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Dear Zontians,

Welcome June: A new month, a new chapter, a new page, new wishes and new challenges.

We ended our "academic" year on a high. We inducted 3 new members and a new slate of officers. I really do want to thank Dianne for being willing to take on the burden of the presidency and now the work of being an Area Director. Thank you so much Dianne! I am happy to assume the office of the presidency for the Zonta Club of Westchester once again. To be candid, I find that a better fit for me then being area director with its expansive territorial responsibilities, I appreciate my staff which includes Nancy Sanchez Caro as Vice President, Donna Medley as Secretary and Gigi Palmieri as Treasurer,

We have also added three new members as directors. They are Maureen McAllister, Coralie Joseph and Peggy Borgstede. They will join Laura Dunckley and Jamie Hubert to complete the team. I am sorry to tell you that we have accepted the resignations of three members: Bebe Ahmed, Debbie Brock, and Ruth Walter. However, we have received a new application for membership from Isatu Bangura. We will have a service of confirming these officers at our next meeting on May 21st. We thank you for your willingness to serve.

It was our honor to reward the Young Woman in Public Affairs YWPA award to Rabia Kahn, who attended our meeting with her sister. She is a senior at Riverside high school in Yonkers, planning a career in neuroscience or neurobiology.

We also gave a donation to Dr. Ijeoma Nduka-Nwosu for her continued mission work in Nigeria.

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PLANNING MEETING Saturday

June 22, 2024

Elks Club

88 W. Lincoln Ave Mt. Vernon, NY

10am

President Joan Mallory Vice President Nancy Sanchez-Caro Treasurer Garnjana Palmieri Secretary Donna Medley Director Peggy Borgstede Director Laura Dunckley Director Jamie Hubert Director Coralie Joseph Director Maureen McAllister Exec. Director/Advisor Georgia LaBlanc Zontagram Jamie Hubert

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PLEASE NOTE: VERY IMPORTANT

We will have our annual planning meeting on Saturday, June 22nd from 10:00 in the morning to 3:00 in the afternoon. This meeting will be held at the Elks Club located at 88 West Lincoln Ave. Mount Vernon. I believe we owe a debt of gratitude to Georgia's husband for providing this venue. We will have a catered lunch and ask each person attending to donate \$25 to cover the expense of the food and beverages. Should there be any leftover monies, they will be diverted to the service fund.

At our May meeting we discussed the possibility of having a rock'n'roll band fund-raiser. Up to this moment I have already spoken with the leader of the Bel Airs who is my neighbor. He will give us a 50% reduction in fee because this is for charity and charge us \$750 total including their own sound system setup. I have spoken with the music department of my church who agreed to give us their support and email list. We will need to work out some of the details to see if this can be a go. I plan to share a CD of the above mentioned musicians at our next meeting. We are also investigating the possibility of participating in street fairs/tag-sales as another creative way to raise revenue.

On our June meeting agenda will be an update on where the ERA amendment stands on the ballot. At this time, we are hoping it will be reinstated and that we may do a possible teach-in regarding this issue in the fall.

I am anxious to encourage our members to think of the issues that interest them the most and that are compatible with Zonta's mission so that we might begin some new projects in the fall. I am also anxious to learn after the biennium meeting in Australia in July as to what exactly the current goals for Zonta are going to be as we move forward.

Fast Action Friday is advocating to increase the number of women represented in the aviation field. Currently women represent only 12% of the aerospace engineers, less than 10% are licensed pilots, less than 3% are maintenance technicians. The Women in Aviation Advisory Board Report look to remedy this. A bipartisan legislation Promoting Women in Aviation Act Senate bill 1154 would establish a permanent Woman's Advisory Board so that they could continually advocate for the advancement of competent women in this field.

Looking forward to seeing you all on June 22, Please Notify Me if you will not be able to attend.

Thanks, Joan Mallory, President





<u>Birthdays</u>

June

Regina Schmitz, MD	2^{nd}
July	
Ayesha Ali	7 th
Vera Voges	24^{th}

