

Hello Zontians,

Happy fall to all! After a very summery September it finally feels like fall has arrived. We've had a frost, and now all we need are the beautiful leaves to begin showing their colors. While some folks see fall as a season of endings, it always feels like a new beginning to me - must be all those years of living a school year calendar when September was the "new year."

But this October can be the start of a "new year" for all of us in Zonta. You have already received an important email from me about our **ZONTA ZING FALL MEMBERSHIP EVENT**. That has the explanation of the event, the menu, and a reminder that <u>we'll be meeting in the back room at</u> <u>Theodore's and the event BEGINS at 5:30pm</u>. Be there a bit earlier than usual if possible. You'll be done at 7:30pm. It has been advertised in the Oneida and Rome papers, on our Facebook page (did you share it on yours?), on the Chamber of Commerce monthly calendar and by all of your efforts to share the invitations with those you see and those you know. Hopefully we will have a wonderful turnout. Sharon, Nancy and all the members who are helping are doing their very best to make this a successful membership event. Please bring your best Zonta smile and your favorite Zonta stories to share with our prospective members at the **OCTOBER 16th ZONTA ZING**.

The weekend after our ZING eight of our members are headed off to the District 2 Conference in Lake Placid. They have received an email all their own with last minute details from District 2. I'm looking forward to all the information they will be bringing back to share with us. Let's hope they have the opportunity to see fall color in the trees and not that white stuff on the ground.

Our plans for November and beyond are shaping up nicely. We are discussing a possible fundraiser to held in May that will be modeled on one that's happening in Vernon in November. If you are around please check out the Sip 'N Shop at the Vernon Downs Casino Hotel on Sunday, November 3rd, from noon to 6:00pm. It may be the perfect time to do a bit of Christmas shopping. After all, as of today (I'm writing on October 6th) there are only 80 days until Christmas!





Wednesday, October 16th – Zonta Zing membership event, Theodore's, 5:30 - 7:30pm. (*If you can arrive earlier to help set up, that would be appreciated.*)

October 18th - 20th – Zonta District 2 Fall Centennial Conference, Lake Placid

*Wednesday, November 6*th – Board meeting, Oneida Health classroom, 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 20th – Business meeting, Theodore's, 5:30pm

Wednesday, December 4th – Board meeting, Oneida Health classroom, 6:30pm

Saturday, December 14th – Bell ringing for Salvation Army, Price Chopper, 9am – 4pm

Wednesday, December 18th – Business meeting, Theodore's, 5:30pm; Christmas Party

Awards & $F_{inance:}$ (Co-chairs: Sue Pulverenti & Maria Schmitt).

A fundraiser called Sip and Shop, has been proposed for Saturday, May 2nd (one week before Mother's Day) at the Verona VFW. Fay said she will arrange the venue. Several of our members plan to attend a similar event at Vernon Downs on November 3rd to get ideas.



KIVA update: Our club has loaned \$525 through 21 loans with our initial \$100 deposit. There was credit available so Fay made another loan. Jane in Kenya needed a loan to buy seeds and fertilizer for one acre of maize. She will also pay for advice and insurance to optimize productivity and profit.

Advocacy: (*Chair: Cindy Thurston*) – Cindy informed us of an Action Alert concerning child marriage. She has emailed all club members regarding signing two petitions.

Membership & Reservations/Fellowship: For all our business meetings, *Nancy* will collect the RSVPs. Please remember to contact her by **noon** *Wednesday* of <u>THE WEEK PRIOR TO THE</u> <u>MEETING DATE</u> if you are unable to attend the business meeting or are bringing a guest. (For this month it would have been *October 9th*.) Also, for this month's dinner/membership event please let Nancy know that if you're not coming whether you will be willing to donate \$20 to the club to help pay for guests' (possible members') dinners.

The menu for the membership event on October 16th includes: Meatballs, pizza, cheese/cracker tray, fruit & veggie tray, chicken tenders, cookies and brownies. A cash bar will be available as well.

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. Thanks.

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

Service & Z Club/Status of Women: (Co-Chairs: Carol Bandlow & Pam Kines.)

The board discussed Woman of Achievement vs Status of Women Award concerns. There is a possible winner already for this year that was a nominee last year. The application will need to be reworked to make it easier to find the right candidate in the future.



CLUB NEWS

• **FYI**: Barb has the new Zonta vinyl banners and Sharon has the fabric ones. We will need to decide which one to use for the conference procession in Lake Placid.

• Our membership event is planned for October 16th. Each committee will have a table set up with displays and also chairs to sit in.

- The speaker for our November meeting will be *Matt Urtz* the Madison County Historian. He will talk about women's roles in our local history.
- A Golden Z Club (It's made up of Z club girls who are now college students.) is forming at Utica College.

DID YOU KNOW THAT 🏾 🍎 🍎 🍎

- Apples can help you **improve your memory**? Apples contain high levels of boron, which stimulates electrical activity of the brain and increases mental alertness. Yes!
- There are more than 8,000 varieties of apples grown throughout the world? China produces the most.



- > That an apple will float in water? It's because it's 25% air.
- That Canada has a national apple? It's the McIntosh. In 1811, a Scottish-Canadian farmer named John McIntosh discovered an apple seedling tree on his farm and named it the Red McIntosh.

ZONTA CLUB OF ONEIDA AREA INFO

Zonta International

President: Sonja Honig Schough Website: zonta.org

Zonta District 2

Governor: Marjorie Lavin Lt. Governor: Irene Orton Area 2 Director: Theresa Harris Website: zontadistrict2.org

Zonta Club of Oneida Area

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

Board of Directors

2018-20 Sue Pulverenti

2019 - 2021 Annette Maguire

> 2019 – 2020 Jan DeLuke

Nominating Committee Diane Belusar Laura DuChene Nancy Ginter

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Zonta Club of Oneida Business Meeting Minutes September 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara at 7:08 PM.

Barbara mentioned that we are looking for the banners from the Memorial Day parade float and asked members who participated in the parade to check and see if they have them.

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

Correspondence: We received an invitation to the Oneida Health Golden to the Core breakfast/award ceremony which is October 16th from 8am to 9am.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed with no comments.

Barb showed the group the YouTube video from our club which was submitted to District 2 for inclusion in the October District 2 Centennial Conference at Lake Placid. It can be accessed through the District 2 website.

Old Business:

- Historical Society Craft Days: we raised \$61 between the duck pond and mum raffle. Karen Pekola won the mum plant. 50/50 raffle took in \$65, (\$32.50 to winner) won by Kristin VanValkenburg. We distributed 100 advocacy packets.
- Barb purchased ten sets of sweatsuits and they were distributed to the ED at Oneida Health. Money had been collected for this and Barb went to the VF outlet to purchase as it was difficult for members to find sweatsuits during summer months.
- Z Club induction was very nice. The club is celebrating 50 years. Candace Edwards (District 2) spoke at the induction ceremony.
- AMBA: about 50 people presented, which was less than we had hoped for. Next AMBA event is scheduled for March 28, 2020 and fall event will be September 19, 2020.

New Business:

- Maria presented the budget which was reviewed and discussed. Diane made motion to accept the proposed budget; motion seconded by Cindy and carried by vote of membership.
- District 2 Fall Conference/Centennial Conference is October 18-20 in Lake Placid. Eight members are going. There will be a fashion show and each club was assigned a decade from which to model a typical fashion. Our club and the Utica club have been assigned the '70s. Fay has an outfit which she will model as our club representative. Diane was nominated to represent our club as the attending delegate for voting.
- Barb mentioned that the District is initiating inter-club competitions and is encouraging participation. Categories include Most New Z Clubs; Most New Golden Z Clubs; Most New Members. We will focus on the "Most New Members" category.
- Our October business meeting will be a membership event in lieu of a formal business meeting. Skaneateles Club did a "Zonta ZING" event which we are going to copy. We will have appetizers (cheese, crackers, veggies, pizza, etc.) instead of a formal dinner. Intent is to have it be an open event for women who would like to find out about Zonta. They will have an opportunity to come and mingle with members and get information on our club activities and scholarship programs. Event will be free for the public, our members will still pay the regular dinner fee to cover the cost of the appetizers. Will be a 'meet and greet' affair. *All club members are requested to make an effort to attend this meeting. It is important that we have as many members as possible to be able to make this an effective event.* Each committee will be assigned to cover a table. Committee chairs are requested to be present at the table and identify a committee member who will be responsible for speaking about what their committee does, when interested individuals stop at the table. Area and District 2 dignitaries have been invited including Area Director Christine Alexander and Inge Zimmer who is District 2 advocacy chair. We need to blanket the Oneida area with invitations both in poster form and on social media. Maria agreed to be the contact person for public to RSVP so we have some idea of how many people may be attending.

- Program calendar for this new Zonta year was reviewed. Matt Urtz, Madison County Historian, will be doing a presentation at the November business meeting on the history of Women's Rights in Madison County.
- Fundraising possibilities: 1) Tom Rasley concert. He keeps 25% of the proceeds, we get 75%. If we want to move forward with this we need to identify a date and venue. 2) paint and sip event. Participants paint a wine glass. 3) sip and shop event. One is being held November 3rd at Vernon Downs; need to check it out and see how successful that is. Vendors pay a fee for table spac; public is charged a nominal fee to attend which includes a ticket for a glass of wine.
- Other discussion: We received \$1000 from the estate of Eve Jubanyik which is to be earmarked to be used in a way to honor Eve. After discussion, a suggestion was made to give \$100 award annually for the next 10 years to the Status of Women Award winner. Recommendation made to modify the name of the award to Woman of Achievement instead of Status of Women. Motion made by Nancy and seconded by Fay to implement annual award of \$100 to the Status of Women Award winner and to modify the name of the award to indicate Woman of Achievement. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: No additional reports from committees.

Other business: Circus has been scheduled for Sunday January 26, 2020.

Motion to adjourn made by Fay, seconded by Maria. Collect was read by all and meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Puglisi, Recording Secretary

