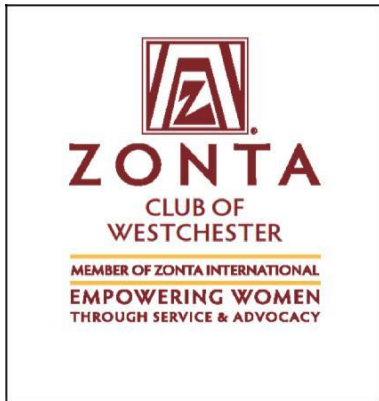


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Dear Zontians,

“And then the sun took a step back. The leaves lulled themselves to sleep and autumn awakened.” Rocco Franco

To the above I say welcome September and welcome to our time of renewed work together.

We will begin our year of monthly meetings on **Tuesday September 17, 2024, at 6:30pm. Due to renovations at Angelina’s Restaurant, a temporary location will be provided prior to the meeting date.** We look forward to inducting another new member, Isatu Bendura. She is a socially committed individual who hails from the continent of Africa and works as a nurse at Montefiore Hospital. We happily welcome her.

As most of you know we had an emergency meeting at the Bronxville Library on August 13th in order to prepare for our big fundraiser on September 15th in the social hall of Asbury United Methodist Church 167 Scarsdale Rd., Tuckahoe, NY. The premier rock'n'roll doo wop group, the **Bel Airs** will be presenting a rock'n'roll concert. A lot of work has gone on behind the scenes such as creating flyers and physical tickets to sell. We have worked with the Webmaster who set up an Eventbrite on our website. Finally, those people who prefer Zelle can go to

Info@zontaofwestchesterny.org and pay to the account

It is aspirational that we have asked each member to try to sell 5 tickets if possible. As you sell the tickets, please record the names and let me know as we have to have a list to check off when people arrive. We are also asking that members who are able bring a tray of cookies because we will have a reception after the concert. Please let me know if you can donate cookies as I need to know how much I must supplement.

**MEETING
Tuesday**

September 17, 2024

**Location to be
determined**

6:30pm

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Also, I am asking that most of our people arrive by 2:00 as we have tables to set up for the refreshments, and two tables to set up for receiving people either by the side door or the handicap access door. We also need people to help with putting up some of the rock'n'roll decorations ... so if all hands are on deck we should be able to get that done within an hour and a half and be ready for when our guests arrive. If we all pull together this has the possibility of giving us enough funds to do some big things this year.

On that thought I do want to share with you that the four Zonta biennium goals for 2024 through 2026 are as follows: eradicate violence against women; work for climate justice; include women in decision making; eliminate inequality in education.

Two interesting bills have recently been presented to the House of Representatives and the Senate. One involves improving obstetric emergency care in rural areas. This is a bipartisan bill called The Obstetrics Readiness Act. (House bill 8383 and Senate bill 4079) It supports the idea that a zip code should not decide the level of care that people receive!

As you know we have been working on the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment which is now again on the ballot, and you should be advised that it's also known now as proposition 1. The 14th amendment guaranteed people of all genders equal rights, however there have been many inequities. In 1972 the Congress passed the equal rights amendment with more than 2/3 of the required number of votes and 3/4 of the states had ratified the amendment when Congress decided to include a time limit for the ratification. This hindered it from becoming the 20th amendment. Congresswoman Ayanna Presley introduced a resolution to remove the deadline for ratification for the equal rights amendment. We hope there are no more delays. As it stands now it will be on the ballot which you must turn over to see the amendment and vote "yes".

We are a non-political club, but we do think it's important for everyone to vote. We will try to have a postcard mailing party sometime in October which simply encourages people to vote. The mailing is not party or candidate specific, but the more people who vote the more likely it is that we really have a government representative of the people.

Please let me know if you have any ideas for speakers or any topics that you want addressed or if you want to do a presentation for our club.

Sheila thought that she would reintroduce the 50/50 at our regular meetings.

Again, before we close, please keep me up to date with where you are in your ticket sales. If for some reason you will not be present on the day of our event, please let me know as we will have assignments distributed among our members and we want everything to go smoothly. Here's hoping we have great news when we meet two days later on the 17th.

Joan Mallory
President

Birthdays

September

Maureen McAllister

13th

