations, we are *here* for survivors seeking safety, hope and healing. Perhaps the most important thing we provide is hope. Your support sends a powerful message to survivors that they are not alone.

*"With Willow, I am no longer alone. I have hope. And hope is everything." -Survivor, 2017*

**Thank you for giving hope.** Together we are changing lives.

With gratitude,  
*Meghan J. Chateau*  
Meghan J. Chateauvieux, MA, CPRE  
Director of Development and Marketing

*Thank you!*

According to Internal Revenue Service regulations, this gift is nondeductible to the extent allowed by law because no goods or services were provided.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
ZONTA CLUB OF KENMORE'S  
THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL  
LUCKY NUMBER DINNER**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11th, 2018**

**AT  
CLASSICS V BANQUET  
AND  
CONFERENCE CENTER**

**2425 NIAGARA FALLS BLVD.  
AMHERST, NEW YORK, 14228  
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM**

**ADULT TICKETS \$30**      **CHILD'S TICKET \$13**

**FOR TICKETS CALL: Karen Fritsch at 716-783-9067  
or  
email her at [kfritsch55@verizon.net](mailto:kfritsch55@verizon.net)**




**RESOLVE** | **20 YEARS**  
Breaking the cycle of domestic violence | 1998-2018

*Save the Date*  
**5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Resolutionary Awards Breakfast**

**Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> • 7:00 to 9:00am**  
Monroe Golf Club • 155 Golf Ave • Pittsford

[Register Here](#)

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 *Keynote Speaker*  
**Susan Still**  
*Survivor & Advocate*

A survivor of 24 years of abuse by her former husband, Susan Still, speaks on behalf of those whose lives have been impacted by domestic violence.

Her case is unique, as in December 2004, Justice John F. O'Donnell (NYS 8th Judicial District, Erie County) handed Ulmer Still a 36-year sentence, landmark for New York State, as the longest sentence given for the crime of domestic violence where the victim survived.

You're Invited to \_\_\_\_\_  
**SOULFORCE**  
Honoring the Legacy of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. King



Join the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence to celebrate and raise funds to support peacebuilding with young people in Rochester and beyond.

Remarks by Kiti Miller & Iraq veteran and author, Paul Chappell, in addition to a silent auction. Drinks and hors d'orves provided. Dress is business casual.

**Thursday, April 5 | 5-7pm | 250 Esplanade Dr. | Rochester, NY 14610**  
**\$35 per individual | \$60 per couple | RSVP at [gandhiinstitute.org](http://gandhiinstitute.org)**

**Thank You and Flyers continued**



March 5, 2018

Ms. Edna Silvernail  
61 Country Downs Circle  
Fairport, New York 14450

Dear Edna,

We are so grateful for the award. Enclosed is the acknowledgement. Your grant will allow participants in Women on the Move to take advantage of no cost child care at the Center. It means women, motivated to improve their financial standing and strength, can do so through a proven, successful program.


The Zonta Club of Rochester continues to support St. Joe's and that support is appreciated. Mark your calendars. Wednesday, June 6th at Temple B'rith Kodesh on Elmwood Avenue, will be the 24th annual auction and party. This year's theme is "Once Upon a Time," with children's stories and fairy tales setting the stage for a great time.

Thank you again. We are blessed to receive your wonderful support.

Sincerely,

Joel Elliot  
Director, Communications and Development

**Come to Breakfast!**



Each day, people come to **St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center** seeking health care and mental health services they cannot find elsewhere in the community. All of us at the Center... 250+ professional volunteers, staff, and supporters...become their companions on that journey. In fact, St. Joseph's serves more than 2,000 patients/clients each year.

Join us for one of our **Executive Breakfasts** and learn more!

We'll serve up a hearty breakfast and share transforming stories. The Center offers medical, dental and mental health care for individuals who have no health insurance or are underinsured. Over 70% of the people we serve are working, but simply can't afford the cost of insurance.

Breakfast is served right at the Center --  
**417 South Avenue in Rochester** --  
starts at 8:00 a.m., and lasts about one hour. We also offer a brief tour of the facility. On-street parking is available, as well as in the lot diagonally across the street.  
**Please contact David Pinto at 325-5260 or [dpinto@sjncenter.org](mailto:dpinto@sjncenter.org) to make your reservation.**

**Upcoming:**

February 21, 2018 • March 21, 2018  
April 18, 2018

**Experience Yokohama with Zonta International**

Convention registration is now live



**Zonta International**  
64th Convention • Yokohama, Japan

## 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 April. Submissions must be in by April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Your comments, suggestions, and submissions are welcome! Please contact Pat Deane, Newsletter Editor, 585.292.9850x22 or [pthosdeane@yahoo.com](mailto:pthosdeane@yahoo.com)

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