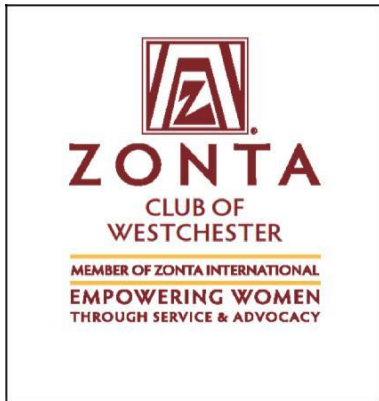


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ZONTA CLUB OF WESTCHESTER
CONSTITUENT OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 3 AREA 1 ORGANIZED 1931

May
2025

Dear Zontians,

The poet James Thompson once said, “Among the changing months, May stands the sweetest and fairest in colors dressed.” I am indeed enjoying the beautiful colors of May which are in direct contrast to the dark and difficult emotions that I, and I suspect many of you, are struggling with during these difficult times.

Our mission statement, well known to all of you, is to advance the well-being of women and girls (children) of the world and obtain equality with men. This of course is our core mission. The current administration of the United States in the first 100 days has done many things to slow down or stop this concept of gender equality from being realized. This administration is deliberately harming women with almost 100 policy mandates which threatened the health care and economic security of women and also fails to protect women from violence. Some of their mandates are as follows:

- Restricting equal opportunities for women
- Withholding food by pausing over \$500 million in emergency funding for food pantry when many families are single parent families headed by women.
- Attempting to deny access to abortion even when the mother’s life is at stake.
- Ordering a freeze on litigation involving any civil rights cases.
- Ending inclusivity in the private and public sectors.
- Cutting over 700 million dollars from rent subsidies to more than 32,000 households, many of them headed by women.

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MEETING

**Tuesday
May 20, 2025**

**El Gusto
(Formerly
Angelina's)**

**97 Lake St.
Tuckahoe, NY**

6:30pm

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Unfortunately, the list goes on and I have 8 pages worth of documentation at this moment. The point is that we have to keep working to realize our mission even if it's little baby steps that we take, since we have been pushed backwards.

Thanks to our members who have been protesting, signing petitions, donating to causes and calling their congresspeople. Please keep up the good work because we cannot stop.

Last month we had an excellent speaker, Nancy Tunis who was the Coordinator of the Westchester County Domestic Violence and High Risk team particularly designed to help women. She said that New York is one of the only states to have such a department Unfortunately, domestic violence and trafficking are alive and well in our state. She passed out some important literature for us to review and I have extra copies for those of you who missed our past meeting. This brings me to another point. This year we have been enriched by marvelous speakers, and they have inspired us to do some important projects. I would like to ask for your help in keeping your eyes and ears open for people that might be speakers for our club next year.

Please note, May 20th will be our last formal meeting. Our June meeting is customarily used for the next year's planning. I desperately invite you to share any ideas you have for an agenda or a project. Historically we have gotten behind any substantial project or idea to ensure its success. Please, please, please let me know if you will be attending our next meeting on May 20th, which will begin at 6:30 at Il Gusto Restaurant.

Sincerely,

Joan Mallory
President

Birthdays

May

Kathy Green 5th

Dianne Job 29th

