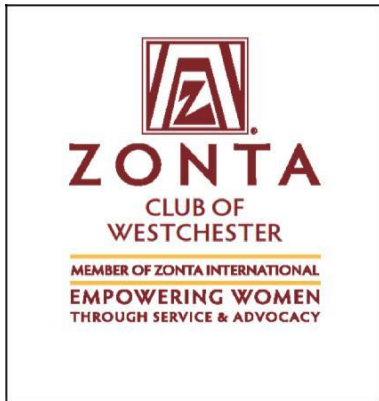


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Dear Zontians,

"I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o're vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils,
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze." - William Wordsworth
Welcome, Oh welcome Sweet Spring!!

At our meeting last month our speaker was Jen Mancuso, Director of the Interfaith Prison Partnership Program. She brought along a colleague, former inmate, Kamilita. They shared some very painful insights about the difficulties a woman faces when they are incarcerated.

Kamilita shared how very important gifts are for incarcerated women. Coincidentally, we are working on gift kits for the Bedford women in honor of Mother's Day. This past Sunday we had eight volunteers from Zonta to help assemble 104 kits at Asbury Church. We finished quite quickly with so many helpers that some of our volunteers arrived after we had already finished. My sincere thanks and apologies to those who arrived after we were finished. The kits were delivered to Memorial Church for pickup on Monday April 7th.

Subsequently, I received an e-mail from Sharon Ballen, Chair of Prison Relationship and Advisory Board who wrote the following:
"We cannot thank the Zonta club adequately for treating our incarcerated neighbors as the human beings they are, as people deserving of care, of being thought of, remembered and then that you delivered them to Memorial Church to make our lives easier! Wow what an amazing gift to us and the incarcerated women. Thanks to all of your people who helped put them together."

MEETING

**Tuesday
April 15**

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

**97 Lake St.
Tuckahoe, NY**

6:30pm

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The speaker for our next meeting will be Nancy Tunis, who is Executive Director of Westchester's Executives. We are interested in finding out any legislation that is in the pipeline that is a benefit to women and children. This will also allow us to fulfill our advocacy commitment as we learn what we might support.

The abortion issue has been an important part of the past elections cycle. As we are non-political and may have members who are pro-life or pro-choice, we agree that we are all nonviolent. I want to share with you some research I have done on statistics committed by anti-abortion protesters in the United States and Canada since 1977. Here is what I have learned. There have been:

17 attempted murders

383 death threats

153 instances of assault and battery

13 individuals wounded

100 stink bombs set off

373 break ins

42 bombings

173 instances of arson

91 attempted bombings

619 bomb threats

1630 incidences of trespassing

1264 incidents of vandalism

655 anthrax threats

3 kidnappings

11 people have been killed including four doctors, two clinic employees, a security guard, a police officer, a clinic escort and two others.

Anti-abortion extremists. are considered a domestic terrorist threat by the US Department of Justice.

The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women concluded its 69th session in March 2025 adopting a political declaration "urging full and accelerated implementation of the Beijing declaration and platform for action focusing on gender equality and women's empowerment." May it be so!!

Our treasurer, Gigi, has kindly asked if members could pay the \$50 assessment as soon as possible. In September our annual dues will be due. Please remember that even if you are physically unable to do any projects, by paying your dues you support the Zonta agenda and are still doing good in the world.

Our next meeting will be held at Il Gusto's Restaurant on April 15th at 6:30. PLEASE, PLEASE confirm or deny that you are attending. Please invite a friend. If you have any project ideas, please be sure to share them.

Sincerely,

Joan Mallory
President



ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT 3

AREA 1 GATHERING

Saturday, April 26, 2025
10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Zonta Clubs of
Brooklyn, Greater Queens, Long Island, New Rochelle,
New York, Peconic Bay, Suffolk & Westchester

- FELLOWSHIP
- DISCUSSIONS
Advocacy, Service Projects & Membership

Venue:
Center for the Women of New York
207 Totten Avenue
Fort Totten Park, Bayside, NY 11359

RSVP by April 21
tinyurl.com/Area1April26

Birthdays

April

Nora Gorman

23rd

