



# Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley

## Member of Zonta International

*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

### CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2007

**October 1, 2007 Dinner Meeting 5:30 p.m.\***  
Zinfandel's Restaurant.  
Dinner: Chicken Marsala

**10/19-21 District I Conference So. Portland, ME**

**10/24 "Revealing Frankie"**  
Palmer High School 6:30pm

10/24 United Nations Day

11/8 Zonta International Day

**11/5 Dinner Meeting \***

11/25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

12/1 World AIDS Day

**12/10 Dinner Meeting T.B.A.**

**\* Dinner \$15, dues \$3.**  
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.

**Zinfandel's Restaurant,**  
1432A Main Street, Palmer, MA [413/283-2707] - Downtown Palmer on Route 20, at the lights, diagonally across from CVS. Parking is available on Main Street and lot at the corner of Bridge and Main Streets.

## President's Message

Dear Sister Zontians,

Just a reminder ~~~  
October and November dinner meetings are on the **FIRST** Monday of the month!!

I am so proud of our club. More than half of our members is going to the **10/19-21 District I Fall Conference at the Sheraton South Portland, So. Portland, ME**. This has not happened for some time and it speaks volumes as to the new spirit re-emerging. This is what make Quaboag Valley so great. Kudos to all of you. If anyone is a late entry for conference let us know, we always make room for our sisters. Please be thinking of a worthy person in our community for the Founders'

Day recipient. Someone that makes a statement with the work they do to improve the status of women and children.

Let's make this year the best ever and let it be heard. Talk up the club and what we do to improve the status of women and children in our community and around the world.

Yours in Zonta's service  
Christine Gerl

P.S. If you are unable to attend the fall conference and would like to get the updated ZI District I directory, please notify me or Kris Goold.

### Thank you card from guest

From **Madeline Wheeler**  
I wanted to thank you for inviting me to your September dinner meeting. I enjoyed meeting members of Zonta and listening to your guest speaker. I look forward to learning more about your organization and your activities in the future.

As a survivor, I try to take every opportunity to learn how to keep women and children safe from abuse. I look forward to my building my relationship with Zonta.

Take care, and thank you to all of you for your kindness.

The Family Violence Intervention Coalition of Eastern Hampden County

Presents

"Revealing Frankie"



Wednesday, October 24, 2007  
6:30pm  
Palmer High School Auditorium  
Free and Open to the Public  
Mature Content

"Revealing Frankie" is based on a true story about domestic and dating violence. The riveting performance debuted at the Molly Bish Center in the spring of 2007. The audience praised the performance as, "the most stunning theatrical depiction of domestic violence ever seen...something that everyone should witness"

This performance is generously underwritten by a gift from Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley  
www.zontaqv.org

**Please plan on attending Madeline's play and helping to pass the word. Flyers available on our website and at the 10/1 meeting**

# Founders Day Award



**Kathleen Conley Norbut—our 2006 Award Recipient.**

Since 1996, the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley has honored a woman from within the Quaboag Valley community who best exemplifies the ideals of Zonta.

Please bring your nominations for the 2007 Award honoree to the October dinner meeting. Previous Founder's Day

Award recipients include

- 2006 Kathleen Conley Norbut (Advocate extraordinaire)
- 2005 Sandy Nichols (Palmer Community Volunteer)
- 2004 Mary Ann Rigali and Janice Marciniac (Site Coordinators of Cougar's Den)
- 2003 Tess Pelissier (Director of the youth-based Monson Summer Theater)
- 2002 Donna Buxton (Coordinator of the St. Francis Food Pantry in Belchertown),
- 2001 Janice Kucewicz (Vice President of Nursing and Behavioral Health at Wing Medical Center).

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

## Club Officers 2008

**At the May meeting we voted** on our slate of officers for 2007-2008. There was unanimous approval for the following to serve their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of this biennium:

- 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



# Welcome Louise Larocque!

Zonta International Foundation President Betty Jane Bourdon, left (Westfield) welcomes Louise Larocque (Palmer), center as a new member along with Chris Gerl, right (Westfield) President of the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley

at the monthly dinner meeting held September 10th at Zinfandel's in Palmer. Larocque was invited to join the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley as her life exemplifies the ideals of Zonta, an international service organization of business and professional

women working to improve the legal, political, economic, health and educational status of women. Louise lives in Palmer and is a licensed broker with the Allied Home Mortgage Capital Corporation on Boston Road in Wilbraham.

# September Meeting Minutes

**Zinfandel's Restaurant  
Palmer, Massachusetts  
September 10, 2007**

## Business Meeting

### Members Present:

BJ Bourdon, Carol Bardon, Mary Ann Rubis, Julie Bowder, Kathy Hood, Mary Knight, Deb Allen, Liz Reeves, Kris Goold, Debbie Wood, Chris Gerl, Diane Kidd, Marge Cavanaugh, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Judy Van de Geer

**Absent:** Janet DeSilva, Dot La Fratta, Ann Cormier, Jeanne Dill

**Guests** Louise Larocque, Madeline Wheeler, Kathleen Norbut, Margaret Boyko

Dinner started at 6:00, after introductions.

**Madeline Wheeler** announced that her play "Revealing Frankie" will be performed on Oct. 24th 6:30 pm at Palmer High School. The subject matter deals with Domestic Violence. Please mark your calendars.

Due to the holidays in October and November. our business meetings will be changed to the first Monday of the month: Oct. 1 and Nov. 5th. The board meetings will be held on the second Monday at a location to be announced.

**Jeanne Dill** will be resigning from Zonta. She will be greatly missed.

**Louise Larocque** was installed as a member tonight. Welcome Louise !

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

**Treasurers Report:** Deb Allen explained her report. A motion was made and accepted to file for audit.

## Committee Reports

**UN:** BJ is working on scheduling the UN trip with Jackie Shapiro. BJ also mentioned that she spoke with the president of Berkshire Women helping Women Worldwide Fundraise for Unifem. She has offered to come and talk to our club about what they do. BJ thought that it might be a good idea to include other clubs in our area when she comes.

**ZISVAW:** Mary put some suggestions in the newsletter and asked if anyone had anything to add or any other suggestions.

Anyone interested in participating in the Rays of Hope with the Northampton Club should contact Verna Fresca.

Joanne asked if we could get more information on Human Trafficking Awareness.

Liz announced that it is poinsettias time again ! Please submit new business names, addresses, phone number and contact person to any committee person

ASAP. Thank You !

**Interdelegate Meeting:** Kris Goold had a fabulous time at the meeting in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She will put together an article for the newsletter.

**Golf Tournament:** It was a success! We made our financial goal.

## District I Fall Conference 10/19—21

Liz will be the delegate and Marge will be the alternate. Best wishes to our own members running for Lt. Governor—Mary Ann, Area Director—Chris Gerl and Nominating Committee—Kris Goold.

Julie Bowder will get the Vera Bradley bag that the club voted to put in the Silent Auction at District. The proceeds from that will go to ZIF. Julie's Aunt is also making candy necklaces for us to sell at District. Marge will donate one of her quilts too. The proceeds will go to our club. Thanks Julie and Marge !

Program: **Margaret Boyko** from Top Floor Learning at Palmer Library gave a very informative presentation on Literacy efforts. She also shared with us many of the other classes that are offered. There is even a scrabble Tournament on Nov. 1.

We need nominations for Founders Day Recipients !!

Meeting Adjourned 8:00

Respectfully Submitted  
**Liz Reeves**



The theme for the conference is: A BEACON OF LIGHT  
Zonta's Service and Advocacy.



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## Member Profile: Marge Cavanaugh



Marge, front left, shown here with some of her fellow Zontians.

I became a Zontian because of the organization's commitment to women. I grew up in a very male dominated society. Over the years I have realized that together women have a very powerful voice in their communities.

Raised in a family of 10, with 6 sisters, I was the independent one. In order to receive an education, the Women's Army Corp beckoned. It only served to strengthen my belief that women could do anything.

I married, had four children and became a grandmother of eight. One of my children, Colin, is mentally handicapped and lives at home with us.

As an employee of the US Postal Service, I became a Postmaster in Thorndike and Belchertown. Since retiring I have become more active in the community and now serve as the Commander of American Legion Post 130 in Palmer. I golf and quilt among other things.

The women I have met in Zonta, still fill me with awe. Zonta is a big part of my life and I get back much more than I give. I am very proud to be a Zontian.

### **Poinsettia Committee Liz Reeves, Chair**



The Poinsettia Committee had a very productive kick-off meeting. Julie is going to redo letter and email for suggestions to committee members. We also talked about possibly putting an ad in the Palmer journal and other various small town newspapers. Marge is going to check on the cost.

**Reminder for all members:** Please get us some new contacts. I have been taking notice of businesses and am writing their names and addresses to send them a letter. I think it is worth a try and if they don't want them we can take them off the list !