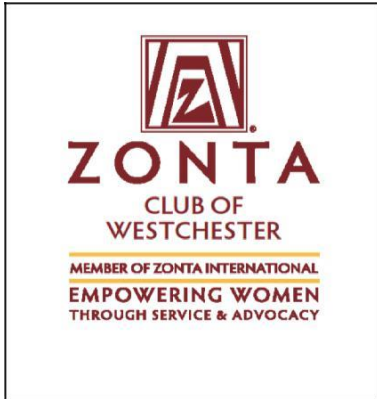


ZONTAGRAM



ZONTA CLUB OF WESTCHESTER
CONSTITUENT OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 3 AREA 1 ORGANIZED 1931

June
2020

Dear Westchester Zontians,

Please see the full President's letter on the following page.

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ZOOM MEETING
Tuesday
June 16, 2020

There are no meetings during the summer. We look forward to seeing everyone, hopefully in person, in September.

Dear Westchester Zontians,

Greetings to you in the somber era of the historic Coronavirus Pandemic of 2020.

These are indeed difficult times and I hope that not only you, and your extended families but our universal family will soon triumph over this evil. I am grateful that most of our immediate group appears to be well.

Thank you for attending our first zoom meeting on May 19th. We had over 90% attendance with all but two of our members in attendance. Please be advised that we will continue to meet in this fashion until further notice. Therefore, our next meeting will be on June 16, at 7:30 by Zoom.

Thank you to our governors and district leaders, Joanne Gallos, Pat Latona and Lisa Burton for assisting in the installations of our officers and new members. We are immensely pleased to welcome Debbie Brock and Ratna Basu to our Zonta of Westchester Club and anticipate the installation of two more members next month.

The daunting task of reviewing over 80 applications for the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) was completed by Sheila Sievertsen and Nora Gorman. The award was given to Adesuwa Carlton a senior at Rye Neck High School who promptly sent a thank you note in which she stated the following, "Thank you for believing in me." Below is a report from Nora.

Since 1991 ZCW has awarded the YWPA to 28 young women. In addition, we have had three district and three international winners. It is with pleasure that our judges, Sheila and Nora present to Adesuwa Carlton, a senior at Rye Neck HS, the YWPA award and \$1000 for 2020.

As president of the Spanish Club she helped raise \$1000 for Nicaraguan and Guatemalan artisans and crafts people. She was a summer volunteer at White Plains Hospital where she brought supplies to the staff and nurses. We wish Adesuwa well at Cornell University where she plans to major in Neuroscience and African Studies. She also hopes to tutor students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) fields

Joan Mallory and Nancy Sanchez-Caro attended a Zonta Spring Workshop on May 14, 2020. The three main topics were: Fundraising Goals by Lisa Fraser Kimbough, NASA presentation by Dr. Paula Bomtempi (She spoke about a NASA program for the advancement of women) and a breakout training session for the new Presidents and the Vice Presidents of Zonta. Both Nancy and I found it to be very valuable.

There is a possibility of applying for the District 3 Membership Grant in the amount of \$500.00. There are two opportunities. One is now in 2020 and the grant must be submitted by September 1, 2020. The second one is for 2021 and must be submitted by September 1, 2021. If you have skills writing grants or would like to try writing one please let me know. I am going to attempt to write it but would welcome help if anyone is so inclined.

On May 4, 202 the County of Westchester passed a bill in support of CEDAW which stands for Conference on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

As a service club committed to the wellbeing of women and children, what can we do during this pandemic when most of us are homebound and isolated? One of the current issues facing many of our neighbors is a lack of food. Attached at the end of this zontagram is a flier which I am sending to you again. A majority of our membership is retired with a pension so not only are we safe but we

also have access to food. If possible can we see to it that this flier gets to those in need? Some ideas:

- A. Send it to your churches to be included in their newsletters.
- B. Post it in the laundry rooms of your apartment buildings
- C. If you leave your home to shop, ask the storekeeper to post it.
- D. Send it to your neighbors and friends who may know anyone in need of food including themselves.
- E. If you are a member of any other club or group share it.

The ZI conference in Chicago for this summer has been cancelled. We have submitted our credentialing information and it is now confirmed that Nancy Sanchez-Caro is our delegate and Gigi Palmieri and Nora Gorman are the alternates. They will be receiving documents to review and present to us prior to casting any votes.

Obviously the CSW64 UN Convention was cancelled however the United Nations High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR) has instituted a coronavirus program to prevent and control risks and community engagement by coordinating help to assist displaced women and children through Rescue.org.

On May 13, 2020, Minnesota joined Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey to end child marriage. So we have 4 down and 46 states to go. The focus for Zonta International for 2020-2021 will be ending child marriage. We will be exploring the **Public Service Announcement Billboard Project** "Stop Child Marriages" Billboard! More on that to come.

A note of interest which may have implications for women: **County Executive** George Latimer and **U.S. Representative** Nita Lowey announced a 2.9 million dollar funding to Westchester. These dollars will be divided between the following: HUD (Housing and Urban Development) CARES Act (Coronavirus Aids Relief and Economic Security Act) ESG (Energy Solutions Act)

I apologize that this is a rather long Zontagram. Do stay well and safe! See you on Zoom, June 16, 7:30.

Sincerely,

Joan Mallory, President

Food Pantry Services

Organization	Phone	Type of Service
Ecumenical Food Pantry 2 Fisher Court ,White Plains	914-428-5770	Wed- T –F accept donations ** Friday food served -9:00-11:30
Community Food Pantry Sleepy Hollow. Tarrytown	914-332-0182 serves residents of Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown an Irvington	Jacobi Hospital –Building # 8 1400 Pelham Parkway So/Bronx
Feeding Westchester 200 Clearbrook Rd Elmsford	914-923-11002 two options	1. Drive thru-submit form** and you will be notified. 2. Mobile food pantry-Check schedule on line, just show up.
Westchester Coalition 48 Mamaroneck Ave #35	-Merging with above Feeding Westchester	
Mt. Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry 43 South Broadway	914-619-5187	Wed. 9:00-11:00 NV
St. Mary’s Mohegan 1836 East Main Street	914-528-3972	Drive thru Saturdays** 8:00-11:-00 (all welcome prefer residents) Must give name and number of people in family.
Grace Episcopal White Plains 33Church Street	914-949-2874 Anyone welcome	Grace’s Kitchen-Meals served ** Mon-Fri.10:30-11:30 “Grab and Go”
Larchmont Mamaroneck 134 Center Ave. Mamaroneck	914-698-3558	Food Distribution every ** Tuesday 2:00-4:00 Mamaroneck School Parking Lot on Gertrude Ave/
City Faith Church of God 3453 White Plains Rd .Bronx	718-798-3052	Left Message
Salvation Army Yonkers 110 New Main Street	914-963-1222	Open Mon, Tues and Thurs** 10:00-1:00 Must Present Picture ID
Bread of Life 65 Orchard Ave , Rye NY	914-662-9783 Left Message	Closed Sat. Sunday 9:00-1:00 Mon Through Fri.9:00-5:30
J&S Caring Food Pantry 1811 Victor Street Bronx	718-669-0217	Tuesday 11:00-1:00 Not Verified
Mobile Food Pantry Schedule	Below is address for mobile delivery	Or go to internet for: feeding Westchester mobile food pantry

<http://feedingwestchester.org/find-help/mobile-food-pantry-schedule/#.Xsb@eemHXPo.email>

** indicates that I have spoken to the service personally

June Birthdays

Regina Schmitz – 2nd

July Birthdays

Ayesha Tahmina Ali – 7th

Vera Voges MD – 24th

August Birthdays

Garnjana Gigi Palmieri – 9th

Bebe Ahmed – 28th

