



# Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley

## Member of Zonta International

*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

ZONTA BOG NEWSLETTER JUNE 2010

### 2010 CALENDAR



**June 5 Golf Tournament**  
Annual Fundraiser  
Quaboag Valley Country Club

**June 14 Dinner Meeting**  
Menu: Salad Buffet  
Installation of Officers  
YWPA Award: **Karla DosSantos**  
Year in Review



**June 25—30**  
**ZI Convention**  
**San Antonio, TX**

**Summer Break**  
Possible Environmental Project  
Possible Informal Get-together

**September 13 Dinner Meeting**  
Convention Highlights

Save the date: **Fall District Conference will be in Bedford, MA October 22– 24th**

Guests Welcome! We meet at **Johnsens Catering** on Main Street in Palmer. See our **Website zontaqv.org** for directions and info about Zonta's good work. **Dinner \$18.00 \***  
**Notify Mary Knight** at 413 219-8260 or [info@zontaqv.org](mailto:info@zontaqv.org) of the number of new and/or returning guests, no later than 2/3rd.

**\* Member reservations for the dinner meeting are assumed and payment expected unless we are notified 7 days in advance of the meeting.**

### President's Message

Dear Sister Zontians,

**What a whirlwind two years this has been!** Representing the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley as its President has been a great honor and wonderful learning experience.

I want to thank our hard-working, dedicated Board for their outstanding service: **Janet DaSilva** - Vice President and Membership Chair, **Julie Bowder** - Treasurer and Financial Chair, **Carol Bardon**—Secretary, **Joanne Turner-Chiacchia**, **Marge Cavanaugh** and **Ann Cormier**. I'm very proud that we gained 7 new members: **Wendy Sergeant**, **Cathy Chamberlin**, **Carly Cavanaugh**, **Lisa Sedelow**, **Pam Albertson**, **Carolyn Braskie**, and **Patricia Pulek**. I deeply miss Kathy Hood and the members who have moved on, and I am sad to announce that Carol Bardon has given her notice of resignation.

Kudos to **Kris Gould** for her generosity—while choosing to do so behind the scenes, Kris is responsible for helping to keep our operating costs to a minimum. **Deb Wood** and **Liz Reeves** deserve the 'Above and Beyond' award for their continued leadership in our two major fundraisers—despite the difficult financial climate, they have kept our spirits up and have managed to bring in profits for service projects again and again. The dynamic duo of **Di-anne Kidd** and **Betty Jane Bourdon** are behind the success of our newest successful endeavor—the Silent "No More!" Auction—it keeps getting bigger and better. Last but not least, I would like to recognize my mentor, **Mary Ann Rubis**, and congratulate her for an amazing job as our District Lt. Governor for the last two years. What a team we have!

**Our last meeting of this fiscal year will be a full one!** We will install our new officers, honor this year's YWPA award recipient, review voting decisions to be made at the **60th International Convention 2010 in San Antonio, TX**, get a look at our proposed budget for 2011-2012, hear updates from the Silent "No More!" Auction, the Area Spring Conference, our annual Golf Tournament, and vote for our ZQV of the Year!

You don't want to miss this meeting!! Please be sure to get me the final count for guests by **Wednesday June 9th**.

Thanks again for your support over my biennium!

Best Mary Knight



### 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. Each year the award recipient is honored with a \$100 gift that will be donated to the charity of her choice.

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), AnnCormier (08), Kris Goold (09).

Current members eligible for this award: **BJ Bourdon, Julie Bowder, Marge Cavanaugh, Ann Cormier, Janet DaSilva, Kris Goold, Dianne Kidd, Mary Knight, Mary Ann Rubis, Elizabeth Reeves, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Debra Wood, Wendy Sergeant, Cathy Chamberlin, Carly Cavanaugh, Lisa Sedelow, Pam Albertson, Carolyn Braskie, and Patricia Pupek.**

Voting will be by secret ballot at the June meeting. As you think about your nomination for the 2010 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:

## Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley District I, Area II, Charter 1317 of Zonta International Club Officers 2010—2011

**President:** Betty Jane Bourdon  
**Vice President:** Dianne Kidd,  
**Treasurer:** Julie Bower,  
**Secretary:** Marge Cavanaugh,  
**Directors:** Cathy Chamberlin,  
Ann Cormier,  
Mary Knight (ex officio)

### Standing Committees

#### Where do you want to Spend your Service Hours?

- Finance
- Membership
- Program
- PR /Marketing
- UN /Advocacy
- Status of Women/ Service
- Scholarships
- Bylaws
- Environmental
- Poinsettia Fundraiser
- Golf Fundraiser
- Silent Auction Fundraiser
- Archives
- Nominating

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## April 12, 2010 Business Meeting Minutes

**Johnsen's Catering**  
Palmer, Massachusetts

**Note:** There was no May business meeting due to the Silent "NoMore!" Auction event.

**Members:** Pam Albertson, Carol Bardon, Julie Bowder, Carolyn Braskie, BJ Bourdon, Carly Cavanaugh, Marge Cavanaugh, Catherine Chamberlin, Ann Cormier, Janet DaSilva, Dianne Kidd, Mary Knight, Trish Pupek, Liz Reeves, Mary Ann Rubis, Wendy Sergeant, Lisa Sedelow, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia and Debbie Wood.

**Absent:** Kris Goold

**Guests:** Kathy Fuss, RN and John Gilbert.

**Meeting called to order at 6:00pm**

**Announcements:** Activity report needs to be filled out from September to March or each month; Mary needs for district report. Jayma Hall asked us to share our mentoring program at the District Meeting May 1st. Members are asked to complete survey; there are a few on the table. Spring Boutique gowns – collected over 100 gowns at the Palmer Library. We receive a thank you letter from Angie Morrell, last month's speaker from MSPCC.

**Presentation:** Kathy Fuss, RN and John Gilbert, members of St. Cecilia's Church in Wilbraham, part of the Crudem Foundation showed slides and talked about their trip to Haiti to Hôpital Sacré Coeur to work with earthquake victims.

**Minutes approved as written.**

**Treasurer's report** – Julie explained treasurer's and gave out reminders for Zonta dues. Voted to file for audit.

**Nominations:** President – BJ, V.P. - Dianne, Secretary – Marge, and Treasurer – Julie. Voted to accept slate as presented. Installation at June Meeting.

**Service:** Motion made to provide donations to Opportunities for Communities \$200 and Palmer Library, summer reading programs \$200, voted to accept. Donations to Domestic Violence and task forces in Ware and Palmer will be discussed at board meeting.

**Silent No More Auction** – Dianne – Discussion on how to distribute funds: ZIF, Bullying programs at two local high schools (Palmer and Pathfinder), Suicide Prevention group and the MSPCC. Need to ask for someone from organizations to speak at auction. Invitations to be mailed and emailed. Dianne mentioned that we could arrive around 4pm to set up for auction. Bring contributions to Dianne or Liz IF unable to arrive early. Need number of people attending by Wednesday before auction so Betsy can prepare. There will be a cash bar. Need to get word out. Invited for 5:30pm, first table to be auctioned at 6:30pm. Dianne will be auctioneer, Cathy will be back up. Dianne suggested having a donations box for auction.

**Golf Tournament** – Deb – sent around sign up list for volunteers. We need more sponsors. Several previous sponsors are giving gift certificates or gifts instead of sponsorships. There are extra sponsor forms and players' form. We should make about the same as last year. Betsy could make a tray of desert items for about \$50. Looking for prizes for players around \$10 -\$30. Would like one for each player or gift certificate.

**Young Women in Public Affairs Award** – Carol – Winner is **Karla DosSantos** from Ludlow HS. Her sister was last year's recipient.

**Klausman Scholarship Award** – Carol – deadline is the end of April – No scholarship applications received so far.

**International Convention and Delegate** – Mary Ann was nominated to be Delegate and BJ to be alternate. Both graciously accepted. Voted and approved. Delegate information to be reviewed at June meeting. Give away at conference was discussed and Carolyn showed a sample pin. While the idea is a good one, we can't use club funds and with only two delegates attending the conference, the cost is prohibitive. This will need to be addressed in the future.

**Spring District Conference—May 1st in Northampton** Members are encouraged to attend. Agenda is well planned and something to be learned by everyone.

**Raffle** – Liz Reeves and Cathy Chamberlin.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Bardon, Secretary



## *Silent "no more!" Auction*

**BECAUSE VICTIMS NEED TO BE HEARD**  
OUR 2010 EVENT WAS AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS!

THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS SHARED THE PROFITS:

### **Bullying Prevention Efforts at Palmer High School and Pathfinder Regional High School**

On May 3, 2010, Gov. Deval Patrick signed an Anti-Bullying bill into law. The bill bans bullying at schools, school buses and through electronic devices including cell phones, e-mail and social networking sites. The bill also prohibits retaliating against people who witness bullying and report it. It calls for bullying prevention to be incorporated into curriculum and for each school to develop intervention and prevention plans. The plans must include clear procedures for students, educators and parents to report bullying, a range of punishments for bullying, and rules for restoring safety for victims. **Why the focus?** Children who are bullied are more likely to develop future academic problems and psychological difficulties. Serious problems such as depression and low self-esteem can result, and they can continue into adulthood. Without effective intervention, children who regularly bully others may grow up to become perpetrators of domestic violence, child abuse, hate crimes, sexual abuse, and other illegal behavior. Let's be silent no more!

The **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)** is the leading national not-for-profit organization exclusively dedicated to understanding and preventing suicide through research, education and advocacy, and to reaching out to people with mental disorders and those impacted by suicide. **More info: [www.afsp.org](http://www.afsp.org)**

The **Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC)** is a private, nonprofit society with a legacy of strengthening families and preventing child abuse through essential child welfare and mental health treatment and effective public advocacy. Two core principles: Children deserve to be safe and happy and Children grow up best in families. **More info: [www.msppcc.org](http://www.msppcc.org)**

### **Zonta International Foundation**

Globally, gender-based violence is the most pervasive and least recognized human rights violation. Rooted in inequality, it affects women of every race, class, culture, ethnicity, age and country. Zonta International strives to promote and protect the human rights of all women and girls and reduce the incidence of violence through the Zonta International Strategies to End Violence Against Women (ZISVAW) Program by: Supporting prevention and advocacy strategies locally and internationally. Awarding grants to United Nations agencies or recognized NGOs for projects that seek to change personal and/or political knowledge, attitudes and behavior contributing to gender-based violence. Increasing awareness and actions related to preventing violence against women by encouraging Zonta club involvement in local and national advocacy initiatives and service **More info: [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)**

## Convention 2010 in San Antonio



Delegate Mary Ann Rubis and Alternate Betty Jane Bourdon are doing their homework in preparation for representing our club at the International Convention. In addition to the Biennial Goals and Slate of Officers to review, there are several proposed bylaw edits and resolutions to be voted on during the business sessions. **At the June meeting, we have blocked off a short period of time for you to ask questions and provide input on the proposals to our delegates.** A PDF file has been added to [www.zontaqv.org](http://www.zontaqv.org) home page. Click on: [ZI Bylaws & Resolutions to review](#).

Here is a sampling:

### 7. Article V, Section 8. Emergency Assessment.

Proposal to change the per capita assessment from "no more than \$5.00/year" to an "assessment... not to exceed 10% of current dues."

**RATIONALE:** This has been the same for 16 years. It is time to change and a percentage is more applicable than a specified dollar amount.

### 11. Article VII, Zonta International Board, New Section 3. Membership on Zonta International Foundation Board.

Proposed by District 3: No member of the Zonta International Board except the Zonta International President and the Zonta International President-elect shall serve on the Zonta International Foundation Board while serving on the Zonta International Board.

**RATIONALE:** The Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation boards serve different functions and it is critical that the Foundation Board include directors with specialized expertise that may not be crucial for members of the International Board.

**Not recommended for adoption** by the Zonta International Board. Read the rationale to see why.

### 12a. Article VII, Zonta International Board,

Proposal by District 13 begins: Zonta International Headquarters shall maintain a record with the exact wording of the decisions (serially numbered) made by the ZI/ZIF board. Except are decisions on procedural matters (i.e. when the meeting started, adjourned and ended). The record will state the number of votes for and against each decision, or whether it was adopted by general consent. ...

**Not recommended for adoption** by the Zonta International Board with the following rationale: The proposal deals with procedural and administrative matters. Rules on such matters should not be included in the ZI Bylaws. ZIF Bylaws provisions cannot be included in the ZI Bylaws since ZIF is a separate legal entity and has its own bylaws.

### 18c. Article XIV, Clubs, Section 9. Committees. P 40

Proposed: There shall be an Organization, Membership and Classification Committee, a Service Committee, a Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Committee and such other committees as the club board may authorize to achieve biennium goals.

**RATIONALE:** Many clubs are adopting differing combinations of responsibilities in their committees and the current list of standing committees may not be best suited to the club's operations. However, with service and advocacy the means by which we aim to advance the status of women, and with a need to focus on recruiting and retaining members, the mandated committees proposed are most important. The committee structure should be the same at all levels of Zonta.

### 26b. Grievances other than those concerning removal, suspension or expulsion. P 49

Proposed by District 12 to add: Complaints against a decision of an International Committee or Committee Chairman may be submitted by a district board in writing to the Zonta International Board for resolution.

**RATIONALE:** The Zonta International Bylaws and Rules of Procedure offer no procedure for requesting reconsideration of a decision of the Zonta International Board.

**Not recommended for adoption** by the Zonta International Board. Read the rationale to understand its position.

To see all the conference materials, go to [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org), click on Member Resources and select the Convention tab. (You will need to preregister and get a new username and password if this is your visit to the new site.)

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## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual ZONTA Golf Tournament Fundraiser

### Saturday, June 5, 2010

QUABOAG COUNTRY CLUB, MONSON, MA

7:00 a.m. Registration, Coffee / Danish  
8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start - 18 Hole Scramble / carts included - snacks included at the turn.  
1:30 p.m. Picnic Lunch – Burgers, Dogs, Salads **Raffles and Prizes for Everyone!**

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** Each member is asked to sell at least 10 books of tickets to sell to family, colleagues and friends. Please bring \$ and ticket stubs to the tournament. **Please also try to help with a \$5.00 towards the \$100 Lottery Ticket Prize,**

**GOLFERS:** Any last minute golfers? If anyone needs players to make a foursome, we will do our best to match and complete the groups. **The reasonable cost of \$65 per person (\$40 for Quaboag Valley members)** includes everything!

**SPONSORS:** Please support our sponsors! A complete list will be available at the course.

**PRIZES:** We provide each player with a prize ranging in value from \$10 to \$100—they include gift cards to restaurants, cinemas, sporting goods stores, bottles of wine or beer, Forever stamps, shirts (size large and extra large), hats, coolers, tools, fishing rods, etc. Please bring your gifts to the event. Deb Wood will acknowledge outside donors in the program.

#### **DAY OF TOURNAMENT:**

Players, try to be at Quaboag by 6:30ish to set up registration table /goodie bags; to set up areas for 50/50 raffle, raffle ticket sales and “do overs”; to greet our guests, and relax with Danish and coffee before the match. Prize tables will be set up by those not playing—we hope you can stay for lunch to hear all the compliments!