

# Zonta Club of Rochester

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### March 2019 Newsletter Volume 9, Issue 19

# Message from the President of the Zonta Club of Rochester:

Dear Zontians & Friends:

Our February meeting was a great celebration of our annual Heart Award recipient, Lesia Telega (a big surprise for her) and honoring the agencies receiving our funds raised in last year's fundraisers.

Through a grant application process and a member's anonymous vote we make the hard decision of who to support with more applicants than available funds. We thank



our members and friends for all the financial support that makes giving possible. A big thank you to Andrea Somerville for leading the service committee! Thanks, also to Gina Orsin,i our District 4 Area Director, for attending this meeting and taking time to say a few words. Inspiring!

In the next two months we have two fundraisers. The 1st is an opportunity to shop at One World Goods on April 11 for Zonta to receive 15% of all sales between 4 and 7 pm. I look forward to seeing many of you.

Our largest fundraiser, Derby Fest will be on May 4th. The committee, led by Lynn Nulton, is hard at work with planning, seeking sponsors and silent auction donations. This is sure to be a fun event while knowing we will support our local agencies next February. (See flyers in this newsletter for more information.)

We look forward to our March 26 member meeting with the theme of Advocacy. Our Zonta District 4 Governor, Bonnie Clesse with be our guest speaker and will share information on how other clubs are advocating for Zonta's International projects.

The proposed slate of officers for next year will be presented. A big thank you to Alyce Van Patten for leading the Nominations Committee! Alyce continues to give her time to Zonta even from a distance. A truly dedicated Zontian!

Social media has become so important in today's world as another way to communicate. We are happy to see our facebook page getting many new followers. Thank you to those who take pictures at events and post to social media. Andrea Somerville has been our leader for PR. We welcome all members to help in this form of communicating.

Let's all celebrate the coming of SPRING! Hope to see you soon.

#### Zonta International

President Susanne von Bassewitz Zonta Club of Düsseldorf Germany

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#### Zonta District 4

Bonnie Clesse Governor Lt. Govenor Janice Dumis Gina Orsini Area 4 Director

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Zonta International; Zonta District 4; or Zonta Rochester



and share the posts from Zonta!

www.Instagram.com/ZontaClubofRochester www.twitter.com/zonta rochester

Fondly, Cheri

# March Dinner Meeting

Are you coming to the March 26 dinner meeting at Perkins Manor located at 494 East Avenue? (\$28 for both members & guests)

# RSVP to Isabella Foltyniak via text at (585) 363-3068 by March 19!

Menu includes: Baked Meatloaf or Baked Salmon with lemon butter; Green beans with almonds on the side; Salad with Ranch or Balsamic Vinaigrette dressing; Rolls & Butter; Dessert (donated by Joanne Chase) & Coffee/Tea

Please remember that your reservation is a commitment and you must pay for dinner even if you don't attend because we have to pay the venue!

# **JOIN US!**

# This year's Heart Award Winner: Lesia Telega!



# Pictured (LtoR): Andrea Somerville; Lesia Telega & Cheri Magin

The Heart Award recognizes a member each year who has gone above and beyond in all phases of her life: Family, Community and Zonta. We are proud to honor this year's Heart Award recipient: **Lesia Telega.** 

Lesia has been a Zonta member since 2002. During this time she has served on multiple committees, both as lead and as a member. She has served on the board; was vice president and then president. She has also demonstrated her dedication to Zonta by proposing our club participate in the Votilla Parade and the 2020 Quilt Project led by the Susan B. Anthony House. Lesia has taken the lead on the CEDAW event that will help our club collaborate with other like-minded local organizations to educate all on CEDAW.

Lesia works as Director of Development and Membership at the National Susan B. Anthony House. She recently earned her certificate in Non-Profit Management, going back to her alma mater, St. John Fisher College while working full time in her new position at the Susan B. Anthony House.

#### **General Meeting Schedule** 2019 4th Tuesday Advocacy March 26 4th Tuesday Leadership April 23 4th Tuesday Annual Meeting May 21 June 25 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday President's Choice (1st Meeting of 2019-2020 Zonta year)\ July? Annual 'Zing' **Board Meeting Schedule** Open to all ZCR members! HCR, 85 Metro Park, 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM April 1 May 6 Happy Birthday! March 27 - Nancy McCulloch

Member Anniversaries

But this is not enough for Lesia. In her spare time she also is on the Board of HCR and is a member of: UNWLA – Ukrainian National Women's League of America; PLAST – a Ukrainian scouting organization; and the Rochester Women's Network.

While doing all of this, Lesia still finds time to organize a book club of over 45 people; a movie club; and organizes a group annual membership to GEVA. In addition she is a member of St. Josephat's Ukrainian Catholic Church where she attends weekly mass with her Mother. She is a devoted daughter and is often seen around town with her Mom at RPO concerts or out for drinks & dinner as well as traveling the globe with her Mother and bringing her to many Zonta events!

As part of this recognition, Zonta donated \$100 to the organization of her choosing and Lesia chose The Susan B. Anthony House & Museum to share her recognition with!

# Thank you from one of this year's Grant Recipients

### Dear Zonta Members,

Thank you for a beautiful evening and dinner last night.

I truly enjoyed seeing everyone and being among such amazing woman! Thank you for your very generous contribution/grant to Angels of Mercy. I will hold you near and dear to my heart always.

Blessings, Mary Jo Colligan







# Come shop with Zonta

April 11, 4-7 pm

One World Goods, Pittsford Plaza, Monroe Avenue

# opring

15% of all sales given to Zonta Rochester Foundation for local scholarships and grants helping women. Shop anytime between 4 and 7 pm. One World Goods is a fair trade partner that offers products from around the world.



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# Angels of Mercy, Inc.

Non-Profit Organization Sponsoring



# 12th Annual Pasta Dinner



Date: Sunday, April 7th

Time: 1:00 -5:00 p.m.



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Door Prizes

Raffles

50/50 Drawings



Eastridge High School 2350 East Ridge Road Rochester, NY 14622

Fundraiser proceeds will be used for...

Angels of Mercy, Inc

# **Dinner Tickets**

Donations are:

Adults \$10 per person

Children 10 & under - \$5 per child

Children under 3 are FREE

Raffle Tickets 6 for \$10.00

or \$2.00 each

Dress A Girl Butterfly Boutique
STOP Human Trafficking

**Beauty For Ashes** 

Sponsored by: ITALEO

Sharon Rivaldo & Annunciation Seniors

Cooking by: Phil Rivaldo & Crew

For more information call 730-4556
Please make checks payable to Angels of Mercy, Inc.
Checks may be mailed to: 692 N Winton Rd, Rochester, NY 14609
Thank you in advance for your support!

Your chance to WIN!!!

**RAFFLE TICKETS** 

Entitle you to these Grand Prizes& many other raffle items!

cable chain (Value: \$500.)

2nd Prize: TCL 43S425 43 Inch 4K Ultra HD Smart Roku LED TV(Value: \$400.)

3rd Prize: Hampton Inn Overnight plus Dinner at Pasta Villa(Value: \$200.)

4th Prize: "Around the Town" Dining Boards (Value: \$150.plus)

5thPrize: Trader Joe's Gift Basket (Value: \$150.)

Many Other Assorted Prizes

Donation: \$2. each / 6 tickets for \$10.

Please consider advertising, sponsoring and /or donating for our raffle.

Angels of Mercy, Inc 692 N Winton Rd Rochester, NY 14609

For more information, please call 585-730-4556

# **Book Donations Needed**

Carmela Kling is bringing to our notice the Fair Trade Store El Buen Amigo which is requesting books and magazine donations for grades PreK – 12 to send to schools in two cities of Chile (with an emphasis on middle and high schools). Any educational subject is accepted. They are also accepting monetary donations to cover the costs of storage, labor, packaging, and shipping.

El Buen Amigo is located at 114 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, NY 14201

(716) 885-6343

Monday-Saturday 11am-7pm; Sunday 11am-4pm

www.elbuenamigo.org



# Friendship Children's Center

Help us provide sneakers for Friendships children sizes 8-12.

We are holding our spring sneaker drive from now until June!

All monetary donations can be made at the following link:

http://www.friendshipchildrenscenter.com/give.html

If you would prefer to write a check for your donation, please send it to Friendship Children's Center, Attention: Joi DiGennaro-McMurtry, 310 Fernwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14609.

# You are Invited to the... 2019 D4 Zonta Mini Conference!



Hosted by: St. Augustine Catholic School ZClub 27 Drinkwater Rd. Brampton









# Theme: I AM A GIRL

# I am a girl.

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i matter. and so does she. she may look different and talk different, but she is like me.

# SHE IS A GIRL

and together, we will rise up.
Because while we are strong, together we are stronger
And together, our voices will change our world





**Time:** 3:30-7:30 pm

Address: St. Augustine Catholic Secondary School

27 Drinkwater Rd. Brampton

**Program:** Keynote Speaker

**Delicious Food** 

Admission: \$12 fee

Attire: Wear your I AM A GIRL TShirts,

or Z club colours or shirts

**RSVP:** Doreen Thompson

doreen.thompson@dpcdsb.org

by Fri. March 8, 2019

If you have any questions or concerns,

please email Mrs. Thompson

# The Zonta Club of Kitchener-Waterloo & Golfplay Presents





Women Golfing to end Breast Cancer and Support Women's Health

WHEN: Thursday, March 28, 2019

6:00 pm welcome drink, appetizers & social networking

6:30-9:30 pm 9 holes of golf (each bay will hold 6

golfers, 3 teams of 2 players, alternate shot) - 3 lucky

teams will experience the VIP room!

WHERE: Golfplay, 4500 King St E Unit 6, Kitchener, ON N2P 2G4

(mall beside Kitchener Costco)

COST: \$50/PERSON

TO REGISTER: call (519) 650-4242 or drop into Golfplay

PRIZES: longest putt, closest to the pin, longest drive, winning

team

Additional Fun: 50/50 draw, mulligans, use a 'Pro Golfer and earn

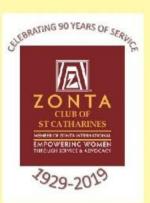
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REGISTRATION FOR THE 27TH BETTY THOMPSON GOLF CLASSIC TO BE HELD ON MAY 23, 2019 WILL BEGIN AT THIS EVENT









# The Zonta Club of St. Catharines

presents

# An English Afternoon Tea & Lucky Number Draw

Rockway Vineyards Golf.Wine.Dine 3290 Ninth Street, St. Catharines



Zonta Club of Niagara Falls Canada's new this year... SILENT **AUCTION!** 

# SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

doors open @ 6:30 PM • trivia starts @ 7 PM

St. Andrew's United Church, side door 5645 Morrison Street • Niagara Falls

to purchase tickets or book a table of 8 email: cfilipowich@yahoo.ca



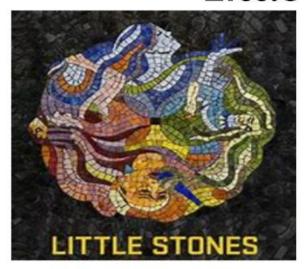


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NIAGARA FALLS,
CANADA
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# **Zonta Club of Buffalo**

presents a Centennial Movie Night featuring

# Little Stones



A feature documentary film that weaves together the personal stories of four women artists, from across the world, who dedicate their lives to empowering women and survivors of gender-based violence to express and help eradicate the atrocities of domestic violence, human trafficking, extreme poverty, and female genital mutilation, with their unique art forms.

Featuring graffiti artist Panmela Castro, dancer Sohini Chakraborty, rap musician Sister Fa and fashion designer Anna Taylor, and filmed in India, Brazil, Senegal, Kenya, Germany and USA.

Date: Tuesday March 19th

Time: 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Place: Screening Room

880 Alberta Dr (within parking lot of Boulevard Mall)

Amherst, NY 14226

Price: \$15 per person

RSVP: by Monday March 11th to

Vivian Cody at vcody@buffalo.edu - or -Kate Wehrmeyer kwehrmeyer@live.com

\$15 Includes movie, pizza, salad & dessert - beverages are available for small fee to Screening Room

Dinner at 5:30 pm and movie to begin at 6 pm

Zontians, friends and family are welcome!



# ZONTA DERBYFEST

Join us for a fun-filled day in celebration of the 145th Kentucky Derby & 100 years of Zonta's good works in our community and internationally.

Date: May 4, 2019

Time: Open from 11 am to 7 pm,

Zonta events start at 2 pm

Location: Finger Lakes Gaming & Race

Track, 5857 NY Route 96, Farmington, NY 14425

Ticket Price: \$45.00

Purchase by: April 19, 2019

Purchase tickets from

www.eventbrite.com/e/zonta-rochester-nyderby-fest-2019-tickets or a Zonta member

Additional activities include hat contest, silent auction, prizes and other give-aways.

Must be 18 or older to attend.

Valet parking at main entrance. Handicap accessible.

For information about Zonta visit our websites:



Zontarochester.org ZontaDistrict4.org Zonta.org





\$10 FREE PLAY!



#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FROM EVEN MORE CLUBS:

# **BUFFALO**

May 3–11, 2019: Zonta District 4 "Fun" Raiser Cruise, Spain/Portugal/United Kingdom

#### **BRADFORD**

Our Zonta 100 Celebration in Bradford will be at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford University Room in the Commons Building on July 18, 2019. Save the date - details will follow.

#### NIAGARA FALLS

March 30, 2019 12:30pm: Charter Induction Luncheon of Z Club of Niagara Falls High School.

Four Points By Sheraton Niagara Falls, 7001 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York 14304

April 7, 2019: First Ladies Jazz Band fundraiser at the Tralf. (see info in your Zontafax).

Items for this event needed: Basket fundraisers are greatly appreciated.

#### KENMORE /JAMESTOWN / KITCHENER-WATERLOO, ONTARIO

# Disrict 5 & 6 Spring Workshop

Areas 5 & 6 Workshop will be hosted by the Zonta Club of Jamestown, NY this year on April 13th and Areas 1 & 2 will behosted by the Zonta Club of Kitchener – Waterloo, Ontario on April 27th.

#### **District 4 Spring Workshop**

The District Board is planning interactive workshops this year! Areas 3 & 4 workshop, hosted by the Zonta Club of Kenmore, NY is on Saturday May 4, 2019 from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Theagenda is sure to add value, for your work within Zonta, as well as your personal and professional development. This a great way to experience Zonta at the Area and District level.

Dear District 4 Zontians,

Yes, we've announced the Save the Dates for Workshops on Saturdays - April 13, Areas 5&6 / April 27, Areas 1&2 / May 4, Areas 3&4.

- Yes, we've put all 3 Workshop Registration forms on <a href="https://zontadistrict4.org/2019-d4-spring-workshops/">https://zontadistrict4.org/2019-d4-spring-workshops/</a>.
- We've listened to what **You** want and worked long and hard to prepare Workshops that are fun, informative and most important: *Worth Your Time!*

Now, it's time to INVITE YOU!

These Centennial Workshops are unique. We don't want you to miss them... so here's a little commercial to encourage you to register. Some attractions are:

Lots of new info - including a Panel on Service / Lots of time to meet new friends & chat - No Speaker at lunch / Fine Facilitators for Table Topics / Opportunity for each Club to nominate a possible D4 Centennial Honoree / Cast your vote for our honoree / Vote for your country's (Canada or USA) Centennial Award Winner / Ever popular Presidents' Table / Make your own square for our Centennial Quilt / and more ...

We All want you to be with us. Come!

See you soon,

**Bonnie Clesse** 

#### DALLAS, TX

June 7-9, 2019: North American Interdistrict Meeting - Embassy Suites Hilton, DFW Airport South, Dallas, Texas

September 27-29, 2019: 2019 District Conference and Centennial Celebration

# Commission on the Status of Women

Dear Zonta members and friends,

As I am preparing for statements, presentations and meetings at the 63rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW63), I am excited to share that not only three other Board members, but Zontians from 23 districts around the world, will join me in New York City from 10 March through 16 March. I am particularly happy that, for the first time ever, we will also welcome a Young Women in Public Affairs awardee as a Zonta Youth Observer.

A special focus of our communications at CSW will be on ending child marriage, our biggest project in our Centennial Anniversary Biennium.

Please watch out for news about our CSW activities.

Cordially,

Susanne von Bassewitz

International President

# UB Gender Institute hosts NYS Women's Agenda

The Gender Institute, in collaboration with Karen King at the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women, will be hosting the presentation of the Governor's Women's Agenda for 2019. Lt Governor Hochul will hopefully be able to attend, together with the NYS Council on Women and Girls. President Tripathi has agreed to make a few introductory remarks. This will be a Listening Tour and a Q&A session. This event will take place on Friday, March 15th at 10am in the Student Union Theater. There will be a reception. They would like 100+ students and members of the public at this event. Please preregister.

# Donation Collections



Below are the items that we will be collecting at our monthly dinner meetings. It is our hope that by giving you a heads up so you will have time to shop the bargains, go through your things or even collect from friends. Please do not feel pressure to donate every month. These donations should be at your convenience.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

March 2019 - In honor of International Women's Day (March 8) Feminine Hygiene products\* (Tampons, Pads, Panty Liners)

April 2019 - Instead of our regular service collection, we are collecting silent auction items for May 4 fundraiser

May 2019 - Accessories: purses, scarves, jewelry, (no perfume please) No need to shop for these items, just look in your closets and drawers as you do your spring cleaning!

June 2019 - Bras (new and slightly used) to be donated to "Free the Girls"

\*These items will be collected to be part of the toiletry kit service project. We will assemble these kits in early February each year to donate to local agencies. Watch for details in emails, flyers and at dinner meetings.

# SPECIAL REQUEST - We're asking for your help.

Our celebration of Zonta's 100 years during this biennium (2018-2020) provides a great opportunity to record and document the major events that contributed to the growth of Zonta from its beginning in Buffalo in 1919, to becoming international in 1927 with the founding of the Zonta Club of Toronto. Zonta's expansion worldwide to more than 63 countries today is the embodiment of Marian de Forest's dream of a "far reaching plan to assemble in Zonta the women executives of the world, an army of experts who, through friendship, understanding, cooperation and good will, will become an irresistible force of peace". The accomplishments of Zonta's programs reported at the international convention in Yokohama, Japan in July 2018 are testimony to the fruits of Marian's vision.

To celebrate this history, the Buffalo Club is working on the production of a video depicting the events that led Marian to gather together like-minded women who held prominent roles in the professional world and proposed the goals of Zonta as a service organization of executive women working to empower women worldwide through service and advocacy. Peter McGennis of Galora, LLC, won the contract to produce and direct the filming for this documentary. We have already begun filming with a gathering of past D4 Governors describing examples of how Zonta's service projects impacted the district and providing biographical information on women who made significant contributions to their communities. Not only will this video document our history, it will also serve as a tool to recruit new members, to educate club members and to provide public relations material for club events. To date, we have secured \$7500 which is about half the needed funding. However, to complete this professional project, we need to continue our fundraising efforts. While corporate and foundation sponsors are being sought, we are also asking interested Zontians to help support this endeavor by making a donation to the Zonta Club of Buffalo Foundation, a 501c(3) nonprofit charitable organization. Those who contribute will be recognized in the credits of the completed video.

Donations (tax deductible in the USA) can be made to the <u>Zonta Club of Buffalo Foundation</u>, a 501c(3) nonprofit charitable organization, and mailed to Vivian Cody at 97 Colvinhurst Dr., Buffalo, NY 14223.

Sincerely, Vivian Cody Treasurer, Zonta Club of Buffalo

# Casting Call: Filming schedule for video of Zonta history

The next scheduled filming for the Zonta video is Tuesday, April 2 at the Saturn Club. The time has not yet been determined.

We would like to have at least 8 Zontians to fill in for the 8 other clubs who became the Confederation of Zonta Clubs. If we have more, then the scenes fill in better.

- 0. One of the scenes we plan to do is the one in which Marian de Forest is attending a Quota regional meeting. It is at this meeting that she challenges the organizers to slow membership growth until better rules and definitions could be determined. It is at this meeting that she withdraws the Quota Club of Buffalo; and eight other clubs follow suit. It is from this event that the nine clubs become the Confederation of Zonta Clubs.
- 0. We also want to get footage of the group standing around before the regional meeting starts talking about the impending withdrawal.

Another scene that will be filmed involves Marian and Clara Witt discussing the founding of Zonta and the vision Marian had for membership growth. Actresses will play the parts of Marian, Clara Witt and the meeting chair.

We would like to have at least eight people to have them withdraw each of the clubs that become the Confederation of Zonta Clubs. Peter McGennis would like the actors and standins dress in period pieces.

Costumes can be rented from DC Theatricks, 747 Main St., Buffalo 14203. 847-0180 10 am- 5 pm. The cost is about \$50 each, paid when reserving. You can also call in your measurements. All costumes can be returned the following day.

We would also like to film other footage for the video while the cameras are rolling. We can continue the interviews of past governor who have not been filmed yet can attend this filming.

If you are interested, email Vivian Cody (vcody@buffalo.edu) so that further details can be sent out.

Our Mission, Vision & Theme

# **Zonta International Mission Statment**

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** 

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"...set a goal early, find what you're passionate about, what really, really interests you and just keep going. Doesn't matter if it's a male-dominated field or not, if you get some push back, just push back and keep going. And watch for opening doors..." – Suzanne Asbury-Oliver, the only professional female skywriter