



Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley

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ZONTA BOG NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2008

2008 CALENDAR

4/7 Word Health Day

4/14 Dinner Meeting at Zinfandel's in Palmer, MA
Election of 2008-2010 Board

5/3 Area 2 Spring Workshop 8:30—2:30 Clarion Hotel, Northampton
Register Today!

5/11 Springtime Tree Identification at Peaked Mountain 1—3 pm
Pre-Registration Required

5/12 Dinner Meeting

June 7 Peaked Mountain—Clear and Improve Trails—Details to follow

6/9 Dinner Meeting

6/14 Golf Fundraiser
6/27-8 Relay for Life

Save the dates:

October 23 Domestic Violence Through the Eyes of a Child

Guests Welcome! 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.

President's Message

Dear Sister Zontians:

Great news! Zinfandel's has reopened and is run by Stuart and Betsy Johanson, friends of Kris Goad... and the flags and banner have been located! We will return to Zinfandel's for our April 14 dinner meeting. The buffet dinner will be \$18.

I have spoken to Tom Shea about the Habitat House in Monson. Two work dates are available—April 19th and 26th. I need to know who is interested and the best date

We have two candidates for YWPA consid-

eration. Kris and her committee announce the winner at the April meeting. Good luck to all concerned.

Committee chairs are requested to submit a summary report at the April meeting. The Governor's report is due May 1st. Judy when to the meeting for events at the mountain in Monson.

Yours in Zontia's Service,
Christine Gerl



District I Area 2 Workshop
Saturday May 3, 2008 8:30-2:30
Clarion Hotel, Northampton

Inspire and Be Inspired—Network—Discover—Learn—Celebrate—Contribute All Area II Zontians, Golden Z, Z members and interested guests are invited to join us for a day of information, surprises and fun. Come join our Sister Zontians and celebrate our achievements this Biennium, and get a jump-start on the next Biennium. There will be speakers from all the district clubs, on publicity, advocacy, fundraising, and service. There will also be a service project—opportunity to donate books for children's literacy. See the details in this newsletter.

Registration is \$30 (before April 21) and \$35 at the door. Lunch will be provided. You should have received registration information by email. For more information call Mary Ann Rubis at 413 626-1033

Register today!

Area Events of Interest

12th Annual Men's Resource Center Challenge & Change Celebration

Sunday May 4th at the Log Cabin Banquet & Meeting House in Holyoke, MA

Reservations required: details at www.mrcforchange.org



Frank Robison ~ Yoko Kato and ~ Remy Fernández-O'Brien

Join us in celebrating the work of the MRC and this year's award recipients, people who have made valuable contributions to strengthening the social fabric of our community!

Safe Passage Fundraiser—Stories of Strength—an evening with first lady, Diane Patrick

Thursday May 1 at the Clarion Hotel, Northampton 6 pm

Safe Passage - 1977-2007 - Celebrating 30 years!



In addition to remarks by First Lady Patrick, this event will feature the beautiful vocal talents of singer Evelyn Harris, formerly of Sweet Honey in the Rock. Attendees will enjoy dinner, drinks and desserts, as well as an exciting live auction.

Tickets: \$50 per person; \$75 includes ticket to VIP reception with Diane Patrick at 5:30

To purchase tickets, please call Sarah at (413) 586-1125 x19. You can also purchase tickets on our secure donation page ([click here](#)); please indicate that your donation is a ticket purchase. Please note that tickets must be purchased by April 28 and no tickets will be sold at the door.

Zonta Bog

Newsletter feedback
and content suggestions
are encouraged.

Please send to
MFKnight@Crocker.com

Club Officers 2008

At the April meeting We will
vote on our slate of officers for
2008-2010.

This year's officers:

President	Christine Gerl
Vice President	Mary Knight
Treasurer	Debra Allen
Secretary	Elizabeth Reeves
Directors	Julie Bowder Dr. Mary Ann Rubis

Committees/ Current Chairs

Archives	Marjorie Cavanaugh
Environment.....	Elizabeth Reeves
Golf Tournament...	Marjorie and Deb Wood
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

March Meeting Minutes

**Tony & Penny's Restaurant
Ludlow, Massachusetts
March 10, 2008
Business Meeting**

Members Present:

Liz Reeves, Debbie Wood, Marge Cavanaugh, Carol Bardon, Deb Allen, Janet DaSilva, Mary Ann Rubis, Chris Gerl, Louise Laroque, Kris Goold, BJ Bourdon.

Absent: Kathy Hood, Dot Lafratta, Julie Bowder, Judy Van de Geer, Mary Knight, Joanne Turner-Chiacchi, Ann Cormier, Dianne Kidd.

Guests: Kathy Picard.

Minutes: The minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Our yearly dues are due by the May meeting. They will be \$124 instead of \$106. Our donations to the International Zisvaw and Amelia Earhart will be taken out of our service funds. Starting in the Fall our monthly meeting dinner will only be the cost of the meal. The report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

Scholarship: The YWPA applications went out the end of January. We have not received any yet. They are due March 15. The Jane Klausman applications have been sent out and they are due the end of April.

Golf: Raffle tickets will be \$2 each and 3 for \$5. The raffle items are two RED SOX tickets with transportation to and from the game, A chair from Dream

Catchers and a quilt that Marge made. There was some discussion about whether we should put the value of each item on the raffle tickets. The committee has not heard if they will be getting the Saratoga tickets yet. We will be getting the raffle tickets at our April meeting so we can sell, sell, sell!!! Sponsor letters are being mailed out. All members are encouraged to add to that list. Marge will handle the registration and Debbie will do the sponsors. The TFL raffle basket list of items will be due on March 31. Please get items to Marge asap.

Finance: Deb went over the meeting minutes that she had previously emailed to the membership.

Nominating: The slate of officers was presented and accepted.

The slate is:
Mary Knight President
Janet Dasilva Vice President
Julie Bowder Treasurer
Carol Bardon Secretary

Board Members:

Joanne Turner-Chiacchi At-large
Louise Laroque At-large
Chris Gerl Past President

Program: Janet will be in touch with Senator Brewer for our April meeting program.

BJ Bourdon was nominated to be the Delegate at the International Convention and has accepted. Mary Ann Rubis will be the alternate. We may also be carrying a proxy to International from the Northampton club.

Announcements

Athena Kalita from the Springfield club has passed away. She was one of the first women architects.

Mary Ann shared the book that will be available at our Fall Domestic Violence conference.

Chris has been in contact with Habitat about any interested members working on a house. Anyone interested ? 4/19 and 4/26.

The report for District is due by the beginning of May. Please submit any hours, number of people involved and monetary value.

Mary Ann went over some of the details about the Area 2 Workshop. It will be held at the Clarion Hotel in Northampton on May 3. The cost will be \$30. It will also be opened up to ZClub and GoldenZ member and members should feel free to invite potential members. Books can be purchased at Borders for members to bring along to Workshop. Sounds like a great day!

Chris provided a copy of ZQV bylaws for each member to go over to familiarize or familiarize yourself with.

Kathy Picard was our program speaker sharing her experience of sexual abuse. She left her literature and some of the whistles she was talking about so we can share with the absent membership at the April meeting. She mentioned that she will be involved in our October Conference.

Meeting Adjourned 7:35

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Reeves, Secretary

SUPPORT LITERACY at the Area II Meeting

Bring a book which will be donated to the Valley Opportunity Council's five child care centers and receive a raffle ticket for each book. Purchase your book at Border's Bookstore in the Holyoke Mall and receive a 20% discount. Look for the display "Teacher's Wish List" in the Kids Section for book selections. To receive the discount, tell the cashier that you are purchasing the book for ZONTA. **Most desired titles are listed below.**

Mark Leonas, Director of the Child Care Program, will collect the books during the meeting. Raffle prize will be donated by Borders Bookstore. Please acknowledge their support.

- "Slowly, Slowly, Slowly Saith the Sloth", by Eric Carle**
- "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" by Eric Carle**
- "The Very Hungry Caterpillar", by Eric Carle**
- "Sylvester and the Magic Pebble", by William Steig**
- "Story of Ferdinand", by Munro Leaf and Robert Lawson**
- "Blueberries for Sal", by Robert McCloskey**
- "Alexander and the Terrible Horrible No Good Very Bad Day", by Judith Viorst**
- "Curious George", by H.A. Rey**
- "Frog and Toad Together", by Arnold Lobel**
- "Ella Sarah Gets Dressed", by Margaret Chodos-Irvine**
- "The Day Babies Crawled Away", by Peggy Rathmann**
- "Yo!Yes!" by Chris Raschka**
- "My Car" by Byron Barton**
- "Outside Over There" by Maurice Sendak**
- "In the Night Kitchen", by Maurice Sendak**
- "Strega Nona", by Tomie de Paola**
- "Charlie Needs A Cloak ", by Tomie de Paola**
- "Travels of Babar", by Maurice de Brunhoff**
- " The Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats**
- " Stagestruck", by Tomie De Paola**



The Valley Opportunity Council's website is at www.valleyopp.com. We operate five child care centers in Holyoke and Chicopee, serving 266 children. We provide a developmentally appropriate curriculum for children aged 12 months-5 years. We emphasize literacy in our classrooms, using the Creative Curriculum, and participate in accreditation through the National Association of Education for Young Children (NAEYC).

Please call me if you have further questions. I will await contact from you if your organization decides it wishes to support literacy at our centers by giving us children's books.

Sincerely, Mark Leonas
Preschool Coordinator
Valley Opportunity Council
300 High Street Holyoke, MA



Domestic Violence: Through the Eyes of a Child

– a program about the issue of Domestic Violence as seen through the perspective of children.

Thursday,
10/23/08
4-7 proposed

Registration,
refreshments,
networking,
followed by the
Program

MassMutual
Learning Center
in Chicopee

Proposed 2008 ZISVAW related event organized by Zonta Clubs of Springfield, Northampton, Quinebaug and Quaboag, in recognition of Domestic Violence month

Growing up in a violent home may be a terrifying and traumatic experience that can affect every aspect of a child's life, growth, and development. Children who "witness" abuse are "victims" of abuse. In spite of this, children are incredibly resilient. When properly identified and addressed, the effects of domestic violence on children can be mitigated.

In this program we will learn and share information about:

- .. The ramifications of growing up in a violent home.
- .. How to recognize children who may be at risk
- .. Strategies for responding appropriately to innocent victims
- .. The need to protect against unintended effects of taking action
- .. The supports available in our communities to help stop the violence.

Who Should Attend:

- .. Leaders who care about the health and safety of children: social workers, counselors, educators, child care and youth workers, law enforcement personnel, medical and legal professionals, foster parents, child welfare board volunteers, elected officials, clergy and other interested child advocates.
- .. Parents who are or have been personally touched by abusive situations and can be encouraged to attend to learn about resources.
- .. DV advocates are invited to share information, resources and be available for referrals

Program format:

Keynote Speaker TBA – The ramifications of growing up in a violent home

Panelists – 3 TBA

- .. How to recognize children who may be at risk
- .. Strategies for responding appropriately to innocent victims
- .. The need to protect against unintended effects of taking action

Open discussion – Q&As – Identification of supports in our communities working to stop the violence.

Registration: \$12 proposed

Registrants will each receive a packet of resources, including *Helping Traumatized Children Learn*, a publication of Massachusetts Advocates for Children.

Certificates of attendance will be made available.

NEXT STEPS *****

Core committee: RSVP regarding the best date: Tues 4/22, Wed 4/23 or Mon 4/28 **MORE people needed to make light work!!!** Please volunteer!

Zontians in each club: Contact key individuals by email, phone or snail mail (make record of the contact information for program mailing list) – to get

- (a) suggestions for dynamic speakers (keynote and panel) and why
- (b) what key points each would like to be sure are included.
- (c) Ideas for outreach to intended audiences

At the April meeting – input from each club will be reviewed; speakers and format will be finalized and communication, marketing plan created.



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Springtime Tree Identification

Peaked Mountain, Miller's Forest Tract, Monson. May 11 1-3 pm

Recognizing the variety of tree species is a wonderful way to appreciate Mother Nature. We'll look at buds, bark, and newly formed leaves, in an attempt to get to know our arboreal neighbors more. After you make your own mother breakfast, bring her out and take home a familiarity with the trees that keep you going back outside for more. Pre-registration required.

978.248.9455 Members: \$5

Nonmembers: \$10



2008-2010 Biennial Goals and Budget online

Proposed for adoption by the 2008 Convention, Rotterdam, the Netherlands. Go to www.zonta.org and click on March 2008 Club Mailing Enclosures.

These biennial goals are aligned to Zonta International's objectives and strategic goals. They are intended to provide the framework within which districts and clubs shall develop their own biennial goals, taking into account the need for alignment and focus within the context of Zonta International's mission while responding to local needs.

2008-2010 Budget for the Zonta International Foundation and letter from the Foundation Finance Committee Chairman and the Foundation Treasurer., and the 2008-2010 Budget for Zonta International and letter from the ZI Finance Committee Chairman and the ZI Treasurer