Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley
Member of Zonta International
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

DISTRICT 1 AREA 2 APRIL 2007

CALENDAR

April 9 Dinner Meeting 5:30 p.m.* Zinfandel's Restaurant. Peaked Mountain Reservation environmental program. Guests welcome!

May 5 New England Areas Retreat, Wells, Maine.

May 14 Dinner Meeting 5:30 p.m.* Zinfandel's

June 11 Dinner Meeting 5:30 p.m.*

June 16 Golf Tournament Fundraiser

*** Dinner $15, dues $3.** Please notify Chris Gerl at 413/568-3593 or cgerl@comcast.net of the number of new and/or returning guests. Member reservations for the dinner meeting are assumed and payment expected unless Chris is notified the Wednesday before the meeting.

Zinfandel's Restaurant, 1432A Main Street, Palmer, MA [413/283-2707] - Downtown Palmer on Route 20, at the lights, diagonally across from CVS. Parking is available on Main Street and lot at the corner of Bridge and Main Streets.

President's Message

Dear Sister Zontians,

I hope everyone is thinking about Wells Maine on May 4, 2007. I have made Reservations and the suite will accommodate up to 5 people. Let me know if you are interested in sharing a room. There is a North American Inter-District Seminar in Ann Arbor, Michigan on June 22-24—if interested see me at the monthly meeting in April. Cynthia Thompson Chair of the Conference in Portland, Maine sent a reminder for the Conference on October 19-21 for the Sheraton South Portland, Maine. Anyone interested in going please let me know and I'll book a room.

We have a guest speaker for April meeting. She will be sharing with us the local area for recreational spots and what they are about.

Yours in Zonta working to improve the Status of Women
Christine Gerl

Quote of the Month,

Given we are thinking spring and the time for growth of plants and ourselves…

"Our consciousness rarely registers the beginning of growth within us any more than without us: there have been many circulations of the sap before we detect the smallest sign of the bud."
George Eliot

New England Area Retreat—May 5, 2007

May 5, 2007
Hampton Inn & Suites
Wells, Maine

The mailer for the New England Area Retreat was sent out on Monday, March 26, to all US Zontians in District 1 (Areas 1, 2 and 4). Registration is only $35 if paid by April 23, but ***hotel reservations must be made by April 12*** to get the special Zonta rate.

The hotel is new and quite nice, and Wells Maine is on the ocean and a lovely place to visit. Plan to come Friday and spend the night, and/or stay over on Saturday to enjoy the weekend! (Kittery is not that far away for all you shoppers!)

This is an opportunity to meet, discuss issues and exchange ideas.

Program Highlights:
Lt. Gov. Nadine Salley and District Treasurer Deb Allen will lead workshops for current and incoming club presidents and treasurers. (Bring your Zonta club Manual!)

Brenda Lopez, Domestic Violence Prevention Coordinator for the City of Springfield, MA will share with us how we as Zontians can best advocate for women in need.

"Bridging the Generations" will address how we can recruit and retain younger members AND keep Zonta fresh for our not-so-young members.

Please join us!

13th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Bring Golf Tournament prizes to dinner meetings.

In preparation for our June 16th Golf Tournament Fundraiser, members are encouraged to solicit sponsors and prizes, as well as players!

We hope to repeat the success of the fundraiser with your support this year. It's important because the profits raised at the Zonta Golf Tournament are used for service projects throughout the year.

As mentioned at the February meeting, we are hopeful for three prizes for the advance raffle:

- Foxwoods dinner and overnight or 4 rounds of golf at Dunroamin Country Club
- Two weekend Boston Red Sox tickets;
- Portable DVD player (compliments of Mary Ann R.)

As soon as the prizes are confirmed, tickets will be printed and distributed for members to start selling.

Golf Tournament Committee Co-Chairs

Debbie Wood and Marge Cavanaugh

Zonta Bog Newsletter feedback and content suggestions are encouraged. Please send to MFKnight@Crocker.com

Club Officers

President	Christine Gerl
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Committees/ Current Chairs

Archives..... Marjorie Cavanaugh
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Golf Tournament.....Marjorie Cavanaugh
Membership.....Mary Knight
Poinsettia Sales.....Elizabeth Reeves
Program.....Janet DaSilva
Public Relations..... Debra Wood
Scholarship.....Kristen Goold
Service ....Joanne Turner-Chiacchia
United Nations..... Betty Jane Bourdon
ZISVAW.....Dorothy LaFratta, Mary Knight

April Program Speaker

"To preserve, for public use and enjoyment, properties of exceptional scenic, historic, and ecological value in Massachusetts." Since 1891, The Trustees of Reservations has been saving the Massachusetts landscape for people to enjoy. Its conservation work has helped protect more than 53,000 acres across the state.

Our April speaker, **Jocelyn Forbush,** is the Pioneer Valley Regional Director for The Trustees of Reservations, and as such is responsible for the oversight and coordination of The Trustees work in the Pioneer Valley. Jocelyn has been with The Trustees for seven years prior to which she worked with the Riverways Program of Mass. Fish and Wildlife Department and the Quebec-Labrador Foundation. She has a Masters in Forest Science from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and is a Senior Fellow of the Environmental Leadership Program's Greater Boston Regional Network.

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March Business Meeting Minutes

Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley
Meeting Minutes
Zinfandel's Restaurant
Palmer, Massachusetts
March 12, 2007

Members Present::
Liz Reeves, Judy Van de Geer, Dot La Fratta, Kris Goold, Debbie Wood, Ann Cormier, Mary Ann Rubis, Chris Gerl, Janet DeSilva, BJ Bourdon, Diane Kidd, Marge Cavanaugh, Jeanne Dill, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia
Absent: Deb Allen, Julie Bowder, Kathy Hood, Mary Knight
Guests: Gov. Lynn Goodhue, Etta Williams, Richard Fitzgerald, Betsy Koscher, Maggie Hamberston, Michele Barker, Nancy Ayres, Louise Larocque, Lynn Polaski, Virginia Young, Carol Bardon.

Welcome and Introductions began around 6:05 pm.

Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes as written.

Treasurers Report: Deb Allen was ill. The report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Environmental: Judy mentioned that the speaker for April from Peaked Mountain Reservation will be someone different then previously planned. We hope to get an idea of what kind of a project we can do for them.

Golf: Debbie handed out sponsor letters and asked the membership to start working on getting sponsors. They are also sending out about 75 letters soliciting sponsors etc. Items are still being collected. They are waiting for a third prize, as Foxwoods has not gotten back in touch with them. Marge asked that we hand in items for golf basket for Literacy. She will even pick up items! Money is welcome and a $25.00 gift certificate has been approved. Marge needs the items by the end of March.

Membership: Packets were passed around to all guests.

Public Relations: Debbie reported that the article on our newest member, Diane Kidd was noticed.

Service: Joanne was at a Relay for Life meeting.

Scholarship: Kris said there was no application for YWPA as of tonight. She had just mailed out the Jane Klausman. applications out.

United Nations: BJ mentioned that Zonta is the largest NGO association with the UN. She also mentioned that she would be talking to Jackie about the tour.

Program: The program will be a representative from Peaked Mountain Reservation in Monson.

There was no new business it was announced that BJ would be speaking on International Projects at Springfield Clubs meeting next Monday. 3/19

Our program was the author of Monique and the Mango Rains, Kris Holloway. She was wonderfully energetic and inspiring! Everyone seemed to enjoy her.

Raffle Winners: BJ and Lynn Goodhue

Meeting Adjourned 7:55

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Reeves, secretary

Top Floor Learning will be holding its Annual Basket Raffle—an important fundraiser for the Center—at the Palmer Library. The ZQV club has volunteered contribute our signature Golf Theme basket.

Please bring your basket contributions to the April dinner meeting.

Human Trafficking

What is Human Trafficking or Modern Day Slavery?

In the language of the law, it is

1) Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion or in which the person induced to perform such an act is under 18; or
2) The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion, for the purpose of subjecting that person to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.
In other words, modern day slavery or human trafficking is when people are forced to work through fear and intimidation without the opportunity to leave. Those caught in slavery are most often used for farm labor, prostitution, and domestic servitude.
• Victims are men, women and children, often immigrants, but also U.S. citizens. Fifty percent are children.
• Human trafficking is the second largest crime internationally (behind drug trafficking). It is a $9 billion industry *annually*.
• 18,000-50,000 people are trafficked in this country *each year*. 800,000-900,000 people are trafficked internationally *each year*.
• Every ten minutes a woman or child is trafficked into the U.S. for forced labor.

How can I identify a victim? Warning signs to watch for:
• A housing situation with a large number of occupants.
• Someone whose communication is restricted or controlled.
• Someone who is rarely seen outside the home.
• Someone who is always accompanied when outside the home.
• Signs of physical abuse.
• Non-English speaking persons.

What can I do to help put an end to modern day slavery?
• **Be aware: Slavery is here NOW**
Victims can be anywhere in the community—in local homes and businesses, at schools, health clinics, soup kitchens, churches, restaurants, malls, etc.
• **If you believe you know someone who is a victim…..**
Call 911 If the victim is at risk of imminent harm or is a juvenile
Inform law enforcement of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) to assure the victim is not treated as a criminal, and involve the FBI.
Call Law Enforcement to investigate suspicions and follow-up on 911 calls
Local Police Department or local FBI office Note: Springfield office 413 736-0301
Federal Trafficking Information and Referral Hotline (888) 373-7888
Department of Justice Human Trafficking Hotline 888-428-7581
• **Spread the word.**
• Educate your friends: tell them what you have learned.
• Keep your eyes open and know how to identify a victim.
• Keep the numbers listed above in a convenient location.
• Assist with victim services. Needs include translators, housing, and food.
• Make a donation to the Zonta International and/or Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW)

Website resources: **www.zontasancap.org** and **www.humantraffickingawareness.org**

The ZONTA Club of Quaboag Valley

13th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Saturday, June 16, 2007

Mill Valley Golf Links, Belchertown, MA

ZONTA is an international service organization of business and professional women working to improve the legal, political, economic, health and educational status of women. The profits raised at this fundraiser are used for service projects.

7:00 a.m. **Registration, Coffee/Danish**
8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start - 18 Hole Scramble - Snacks at the Turn

l:30 p.m. Picnic Lunch – Burgers, Dogs, Salads
Raffles and Prizes Galore!

Cost: $65 per person ($40 for Mill Valley Members)
Includes Greens Fee, Cart, Food, Prizes and a Day of Fun for a worthy cause!

Space limited – sign up (with payment please) A.S.A.P.

Attached is a check payable to *ZONTA of Quaboag Valley* for the following players:

(Note: If you don't have a foursome, we will assign you to one.)

1) Contact Person/Phone Number: _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

[ ] I'm interested in marketing my business at this fundraiser!

[ ] I have a gift to contribute for the prize table _____enclosed _____available for pick up.

RSVP by May 30: Marge Cavanaugh, 57 South Street, Three Rivers, MA 01080 / (413) 283-6448

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Introducing Carol A. Bardon, M.Ed., C.F.C.S.

Carol Bardon first heard about Zonta from our sign at the Ludlow Bridge. She checked out our website, conferred with professional colleagues about our organization and joined us as a guest at our January dinner meeting.

A professional educator, Carol currently teaches Family and Consumer Sciences at Ludlow High School, working with students in grades 9-12. She earned her undergraduate and masters degrees from the University of Massachusetts and is attending graduate school through Iowa State University.

She has been involved with numerous organizations in a volunteer role. Most recently, she is on the board for the Ludlow Boys & Girls Club / Ludlow Community Center; is President-elect for the Massachusetts Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; and works with the American Red Cross.

Carol is interested in joining the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley, and would also like to pursue starting a Golden Z Club.

VICTIM SENSITIVITY AND AWARENESS SEMINAR

Victims' Rights. Every Victim. Every Time.

Monday April 23, 2007 8:00—3:30 p.m.

Anna Maria College's Molly Bish Center, Paxton

Free Admission, but Registration required

Call 508 849-3257 by April 16.

8a.m. Welcome and Continental Breakfast

8:30 Welcome from DA Joe Early

8:45 Keynote on Elder Abuse and Exploitation

9:45-12:00 Break out sessions

> Dating/Domestic Violence, Men's Resources

> Family Violence and Psychological Trauma

> Victim Rights and Post Conviction Process

12:00 Buffet Luncheon

1:00 Revealing Frankie –Survivor monologues

2:15 Panel Discussion