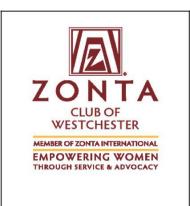
# **ZONTAGRAM**



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Dear Zontians,

The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves. We have had our summer now it's time for October.

There is a lot to report to you in this Zontagram. First of all, our rock'n'roll bash was a financial success. The sound system did not work optimally but the music was great fun, and the Bel Airs have told me they would happily do another program for us in the future. All of the financial figures are not in as we are combining the funds from the ticket sales, and the sales through Zelle and the sales through Eventbrite. We are still receiving donations and were surprised and pleased to receive a \$50 check from the new governor Dorothy Knauer. I estimate that we will have an additional \$4000 to work with. Thank you for making this a team effort. We had physically twelve of our twenty members present at the event and seventeen of our 20 members that made financial contributions!!!

Our new governor is holding an event entitled the **Zonta International District 3 Governor's Event,** to be held on Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> in Bridgewater NJ at the Elks Lodge 375 Union Ave. If you think you'd like to go, would you please contact Dianne Job, our area director.

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**MEETING Tuesday** 

October 15, 2024

Location to be determined

6:30pm

We are planning to do a "teach- in" at several of the libraries in our area highlighting Proposition 1 (formerly known as the ERA Amendment). I have condensed all of the information into a one page back-to-back outline and information flier. I now have 300 copies in my possession and hope to make another 100 copies. When we undertake the" teach- in" we will simply ask people if they know that they have to turn the ballot over to vote on Proposition 1 issue. We can then share with them the outline which tells them exactly what it's about. I think it's important to emphasize that Proposition 1, also includes men because it guarantees freedom in all areas not only bodily freedom which has a greater impact on women. It also outlaws discrimination against disabled, elderly, LGBTQ, etcetera. In other words, full equality for everyone under the law. Those of you who will be working on the" teach-in" will receive from me a package of flyers and some suggestions on how to proceed within the next two weeks, will also begin to have a non-partisan writing campaign to swing states. I have 200 addresses come we will cover the cost of the stamps. WE are currently arranging small writing parties. The core point in the letter/postcard is to encourage voter turnout. If more people vote we will have a clearer outcome and an election that truly is the voice of the people. Once again you will be hearing from me within the next week or two as these letters must sent out the first two weeks of October. When I applied to take part, I was assigned the state of Florida!

Senator Dick Durbin of Illinois introduced the Child Marriage Protection Act of 2024. As you already know only 7 states out of 50 have outlawed child marriage which leaves 37 states in which it is now still legal. For some reason, the Unchained at Last advocacy group, which we participated with in ending child marriage in New York finds some loopholes in this bill which they see as problematical. I have read the document and I'm still not clear on what their issue is, but I will try to ascertain the discrepancy and report back to you at our next meeting because I think this is an important bill.

You will receive an e-mail prior to our next meeting on October 15th at 6:30 regarding the location of that meeting. If we are not able to go back to Angelina's at that time we will once again meet at the Angry Wolf's Restaurant. Please be on the lookout for that e-mail.

In closing I have put in a call to the league of Women Voters about the issue of having one of their speakers who is a plastic expert speak at our October meeting. Nothing is completed at this time but I'm hoping that that will be on our October agenda along with the induction of Isatu Bandura who will be an outstanding addition to our Zonta group.

Thank you everyone, see you on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Joan Mallory President

#### **Birthdays**

### September (missed last month)

Donna Medley

16<sup>th</sup>

#### October

No Birthdays this month





The BelAires



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## Volunteering at Unity Unique Boutique





