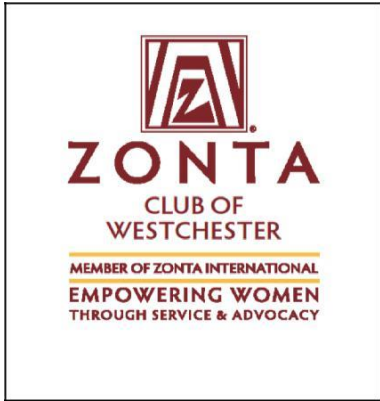


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ZONTA CLUB OF WESTCHESTER
CONSTITUENT OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 3 AREA 1 ORGANIZED 1931

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Dear Zontians,

Let there be peace on Earth (and kindness, equality, fairness, generosity of spirit, tolerance and acceptance) and let it begin with me.

This past month has certainly been busy and difficult with pain and suffering rampant throughout the globe. Thank you for all the work you do to make the world better!

Last month we had our “Call to Conference” meeting in Baltimore, MD. The first day highlighted many of the goals and ongoing work of this year's Zonta biennium. I'm happy to announce that I will be the Area Director, replacing Joan Mallory beginning in July 2024. Also, our new governor will be Dorothy J. Knauer of the Zonta club of Essex in New Jersey. The highlight of this conference was the focus on the ERA amendment which still has not passed after its 100-year anniversary. Former Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney has been spearheading work on this issue. Please take the time to go to www.eracoalition.org and click on *take action*. This will allow you to get information and updates on this important and fundamental Zontian principle which is equal rights for women. You can also check the link about the area map of your state and see who's voting for or against the ERA amendment. We are five votes away from ratifying it.

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MEETING
Monday

November 13, 2023

Angelina's
Restaurant

97 Lake St
Tuckahoe, NY

6:30pm

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I hope that by now you have signed up for **Fast Action Friday**, where the Zonta USA caucus presents important bills that we can support by a simple click on our computer. The Fast Action issue for October 20th was supporting children's affordability for working families (After Hours Child Care Act) Senate number #976 and House number #3639. The Fast Action Friday caucus for October 6th was the Protected Survivors of Domestic Violence and Stalking Act of 2023 Senate bill #321 and house bill #905. Please sign up and take advantage of this way that we can support the issues of Zonta International.

At our October 17th meeting, we had the privilege of having Sharon Ballen talk about her work with prison programs, in particular the Interfaith Prison Partnership. She was a rather powerful and inspiring speaker and impressed us with the idea of how much one person can do to make life better for others. She is available to answer questions if you have anything further you want to speak to her about her e-mail is SBallen@interfaithprisonpartnership.org.

Joan will be representing Zonta on Sunday October 29th at Asbury church where she will be taking part in putting together fifty care packages for women incarcerated in Westchester County prisons. Peggy Borgstede will be doing the same thing in her church on November 19th. It is important that these women know they are not forgotten.

On October 23rd Joan crafted and presented a very entertaining, educational, extraordinary Opera Experience fundraiser using the opera Madama Butterfly by Puccini. As of this writing we have raised over \$600.

Thank you for those who came in person and thank you to those who donated even though they did not attend in person. If you were unable to attend in person and would still like to make a donation, we would be happy to receive it. You may mail it to the attention of our treasurer Gigi at 25 Ridgeway, White Plains NY 10605.

Angelina's cannot accommodate us on the third Tuesday of November, but they can accommodate us for **our next meeting on Monday, November 13th**. We need to know if enough members will be available to attend this meeting or if we need to cancel our November meeting. **Please let us know by contacting Nora or Joan.** We will send out a final word to everyone in time to make plans for that meeting. The auction fundraiser that we had planned for this meeting has been postponed until sometime in the new year.

Finally, plans are now underway but not finalized for a Holiday get together when we will have little work and more play. Please pencil-in Tuesday, December 11th for this grand celebration.

Dianne Job
President

Birthdays

November Birthdays

Peggy Borgstede	18 th
Debra Brock	19 th
Laura Dunckley	19 th
Sheila Sievertsen	26 th
Coralie Joseph	27 th
Ernestine Colombo	22 nd

