Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley
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Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

ZONTA BOG NEWSLETTER JUNE 2008

2008 CALENDAR

June 2 Board Meeting

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

June 9 Dinner Meeting
Johnsen's Catering
(formerly Zinfandel's)
Palmer, MA
Scholarship Winner
Zontian of the Year

6/14 Golf Fundraiser
Mill Valley Golf Links
Belchertown, MA

6/27-8 Relay for Life
Belchertown High School

Save the dates:

September 8
Dinner Meeting

October 3-5
District Conference
Nova Scotia

October 13
Dinner Meeting

October 23 Domestic Violence Through the Eyes of a Child

Guests Welcome! Please notify Mary Knight at 413 323 4806 or mfknight@crocker.com of the number of new and/or returning guests. **Member reservations for the dinner meeting are assumed and payment expected unless** notice is received in advance.

President's Message

Dear Sister Zontians:

Thank you for your trust in selecting me to lead the Quaboag Valley club for the next biennium. And what a great team of board members! Janet, Chris, Carol, Julie, Louise, Joanne and I will review the member survey responses and work hard to make our term memorable and fun.

As usual, our last meeting before the summer break will have a busy agenda.

Confirmed guests include Lynn Goodhue, District I Governor for 2006-2008, Jayma Hall, incoming Area II Director, and Christina Benoit, the recipient of our 2008 Young Woman in Public Affairs Award.

We are delighted to welcome and congratulate Christina on her graduation form Pathfinder Regional Technical High School and acceptance at the Elms College in Chicopee. She will receive our YWPA scholarship and share her goals.

BJ Bourdon will be in Bolivia at the time of our meeting, visiting one of the International Service programs focused on access to education and health care for girls and young women. She will be reporting on the project at the International Convention and will of course be sharing her findings with us in the fall.

BJ is our delegate to the Zonta International Convention in Rotterdam, 27 June - 2 July 2008. In her absence, she has asked that I get feedback from the club on proposed bylaw changes and other voting decisions. Details are available at www.zonta2008.com or you can review a slide presentation prepared by Governor Lynn of the convention issues at www.zontaqv.org/zontabog_current.htm. I will also have a summary of the decisions available at the dinner meeting.

Deb Wood and Marge Cavanaugh will fill us in on final arrangements for the June 14th fundraiser –our annual Golf Tournament at Mill Valley Golf Links in Belchertown. We depend on this event to raise money for important service initiatives, locally and internationally.

Dianne Kidd will be collecting donations and luminaria contributions for the Relay for Life on June 27—28. Also, if you have not signed up to walk, now is your chance! With a couple of our members sidelined this year with cancer, we all know how important it is to support the fight!

Plans for our October Domestic Violence event are coming along. Dot and I will update you on the proposed agenda and next steps. Share our event website with people who may be interested in attending: www.zontaqv.org/DomesticViolence.htm.

Finally, Jayma and Lynn will award the Zontian of the Year to one of our members for outstanding service. A donation will be made in the winner's name. Please bring your ballot.

A lot to cover, so we'll be moving at a quick pace. Call me with guest counts!

Best to all,
Mary F. Knight, President
ZQV Club 2008—2010

Domestic Violence: Through the Eyes of a Child—

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

Save the date: Thursday, October 23, 2008 4:00—7:30
MassMutual Learning Center in Chicopee, MA

Target Audience:

- 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

How you can help:
(1) Gather contact info—either snail mail or email—for individuals or agencies in our target audience (above) and submit to Deb Allen. Each club is asked to contribute a minimum of 20 entries to our database. These individuals will be sent a "save the date" card with info on registering early for the October event.
(2) We would like to collect artwork/messages created by children exposed to DV – use in program. The Quinebaug Club will take the lead with putting this together. Suggestions on resources, contacts needed from members.
(3) Keep an eye on the event website for upcoming news: www.zontaqv.org/DomesticViolence.htm

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

Club Officers 2008—2010

Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley
District I, Area II, Charter 1317 of Zonta International

President	Mary Knight
Vice President	Janet DaSilva
Treasurer	Julie Bowder
Secretary	Carol Bardon
Directors	Chris Gerl
	Joanne Turner-Chiacchia
	Louise Laroque

Current Chairmen of Standing Committees

Archives ..... Marjorie Cavanaugh
Environment..... Julie Bowder and Judy Van de Geer
Golf Tournament ..... Deb Wood and Marj Cavanaugh
Membership..... Mary Knight
Poinsettia Sales ..... Elizabeth Reeves
Program..... Janet DaSilva
Public Relations..... Debra Wood
Newsletter..... Mary Knight
Scholarship..... Kris Goold
Service ..... Joanne Turner-Chiacchia
United Nations ..... Betty Jane Bourdon
ZISVAW..... Dorothy LaFratta, Mary Knight

May 12, 2008 Business Meeting Minutes

Johnsen's Catering
(formerly Zinfandel's)
Palmer, MA

Members Present:
Kris Goold, Carol Bardon, Dot Lafratta, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Chris Gerl, Deb Allen, Julie Bowder, Liz Reeves, Marge Cavanaugh, Debbie Wood, Ann Cormier, Dianne Kidd, Mary Knight, Louise Laroque and BJ Bourdon.
Absent: Mary Ann Rubis, Judy Van de Geer, Janet DaSilva, Kathy Hood.
Guests: Donna Robberts, Monica Moran.

Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes as written.
Treasurer's Report: Deb went over her report and no questions were asked. The $505 from the BNI Martini Monday fundraiser was sent to ZI for the Rose Fund.

Committee Reports
Service: There was nothing to report as a meeting is planned for directly after this business meeting.
Zisvaw: The challenge of the upcoming Oct. Conference (DV Through the Eyes of a Child) is how to make everything flow so that all information can be delivered in 3 hours. The next meeting will be on May 28 at 6:00 pm. Any individuals that have been touched by this issue should be entered into the database so a "save the date" notice can be sent to encourage attendance. The event will be $12 per person which will include the seminar, food and the handbook, Helping Traumatized Children Learn.

Mary Knight has also submitted paper work for a rant to see if we are eligible.

Scholarship: We received two applicants. The committee is in the process of making a decision. TBA at the June meeting. Our YWPA recipient will attend our June meeting.

Relay for Life: Please sign up tonight if you are interested in walking. There is also a sin up sheet for walking times going around. Garden of Martyrs by Michael White was raffled off for $45. to help raise money. Dot Lafratta is the lucky recipient.

Golf: We need players! A sign up sheet for calling sponsors and gifts was passed around. Also a list of tasks that need to be done the day of the tournament. A correction on the Saratoga tickets were made as well. They are not box seats they are clubhouse seats.

Area Conference: Mary shared some highlights of the day for those who couldn't attend. Carol Bardon attended and really enjoyed meeting other Zontians and networking. Everyone greed that Mary Ann did a fabulous job of organizing and executing the day!
BJ mentioned that she will not be at the June meeting but would like someone to take notes on the Convention Issues discussion so she knows how we would like her to vote at the International Conference.
Has anyone given any thought to attending the Fall Conference ? (10/3-5) Let's find out a bit more about the cost etc. ad then discuss it.

Dot and Chris went to the Men's Resource fundraiser, Challenge and Change and said it was wonderful. Over 400 people attended.

BJ inducted our 2008 - 2010 Executive Board. Congratulations and Best Wishes!
President Mary Knight
Vice President Janet DaSilva
Treasurer Julie Bowder
Secretary Carol Bardon
Board of Directors
Chris Gerl, Louise Laroque, and Joanne Turner-Chicchia

Monica Moran from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Domestic Violence Task Force shared some of the needs that they have. They feel that this area needs a DV advocate. Possibly starting with 5 hours a week. Their goal is to reach victims and work on prevention.

We will be doing Zontian of the Year at the June meeting.

Tonight's Raffle winner are: Kris Goold and Dot Lafratta

Meeting Adjourned 7:45
Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Reeve, Outgoing Secretary

The Service Committee will submit a request at the June meeting to make a donation to the MELD program, which is part of the MSPCC-Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. This program supports healthy families through education and support of teen mothers. The Committee is recommending a donation of $100. Please contact Joanne if you would like more information about this program.

Joanne Turner Chiacchia, Service Chair

Golf Update: Crunch Time, Ladies! Deb Wood

1.) SPONSORS: We are about $300 short of our hope to exceed last years' contribution from sponsors. This does not include the recently collected or promised contributions from Papale Eye Center & Van Pool Transportation. I understand that Allied Home Mortgage and Village Financial will be contributing soon. We usually receive support from Baldyga's and an insurance co that no longer exists. Lets see if we can add some new annual sponsors. I absolutely need the names and $ by June 9th in order to arrange a sponsor sign, enter an acknowledgement on our program roster and send a thank you.

2.) PLAYERS: We are in urgent need of players, novices and experienced alike. I know that some of you mentioned some teams you might have. Could you please "reply all" and list those names so that Marge knows the # of players and teams to arrange. If you have some single players and can communicate their level of experience, Marge will team them up accordingly. It is important to recruit players for a day of fun as this feature accounts for over 1/3 of our profits. If you can E Mail the names to Marge and bring the promised registration fees to the June 9th meeting as we have to turn in the team names to Mill Valley by June 11th.

3.) PRIZE DONATIONS: I know that most of us collect and contribute a nice variety of prizes for all players, men and women alike. If you are at a loss for ideas, Gift Cards from Restaurants like Friendly's, the 99, movie theater tickets, etc. are always popular as well as Forever and Breast Cancer stamps. I might add that gas cards would be very popular this year. Please keep me informed of the names and addresses of those donated prizes and Gift Certificates as we need to display them near the prize table and mention on the programs and to send a thank you note. Please bring all these certificates to the June 9th meeting or mail to me.

4.) SELL, SELL, SELL RAFFLE TICKETS: Some of you have already turned in $ and tickets stubs at the May meeting. Please continue to bring to the June meeting or mail to me. We will have more tickets at the June meeting or I am glad to mail to any of you. Again, the income from the tickets accounts for more than 1/3 of our profits from this fundraiser and is a great way to involve non golfers and all our colleagues, friends and family.

5.) SUPPORT: Most of you signed up for some activity or $ contribution towards contents of give a way bags or A. M. pastries and coffee at the June meeting. Please bring your $ to the June meeting and check the list for the task you signed up for. We can still use some help with registration, placement of rules, sponsor sheets on the carts the day of the tournament. Three of you signed up for a lunch meal the day of the tournament and others can be added at the June meeting. If you cannot attend the June meeting and have a contribution or question, send me an E Mail.

Zontian of the Year for the Quaboag Valley Club

The annual awarding of Zontian of the Year for the Quaboag Valley Club was begun by Deb Wood in 2001 for outstanding service deserving of recognition by peers. Winners to date:
Marge Cavanaugh (01), Joanne Turner-Chiacchia (02), Deb Wood (03), Mary Knight (04), Liz Reeves (05), Mary Ann Rubis (06), Deb Allen (07)

Current members eligible for this award: **Debra Allen, Carol Bardon, BJ Bourdon, Julie Bowder, Marge Cavanaugh, Ann Cormier, Janet DaSilva, Christine Gerl, Kris Goold, Kathy Hood, Dianne Kidd, Mary Knight, Dot LaFratta, Louise LaRoque, Mary Ann Rubis, Elizabeth Reeves, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Debra Wood.** Voting will be by secret ballot at the June meeting.

As you think about your nomination for the 2008 Zontian of the Year, you might consider such factors as enthusiasm for our mission, participation in club events and fundraisers, committee work, leadership roles, longevity and other criteria important to the work of the club.

I nominate: _____

Because:

Convention Issues

At the Area 2 Workshop, Governor Lynn Goodhue reviewed voting issues for us to discuss before our delegate leaves for convention. Copies of the slide show will be available at the May dinner meeting and online at www.zontaqv.org. Here are some of the broad categories:

Foundation Fundraising Goals:

Total (excluding the Endowment Fund) US$4,020,000
International Service Fund 1,600,000
ZISVAW Fund 600,000
Rose Fund 800,000
Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund 650,000
Jane M. Klausman Scholarship Fund 150,000
Young Women in Public Affairs Fund 190,000
WHPPI Fund 30,000

International Service Projects

¨ Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV in Rwanda
Partner: UNICEF 2008-2010 funding: US $600,000

¨ Safe Cities for Women Project in Guatemala City, Guatemala and San Salvador, El Salvador
Partner: UNIFEM 2008-2010 funding: US $600,000

¨ Reduction of Obstetric Fistula in Liberia within the context of Maternal and Newborn Health
Partner: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) 2008-2010 funding: US $450,000

ZISVA Projects

¨ Ending Violence Against Women through Community Action (EVAWCA) in Cambodia
Partner: UNIFEM 2008-2010 funding: US $300,000

¨ Combating physical violence against women and supporting the implementation of protective and anti-discriminatory laws and policies in Egypt
Partner: UNIFEM 2008-2010 funding: US $200,000

¨ Community-based center for housing and rehabilitation of women victims of violence in Syria
2008-2010 funding: US $100,000

ByLaw Proposed Changes

¨ Terms for International Directors.
¨ Composition of At-Large International Nominating Committee
¨ Changes to other International Committees: PR&C, Status of Women/Service
¨ District Nominating Committees
¨ Club Membership
¨ Resolutions
¨ Change “Chairman” to “Chair” throughout

Dues The Zonta International Board recommends

¨ a US $15 dues increase, retroactive to 1 June 2008.
¨ US $1 dues increase at the beginning of each biennium, effective with the 1 June 2010 billing, until amended at a future convention.

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The ZONTA Club of Quaboag Valley
14th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Saturday, June 14, 2008

Mill Valley Golf Links, Belchertown, MA

7:00 a.m. **Registration, Coffee/Danish**

8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start - 18 Hole Scramble

1:30 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.

Forms on-line at www.zontaqv.org