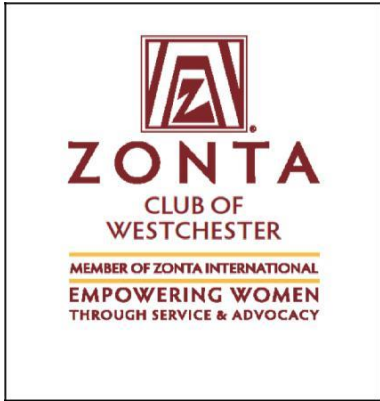


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Dear Zontians,

During this election I came across this quote which I think is compatible with the Zonta philosophy. It is as follows: “Democracy means that I am as good as you are, but you are as good as I am”-Theodore Parker. I believe this is core to our philosophy that all human beings, particularly women, have equal value as every other person.

During this election season we know that we are not political in that we do not support a particular candidate or a particular party, but we do promote justice whenever we have an opportunity. We have been involved in two advocacy projects during the past month. One is that we wrote 200 postcards to the swing state of Florida simply asking people who were registered to please turn out and vote, as the more people who vote the more likely the will of the people will be realized. Peggy, Kathy, Maureen, Gigi and Joan participated in this campaign. Gigi and Joan brought the postcards to the post office to buy the stamps for postcards which Gigi then placed on every card. I mailed them in person at the post office on October 25th. Let us hope that the will of the people will be realized.

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MEETING

Tuesday

November 19, 2024

Angelina's
Restaurant

97 Lake St.
Tuckahoe, NY

6:30pm

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The other advocacy was done by performing “teach ins” at various libraries and senior citizens centers on the issue of the ERA amendment now known as Proposition 1. Laura and I presented it at the Will Library. I went with Donna to the Mount Vernon library and Ellen Louis, president of the New Rochelle Zonta club, presented at the New Rochelle library. Donna contacted the Dole Center in Mt. Vernon, and they were able to do a presentation there using our flyers, cards and buttons. I was allowed to do a public service announcement at my church and Sheila was able to disperse many flyers locally. On the world stage it's not much but every little bit helps. Almost everybody was very receptive to our information, and many did not know that they could turn the ballot over and vote yes for the proposition. Thank you to all the ladies who helped with both of these initiatives.

We were privileged to induct Isatu Bandura into our sisterhood at the last meeting. She, along with Donna Medley, Dianne Job and I attended the governor's workshop in New Jersey on October 19th. The keynote speaker was Nicole Neri, Mid-Atlantic Regional District Administrator in the Department of Labor Woman's Bureau. Her job is to inform and educate individuals and organizations about the issues facing women in the labor force, while also promoting policy and programmatic changes aimed at increasing equal economic and employment opportunities for working women and their families.

We are also very proud to have an association with the United Nations which is working to reform efforts for the CSW (Commission on the Status of Women).

Many of you have been asking about Kathy Greene who suffered a serious injury nearly two weeks ago. Please do not call Peggy as she is overloaded with responsibilities and care for Kathy. Kathy is at the Sarah Neuman Rehabilitation Center in Mamaroneck. If you would like to send her a greeting, you do not need a room number but merely her name and the correct address which is 845 Palmer Ave. Mamaroneck NY 10543. Our love and best wishes for a complete and total recovery.

On October 1, 2024, the IMPACTT Human Trafficking Act House Bill 1405 and Senate Bill 670 was enacted after being signed by president Biden. This is one of Zonta's major initiatives as thousands of men women and children are trafficked around the world and in the United States Seven in ten of those victims are women.

Senator Perry Murray has introduced a resolution #825 which recognizes the significance of equal pay and the disparity between disabled women and abled bodied people. Disabled women are generally repaid around \$0.67 for every dollar paid to a non-disabled man. I have sent a letter in to support disabled women's equal payday resolution.

Sheila and I have been looking for interesting speakers to attend our meetings. If you have any idea who might be an interesting speaker for our group, please let us know. Also, if you have any particular project in mind that you would like to work on, please let me know. I am particularly interested in the things we might do to promote climate justice.

Our next meeting will be back at **Angelina's** on November 19th. PLEASE confirm if you are able to attend or if you have to be excused.

Joan Mallory
President

Birthdays

November

Peggy Borgstede
Laura Dunckley
Ernestine Colombo
Sheila Sievertsen
Coralie Joseph

19th
19th
22nd
26th
27th





**Making Holiday care packets for IPP
To be given to the women at Bedford Hills & Taconic Correctional Centers**



Induction of new member Isatu Bandura

