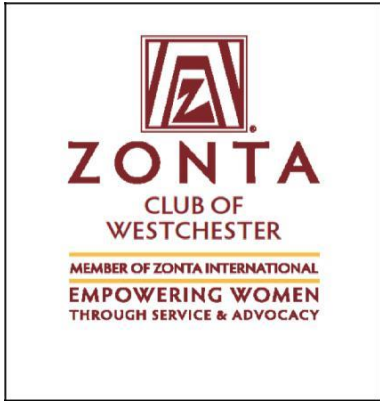


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ZONTA CLUB OF WESTCHESTER
CONSTITUENT OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 3 AREA 1 ORGANIZED 1931

April
2024

Dear Zontians,

While we are not a religious organization, we recognize the fact that this is a holy season for many people and we rejoice in our diversity and work for the common good of all, particularly women who need our support on this planet. In that spirit, we say: Happy Easter to my Christian friends; Happy Passover to my Jewish friends; Happy Ramadan to my Muslim friends; Happy days to my secular friends and to people of all other faiths.

Our last meeting was an important meeting for the Zonta Club of Westchester. We formally inducted 2 new members who are outstanding women: Donna Medley and Kathy Green. We formally made Peggy Borgstede official after nearly two years of her working within our group on the important issue of women safely transitioning from prison life to a free and functioning life. Furthermore, we expect two more members by the fall. Congratulations to us!

An important event has happened: we now have 11 states that have outlawed child marriage through legislative action! The State of Washington is the most recent. When New York legislated against child marriage there were only four states that opposed child marriage. Now there are 39 more states to go. You can go to <https://act.unicefusa.org/childmarriage> to lend your support.

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MEETING
Tuesday

April 16, 2024

Angelina's
Restaurant

97 Lake St
Tuckahoe, NY

6:30pm

Another interesting piece of legislation is the Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise (ICWBE) Act H.R. 6058. This is significant because 39.1% of US businesses are owned by women – these businesses add \$1.8 trillion (and growing) to America's GDP annually yet women-owned businesses are lacking the governmental support they deserve. The ICWBE would look at the behavior of federal agencies on how they support, expand, and strengthen resources for women-owned businesses. Please urge your legislators to co-sponsor this bill. You can go to <https://vtr.vc/exOzY2> to lend your support.

The 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations was held last month. Diverse leaders met to discuss how social protection can be harnessed to realize and promote human and equal rights for women. A priority theme was to accelerate the achievements of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening and financing them with a gender perspective. There was also an emphasis on social protection systems as women are victimized more both economically and physically than men. To begin our new year in the fall we would like to look at how we can implement these ideas on a local level as well as globally.

District 3 will be holding our Spring Workshop in April on the 16th and 17th beginning at 6:30 p.m. It will be done by zoom and there is a \$15 charge each day. It is our hope that all or most of our members will attend at least one day if not both days. As you know the 16th is the normal day of our monthly meeting, also at 6:30 p.m. We cannot use the restaurant if we don't have a sufficient number of members willing to come, have dinner, pay the \$15.00 fee and watch the zoom event together. Therefore, we must immediately have a count of how many people would be willing to come to the restaurant and take part in this event. Please let us know if you would prefer to do it individually at home or in your own private groups. I am asking that you respond within 24 hours of your getting this Zontagram so that we will know how to proceed. We will let you know the group's consensus on how to approach this event.

Nora is receiving rehabilitative care following her hip replacement at The Wartburg in Mount Vernon. She can receive afternoon visitors as her PT is done in the morning. She expects to be discharged mid-April.

Our next meeting will be on April 16th either at Angelina's as a group zoom or independently. Please stay tuned and read your emails for the final decision as to where our meeting will be held.

Dianne Job
President

Budgeting and Projects

A question about our budget was raised at our March monthly meeting. The following are the procedure for the yearly budget (June1 to May 31)

We start our year with our June retreat to discuss Zonta International's visions for the year. This is usually done while enjoying our sisterhood and brunch together. Any member(s) that would like to introduce a project to undertake above and beyond the International's vision can do so at that time. Consideration of any project is dependent on time and money available to complete.

In August our board will meet. The treasurer presents the budget based on current and projected receipts and expenses. Once the board has approved the budget and projects, it is presented at our September monthly meeting to get approval from the membership.

We are a small organization that is operated under the International's umbrella of 401-C4 tax code. We do not have to pay income taxes for income less than \$50,000 per year but we still pay taxes for anything we buy. Since our individual club is not a 501(c)3 non-profit, we are not able to offer tax deductions to any of our donors. Therefore, our fundraisers rely on members, families and friends to support our activities.

We would like to thank Joan Mallory, who has been the major force for most of our fundraisers for the past four years.

Submitted by Gigi Palmieri
Treasurer

Birthdays

April

Nora Gorman

23rd

