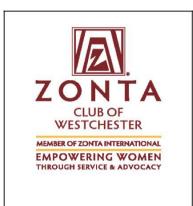
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Dear Westchester Zontians,

It is spring, and as old Solomon has said, "Flowers appear on the earth and the time for singing has come." I am hoping that this is prophetic as we approach the end of our Zonta calendar year and my first year as president during the season of Covid. Thanks for all you have done despite the obstacles.

Please see next page for continuation of my letter.



Sincerely,

Joan

MEETING Tuesday May 18, 2021

Zoom 6:30pm

Speaker: Siwaar Anbouhala Organizer: MARCH

President's Letter Continued

I sent a thank you note to Senator Biaggi for her informative speech regarding the issues such as child marriage and prostitution which are harming women in our country. More on those bills later.

While we are unable to give our usual \$1000 to the recipient of the YWPA award this year, Nora has asked if we could possibly give a token financial gift. Our treasurer has indicated that we have \$250 that we can put toward this year's winner. We will try to reach the \$500 mark by September. This year's recipient is Ava Sofia Meier, currently a senior at Rye Neck Senior High School. She is quite service oriented and has, among many achievements, established a mental health club in her school, volunteered at local Marine Education Center and served as captain and mentor to the girls on her soccer team. The Zonta club of Westchester is proud of her and wishes her continued success.

Some of our members attended the Spring Workshop on Saturday April 24th from 9:30 to 1:00. There were two PowerPoint presentations which were especially outstanding - **The Zonta Foundation Report**, and **Leveraging Your Grants**, **Scholarships and Grants**. We will make these available to you on our web page and plan to review them at a future meeting.

I attended three NY Lobby Days, on March 25, April 16, and April 22 held on behalf of eliminating the loopholes in the child marriage bill. There is a mountain of legal jeopardy for a woman who is not a legal adult; therefore age 18 is so important. We met with many of the members of the judiciary committee working on this. Our next phase is to contact them.

Every member of our club has been sent a document indicating who their senator and assembly representative is in New York. I am aiming for 100% participation, as it is something we can do in ten minutes from our homes. As of this writing 10 members of the 22 on our membership rolls have responded .Many have already contacted their representatives. We are asking for support of S Bill 3086 and A Bill 3891, I am hoping to report the results of our participation in the Annual Zonta Report due at the end of next month.

This is a gentle reminder to please pay your \$50 assessment and \$165 dues if you are able. Former recipient of YWPA, Siwaar Anbouhala, will be our speaker this month and will talk about the NGO, **MARCH** - Maternal Advocacy and Research for Community Health she established at Tufts University.

Please send Nancy your service hours if possible. If you have a projector some ideas that you would like us to undertake, please let me know. Our next meeting will be Tuesday May 18, 2021 @ 6:30 zoom. Nancy will send the invite.

May Birthdays

Dianne Job 29th

Ruth Walter 30th

