



Dedicated to Empowering Women through Service & Advocacy

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May 2019 Newsletter
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Message from the President of the Zonta Club of Rochester:

Dear Zonta Members & Friends,

As our year ends, I hope you will join me on May 21st to celebrate as we install new officers for the 2019 – 2020 year and induct a new member! Our Area 4 Director, Gina Orsini will perform the installation and induction.

We can also celebrate our recent successful Centennial Fundraiser, Derbyfest! 125 attendees enjoyed coverage of the local horse races, played the slot machines, enjoyed an endless assortment of food and with over 120 donated items to bid on, a hat contest, games and the simulcast of the 145th Kentucky Derby fun was had by all! Our soon-to-be newest member won the hat contest competing with all attendees at the Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack! A big thanks to the Ways & Means Committee led by Lynn Nulton.

Our next fundraiser has already begun! We are lucky to have Baumans Farm Market & Greenhouses in Webster, NY partner with us from May 1st to July 4th. All sales for plants will have 20% donated to our Zonta Foundation when our business card with donation sticker is presented at time of purchase. Tell your friends and family by giving them our cards. They can also print from facebook. Thank you, Anne Rasch, for being the leader.

I attended the Area 5 & 6 Workshop held in Jamestown, NY. Check out my article. Also read about what we learned at our April Leadership meeting with guest speakers from Brightstar Community. They have exciting plans to help women find a better life path.

Finally, as I conclude my second year as President; I am amazed how time passes so quickly. I continue to be thankful for my Zonta club members and what we accomplish together. As we continue to celebrate 100 years of our Zonta club, we can be so thankful to all those that are supporting our mission. Thank you Zonta members

and friends!

Happy Spring!

Cheri



Zonta International

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Zonta Club of Düsseldorf Germany

Zonta District 4

Governor **Bonnie Clesse**
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Area 4 Director **Gina Orsini**

Zonta Rochester Board

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Director 18-20 **Isabella Foltyniak**

General Meeting Schedule

2019

May 21 3th Tuesday Annual Meeting
June 25 4th Tuesday President's Choice
(1st Meeting of 2019-2020 Zonta year)
July NO MEETING
August ? Annual 'Zing'

Board Meeting Schedule

Open to all ZCR members!
HCR, 85 Metro Park,
5:45 PM – 7:00 PM
June

Happy Birthday!

May

Member Anniversaries

April's Dinner Discussion

We had a wonderful speaker for April's Dinner Meeting, the Executive Director from Brightstar Communities, Sue Kirby who, along with Carla Chiappetta, who is a psychiatric nurse practitioner and board member of Brightstar, spoke to us about Brightstar Communities, a non-profit organization that is going to make a difference for our Rochester local women who have been victims of sex trafficking, prostitution, abuse & addiction.

Brightstar Communities is still in the planning stages and will be the only two-year residential home and program in the Rochester/Monroe County area for adult women affected by addiction and sexual exploitation. Ms. Kirby told us about her vision and the need for 'Lisa's House'; while Ms. Chiappetta discussed counseling and other services. Currently, they are working with the City of Rochester in hopes of gaining one of the many abandoned homes in our area. Six women would be in the program and live in the house, all expenses paid, so that they could concentrate on restarting their lives without the stress of day-to-day financial obligations. This program is modeled after a similar program in Nashville that has been very successful.

The Zonta Club of Rochester gave them a grant earlier in the year and they were very grateful for our support. They hope to be 'up and running' very soon.

2019-20 Slate of Officers and Board of Directors

All Officers, Directors and Nominated committee members elected unanimously at our April 23rd Dinner Meeting:

Officers - 2019-20

President (continuing) – Cheri Magin

Vice President – Melissa Quinn

Secretary – Lisa Fluman

Treasurer – Sheri Stanton

Directors (continuing) 2018-20

Joanne Chase

Isabella Foltyniak

Directors (incoming) 2019-21

Laurie Findlay

Nancy McCulloch

Nominations Committee voted for 2019-2020

Alyce Van Patten, Lead

Laurie Findlay

Nancy McCulloch

Induction of our newest member: *Geri Sears*.

May Dinner Meeting

Are you coming to the May 21st dinner meeting at the [Penfield Country Club](#) - 1784 Jackson Rd, Penfield, NY?

[NOTE: This is the **3rd Tuesday of the month** due to the Memorial Day holiday.]

(\$28 for both members & guests)

Ensure your spot via **RSVP to Isabella Foltyniak via text at (585) 363-3068 -ASAP!**

(Mention your selection of entree: Chicken French or London Broil or Crusted Tilapia)

Menu includes: Your choice of Chicken French; London Broil; or Crusted Tilapia with sides; Rolls & Butter; Tea/Coffee; and Dessert (donated by Becky Nielson).

REMINDER: The bar at the Penfield Country Club is CASH only - NO credit cards accepted. Sorry.

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!

Our Topic this month: is the Annual Report

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.

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"

CORRECTIONS and OTHER NOTATIONS: The Service Toiletry Kit Project was reported by Andrea Somerville and 'Embrace Your Sisters' were not recipients of any of these kits.

Our May 4 Fundraiser 'Derby Fest'

What a whirlwind day of fun and adventure! Our sold-out crowd was thrilled with the food; the fun and our own Zonta member, Edna Silvernail, won the \$500 grand prize! Although those who know her are not surprised, we are all delighted as Edna donated the entire \$500 back to our fundraiser! Also, our soon-to-be newest member, won the Finger Lakes Derby Day Hat Contest! (Photos of this event appear at the end of this newsletter)

The excitement of the Kentucky Derby (as it was simulcast on the screen) I am certain, could be heard throughout the first floor as we all screamed for our favorite horse! It was simply amazing and this was, by far, our most successful fundraiser. Thank you to all

A friend of Zonta, Anne Kryger, attended the event and told us about her mother and father's photo in the newspaper from 1944. She said that she wanted to get the photo preserved and to her surprise, as she turned the page over, under Social Activities, there was Zonta's weekly announcement of their luncheon! Check out this clip from the Rochester Democrat and Chronical from 1944:



Zonta Area Workshop News by President, Cheri Magin

On Saturday, April 13th, I attended the Area 5 & 6 Workshop in Jamestown, NY. Since our Area 4 workshop was held the same day as the Derbyfest, this was the next best option. 60 Zonta members from area clubs gathered at the beautiful Marvin House for a day of fellowship, learning and fun.

The day included District 4 Committee Reports and learning sessions. Each person could make a quilt square with markers to be assembled as a Centennial Quilt to be displayed at the District 4 Conference in September. This is just one of many activities planned for our Centennial year. The Centennial flag was shown. Each club can request it for a special event they are having. I will be requesting it the Suffragist parade in September.

Members had the chance to attend sessions on several topics. I was asked to lead the session on social media titled “Create a BUZZ, but BEE safe”. Our club has had great success with raising funds through the Giving Tuesday campaign; Amazon Smile; and Facebook’s opportunity to raise money for a cause or celebration (Cindy’s birthday). Members had not thought of these creative ways to raise funds and were happy to learn of our successes. Social media is also used to promote our club events and attract new members. About 25 attendees joined two sessions resulting in a great opportunity to share our Rochester club’s success!

Each club had the opportunity to present their Centennial honoree. I was given the privilege to present our nominee, Kate Cerulli; even though votes were cast for only Area 5 & 6 nominees. This was a courtesy for our club since we would not be present at our Area workshop. Gina Orsini was presenting our nominee at the Area 4 workshop (more info to follow). Of the three women presented, there was a vote taken for one to be presented at the conference in September (One nominee from each of the three Area Workshops will be voted on at conference).

Some business items included:

- To better understand the rules of using photos, check out the ‘Photo Use Guide’ on the Zonta International Tools section. If a photo or clip art is not free, permission must be obtained in writing to prevent any legal issues.
- District 4 Conference will be the last conference for this Centennial year. The theme is “Advocacy is the bridge connecting women worldwide. The bridge will transition us to the next 100 years.” **Save the date and plan now for attending the 56th conference in Buffalo, NY to be held at the Hyatt on Sept. 27 – 29.** Conference cost before July 13 will be \$225.00 (not including hotel). More details to follow.
- Lee Fogarty led a talk on Advocacy and reported on her attendance at the Commission of the Status of Women held at the UN in March. 90 Zontians attended but only 25 tickets were available to attend the UN sessions. Other events were held for those that could not get into the UN event. To continue our learning for Advocacy issues, Lee suggested we look at the following websites: US Womens Caucus, POWHERNY.org, EndChildMarriageUS.org, Global Citizen, Cities for CEDAW, ZontaUSACaucus, MedicalWomenUN, Commission for Gender Equality
- The Service committee presented their report with the overall theme of “Hands On”(helping with registrations/events), “Hand Over” (toiletory kits) and “Fundraising” (giving money for a project). Regarding the poster project it was suggested to create a letter to include when distributing posters.
- ZI membership is now at 28,293 members with a total of 1160 clubs. District 4 membership is at 816 members in 35 clubs.
- Upcoming events: A **“Zonta Day at Chautauqua” is being planned. Bradford Club will have a**

Centennial Party on July 18th. Warren Club will have a Susan B. Anthony event on September 10th.

Overall it was great to meet and talk with members from other clubs and continue learning how Zonta members are making a difference in women's lives throughout the world.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FROM MORE CLUBS:

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.

DALLAS, TX

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

BUFFALO IN CANADA

Summer Social July 28, 2019 - You are cordially invited to attend our annual Summer Social. It will be held at Crystal Beach to coincide with the Toronto Big Band Concert at Waterfront Park on Sunday, July 28th. Dinner will be at the Palmwood Restaurant at 4:30 and the concert starts at 7:00. Please bring your lawn chairs for the concert. We'll pay individually for dinner so I just need to know how many are coming to make reservations. All are welcome!

Please text, email or call me to RSVP...716-837-5596 or mpvacanti@yahoo.com 1-905-894-2121(Canadian)

Directions: Cross Peace Bridge and exit at Thompson Rd, proceed to Garrison Rd(Highway 3) and go to Gorham Rd. then turn left. Go to end and over hill. The Palmwood is right there on the water next to the concert venue.

OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS

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

**Join International President Susanne and the UN Committee for the Forced and Early Marriage:
A Severe Human Rights Violation conference**



Join us and hear about how we are ending child marriage

Forced and Early Marriage: A Severe Human Rights Violation

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

24 May 2019

Vienna, Austria

Zonta International President Susanne von Bassewitz will join a panel of experts from Interpol, Worldbank, the UN Office of Drugs and Crime and EndFGM to discuss forced and early marriage.

This conference, Forced and Early Marriage: A Severe Human Rights Violation, will introduce the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage. This program is present in 12 countries: Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Yemen and Zambia and is made possible with the support of Zonta International, the first private sector donor to the Program.

Visit Zonta.org for registration and more information.

District 4 Centennial Events – Save the Dates:

May 2020: Spirit of Womanhood walk at Park to highlight advocacy projects of Zonta.

June 2020: Clubs can contribute items to the Time Capsule to be buried under the Spirit of Womanhood statue and a brass plate designating Zonta Club contributions.

Willow's upcoming events:

Walk a Mile in My Shoes – Saturday October 5 – 10am

40th Anniversary Celebration – Friday November 1 – 6:30pm

Call Willow for more information (585) 232-5200

Almost Tee Time! Annual Golf Tournament Approaching

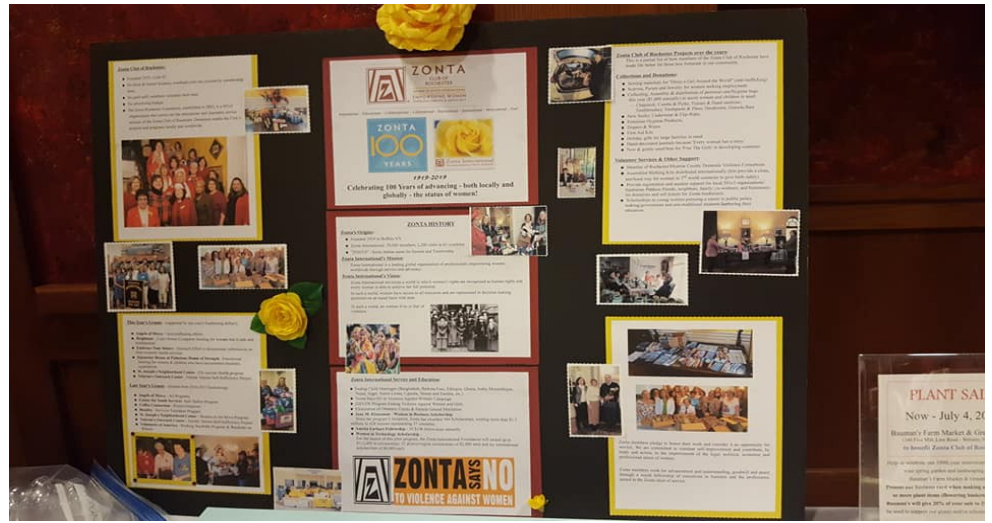
Save the date for St. John's 30th Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, July 15, 2019. Join us at beautiful Midvale Country Club for a fun way to benefit the residents of St. John's. Supporting this year's event as a sponsor, golfer, or contributor will help improve the lives of residents across St. John's. Help us ensure that each resident, no matter the circumstance, can truly "embrace living."

For more information visit www.stjohnsliving.org/golf_tournament or contact Taylor Freitas, development manager, at **585-760-2464** for additional details.



Photos from Derby Fest 2019







Major Legislative Victory for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Crime Victims

Passage of the Right to Call 911 bill brings NYS domestic violence and other crime victims one step closer to ending the impossible choice between safety and eviction.

Yesterday, after years of advocacy from Empire Justice Center, the ACLU Women's Rights Project, the NYCLU, and the NYS Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NYSCADV), the NYS Senate passed the **Right to Call 911** bill (A.2665 Lavine/S.4657 Hoylman). This bill, which unanimously passed the Assembly for the sixth consecutive year in April, will provide New Yorkers with protections from overly broad local nuisance ordinances that place housing and safety at risk.

Residents across New York State, particularly victims of crime and intimate partner violence, should be able to call the police for help without fear that their local laws will then be used to threaten, harm or penalize them," said **Amy Schwartz-Wallace**, Senior Attorney at Empire Justice Center. "We applaud Assemblymember Lavine and Senator Hoylman for their leadership in passing these protections that will finally undo legally problematic and deeply unjust practices that occur throughout our state. As these 'nuisance ordinances' directly undermine public safety and confidence in our justice system, we hope that the Governor will quickly sign this important bill into law."

Nuisance ordinances are laws which label a property a "nuisance" when it is the site of a certain number of calls for police or emergency services, or the site of alleged nuisance conduct – a category that can run the gamut from issues like loud music all the way to serious crimes such as assault – **even if the tenant is the victim**, not the perpetrator, of the crime.

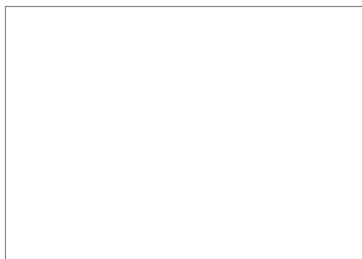
To avoid penalties, loss of ability to rent the property, and other difficulties, landlords must "abate the nuisance". In practice, this has meant: **evict the tenant**. But [research on nuisance ordinances in New York State](#) has shown that enforcement of these ordinances disproportionately impacts **domestic violence survivors, crime victims, communities of color, low-income households, and people with**

disabilities, as tenants are forced to choose between calling for help when they need it and losing their housing or going without emergency services which could save their lives.

Once it is signed into law, the Right to Call 911 will:

- Clarify that victims of domestic violence or any person who believes that they are in need of police or emergency assistance have the right to call for such assistance ***without direct or indirect penalty or reprisal for doing so***, and prevents any resident or occupant from impeding on that individual's right to seek police or emergency assistance.
- Ensure that when municipalities seek to enforce local nuisance ordinances, that they must provide notice and give both the landlord and tenant an opportunity to contest.
- Provide that municipalities cannot impose penalties on a property owner or tenant on the basis of a residential occupant's exercise of their right to seek or utilize police or emergency aid, and prohibit landlords from taking negative housing actions against individuals for this protected conduct.
- Give landlords tools to remove a domestic violence abuser from a property without having to evict the survivor.

Empire Justice looks forward to continuing to work with our allies to encourage Governor Cuomo to sign this bill into law and ensure that all New Yorkers are able to call for police and emergency assistance without having to make the impossible choice: your safety, or your home.



Empire Justice Center's policy team undertakes a robust legislative and administrative advocacy agenda, informed by our direct legal services and supported by extensive research and policy analysis on domestic violence and other issues affecting low-income New Yorkers. [Learn more](#)

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

The next newsletter will be distributed in June 2019. Submissions must be in no later than June 10.
All comments, suggestions and submissions are welcome! Please contact Cindy Semrau @ SemrauCindy@gmail.com
Thank you!

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[A horse doesn't know whether the rider on his back wears a dress or pants away from the track.](#) - Diane Crump,
the first female jockey to race in the Kentucky Derby - 1970