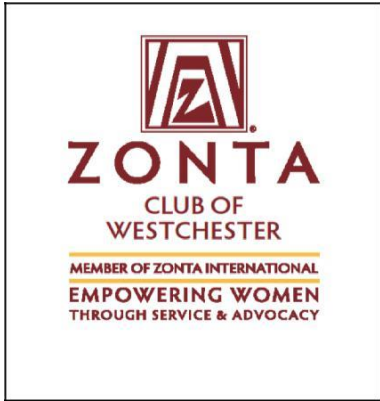


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ZONTA CLUB OF WESTCHESTER
CONSTITUENT OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 3 AREA 1 ORGANIZED 1931

September
2023

Dear Zontians,

Summer will soon kiss the flowers goodbye and the leaves will fall and tangle in our hair. Welcome fall with your beauty; energize us to engage in meaningful work!!

Welcome back to another year of promise and important work. We have some great news. We expect three and possibly four new members in September. This is very exciting. To be growing in numbers during this season is a great blessing to our group.

A separate e-mail went out to every member of our club about the **Call to Conference**, being held in Baltimore MD from October 6th through the 8th. PLEASE take a minute and review the first three pages. At the moment we have two members of our club planning to go in person and we are hoping to have another one or two if at all possible. Please check out the e-mail that came and if you have any interest, please contact either Joan Mallory or Dianne Job.

Thanks to our members who signed up to be part of the New York Black Woman's Equal Payday on July 27th 23. The work goes on!

Lilac House in Mount Vernon NY, a transitional house for formerly incarcerated women had its ribbon cutting, grand opening during the summer. Some members of our Zonta club of Westchester were present at this event as were several speakers, dignitaries, and news cameras. The founder and project director, Pamela Zimba, was a former speaker at our Zonta club during our 2022- 2023 season. We wish them the best of luck in this important work,

In her function as area director, Joan Mallory visited the Peconic Long Island Zonta Club on August 14. She spoke on the topic of climate justice. On September 21, 2023, she will be visiting and speaking at the Zonta Club of Long Island.

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MEETING
Tuesday

September 16, 2023

Angelina's
Restaurant

97 Lake St
Tuckahoe, NY

6:30pm

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We received and applied for the International Women in STEM Scholarship Program. The application was sent by Pulivarthi Prathyusha. Here's hoping!

Continuing on the topic of climate justice, last month in August, the United States Supreme Court reduced the regulations protecting millions of acres of wetlands. This is a policy shift that departs from half a century of federal rules governing the nation's waterways, which is to say it has narrowed the bridge of environmental regulations. I hope that in our club we can consider some initiatives, projects and interventions that work on behalf of climate justice. Kelly Moser, a lawyer at the Southern Environmental Law Center said reducing the wetlands protections in light of all the hurricanes that are occurring around our country at this time 'is nothing to celebrate.' We must be vigilant. We must contact our legislators. We must do everything we can to help save our planet. Put on your thinking caps. One Zonta Club has instituted a plastic pollution project which I think includes research, education, and action.

Sharon Ballerm, executive with the International Prison Project (IPP) will be our speaker at the October meeting. Please feel free to invite any friends that you think might benefit from listening to this important topic.

By now you may have heard the horrific news of a Mount Sinai cancer doctor who recently took the life of her child and her own life in a joint suicide act. It boggles the mind to consider what could have driven her to such an act, but it highlights the need for our continued support of one another. If you are a pregnant woman or a new mother is in crisis, please be aware of the *National Maternal Mental Health Hotline: 1-833-852-6262*. If you know someone in crisis, call the *Suicide Crisis Prevention Line at 1-800- 273- 8255*.

Please let Nora Gorman know if you are unable to attend.

Dianne Job
President

Zonta Club of Westchester - Service Project

Free the Girls

By partnering with established after-care facilities, FREE THE GIRLS provides an opportunity for sex trafficking survivors to build their own business selling second-hand clothing while going to school, establishing a house, and caring for their families. The women in the program receive their starting inventory as a donation and are then able to buy additional inventory from Free The Girls who then work one-on-one with each budding entrepreneur in areas like inventory management, budgeting, and financial planning for future dreams and goals they want to achieve.

The Zonta Club of Westchester began collecting bras in 2015. In August, a shipment of 168 new and gently used bras was sent to Free The Girls along with a check of \$50.00.

History of our donations:

August 2015	168 bras and \$50.00
May 2016	268 bras and \$50.00
February 2017	200 bras and \$50.00
February 2018	183 bras and \$50.00
January 2019	181 bras and \$50.00
August 2019	168 bras and \$50.00
May 2020	108 bras and \$50.00
July 2021	139 bras and \$50.00
June 2022	140 bras and \$50.00
September 2023	145 bras and \$50.00

The total of collected Bras sent is 1700. The total monetary donation is \$500.00.

Learn more on www.freethegirls.org

Free the Girls
1552 Pioneer Trail
Chesterton, IN

Birthdays

September

Maureen McAllister MD

13th

