



Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley

Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

2008 CALENDAR

October 3-5 District Conference / Nova Scotia

**October 5 1:00 Stepping Out
Brimfield Town Common**

**October 6 5:30
Dinner Meeting**
Please bring toiletries to donate to local shelters.

**October 20 6:00
Board—Palmer Library**

**October 23 4:00
Domestic Violence Through the Eyes of
a Child**
MassMutual /Chicopee

**October 24 United Nations Day—
publicity opportunity?**

**November 10 5:30
Dinner Meeting
Founders Day Event**
*Please bring canned goods/dry goods to
donate to local food banks.*

Reminder: notify Louise if you are inter-
ested in attending the Massachusetts Confer-
ence for Women 12/11/08 Boston Conven-
tion Center.
www.maconferenceforwomen.org/

See our Calendar at
zontaqv.org/calendar.htm
for other important dates.

Guests Welcome! We meet at **Johnsens Ca-
tering** on Main Street in Palmer 5:30 Social |
6:00 Dinner followed by meeting, program

By the Wednesday before the dinner meeting,
notify Mary Knight at 413 323 4806 or
mfknight@crocker.com of the number of new
and/or returning guests. **Member reserva-
tions for the dinner meeting are as-
sumed and payment expected unless
notice is received by the Wednesday before
the meeting.**

ZONTA BOG NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2008

President's Message

Dear Sister Zontians:

Hope all of you are keeping yourself healthy during the cur-
rent fiscal difficulties on Wall Street and at home. Your fam-
ily, your friends, your career - We often put our self last in
line, but we all need a little self-care.

Joanne and Mary Ann are headed out to Nova Scotia to at-
tend the District Conference! We wish them safe travel and
an exciting time. Joanne will be back in time for our Dinner
meeting and will be able to share first impressions.

We have a lot to cover this Monday—YES—the 1st Monday
of the month: October 6th.

First some reminders. Please bring

- (1) Toiletries to help fill a shopping bag of items for a local shelter
- (2) Nominations for our Founders Day event
- (3) Names (and addresses) of individuals who should receive an invitation to our Founders Day meeting
- (4) Businesses (and addresses) to add to our Poinsettia fund-raiser mailing.

We will start the meeting with a toast to Kathy Hood—
special for all she does for our club and for her remarkable
spunk.

A draft agenda is printed in this newsletter. Please let me
know if you have any additions or changes.

Thanks for all you do.
Mary F. Knight



Domestic Violence: Through the Eyes of a Child—

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

PASS THE WORD: Thursday, October 23, 2008 4:00—7:30
MassMutual Learning Center in Chicopee, MA

Organized by the **Zonta Clubs of Western MA and Connecticut**
Visit: www.zontaqy.org/DomesticViolence.htm for details and Registration form

For professionals who work with children and care about their health and safety:
Learn about the ramifications of growing up in a violent home; how to recognize children who may be at risk; strategies for responding appropriately to innocent victims; and the supports available in our communities to help stop the violence.

Mistress of Ceremonies, District Attorney, **Elizabeth Scheibel**, Northwestern District Speakers: **Debbie King**, LCSW, school counselor and therapist; **Kathy Picard** and **Madeline Wheeler**, survivors and advocates; **LaWanza Lett-Brewington**, ED Safe Passages. Table Facilitators: Experts from local agencies who work with and advocate for children.

Valuable literature and resource materials included in \$12 fee for first 50 registrants.

Zonta Bog
Newsletter feedback
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
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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
Amelia Earhart.....Dianne Kidd
Golf Fundraiser.....Debbie Wood
Archives.....Marge Cavanaugh

Nominating.....T.B.D.

September 8, 2008 Business Meeting

Johnsen's Catering Palmer, Massachusetts

Members Present:

Carol Bardon, Julie Bowder, Ann Cormier, Mary Knight, Deb Allen, Diane Kidd, Marge Cavanaugh, Dianne Kidd, Mary Ann Rubis, Joanne Turner-Chiacchia, Deb Wood, and Janet DaSilva.

Absent: Liz Reeves, BJ Bourdon, Chris Gerl, Dot LaFratta, Louise Larocque, Kris Goold

Guest: Amy Newton, Amber Newton, and Janet Newton

Dinner started at 6:00, after introductions.

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

Treasurer's Report: Julie Bowder explained report. There was a discussion about increasing membership dues. A motion was made and seconded to accept treasurer's report.

Committee Reports

Standing Committees: Mary discussed that committees need to complete a goal sheet.

By-Laws: discussion about having more professional development.

Julie suggested a Zonta tag sale to raise funds. Marge suggested an auction.

Golf Tournament: Deb best year over \$3,000.00 profit.

This was due to people who weren't members of Mill Valley and the sale of raffle tickets. Deb and Marge are looking into a different course for next year. We need to look for other big ticket items for the raffle, about \$300 - \$400.

Poinsettia Fundraiser:

Ann, suggested selling at banks and other public locations.

ZISVAW: Mary discussed the progress of the "Domestic Violence: Seen Through the Eyes of a Child" conference on October 23, 2008. Save the date cards given to members to pass out to the public.

Status of Women: Deb Wood suggested that we need to find more number 1 priority ideas; there was a suggestion for an art show.

"Stepping Out Against Domestic Abuse and Walking Toward Community Awareness, Sunday 10/5 at 1pm

Dianne – Relay for life – Zonta sold a lot of luminaries and raised over \$3,200.

Public Relations: Deb, when we know recipient of Founders Day Award, hopes to be able to get press. Also, need to get more information in the newspaper. Look at calendar for future ideas

Scholarship: Mary presented Amy Newton, Klausman scholarship winner.

Mary Ann Rubis gave highlights from the International Convention in the Netherlands. We now have three district members on the International Foundation. There is a "Zonta Plus Rose" it is on the Zonta website. Zonta website has information and copies of speeches.

Mary discussed issues from the International Convention to accept district budget and by-laws to coincide with international recommendation. Approved.

Julie gave out a letter from International regarding dues increase.

The next International Conventions is in Texas, 2010.

Fall District Conference – Mary, need to elect a delegate and donation for action. Joanne Turner-Chiacchia – delegate, Mary Ann Rubis – Alternate, accepted. Approved to have Julie purchase a gift up to \$100 for silent action.

Raffle winners: Mary Ann, Deb Wood, and Joanne.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 6, 2008 – note change of week.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully submitted
Carol Bardon

October 6, 2008 Dinner Meeting Agenda Johnsen's Catering Palmer, MA

5:30 – 6:00 Network

Please bring toiletries to donate to local shelters

Please be prepared to share something special about Kathy Hood. Introduce Guests

6:00 Dinner

Zonta Blessing

Together, now, we voice our thanks

For life, for food, for loving care,

We also honor Zonta's code

Through fellowship and all we share.

Zontians work for lasting peace,

For every nation, everywhere.

6:30 Business Meeting

5 min. Previous Minutes

Carol Bardon *Vote to approve*

5 min Treasurer's Report

Julie Bowder *Vote to file for audit*

20 min Committee Reports

Board

Mary Knight

Finance

Julie Bowder

Membership

Janet DaSilva

ZISVAW

Mary Knight

Poinsettia Fundraiser

Liz Reeves (for Ann Cormier)

Golf Fundraiser

Debbie Wood

15 min **United Nations \International Projects**—Chair Liz Reeves | Mentor BJ Bourdon

BJ will report on her most current trip

15 min. **Founders Day** Event – nominations, guest list

Chris Gerl

10 min. **Report from Fall Conference**

Voting Results /Overall Impressions

Joanne Turner-Chiacchia

10 min. **Link to Libraries** Susan Jaye-Kaplan

5 min. Activity Tracking

New Business

Announcements

Raffle Prize

Adjournment