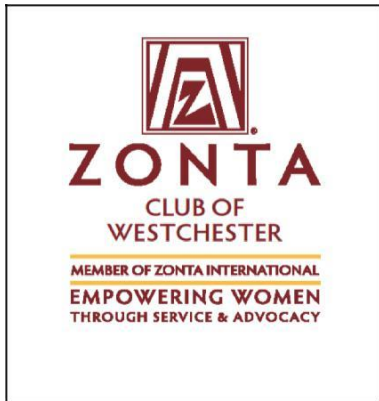


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ZONTA CLUB OF WESTCHESTER
CONSTITUENT OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 3 AREA 1 ORGANIZED 1931

September
2025

Dear Zontians,

Welcome September! You bring us a new month, a new chapter, a new page, new wishes and more work! Let's get ready!

First of all, as you have been notified, the Zonta International District 3 Governor's Conference will be held from October 10th to 12th, 2025. It will be housed at Crowne Plaza Hotel in King of Prussia, PA. At the current time, your area director, Dianne Job and I are scheduled to attend. I have a room that is reserved for two so if any of you decide at the last minute you want to go, I can share my room with you.

I had mentioned to you at our last meeting about a homeless shelter in White Plains that houses 20 women. I can't imagine how difficult it is to be homeless and feel abandoned and forgotten. I had spoken with the manager of this shelter about a program for Christmas. I read about a pocketbook campaign that another Zonta club did in which they bought or donated small purses holding a few small items and included a gift certificate for \$20. I think we might undertake this project and I'm asking you to bring in any small evening sized purses that you might have to our September and October meetings. We can prepare these gifts for our sisters who are less privileged than we are.

Sharon Ballen from International Prison Partnership has asked us to once again help with putting together kits for the incarcerated women at Bedford during the Christmas season. We will decide what number of kits are a reasonable amount for us to assemble.

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MEETING

**Tuesday
September 16, 2025**

**El Gusto
(Formerly
Angelina's)**

**97 Lake St.
Tuckahoe, NY**

6:30pm

Thanks to so many of you for your contributions to the Tabernacle Thrift Shop organized and managed by our secretary Donna Medley. The generosity of our members, as well as others, has enabled me to deposit many packages there during the summer of 2025.

During these difficult times, some of the very people that we have helped through Neighbors for Refugees to settle in our neighboring sanctuary cities are under threat by the current administration. Jamel Wilson, from Neighbors for Refugees will be our speaker in September giving us an update on the status and threats that are being faced by our resettled refugee families.

In July of this year, the federal government proposed to strip away the minimum wage and overtime protection for domestic workers. Domestic workers are the backbone of home care in America, and they also provide wonderful support for senior citizens who are physically in need. I have responded with a written protest to the Department of Labor since the comments had to be sent before September 2nd

On behalf of Zonta, I have also supported a pre-drafted letter to urge our representatives to co-sponsor and support the healing Partnership for Survivors Act HR4510 as sexual violence is not partisan and affects everyone whether they're in red or blue states.

We received a surprise and generous gift from the Elks Club in Mount Vernon. As you know, Georgia's husband Mr. Ken LeBlanc arranged for us to have our planning meeting there. One of their members recommended donating \$1000 to the Zonta Club of Westchester and we did receive that gift. It has been deposited into our account. On behalf of all of you, I am sending them a very grateful thank you note.

We have money for a scholarship for a worthy female senior in the area that shows leadership potential. Formerly this award was called Women in Public Affairs but now the emphasis is on leadership. If you know anyone that you think would be worthy of this award, please recommend us to them or let us know who they are, and we can send them an application.

We are always looking for new members and opportunities to fundraise so please feel free to recommend any ideas you might have. Also, we welcome any of our members, who feel so inclined, to give a presentation on a project that they would like us to undertake.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 16th at 6:30 at Il Gusto Restaurant located at 97 Lake St in Tuckahoe NY.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, confirm whether or not you will be able to attend.

Looking forward to seeing all of you,

Sincerely,

Joan Mallory
President

Birthdays

July

Tahmina Ali	7 th
Vera Voges	24 th

August

Garnjana Gigi Palmieri	9 th
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September

Maureen McAllister	13 th
Donna Medley	16 th

