



**Zonta Club of Oneida Area
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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hello, fellow Zontians,

Welcome back to regular Zonta meetings at Theodore's! It's that great time of year called autumn - my personal favorite. The days are getting shorter and the air is getting cooler with crisp evenings. Geese are migrating, and trees are being painted with nature's paintbrush in vivid colors (I hope).

We find ourselves in uncharted territory with the pandemic still in our midst. We will do our best to social-distance, wear masks and hand wash/sanitize at our meetings. If you wish to abstain from the physical meetings that is your privilege, and we all understand about personal safety. To those who are coming on Wednesday the 16th please let Nancy Ginter (315-363-6246) know by Sunday September 13th at noon if you are NOT coming. She has to let the manager (Polly) know so the order can be placed for the amount of food needed the next morning.

For our new members, please be thinking of what committees you are interested in so you can sign up to participate. They are: Awards/Finance, Status of Women, Advocacy/Legislative Awareness, Newsletter/Public Relations/Communication, and Membership/Reservations/Fellowship. There may also be special ad hoc committees that may be needed during the year.

See you on the 16th!

Cindy



SEPTEMBER

>>> BIRTHDAY <<<

September 19th - *Nancy Ginter*

CLUB NEWS

- Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Patty Bruno and Barb Rowlands.
- Appreciation for their service cards were sent to those members who have recently resigned: *Joanne O'Connell, Pam Kines, and Laura DuChene.*
- A 'thinking of you' card was sent to *Sharon Taylor.*
- A get-well card was sent to *Nancy Ginter* on her surgery.
- AMBA, unfortunately, has been canceled for the fall.
- Barb Allen has been working diligently on securing three quotes for the cost of the chemo bags and printing services. She's still trying to contact Malone's for prices.
- Our first responders' donations now amount to just over \$500. Since First Responders' Day is celebrated on Wednesday, October 28th, representatives from Vineall Ambulance Services and GLAS Ambulance Service, Inc. will be invited to our October business meeting. We will thank them for their service and present a donation of \$250 to each.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 16th - Business meeting at Theodore's; social time 5:30pm, dinner 6pm. Speaker *Jeanna Jennings* on racism.

Wednesday, October 7th – Board meeting TBD

Wednesday, October 21st – Business meeting at Theodore's; social time 5:30pm, dinner 6pm. Speaker *John Salka*

Wednesday, November 4th – Board meeting TBD

Wednesday, November 18th - Business meeting at Theodore's; social time 5:30pm, dinner 6pm. Speaker *Mayor Helen Acker*

COMMITTEE REPORTS



Awards & **F**inance: (Co-chairs: Sue Pulverenti &

Maria Schmitt). Sue reported that all went well. All the local newspapers received pictures of the recipients and articles were published.

Thank you notes were received from scholarship award recipients, Shelbie Jenkins and Abigale Egger.

Barb Johnson presented a check to the board for \$40 to be applied to our garage sale funds. That brings the net total to an even \$1,000. Great job, ladies!

Fundraising brainstorm ideas received so far include:

- a. Boscov's 20% sale/5% back to non-profits on October 14th and 15th, 2020. (We need to be a 501(c) to participate, however. Our district governor may be able to obtain one for us.)
- b. A poinsettia and/or wreath sale with a local nursery such as Freedom Farm Market, Stone Brothers, Debrucque Greenhouses, or Oneida Floral.
- c. Ken Brewer's Community Car Wash fundraiser



KIVA update: we have lent a total of \$575 and been repaid \$533.29. We currently have \$15.46 in our account, and as soon as that reaches \$25, we will make another loan.

Advocacy & Legislative Awareness: (Chair: Fay Eastwood) A \$100 donation will be made to the Madison County Safe Harbour Program. The money was received from District 2 due to the cancellation of the Zonta International Convention.

Membership & **R**eservations/Fellowship: (Chair: Barbara Johnson & Nancy Ginter). Our September business meeting will be held at Theodore's Restaurant. They need to know how many are coming by Sunday for their Monday ordering. Seating will be limited to two or three people per table.

Sharon has resigned as membership chair due to taking over the recording secretary position. Barb Johnson, however, has volunteered to accept the chair position. Thanks, Barb!

Newsletter & **P**ublic 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. Thanks.**

Nominating: (Diane Belusar & Nancy Ginter) No report.

Status of Women **A**chievement: (Chair: Carol Bandlow) Eve Jubanyik's bequest can now be used for the next Status of Women Award winner's plaque and cash award.

INTERNATIONAL and DISTRICT NEWS

- ❖ Our new Zonta International President is Sharon Langenbeck, PhD, from Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley, CA, District 9. The theme for the upcoming biennium is **Transitions, Changes, and New Opportunities**.
- ❖ Next year's District 2 Fall 2021 Conference will be held in Liverpool, NY. A new approach will be taken with all 21 Zonta clubs from District 2 having a part. Each chapter was asked to select two tasks they would prefer to be involved with, and our board selected (1) Floral and (2) Member Service. District 2 will notify our club as to which task our group will chair.
- ❖ Our new District 2 Governor is **Theresa Harris** from the Skaneateles club, and our District 2 Area 2 Director is **Debbie Vecchio** from the Syracuse club.



Fay's Forum – VOTE!

Welcome to a new Zonta year. Here's hoping we can get back to some semblance of 'normal!'

The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote. In the US women are considerably more likely to be registered to vote and to go to the polls than men, and yet there are still millions who don't exercise this right that was so hard won. We all need to encourage women, especially young women, to register and vote and help those who need assistance in doing so.

Women's suffrage was a long time coming in this country; let's make sure we do our part.



It was we, the people; not we, the white male citizens; nor yet we, the male citizens; but we, the whole people, who formed the Union. ... Men, their rights and nothing more; women, their rights and nothing less. Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906)



COVID-19 did this.



**ZONTA CLUB OF
ONEIDA AREA
CURRENT INFO**

Zonta International

President: Sharon Langenbeck
Vice President: Salla Tuominen
Website: zonta.org

Zonta District 2

Governor: Theresa Harris
Lt. Governor: Liz Tesiero
Area 2 Director: Debbie Vecchio
Website: zontadistrict2.org

Zonta Club of Oneida Area

2020 -2022 Officers

President: Cindy Thurston
Vice President: Karen Puglisi
Recording Secretary: - Sharon Taylor
Corresponding Secretary: Diane Belusar
Treasurer: Maria Schmidt
Assistant Treasurer: Gail Strong
Historian: Sandy Finley

Board of Directors

Annette Maguire – 2020-2021
Fay Eastwood – 2020-2021
Barbara Johnson – 2020-2022
Pat Pritcher – 2020-2022

Nominating Committee

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