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

ZONTA BOG NEWSLETTER MAY 2008

2008 CALENDAR

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

5/12 Dinner Meeting Zinfandel's Palmer, MA

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

6/9 Dinner Meeting Zinfandel's Palmer, MA

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

Save the dates:

October 3-5 District Conference Nova Scotia

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:

Where did the year go? This is my final president's newsletter.

First: I would like to thank all who contributed to the years' achievements. Looking back to each event, we have done a great deal to promote the status of women and children.

We did well with fund raising for our local club and the check presented to the international foundation from the Martini Monday was a bonus we did not count on, but what a wonderful gift. I'm sure we will hear where the funds will be used.

Local events: Toys for Christmas, the Literacy basket, readings at the library, Habitant House, Domestic Violence taskforce, and Men's Resource Center are some of the wonderful thing we are involved in.

Next fall the Conference on domestic violence "through the eyes of a child" will be a wonderful joint effort in our area. I hope all goes well.

District conference has raised funds for the International Foundation and local clubs. We have very generous members and we all had a good time doing this.

Area conference this year will be focusing on books for the area children. I hope everyone supports the effort by the Valley Opportunity Council and will buy as many books as you can. Our young people are the key to the future.

Are you going? International Conference in Rotterdam this summer.

We do have a YWPA recipient in June. Thanks to all the participants. This is only one of the ways we spread awareness about Zonta and our service to the community.

I want to thank all of our committees and the Chairpersons for your hard work. It is through the work we do that awareness for Zonta and the improvement for the status of women and children is spread.

Thank you Again:

Christine Gerl, President
Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley

Annual Dues of $124 are owed by June. The dues were increased this year to include the $3 we generally contribute each month. This means that the only amount collected from members at the monthly meetings—starting in June—will be the cost of dinner. If this causes a cash-flow problem, please see Mary Knight.

14th Annual Golf Tournament—June 14, 2008

Golf Committee Report

By now most of you should have received raffle tickets to sell. We want to clarify one misprint. The 4 tickets for Saratoga Racetrack are for **FRONT ROW CLUBHOUSE** seats, **not** box seats. I don't think it will make a difference to the winner but Diane wanted to be certain we don't misrepresent the prize. You are welcome to bring any tickets and $ to the next 2 dinner meetings. If you need more tickets, we will have them at each meeting. Hopefully everyone will sell all their tickets, as this income accounts for more than 1/3 of our profits.

We have received replies from about ½ of our sponsors but strongly encourage all members to seek new companies and follow up with those businesses which typically contribute. We have a few sponsors from the past we know are not contributing. If you have new sponsors we should try, E Mail me the name, address and I am glad to send a request to them. The sponsors account for another 1/3 of our profits. As Marge related at our last meeting, we all need to work on players so please talk it up with anyone who owns clubs and wants a day of fun for a good cause.

Committee members are working on assembling the details of the give-a-ways, etc. A list of the remaining tasks prior to and the day of the tournament will be circulated at the next meeting for members to sign up.
Respectfully submitted by Debbie W., Co Chair

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

Club Officers 2009

At the April meeting the following slate was voted into office. They will be installed at the May meeting:.

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

Please Note these E-mail Changes:
Janet DaSilva: DaSilvaAssoc@msn.com
Deb Allen: DebAllen22@comcast.net

April Business Meeting Minutes

Zinfandel's Restaurant
Palmer, MA
April 7, 2008

Members Present:
Julie Bowder, Chris Gerl, Dot Lafratta, Liz Reeves, Mary Ann Rubis, Janet DaSilva, Kris Goold, Carol Bardon, Louise Laroque, Dianne Kidd, Mary Knight, Debbie Wood, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, B J Bourdon.
Absent: Deb Allen, Kathy Hood, Ann Cormier, Judy Van de Geer.
Guests: Donna Roberts, Regina Jasak from Business Network International

Meeting started at 6:00

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

Treasurer's Report:
No Report.

Committee Reports
Service:
Two proposals were presented and voted on.
A $30 gift certificate for Mill Valley to add to the Literacy basket. The vote was accepted.
Amber Whistles - A vote to donate $100 to purchase them.
The Service Committee will look at a letter of request for funds that was received from a mission in Haiti to see if it would be something that would fit into what we support.

UN: No report

ZISVAW: There is a dinner on May 4 from 4 until 7 pm put on by the Men's Resource Center, Challenge and Change, to help raise funds for the center. Some members attended last year and mentioned that it was a wonderful event.
Mary mentioned that our Conference on Domestic Violence needs more help from the membership so step right up and see how you can help.

Golf: The letters have been mailed out to sponsors. Please feel free to add to the list if you know of anyone. Mohegan Sun has donated a dinner for two. Pathfinder will be printing the raffle tickets and the committee will mail them out as soon as they are done. $2 each or 3/$5. Prizes include: Four tickets to Saratoga, Two tickets to a Red Sox game, maybe two more, A rocker from Dream Catchers and Marge's quilt. WE NEED PLAYERS SO PUT THE WORD OUT!

Literacy:
Marge reported that the Literacy Basket is amazing! The basket will be at the Palmer Public Library and the drawing will be 6/2.

Scholarship:
Christina Benoit is the recipient of the YWPA. She is from Pathfinder. She and her family will attend the June meeting.
To date there are no Jane Klausman applicants.

Habitat Project:
Tom Shea has offered 4/19 or 4/26 9 am to 2 pm. They will be working on siding. Chris will e-mail the membership with the details.

Relay for Life: Dianne has registration forms available. The first 15 people on team to register receive a free t-shirt. They are looking for help at the Luminary Ceremony. Ideas to fundraise ?
At the May meeting Dianne would like to know who will be willing to help setup & tear down and if anyone has a tent and a table.

Fall Conference 10/3-5: Joanne asked when we will be able to register for Fall Conference in Halifax. A suggestion was made that the area may want to rent a bus so attendees could ride up together. Everyone will need a passport.

Area 2 Meeting: Mary Ann is accepting registrations for the May 3rd event. Perspective members are welcome.

Martini Monday: Donna Roberts and Regina Jasak from BNI presented our club with the money raised at the event. The total is $505.00. Thank you!

Slate of 2008-2010 Officers: The recommended Board has been accepted. BJ has nominated Dianne Kidd to be chair of the nominating committee with Marge as co-chair and Louise as a member of the committee.

Program: This evening's program was a current events discussion. Each table was given a question to discuss and then share with everyone else.

Raffle Winners: Carol Bardon and Marge Cavanaugh

Board meeting to be held at R & C Floral at 6:00 pm on Monday April 21. The incoming board is invited to attend.

Meeting Adjourned 7:45
Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Reeves, Secretary

Habitat for Humanity Work Day

4 Zontians, Debbie W., Marge, Chris G., and Judy V. reported for assignments on Sat., April 26th to work on a home in Monson for a family of 3 . The family, parents and a son were on hand to help with all tasks and expressed their gratitude to all the crew members. A bit of education regarding the Zonta organization was provided during the breaks. Marge and I worked with 2 very patient men, one very experienced and clearly the leader on constructing stair treads and walls supports for the basement stairs. A few tips on hammering helped us make quick work to assemble the frames. It was a meaningful experience for all of us and I encourage others to take a turn at the site. I understand that on Sat., May 10th just before Mother's Day they are trying to assemble a crew of 75% women for the day. We need to communicate with Tom Shea in advance as they carefully plan to assure they have adequate food and crews for the various tasks that are planned for the day. Submitted by Debbie W.

District I Area 2 Workshop
May 3, 2008 Clarion Hotel, Noho

What we were promised: 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.

What we experienced:
A most informative, well organized and fun day thanks to MaryAnn Rubis' detailed and thorough planning (how many service hours involved in your preparations?) and great ability to solicit cooperation and maintain active communication with all involved. The delivery of information and introduction of all the players was most professional, considerate and obviously well researched. Mary Ann has developed and nurtured some great relationships as Area 2 Director that will serve her well as Lt. Governor and who knows, some day she may be a major player in the Zonta International scene.

Guest Kathy Picard is presented with a $100 toward purchase of Amber Whistles.

We are proud to have you and B.J. represent us in Rotterdam. Again, Mary Ann; you did a super, brilliant job.

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

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.

Slate of officers

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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