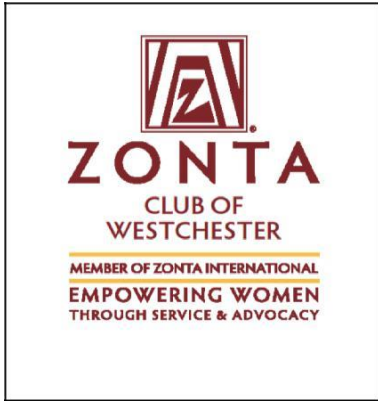


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ZONTA CLUB OF WESTCHESTER
CONSTITUENT OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 3 AREA 1 ORGANIZED 1931

June
2023

Dear Zontians,

Pablo Neruda has said, "I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it is always June." Think of it – long summer nights, sunny days, cool drinks, barbecues, relaxation and still there is work to be done!!

Some interesting things have been going on the past month as pertains to women. Zonta International has established an Intercontinental Think Tank made-up of women from all over the world. They meet online to share ideas about gender equality and climate action which are so important and dear to our core beliefs at this time. As an addendum to our climate justice initiative, I invite you to look up www.grove.com. This is a company that strives to sell plastic-free material and green-friendly products. Small steps do count in this initiative to save our planet. I'm also happy to report that last month we reached a goal of extending medical benefits to over 20,000 girls in the country of Peru. This is directly related to the fact that one third of our membership fees goes to finance these programs. In other words, without our dues this would not happen.

I have mentioned to you before "Fast Action Friday." This site quickly tells us what bills and issues are coming before our legislators and gives us a chance to support them. This week I supported action to supply affordable childcare for women who want to go to school or who are working. You can join by using your phone and simply text the word Zonta and the number 50457. That should bring you to Fast Action Friday where you can advocate on behalf of women from the comfort of your own homes.

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**MEETING
Saturday**

June24, 2023

**Home of
Gigi Palmieri**

**25 Ridgeway
White Plains, NY
10605**

10:30-2:30

As I write this Zontagram I am struck by the fact that this June ends my first year as president of the Zonta Club of Westchester. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your help and support. Allow me to share a quick review of our work:

- In response to the refugee crisis in the Bronx this past September we collected and donated several bundles of clothes to the Bronx Mutual Aid Program for Refugees.
- A prestigious panel from Fordham University led by Professor Ravaila, an expert on the incarceration of women, addressed our club and as a result we donated \$200 to her work.
- A small group assembled health kits for prisoners at Memorial Church in White Plains.
- Our Christmas party held at the home of Peggy Borgstede and Kathy Green was a huge success. In lieu of food or hostess gifts, we were asked to donate clothing to the homeless population. In total there were 58 donations including socks, shirts, underwear, winter hats and muffs!!
- We visited and supported the opening of Lilac House, the dream and vision of one of our speakers, Pamela Zimba. Four of our members attended a follow up meeting at the Bronxville church where we donated money for supplies for Lilac House.
- We took part in the Double Good Popcorn Fundraising Project and out of 13 participating clubs, we came in #3, raising just shy of \$900.00.
- The United Nations CSW conference on the status of women met in March and our club had a brunch hosting 9 women.
- We had our first fundraiser since COVID, The Opera Experience Class, La Boheme, on April 11. We made a profit of over \$865.00.

1/3 of our club participated in the district workshop on April 29th with the topics of Income Equality for Women, Climate Justice, and STEM. Videos of those three presentations are available through Joan who has a copy and also through the Zonta website for review.

Finally, in the past month, we made two donations to the Unity Baptist Tabernacle Church in Mt. Vernon to supply their thrift shop which services underprivileged members of the community. This was at the initiative of one of our recent speakers, Donna Medley
Thank you for all you do!!

THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE TIME AND PLACE OF OUR NEXT MEETING, IT WILL BE ON JUNE 24 FROM 10:30-2:30 AT THE HOME OF GIGI PALMIERI, 25 RIDGEWAY, WHITE PLAINS.

RAIN DATE THE FOLLOWING THURSDAY, JUNE 27, AT 6:30. THIS IS A PLANNING SESSION SO BRING YOUR THINKING CAPS!!!

Dianne Job
President



ZOW FUNDRAISER
An Opera Experience "La Boheme"
Presented by Joan Adinolfi Mallory
April 11, 2023



Birthdays

June

Regina Schmitz, MD 2nd

July

Ayesha Ali 7th
Vera Voges 24th

August

Gigi Palmieri 9th

