

**Zonta Club of Oneida Area
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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hello, my friends,

February, the shortest month of the year, is one day longer than usual this year. Use the 29th to your advantage and go do something fun with that extra Saturday!

In an effort to make February the 'fun' month, we're once again doing something fun for our **February Fun Night** meeting. On Wednesday, February 19th, we'll be doing dinner and a movie. We will keep it local with dinner at the Pizza Pub, located in the former Colosseo's building between Oneida and Sherrill on Rte. 5, followed by a movie at Glenwood Plaza movie plex. Since we don't know what movies are playing yet, keep your eyes on your e-mail, and as soon as we know the movies I'll e-mail you with a chance to choose which you want to see. You can vote (majority rules), and you'll buy your own ticket when we get there. You can also order/pay for your own dinner at the restaurant. I'll just ask you to confirm whether you'll be joining us or not. So, you can do dinner or the movie, or both, or neither one - this month it's totally up to you how to enjoy your February Fun Night!

If you took a look at the board meeting agenda I sent to everyone last week, you'll see that our 'busy season' begins in March, with our **Status of Women Achievement Dinner**, followed by **AMBA**. Then in April we have our meeting where we elect new officers and induct new members, followed by our hosting the **Chamber of Commerce After Hours** gathering. May is really busy, too, with our **Sip N' Shop** event, followed by our monthly meeting where we install new officers, followed by our **GARAGE SALE** at the very end of the month. So, here's what to put on your 'get-ready-for-spring to-do list': (1) Find/choose/buy or otherwise obtain something for our Zonta basket to be raffled off at our April Chamber of Commerce event. Wine, chocolate, nuts or other scrumptious tidbits of luxury would be appreciated. (2) When you feel the urge to declutter, set aside your treasures for the garage sale which will be held May 29th - 30th. The date for that is new, but all the other dates are on recent business and board meeting agendas (and are listed below under upcoming events). Just don't forget to mark them on your calendars.



See you at the movies!

Barb



>>> **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS** <<<

Lisa Marshall – February 23rd

*In February there is everything to hope for and
nothing to regret. Patience Strong*



UPCOMING EVENTS



Wednesday, February 19th - Fun Night, Movie Night with dinner; Barb will e-mail more info.

Wednesday, March 4th - Board meeting, Oneida Health classroom C, 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 18th - Status of Women of Achievement Award banquet, Theodore's, 5:30pm fellowship, 6pm dinner (**Present slate of officers for 2020-2022 biennium**)

SATURDAY, March 28th - AMBA, Oneida High School, 6 -10am

Wednesday, April 1st - Board meeting, Oneida Health classroom C, 6:30pm

Wednesday, April 15th - Business meeting, Theodore's 5:30pm fellowship, 6pm dinner - **Induction of new members and election of officers for 2020-2022 biennium**)

THURSDAY, April 23rd - Our club hosts Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, 5-7pm, Theodore's

SATURDAY, May 2nd - 1st annual Sip N' Shop fundraising event, Sherrill American Legion, 5-7pm

SATURDAY, May 2nd - District 2 Area 1-2 Spring Workshop

Wednesday, May 6th - Board meeting, OHC Classroom C, 6:30pm

Wednesday, May 20th - Business meeting, Theodore's 5:30 fellowship, 6pm dinner (**Installation of officers for biennium 2020-2022**)

FRIDAY – SATURDAY, May 29th – 30th – GARAGE SALE

Wednesday, June 3rd - Board meeting, OHC Classroom C, 6:30pm

Wednesday, June 17th - Business meeting, Theodore's 5:30 fellowship, 6 pm dinner



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards & Finance:

(Co-chairs: Sue Pulverenti & Maria Schmitt). Jean Coon and YWPA applications have been sent to area schools.

The circus netted us a \$1,600 profit. Nice job, ladies!

AMBA: Carol will send around a sign-up sheet at the February meeting for monetary donations for the refreshments.

A Kiva update from Fay notes that we have lent a total of \$550 through 22 loans in 17 countries. That's pretty good for an initial investment of only \$50!



Advocacy & Legislative Awareness:

(Chair: Cindy Thurston):

District 2 is sponsoring a bus trip to the UN on March 12th.

Membership & Reservations/Fellowship:

(Chair: Sharon Taylor & Nancy Ginter)

We are welcoming another new member, *Jeannette Burke*, to our club, and we have several more prospective members.

For all our business meetings **Nancy** will continue to 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 *February 12th*.)

PLEASE NOTE: To simplify the dinner orders, members will be asked if they prefer the planned dinner or chicken fricassee each month.

REMINDER: The Zonta membership contest offers a grand prize of 5 days and 4 nights' accommodations for up to 4 people on Hilton Head Island, SC. It includes a 2 bedroom/2 bath condo with beach access on the shore.

Newsletter & Public Relations/Communications:

(Co-Chairs: Jan DeLuke & Sandy

Finley & Fay Eastwood) **Please submit your information for the newsletter to Jan by the MONDAY following the monthly board meeting.**

Nominating: (Diane Belusar, Laura DuChene & Nancy Ginter) Committee members will get together for a meeting on February 6th.

Status of Women Achievement: (Co-Chairs: Carol Bandlow & Pam Kines) Carol is waiting to receive a picture of this year's winner. Mayor Helen Acker will attend the dinner to celebrate with us.

CLUB NEWS



- ♥ Donations will be needed from club members for a basket of cheer for the April 23rd Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event. It will be held at Theodore's, and food will be the same as what we had for our October membership event.
- ♥ The American Legion in Sherrill has agreed to host our Sip 'N Shop event, which will be May 2nd from 12pm - 4pm. We still need a catchy title, though. Any ideas?

FAY'S FORUM – Zonta equals Friendships

In my opinion, one of the greatest advantages to being a Zontian is the friendships that are forged between members. There have been several studies that stress the importance of women having female friends. Women are more intuitive than men and more likely to listen to your problems without feeling they need to fix them. We can also help each other provide a sense of belonging, security and community. Female friends can enhance the quality of our lives, help manage trauma and loss as well as provide optimism and positive moods. There have been many long-term friendships forged by membership in Zonta and other women's organizations.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .



- Every year, thousands of romantics send letters addressed to Verona, Italy, to *Juliet*, the subject of the timeless romantic tragedy *Romeo and Juliet*?
- During the Victoria Era, those who didn't want the attention of certain suitors would anonymously send "vinegar valentines?" According to the Smithsonian these cards were also called penny dreadfuls, and were later used to target suffragettes in the late 19th and early 20th century.



- The iconic chalky heart-shaped candies that have been passed out lovingly every Valentine's Day started out as lozenges? The Food Business News credits pharmacist and inventor Oliver Chase as the candy's creator. Chase's brother came up with the idea to print messages on the candy in 1866.



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