



# Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley

## Member of Zonta International

*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

ZONTA BOG NEWSLETTER

MAY 2009

### 2009 CALENDAR

**May 11 5:30—7: 30  
Meeting & Silent (no  
more!) Auction to  
benefit Domestic Vio-  
lence Task Forces in  
and around the  
Quaboag Valley**



**Induction of new members:**

**Catherine Chamberlin**

**Wendy Sergeant**

**YWPA Award recipient:**

**Marissa Dos Santos**

**May 16 District Workshop—Wells, ME**

**June 8 Dinner Meeting**

**June 13 Golf Tournament—**

**Quaboag CC Monson**

**June 26 –27 Relay for Life—**

**Belchertown High School**

**September 14 Dinner Meeting**

**October 4 1pm Brimfield Common**

**2nd Annual Stepping Out Against DV**

**Tri-Town, Warren, Ware, and Palmer**

**October 19 Dinner Meeting**

**October 23-25 District Fall Conference**

**Jiminy Peak Resort, Hancock, MA**

Guests Welcome! We meet at **Johnsens Catering** on Main Street in Palmer. See our **Website [zontaqv.org](http://zontaqv.org)** for directions and info about Zonta's good work..

**Dinner \$18.00. \***

**Notify Mary Knight** at 586 4900 x106 or [mknight@collaborative.org](mailto:mknight@collaborative.org) of the number of new and/or returning guests, no later than May 7th. 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

We have a very busy and exciting Spring—be prepared to have fun!

Our 'usual' dinner meeting on May 11 will be anything but. We are holding a Silent "no more!" Auction - our first of a possible annual event—to raise money for the local domestic violence task forces serving the greater Quaboag Valley AND to raise awareness about the mission of Zonta. A wide array of finger food and a cash bar will be available to sustain our guests as they bid on over 40 different items during the night. There will also be door prizes and a few surprises. PLEASE follow up with guests you've invited to get a commitment—we need a count by Thursday morning before the event.

Immediately following the final auction we will be inducting two new members: Catherine Chamberlin and Wendy Sergeant. And, we have our YWPA winner - Marissa Dos Santos joining us to receive her award and be recognized.

Because time is tight, we ask that you be sure to read this newsletter to get caught up on items that would normally be discussed at the meeting. We have several people going to Wells ME for the District Workshop, so we will be well represented!

In June, we will be holding our last dinner meeting of the fiscal year, sponsoring our golf tournament fundraiser at a new venue and participating in the Relay for Life—in memory of Kathy Hood and in honor of so many of us who are survivors of cancer.

Thanks to all of you for the work you have done and continue to do in the name of Zonta. You should be very proud. I know I am! Best, Mary Knight

## Important Briefs

### Annual Membership Dues for the period June 1, 2009—May 31 2010 is \$124.00

Please make check payable to Zonta of Quaboag Valley and bring to May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you are unable to attend you can mail checks to Julie Bowder 53 Old Poor Farm Rd. Ware, MA 01082

**Annual Golf tournament June 13 at Quaboag Country Club** in Monson MA. Shotgun start at 8am followed by picnic lunch and great prizes! Everyone is a winner at this tournament. PLEASE talk it up with friends and colleagues! Print out the registration form from our website—[www.zontaqv.org](http://www.zontaqv.org) and see the detailed write up in this newsletter from the hardworking committee!

**Relay for Life— June 26 6pm—June 27 noon Belchertown High School—to raise money for the American Cancer Society.** Relay teams are made up of members of our club, friends and extended family. Our team will hopefully have a tent and we'll take turns walking around for the duration of the event. A myriad of fun and educational activities helps keep up the momentum throughout the night while luminarias (candle lanterns) are lit in honor or memory of loved ones who have had cancer. **ZQV members—please get pledges AND be prepared to sign up to walk 1 hour intervals. We have 18 hours to cover!**

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and content  
suggestions are  
encouraged.  
Please send to  
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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 Louise Larocque Joanne Turner-Chiacchia

### Committee Chairs

Finance.....	Julie Bowder
Membership.....	Janet DaSilva
PR/Marketing.....	Louise Larocque
UN/International.....	Liz Reeves
Status of Women.....	Deb Allen
Scholarships.....	Carol Bardon
ZISVAW.....	Mary Knight
Bylaws.....	Bj Bourdon
Environmental.....	Joanne Turner-Chiacchia
Poinsettia Fundraiser. ...	Ann Cormier
Founders Day.....	Chris Gerl
Holiday Party.....	MaryAnn Rubis
Golf Fundraiser.....	Debbie Wood
Archives.....	Marge Cavanaugh
Nominating.....	Dianne Kidd

## April 13, 2009 Business Meeting Minutes

### **Johnsen's Catering Palmer, Massachusetts**

**Members:** Carol Bardon, Julie Bowder, Marge Cavanaugh, Ann Cormier, Chris Gerl, Dot LaFratta, Dianne Kid, Mary Knight, Liz Reeves, Mary Ann Rubis, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, and Deb Woods.

**Absent:** BJ Bourdon, Janet DaSilva, Kris Goold,

**Guests:** Susan Jay-Kaplan, Wendy Sergeant, Pam Albertson, and Joyce Merriman.

Networking 5:30 – 6:00 pm.  
Dinner began at 6:15 pm  
Mary Knight called the business meeting to order.

**Minutes:** Voted to approve

**Treasurer's Report:** Julie reported that the CD for \$6,000 was renewed with Country Bank for 5 months at a rate of 2.23%. She also explained the Treasurer's Report. There was a discussion about annual dues, service dollars available and clubs contribution to ZIF. Joanne recommended that we give our usual 1/3 to ZIF. Voted to file for audit.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Need to obtain the Westfield funds and put into a CD, need to talk with BJ about the funds.

**Golf Fundraiser:** Deb Woods – Raffle tickets were given to each member, 10 packets for a

total of \$50.00. Sponsor and registration forms are on the web site. We are looking for give-aways, bags, and zipper bags, visors. This year will be able to give pastries and snacks, due to the new location. The golf club will give coffee.

**Relay for Life:** Joanne and Dianne discussed the Relay for Life in Belchertown on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Last year we had many luminaries. They passed out application fees and luminary applications.

**Scholarship:** Carol reported that Marissa Dos Santos from Ludlow High School is this year's recipient. We are waiting for applications for the Klausman award.

**Membership:** Janet and Kris absent, Catherine Chamberlin will be a new inductee next month.

Dianne proposed that our May meeting be a marketing meeting, inviting potential members, having finger food instead of a dinner meeting; and a silent auction. Members will pay the usual \$18.00 and guest will be free. Let Dianne, Liz, or Joanne know what is to be auctioned.

**Service:** Need to look at available funds. Marge showed the golf basket for the literacy raffle. Motion made and approved to add \$40 for the raffle for the Palmer Library.

**ZISVAW:** At this time, there is a profit of \$293.64; this is the final call for any receipts for the October event.

**Nominating:** There is an opening on the board, Louise Larocque is no longer a member. Need volunteers for the nominating committee. Mary will double check on the nominating committee.

There are 7 members going to the District Workshop in Maine on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Mary Ann discussed Canadian retreat.

Mary received an e-mail about "Equal Pay Day" 4/28/09 and shared the information with the club.

Mary read the certificate that our club received from Dress for Success for our clothing donations at the last meeting.

There was a discussion to put together items for a domestic violence tool kit: book items, etc. There is some information in the Boston area. Mary will get the information and e-mail it to the members.

**Guest Speaker:** Susan Jay-Kaplan from Link to Libraries gave a presentation about its mission and how books are collected and distributed to public elementary schools and non-profit organizations in Western Massachusetts.

**Raffle:** Mary Ann Rubis was the winner of two dinners.  
Meeting Adjourned at 7:55pm.  
Respectfully submitted,  
**Carol Bardon, Secretary**

## SIX WEEK COUNTDOWN TO 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



It is crunch time ladies to prepare to make our 15<sup>th</sup> annual event a success. The course is in great shape and we want to make the most of this important event. We need everyone's help !

**RAFFLE TICKET SALES:** Hope every member is selling a minimum of 10 booklets of raffle tickets to friends, colleagues, family, etc. Bring \$ and tickets to the May meeting where more tickets will be available. Keep some on hand in your purse, car or office for potential spontaneous sales.

**GOLFERS:** We really need golfers of all ages and abilities to register for the tournament for a day of fun for a good cause. All members should have copies of registration forms which can be completed accompanied by payment and submitted to Marge by mail or at the next meeting. If anyone needs players to make a foursome, we will do our best to match and complete the groups. Please share that we have a new location at the **Quaboag Country Club in Monson** and inform them that they can look forward to a course that has made some obvious improvements in the course conditions. Also inform players that the low cost of **\$60 per person includes 18 holes of golf, cart, pastries, snacks, lunch, prizes and a day of fun for a good cause!!!**

**SPONSORS:** We have just passed the ½ way point in sponsor responses. If asked, please follow up. Since some levels of sponsorship have decreased, we really need some new and additional sponsors to add to our list of contributors. We can assure sponsors of signage acknowledging their donations on the golf course and in program.

**PRIZES:** Collection of prizes suitable for men and women \$10 or greater in value so that every player (72 approx) can be assured a prize. Some suggestions include gift cards to restaurants, sporting goods stores, services such as massage, hair, manicures, bottles of wine/beer, Forever Stamps, tools, hats, clothing ( sizes large and extra large) coolers, outdoor games, picnic items, books on sports, fishing equipment, etc.....hopefully we can be as creative as the assortment of items we offer at our silent auction. If we collect 3-4 items per member we should have enough for all players. Please bring gift certificates and cards to the May and June meetings so we can prepare them for display. Also E Mail me those donated items & name, address, etc. so that a thank you letter can be sent to the donor and their name can be listed in the program.

**MISCELLANEOUS TASKS PRIOR AND DAY OF TOURNAMENT:** You have been sent a list of tasks prior to and on the day of the tournament for members to sign up in advance. The list will be circulated at the May meeting for members to review. Please note that it is an option for non golfers to stay for lunch on the day of the tournament but members need to sign up in advance.

I recognize that we have many activities this spring including our first Silent Auction, new members to induct, spring retreat in Wells, Maine, and our Relay for Life later in June. I also know that collectively we are an awesome group of women who care enough to extend themselves to raise \$ for our many great causes and this 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament will be one of the best ever!!

In gratitude,  
Debbie, Chair  
Golf Tournament Committee



## Silent "no more!" Auction

Because victims of violence need to be heard and 100% of the proceeds of the auction will be donated to the Domestic Violence Task Forces serving Palmer, Ware, Warren and surrounding towns.

**Date: Monday, May 11, 2009 Time: 5:30—7:30**

Location: Events by Johnsens 1432A Main Street, Palmer, MA 00169

Bountiful refreshments from Johnsens Catering, beverages and cash barNo admission charge, but bring your checkbook!

A large array of valuable items and themed baskets have been donated by Zonta members and local businesses.

**RSVP required by 5/6. Please contact Joanne Turner- Chiacchia PHONE: 413 283-9575**

### A Sampling of items for the Silent Auction ~ something for everyone and every wallet

Vermont Breakfast basket  
Jewelry  
English Country Garden  
Geraniums & Ivy Pot  
Pink Flowers  
Lenox Teapot  
Handbag  
Mikasa Bowl  
Mikasa Platter  
Dip and Chip Set  
Indoor Grill  
Gift Certificates  
Breakfast Basket  
Barbeque Basket  
Snow Baby Doll  
Framed /Signed Ruth Sanderson  
Picnic bag / wine and cheese  
Cancer Stamps, Notepaper  
Garden Stone by Laurie Fay  
Clay Patio Pot w/Hibiscus Tree  
Italian dinner basket  
Christmas Onieda dishes  
Red Sox items  
Monthly Pies from Johnsens  
Avon Beauty Product package  
Pampered Chef items  
Photo display items  
**JUST TO NAME A FEW!!!!**

### Domestic Violence Counts: 2008

On September 17, 2008, 47 out of 52, or 90%, of identified domestic violence programs in Massachusetts participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent information provided by 47 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period

#### 1553 Victims Served in One Day

695 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

858 adults and children received non-residential services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

#### 550 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a life line for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 23 hotline calls every hour.

#### 669 Education in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 669 individuals in communities across Massachusetts attended 32 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

#### 292 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 213 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing. Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 62% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 38% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$28,910.

#### Attorneys

Victims of domestic violence often need legal assistance with restraining orders and civil and family court matters. Of programs that participated in the Census, only 18% of programs reported being able to regularly connect a victim requesting legal assistance with an attorney

*"A client in a very dangerous situation dropped her restraining order against the abuser because she knew that without him she would not be able to pay the rent. She'll lose her home and be homeless."*

*"We received a call from a woman who was being stalked and attacked by her ex-husband. She and her children wanted to leave the area, but we only had one room available., so we had to refer them to another shelter."*



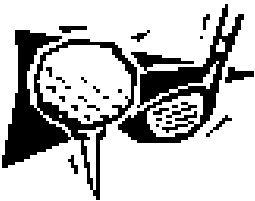
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## 15th ANNUAL ZONTA CLUB OF QUABOAG VALLEY GOLF TOURNAMENT



**Saturday, June 13th** the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley is holding its 15th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser at **Quaboag Country Club in Monson**. Registration for an 18 hole Shotgun Start, Scramble Format starts at 7 A.M. for an 8 A.M. start. **The \$60 cost includes greens fee, cart, coffee, pastries, snacks at the turn, picnic lunch and prizes for everyone!**

Registration forms are available on [www.zontaqv.org](http://www.zontaqv.org) and can be mailed to Marge Cavanaugh, 57 South St., Three Rivers, MA 01080 or call (413) 283-6448 or e mail: [mecqltr@comcast.net](mailto:mecqltr@comcast.net)

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 tournament are used for both local and international service projects benefitting women. Please join us for a day of fun for a good cause!