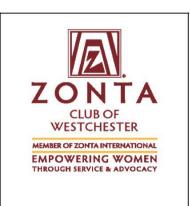
# **ZONTAGRAM**



#### **ZONTA CLUB OF WESTCHESTER**

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Dear Westchester Zontians,

As I greet you in the season of Halloween's ghosts and goblins, I hope that all the spirits surrounding you are kind ones. I also want to alert you to a slight increase in the covid-19 virus in NY so do take special care.

As usual we have been busy. We held a board meeting on September 11, 2020 and a general meeting of our full membership on September 15, 2020. We passed three important decisions. They are: postpone the **End Child Marriage Project** until after the covid-19 virus is under control; table the **YWPA** award for a year due to insufficient funds. The third and very important decision was to establish a team to work on our tax-exempt status. The team consists of: Gigi Palmieri, Jamie Hubert, Georgian La Blanc and Dianne Job. Hurrah Team!!

On Sunday afternoon, September 20th, we collaborated with the Asbury United Methodist Church in assembling 136 birthing kits. In addition we packed receiving blankets and newborn baby clothes. All items were delivered to the packing site and loaded for shipment. It is expected that they will be sent to Haiti.

We received more donations for **Free the Girls**. Our Vice President, Nancy Sanchez-Caro continues her work in the safe houses.

We created two fliers. (See attached) One is simply a flier highlighting our club. A copy was sent to all of you which I hope you will print out and post or deposit in areas where others may see it. The second flier was **Jody's Joy**. The UN has stated that domestic violence has increased 20% worldwide during Covid-19. **Jody's Joy** is a fundraiser on behalf of fighting domestic violence. At the moment this will be an ongoing campaign, but we will forward our donations at strategic times during the year. If you have projects that you might want to initiate in the future, please bring them to my attention. Kindly notify Nancy of your service hours.

Our next meeting will be on October 20, 2020 at 6:30. The details are as now not confirmed but mostly likely we will return to a zoom format. Check emails for further information as the date approaches.

Wishing all my Zontians sisters good health and safety,

Sincerely,

Joan

MEETING Tuesday Oct. 20, 2020

Location or zoom to be determined 6:30pm

#### **Women's Right Dioneers**

Submitted by Vera Voges

An important event took place in New York Central Park on August 26, 2020, when an impressive bronze monument, 14 feet in height, featuring the three eminent pioneers of the Women's Right to Vote movement, namely Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, was unveiled. They are grouped around a table in lively discussion on a stone pedestal.

It was created by sculptor Meredith Bergmann and took 7 years of hard labor to complete.

The day marked by the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which incorporated women's right to vote in the Constitution. The event was celebrated in the presence of today's leaders in the field and was addressed by the former Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton and Representative, Carolyn Maloney.

It is noteworthy that this statue is the first one in Central Park which is devoted to real working women. The pioneers inspire us to be activists in the fight for fair treatment and justice for all.

To find the monument, it seems to be easiest to enter the Park from 5th Avenue at the entrance at 67th Street. If I can help, please call 917-704-3874.





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## Introducing

#### JODY'S JOY & THE FIGHT AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



The United Nations Reports a 20% increase In domestic Violence During COVID 19

Jody was a victim of Domestic Violence-BUT not defined by it

The Zonta Club of Westchester works to support women. Some of the many areas of our work includes ending child marriage, fighting trafficking and child labor, providing aid for victims of domestic violence and other supportive works. You can help us by donating a check to The Zonta Club of Westchester (In memo section write Jody's Joy). In these dire times no amount is too small. In fact a small amount may buy a meal or some socks, while larger amounts may help with rent or legal fees. (Zonta club of Westchester % Garnjana Palmieri, 25 Ridgeway, White Plains NY 10605) Donations will be forwarded to "My Sister's Place (www.MSPNY.org) in Support of Domestic Violence Victims!

Jody, who worked as a healer, was 52 when she died at the hands of her husband who later committed suicide. She left four children ages 17-23. She was described by her community as joyous, vibrant, sincere, generous insightful and loving. Her sister is a member of our club......



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HAVE YOU EVER HEARDABOUT

## ZONTA CLUB OF WESTCHESTER?

Zonta is an international organization made up of 1200 clubs of which we are one, from 63 countries with a membership of over 29, 000 women. We are a service organization working to improve the quality of life for women. Our various activities include, fighting sex trafficking, ending domestic violence, eliminating child marriage, stopping child labor as well as meeting the basic needs of food and clothing for women and children. We also provide scholarships yearly to deserving young women. We are nonpartisan and nonsectarian as we work to pursue gender equality.



\*960,000-3,000,000 cases of Domestic \* A worldwide problem also in U.S. 50.000
Violence eported annually in U.S men, women and children trafficked annually
Child Marriages exist in the U.S. Only4 States outlaw child marriage.248.000 in past
ten years

National Hotline Report: Traficking-1-888-373-7888 Domestic Violence-1-800-799-7233



Please begin making plans to vote.

Register if you have not already!

Request mail-in ballot

If you wish to vote in person, Early Voting begins October 24, 2020

General Election is November 3, 2020

Have you completed the 2020 Census?

## October Birthdays

## No Members

