ZONTAGRAM

Autumn is upon us in a wonderful month of Thanksgiving and in this year voting!!

This is an abbreviated and shortened zontagram as our faithful Jamie is away traveling in Italy. We hope she has a wonderful travel and a safe return!

The first important thing is that Sunday November 8tb I hope some of you will join me at Asbury Church 167 Scarsdale Road at 11:30 to assemble the Christmas kits for the women of Bedford Prison. It will take only one hour of yow time. Please let me know if you will be able to assist.

We are asking all ow members to please bring 2 brand new unwrap toys for children up to age 17 to our next meeting. We will be delivering them to an organization in White Plains which will be distributing them to children in foster care. This will be our simple, yet sweet and important Christmas project this year. Thank you in advance for yow participation.

It is interesting to note that the United Nations has issued a report on women in conflict. It highlights the fact that women made-up only 5% of the global peace negotiators in 2025 across 57 processes and none of the years 13 ceasefire agreements included substantive protect or prohibitions against sexual violence. It seems we are consistently underrepresented.

Zonta is concerned about the impact of the ICE raids and incarcerations currently going on in this country. It is documented that family separations cause real and lasting harm for children and parents. Arbitrary and cruel family separation must be ended.

Our beloved member, Georgia LeBlanc remains in rehab. She has been visited by some of Zontian sisters. We are wishing her speedy recovery and progress.

Our next meeting will be at Il Gusto restaurant in Tuckahoe, on November l7th 6:30 PM. The restaurant requires minimum number of guests to reserve the downstair meeting room. **please email, text or call me at 914-552-2769**, whether or not you plan to attend the next meeting.

Thank you, Joan.

November birthdays,

Laura Dunkley, November 19"

Sheila Sievertsen, November 26th.

