# **ZONTAGRAM**



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Dear Zontians,

"It must be October... the trees are falling away and showing their true colors." Something about that quote feels very honest and authentic. In that small way I suppose it reflects the honest and authentic work we try to do in Zonta.

By the time we have our October meeting, Diane Job and I we'll have attended the Zonta International District 3 Governor's Conference starting October 10th to October 12, 2025, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in King of Prussia, PA. At our next meeting we will be happy to give you an update of the events and current news coming out of this conference.

We had a wonderful speaker at our last meeting, Jmel Wilson, representing Neighbors for Refugees. This is an organization that we have been involved with and as you may recollect last year, we sponsored two families. The families are doing well, however, the current Administration has presented some legal barriers despite the fact that the families have entered legally. I am proposing that we donate \$500 to their fund for litigation.

We will have a very important speaker at our next meeting who is quite in line with the biennium international objectives. Her name is Hyonok Kim. She will present a very short movie which has won awards in Berlin, Sweden, Toronto and other Cities as well. It deals with climate change and its impact on women worldwide which is very pertinent to Zonta's Climate equality mission.

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MEETING

Tuesday October 21, 2025

> El Gusto (Formally Angelina's)

97 Lake St. Tuckahoe, NY

6:30pm

Previously, I have mentioned a homeless shelter in White Plains that houses 20 women. I can't imagine how difficult it is to be homeless and feel abandoned and forgotten. I had spoken with the manager of this shelter about a program for Christmas. I read about a pocketbook campaign provided by another Zonta club, where they bought or donated small purses holding a few small items, and a gift certificate for \$20. I thought we might undertake this project and I'm asking you to bring in any small evening size purse that you might have to our next meeting and also to our meeting in November. We can prepare these Holiday gifts for our sisters who are less privileged than we are.

As I mentioned in last month's Zontagram, Sharon Ballen from International Prison Partnership has asked us to once again help with putting together kits for the incarcerated women at Bedford during the Christmas season. We will decide what number of kits are a reasonable amount for us to assemble.

We are happy to announce that we will receive a new member, Stephanie Williams, into our sisterhood this month. Congratulations and welcome Stephanie.

Also, we have received a new membership application from Mr. Peter Schultz, which is currently being processed. While there are men who are members of Zonta, Peter will be our first gentleman member, we are honored!!

We have money for a scholarship for a worthy female high school junior or senior in the area that shows leadership potential. Formerly, this award was called Women in Public Affairs but now the emphasis is on leadership. If you know anyone that you think would be worthy of this award, please recommend them to us or let us know who they are so that we can send them an application.

We are always looking for new members and opportunities to fundraise so please feel free to recommend any ideas you might have also we welcome any of our members who feel so inclined to give a presentation on a project that they would like us to undertake.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 21, at 6:30 at Il Gusto Restaurant located at 97 lake St in Tuckahoe NY.

PLEASE, PLEASE, confirm whether or not you will be able to attend. Looking forward to seeing all of you,

Sincerely,

Joan Mallory President

## **Birthdays**

#### October

### No birthdays this month

