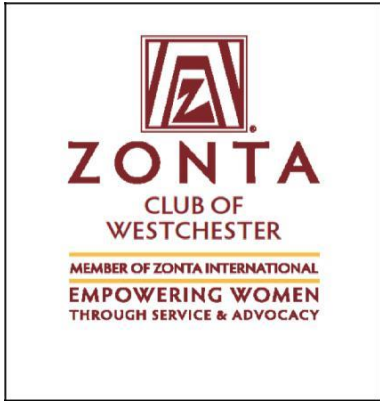


ZONTAGRAM



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

March
2024

Dear Zontians,

Welcome sweet springtime as we look forward to March 21st. “In a world full of grief and pain flowers still bloom,” (Kobayashi Issa) and our work still goes on!!

It certainly has been an eventful month since our last Zontagram. The Double Good Popcorn fundraiser, introduced by our Governor Lisa Burton, is finished. We raised a little bit over \$300. Some members are still sending checks in and if you are one of them you can send them to our Treasurer Gigi at 25 Ridgeway, White Plains NY 10605.

The UN Conference on the Status of Women (CSW) will begin on March 11th through March 22nd. CSW is the principle inter-governmental body exclusively dedicated to gender equality and empowerment of women. Our club planned to host a brunch for some of the CSW guest, however it has been cancelled due to scheduling issues. I do want to say thank you to everyone who offered to help.

**MEETING
Tuesday
March 19, 2024
Angelina’s
Restaurant
97 Lake St
Tuckahoe, NY
6:30pm**

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We held a very large and important meeting on February 20th with 27 people in attendance and a guest speaker by the name of Nia Alvarez-Mott, who is the leading proponent of the ERA movement in New York. Since the number of people who vote in our area is only 14%, her initiative is to help move along and increase the vote. Education is a key component and people must be alerted to turning to the backside of the ballot, which is where the referendum will appear. **Over 30% of voters did not turn the ballot over.**

As a result of our meeting Lisa Burton invited her to a brainstorming event on zoom on February 28th. Our Area Director was in attendance along with other area directors. Nia once again reviewed the importance of ratifying this amendment. There will be a major launch of this ERA amendment on March 21st in order to bring it to the forefront of the attention of voters. In a nutshell it is about physical bodily autonomy.

I hope that you have been able to follow the Zonta USA Caucus Fast Action Friday initiative. The latest initiative was a bipartisan bill improving access to maternal health for the military independent moms. (Senate Bill 3722 House Bill 7214)

Zonta International District 3 is planning a spring workshop on April 16th and 17th which will correspond with our April meeting. We can either zoom in independently from the convenience of our homes or plan to meet congregationally and hook up the zoom meeting and watch it together. We plan to talk about this at our March meeting to see how the majority of our members feel about both options.

We have been asked to support our sister club the New Rochelle Zonta club as they present a Film Festival of extraordinary women. There is a film on March 5th and March 19th. at 5:00 p.m. at the New Rochelle library located at **1 Liberty Plaza in New Rochelle, NY 10801.**

We want to extend our love and best wishes especially to three of our members. Nora Gorman is recovering from hip replacement surgery and is doing well; Regina Hillsman's husband is recovering from a triple bypass; and our very own Treasurer Gigi is expected to return to the US on March 6th after helping her children move from Switzerland to Poland.

Our next meeting is on March 19th at 6:30 p.m. at Angelina's Restaurant. We have been trying to induct new members for several months now. Hopefully, we will be able to do this at our next meeting. Please confirm if you are not coming as we do need an official count for the restaurant, preferably 48 hours before our meeting.

I look forward to seeing you soon, two days before spring arrives.

Dianne Job
President

Birthdays

March

Jamie Hubert

9th

