

**Zonta Club of Oneida Area
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PRESIDENT'S PEN



Hello friends,

This will be short and sweet as Jan has patiently waited for me to write this after returning from a PHENOMENAL North American Inter-district meeting in Dallas. Cindy and I heard some great speakers and learned a lot that we'll be sharing with you in the coming months. There were 217 in attendance at this year's meeting. On Friday, we listened to a powerful presentation: *Ending Early Marriage – A strategy Session for North America*. The two speakers are both survivors of early/forced marriage. There are links below to short (3-4 minute) YouTube videos so that you might learn a bit more about them. Just click the link to watch the video. Samar was married in Pakistan and brought to Canada as a child bride. Fraidy was born and raised in Brooklyn, where she was forced into marriage inside her strict religious community. Child marriage/forced marriage IS happening here in the USA. As of 2017, there were no minimum age requirements for marriage in 27 states. Between 2000 and 2010, over 248,000 children were married in the USA, most to older males. Cindy and I came away with lots of information and ideas of how our club can advocate for an end to child marriage. Awareness is necessary and education is key. Here are the links to the videos:

Samra Zafar <https://youtu.be/4CZdHao222M>

Fraidy Reiss <https://youtu.be/nLx1gayR9dw>

On a local level, we are looking forward to meeting our scholarship award winners at this month's meeting. This is always an uplifting meeting as we learn how our service dollars will be used to support young (and sometimes not so young) women in our community. And, according to one of our speakers in Dallas, "Investing in education is key to making women equal to men."

At the June board meeting, the difficulty of finding sweat suits for the Oneida Health Emergency Department was a hot topic of conversation. Also, since the weather may turn warm someday ☺, it was suggested that we purchase some short-sleeved tees and pajama pants in lieu of sweats. Some members have volunteered to shop for these, so there will be an opportunity for you to donate cash for this purpose rather than clothing at the June meeting should you choose to do so.

If you haven't yet registered for the October Centennial Conference in Lake Placid because you're not sure what to do online, fear not! I will bring my laptop and my cellphone internet connection to the meeting. You bring your credit card, (Yes, you must sign up/pay online for the conference.) and I'll get you registered. I'll be there early and I'll stay afterward if needed so that everyone who wants to go can get signed up.

See you on the 19th!

Barbara





>>>NO JUNE OR JULY BIRTHDAYS<<<

AUGUST BIRTHDAY
Joann O'Connell - August 24th

We realize the importance of our voices only when we are silenced. - Matala Yousafzai



FAY'S FORUM – VOLUNTEERING

As Zontians we are aware of the power of volunteerism. It not only helps others, but gives us new and valuable skills, such as the ability to work with others, an acceptance of differences and the opportunity to make connections. Volunteerism has been a hallmark of American civic life since the country's founding. In recent days it seems that volunteering has not appealed to men and teens as much as to women, who have always been seen as nurturers.

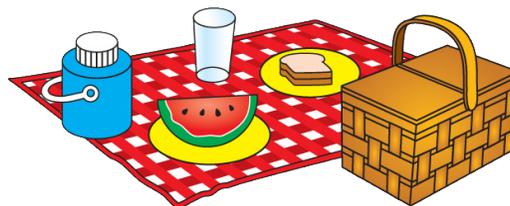
My volunteer experiences started with the Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary, then La Leche League and progressed through Girl Scouting, Zonta and now the hospital. Helping others not only is a boon to them, but makes the one doing the helping feel as if they are truly making a difference. It is a wise leader who can take advantage of various members' interests and abilities in recruiting volunteers for a job.



UPCOMING EVENTS



- Friday - Sunday, June 7th - 9th - North American Inter-district meeting, Dallas, TX*
- Wednesday, June 19th - Business meeting, 5:30, Theodore's*
- Wednesday, July 17th - Planning meeting at Cindy's house*
- Wednesday - August 21st - Annual Picnic at Vernon Town Park*
- Friday - Sunday, October 18th - 20th - Zonta District 2 Fall Centennial Conference, Lake Placid. Registration to be done online. (Barb will be prepared to help you get registered if you attend the June 19th business meeting.)*



August 21st – bring a guest

COMMITTEE REPORTS



Awards & Finance: (Co-chairs: Sue Pulverenti & Maria Schmitt). No report

Advocacy: Chair: Cindy Thurston – No report.

Membership & Reservations/Fellowship: (Chair?) For the June business meeting, **Annette** will collect the RSVPs. Please remember to contact her by **noon Wednesday of THE WEEK PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE** if you are unable to attend the business meeting or are bringing a guest. (For this month it would have been June 12th.)

Jackie Lottermoser has resigned from our club. **Mary Jo** is no longer an active member due to her illness, so we will try to make her an honorary member of just our local club.

We're still looking for someone to take over the **dinner reservations job** on a permanent basis. Might that be YOU? If you are interested in the position, please let Barb know.

Newsletter & Public Relations/Communications: (Co-Chairs: Jan DeLuke & Sandy Finley)
*Please remember to submit your information for the newsletter to Jan by the **Monday** following the monthly board meeting.* Thank you.

Nominating: (Diane Belusar, Laura DuChene & Nancy Ginter) – No report

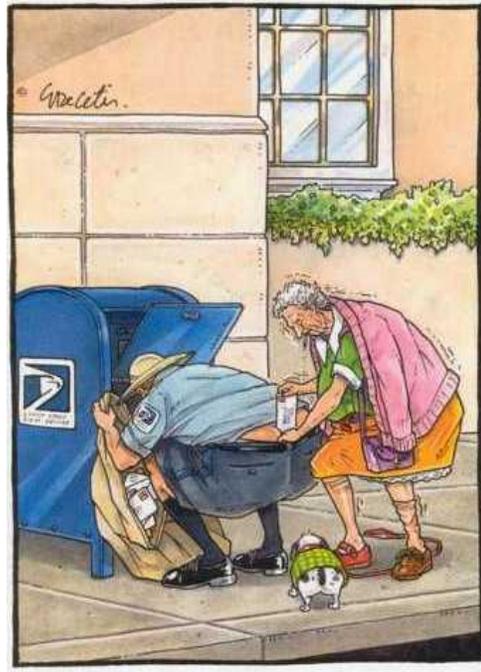
Service & Z Club/Status of Women: (Co-Chairs: Carol Bandlow & Pam Kines) No report.

CLUB NEWS



- ★ September Craft Day sign-up sheets for the gate and our own booth will be available at this month's meeting.
- ★ Barb and Cindy attended the North American Inter-district meeting this past weekend in Dallas, TX, and were asked to bring a gift card to donate to a local women's shelter.
- ★ The District 2 Conference will be in Lake Placid in October. So far, attendees include, Sandy, Nancy, Vicky, Gail, Karen and Fay. Barb will have her laptop at the next business meeting if anyone needs help with registration. Early bird pricing for registration is \$225 through August 1st, then it will be full pricing of \$240 after that. You must call the hotel directly to make hotel reservations.
- ★ Each club needs to submit a video to District by July 1st. Sandy has scrapbooks and, the club can use some of those pictures to make a Power Point presentation on our club's history.
- ★ **Eve Jubanyik's** family has informed us that she left a bequest for our club, which should be around \$1,000!
- ★ Former and prospective Zonta members and other guests will be invited to our picnic on August 21st.

★ Instead of sweat suits for the summer months, pajama pants and t-shirts will be collected for the ER.



The eyes are the first to go.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ON . . .



- 📅 June 14th, 1775, the Continental Army was established by the Continental Congress, marking the birth of the US Army?
- 📅 June 14th, 1777, the Stars and Stripes was adopted by Congress as the Flag of the United States? Today it is, of course, the official Flag Day in the US.
- 📅 June 14th, 1954, US President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill that placed the words 'under God' into the United States Pledge of Allegiance?





**ZONTA CLUB OF ONEIDA
AREA INFO**



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Governor: Marjorie Lavin
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Area 2 Director: Theresa Harris
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Zonta Club of Oneida Area

President: Barbara Allen
Vice-President: Cindy Thurston
Recording Secretary: Karen Puglisi
Corresponding Secretary: Sandy Finley
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Assistant Treasurer: Gail Strong
Historian: Sandy Finley

Board of Directors

2017-19

Carol Bandlow
Pam Kines

2018-20

Sue Pulverenti

2019 - 2021

Annette Maguire

2019 – 2020

Jan DeLuke

Nominating Committee

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Zonta Club of Oneida
Business meeting Minutes
May 15, 2019

The meeting included induction of new member and installation of board members, therefore no speaker was scheduled.

The membership committee inducted new member Sharon Taylor. Area director Christine Alexander installed new board member Annette Maguire. (Additional new board member Jan DeLuke was absent). Betty, Sandy and Gail were recognized for long service and received Certificates of Service longevity from Zonta International. Betty was recognized for 30 years of service and Gail and Sandy for 25 years. The business meeting was called to order by President Barbara at 7:30PM.

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes from April 2019 meeting were accepted without comments.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed with no comments.

Centennial "Torch Travels": Posters from the Villa Verona Centennial celebration went to the Vernon Town Hall where they were displayed with the Centennial Torch. Positive feedback received about celebration at Villa Verona; great turnout.

Old Business:

- Signup sheets routed for AMBA event in September. Carol will collect money donations for juice/coffee/donuts/fruit and purchase the items.
- Memorial Day parade: participants should park at Northside Shopping Plaza and meet rest of group at 5:30pm. Will go as group to staging site where we will decorate float. Wear Zonta shirt and black pants or jeans. As many members as possible are encouraged to participate. Opportunities to walk carrying signs or to ride on the float.

New Business:

- July planning meeting will be July 17 at Cindy's house.
- District 2 Facebook page has a lot of information. District 2 website has FB information and can be reached through www.zontadistrict2.org. Not necessary to have FB account if you go to the internet page for district 2.
- Our club website has been updated to include club newsletters (minus financial statements)
- President Barbara asked members to think about a membership event, focusing on what would it look like and what would we like to get out of it? Email ideas/comments to Barbara.

Committee Reports:

Awards/Finance: Four applications received for Mildred Ridley Award. Applications have been sent on to members who will be evaluating them.

LAA: Nothing to report.

Membership/Reservations/Fellowship: President Barbara recognized Carol for the outstanding job she did in organizing two recent big events: Status of Women Award event and AMBA. Annette will be the contact for the June dinner meeting reservations.

Newsletter/PR/Communications: Nothing to report. Program for June meeting will be presenting Jean Coon and Mildred Ridley Scholarship awards; no speaker needed.

Nominating Committee: No report; committee is finished for the year.

Service and Z Club/Status of Women: Posters for September AMBA event will be available at the June meeting. They should be put up approximately mid-August.

Centennial: Villa Verona event went very well. Torch is currently on display at Vernon Town Hall, will then be moved for a week at Sherrill Library and a week at Oneida Library. Torch will be on float for Memorial Day parade. Trying to work out transfer of Torch to Glens Falls club who is scheduled to have the torch for month of June.

Other business:

Barb and Cindy will be attending the North American conference in Dallas.

Fall Conference is October 18-20 in Lake Placid. Registration is now open, must be done online. YouTube video was posted by the Lake Placid club. Early bird pricing for registration is \$225 through August 1, full pricing of \$240 after that. Must call hotel directly to make hotel reservations.

Dues are due, two members have currently not paid, follow up needs to be initiated with these individuals to determine if they will continue as members. Discussion held regarding putting Mary Jo into member emeritus status. Membership agreed that we should carry Mary Jo as we did for Eve.

Picnic will be August 21 at Vernon Town Park.

Motion to adjourn made by Diane, seconded by Gail. Collect was read by all and meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Puglisi, Recording Secretary