

# **Zonta Club of Rochester**

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

Dear Zonta Members & Friends,

Happy June! As we begin a new Zonta year, we continue to celebrate 100 years of Zonta, our Club and all that has been achieved to empower women and girls in the world. So many continue to work hard for gender equality!



At our year-end meeting last month, Gina

Orsini, District 4 Area Manager, installed our new Officers. Thank you to all who have stepped up to help lead our club. We are thrilled to welcome Geri Sears as our newest member and look forward to getting to know her better. As we reviewed our very busy year with committee reports, we also had a fun 'getting to know each other' event to learn more about our members. I hope you all agree that the year was a big success!

As we begin the new year, please join me at our President's meeting on June 25th. Our guest speaker will be from the Center of Youth. Don't forget to RSVP by June 20th and as always guests are welcome. We will have the committee sign up form for the following areas of need: Advocacy; Membership; PR/Website; Service; Scholarships; and Ways & Means (Fund Raising). Please consider where you would like to lead, learn and serve for the next 11 months. Your volunteerism is what makes our club successful and is very much appreciated.

Enjoy each sunny, warm day and be proud of all we have and continue to accomplish through our time, talent and resources as we work towards a world free of violence and equality for women and girls!

Proud to be your President,

Cheri



#### Zonta International

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Susanne von Bassewitz

Zonta Club of Düsseldorf Germany

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# June Dinner Meeting

Are you coming to the June 25th dinner meeting at the Rochester Yacht Club (5555 St. Paul Blvd 14617)

(\$28 for both members & guests ← highly encouraged to attend!)

Ensure your spot! RSVP to Isabella Foltyniak via text at (585) 363-3068 -by the June 20th. Deadline.

Menu includes: Grilled Chicken; Hamburgers; Salt Potatoes; Fruit Bowl; Pasta Salad; Caesar Salad; Ice Cream Sundaes for dessert (Dessert donated by Lynda Richards)

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 Speaker this month is from the Center for Youth who will be speaking to us about their initiative for a new home for human trafficking victims.

# Donation Collection

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

It is our hope that by giving you a 'heads-up' 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.

#### NEWS FROM ZONTA INTERNATIONAL:



#### **General Meeting Schedule**

#### 2019

June 25 4<sup>th</sup> 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 17 @ Alyce VanPatten's home. Please

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#### Happy Birthday!

June 2 – Louise Woerner June 3 – Lynda Richards June 4 – Cheri Magin June 5 – Lynne Nulton June 21 – Dot McDowell

#### Member Anniversaries

Alyce Van Patten – since 1999
Rita Tibbetts – since 2002
Lesia Telega - since 2002
Andrea Somerville – since 2006
Laurie Findlay since 2013
Cheri Magin – since 2004 AND 2015
Anne Rasche – since 2015
Isabella Foltyniak – since 2017

# CORRECTIONS and OTHER NOTATIONS:

Due to the stye in my eye; The excitement of the Derby Fest or perhaps just poor editing, I left out Birthdays:& Member Anniversaries in the May Newsletter. My apologies to Lynne Nulton (member since 1983); and birthday girls: Lisa Fluman May 3 & Pat Deane May 31

# May 2019

In a country where parents have to choose between living expenses and affording to send more than one child to school, Zonta is helping girls in Madagascar obtain their right to education.

Dear friends,

The girls of Madagascar will not be left behind.

Since 2016, Zonta International has been present alongside UNICEF to give new hope for furthering the education and lives of the girls of Madagascar through the <u>Let Us Learn</u> program.

This initiative addresses barriers to education for at-risk and out-of-school children by building new classrooms and latrines and providing cash transfers to the families to free up household income to support education costs and reduce malnutrition. It also focuses on catch-up classes for girls, information on menstrual hygiene management, and medical, legal and social support for children who are victims of violence or exploitation.

The results are remarkable.

In April, Zonta participated in a field visit where four Zonta leaders were able to immerse themselves into a day in the life of a girl in Madagascar. Representing Zonta were International Vice President Ute Scholz accompanied by Past International Director Judy Kautz, 2018 Convention Chairman Sadako Miyake and Past District 6 Governor Tamara Hagen.

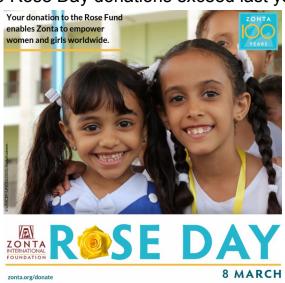
I invite you to read their first-hand impressions of the youth they met and the achievements that have been made possible thanks to the Let Us Learn program.

Cordially,

Dr. Susanne von Bassewitz, President

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# 2019 Rose Day donations exceed last year's



Steadfast advocates for the rights of women and girls were recognized by Zonta supporters on **Rose Day** with a donation in their honor to the Zonta International Foundation Rose Fund.

donations enable Zonta to elevate women and girls worldwide through projects and programs such as Let Us Learn Madagascar and the Amelia Earhart Fellowship.

### Thank you for your support.



# Arilina is going back to school

When Arilina's parents were no longer able to pay her school fees and she had to repeat a grade, they decided it would be better for her to stop her education. Fortunately, she heard an announcement about catch-up classes, sponsored by Zonta as part of the Let Us Learn Madagascar project, on the radio and hurried to register.

The <u>Let Us Learn</u> program has led Arilina back to the classroom and given her a second chance at education. Read more about her journey by clicking the button below.

# **Read more**



Let Us Learn is one of the two projects supported by the International Service Project Fund. Below are examples 1 of the impact your contribution could provide. Provisions range from pedagogical materials to supporting construction of classrooms. For more examples, click the button to the right.

US\$63 could increase access to services for one child who is a victim of violence or at-risk.

US\$180 could support one family for an entire year with a monthly cash transfer used to meet their basic needs.

US\$380 could provide catch-up classes for three students who have been out of school for at least one year.



View more examples

1These figures are exemplary

# **District 4 Centennial Events – Save the Dates**

**Spring 2019**: Plant Zonta Yellow Rose bushes in the Rose Garden in Delaware Park.

May, 2020: Spirit of Womanhood walk at Park Willow's upcoming events: at the 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.

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

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FROM OTHER CLUBS:

#### **BRADFORD**

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.

#### **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.

#### THE ZONTA CLUB OF BRAMPTON-CALEDON PRESENTS:





The Zonta Club of Brampton-Caledon is pleased to present the 21st Annual Zonta Classic in a "Nine and Dine" format - perfect for the busy woman.

Mark June 20<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. Work all morning, play all afternoon and enjoy post-golf pampering and dining with like-minded women. Join us for this worth-while fundraising event in aid of mental health support services for women.

## \$130.00 per golfer

Registration begins at 12 noon and includes a barbeque lunch.

Tee off time at 1:30 pm for nine fun holes of golf followed by dinner and prizes.

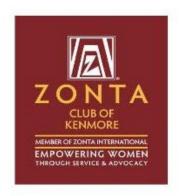
\$50.00 for dinner only

#### For information or to register, contact:

or

Lynda Noll (647) 227-6623 lyndanoll@gmail.com Marion Reeves (416) 464-1981 mreeves@sympatico.ca







# **ZONTA CLUB OF KENMORE**

# THE ZONTA CLUB OF KENMORE INVITES YOU TO THEIR SALADFEST

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2019

(a)

THE TONAWANDA SENIOR CENTER
291 ENSMINGER ROAD
TONAWANDA, NY 14150
TICKETS \$15

DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

FOR TICKETS CONTACT: KAREN FRITSCH @ 716-580-3033 OR @ kfritsch55@verizon.net

# OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS

**September 27-29, 2019:** Save the date and plan now for attending the 56th conference in Buffalo, NY to be held at the Hyatt.

Dear District 4 Zontians,

Here's News about our <u>Centennial Conference</u> – Of course, we'll have opportunities for you to share your ideas; receive new information & time to enjoy fellowship with friends – old & new. Here are <u>just some</u> of the new things.

- •You'll actually Be there to see our ZI Liaison Judy Gorton of Australia <u>install our new officers</u> that you just elected. Judy will also have an <u>open plenary meeting</u> so you can directly ask her your questions.
- •You'll see the <u>quilt</u> of squares you made at Workshops.
- •There is professional entertainment on Both Friday & Saturday nights.
- •In addition to the Silent Auction of baskets donated by Clubs, Amelia Committee is bringing back the popular <u>Raffle of Smaller Baskets</u> donated by members. You can donate one if you'd like. With both an Auction & Raffle, there's something for everyone.
- •To celebrate our Centennial, we're having some <u>contests</u>. We're encouraging everyone to wear their <u>Zonta badges new or old</u> ... or All of them. We'll see who wears the most or prettiest, oldest, most unique, etc.
- •We're also asking everyone to bring their favorite bag from a Conference or Convention. Awards for those from farthest away, oldest, prettiest, most worn, etc.
- •First Timers will get to choose a new bag from those we donate from our personal collections.
- •We're inviting the 3 recipients you voted to receive the <u>Centennial Awards</u>. There are interesting <u>Tours</u> before the Conference begins & <u>Buffalo is an exciting city</u> with so many different things to do.
- •suggested the topics for <u>Presentations & Break Out Groups.</u>
- •To <u>save on costs</u>, we're keeping a list of <u>Zontians who want to share a hotel room</u>. You can contact one if you'd like.

This is Your Conference so we need you to Come. We've tried to do everything we could think of to entice you... spent hours & days brainstorming ideas. And we worked hard to keep the registration & your costs only a few dollars more than the last Conference. We want to make it possible for you to come. As soon as some details are confirmed, we'll publish the Conference Program for you.

You can register as soon as Pay Pal is set up. I hope you'll all encourage each other to come; carpool; room with you at the hotel & experience the ONE Centennial Conference of your lifetime.

With Zonta spirit, Governor Bonnie

# AMELIA EARHART FUNDRAISER AT CONFERENCE

The 56th Zonta District 4 Centennial Conference on September 27-29, 2019 in Buffalo, NY will soon be here! Once again we are asking clubs to participate in the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Silent Basket Auction Fundraiser and we are adding a small item raffle. At the last District 4 Conference in 2017, every club in District 4 participated in this event! (Please see the attachment of what the club baskets sold for) We hope we can count on your club to take part in this vey successful district fundraiser.

Silent Auction Basket Each club is asked to donate a basket with a value of \$100-\$150. On the outside of the basket there should be a tag with the club name and a list of items in the basket. If your club prefers to donate a check for \$100 in lieu of a club basket for the silent auction, we will gladly accept a check. Checks should be made out to Zonta District 4 and will be included in our donation to Zonta International's Amelia Earhart Fellowship.

Small Item Raffle: Any Zonta member may donate a small item, with a value of less than \$50, which will be entered into the drawing. Raffle tickets will be sold for 20 tickets for \$10.00.

Please contact Donna Ketchum-Colletta or Holly Anderson, District 4 Amelia Earhart Co-Chairs, by September 1, 2019 and let them know if your club will be donating a basket or a check. Your response will help our committee to have the correct number of tables ready to display the beautiful baskets. If no member of your club will be attending

the District 4 Centennial Conference, please make arrangements with a neighboring club to transport your basket or club's check.

At the Conference Registration table, directions will be given as to where to drop off your club's Amelia Earhart Basket or the donation check. Both the Silent Auction and Small Item Raffle will close on Saturday evening. It is preferred that items be paid for and removed Saturday evening.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Donna or Holly at <a href="mailto:ameliaearhart@zontadistrict4.org">ameliaearhart@zontadistrict4.org</a>.

# Willow's upcoming events:

Walk a Mile in My Shoes – Saturday October 5 – 10am 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Friday November 1 – 6:30pm

Call Willow for more information (585) 232-5200



On August 17th, 2019 Angels of Mercy will be having our 7th Annual 5k run/ 1 mile walk. This event is one of our top annual fundraisers for Angels of Mercy Inc. Each day, we at Angels of Mercy realize the connection of the Opioid Crisis with Human Trafficking and abuse of all kinds. We ask you to stand with us regarding this CRISIS!

I feel it is my duty and honor to serve our women within the community, as well as globally, because this is what the Lord has asked of me. I said YES to the tug at my heart and He took over! We serve all women and are blessed to pass the blessing forward. As a survivor of domestic violence in my 20's, I knew one day I was going to do something to help women. The seed was planted and when we found out 12 years ago that the opioid/heroin crisis had affected one of our very own, my husband and I propelled into action!

Human Trafficking and the Opioid Epidemic are interrelated! Angels of Mercy is here to raise women up and help them realize the life purposed for them! Our programs: Dress a Girl around the World, The Butterfly Boutique, Stop Human Trafficking Program and Beauty for Ashes has been successful in helping women of all ages, "Spread their Wings and Fly," on their road to FREEDOM!

Your support will help us continue our mission and realize our dream of providing a "Home for Healing" for women. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support. You will be making a tremendous difference in the lives of women and girls within our community!

Sincerely yours,

Mary Jo Gugino Colligan, President/ Founder

Mary Jo Gugino Colligan, President AOM/NYS Ambassador DAG ~585-506-6814/www.angelsofmercyny.org

# SPECIAL THANKS FROM OUR OWN PRESIDENT!

Dear Zenta Members,

What a great centemial
year we have had so far!

Thank you for recognizing
my Leadership of our
Rochester club by your gift
card and very special
centemial Zenta bag. I
will carry the providity in my
travels and continue to
travels and continue to
spread the world of all the
spread we do in Rochester and
good we do in Rochester and
The world! Fondly.

# **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.



# 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!

#### Share this newsletter with friends and associates!

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"When you doubt your power, you give power to your doubt."

-Leo F. Buscaglia