



Zonta Club of Oneida Area
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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Good day to my fellow Zonta sisters!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and you're ready to start on our next fund-raising adventure with **Andrea Maranville** and her Sweet Life of a Baker business. We have partnered with her to do an online baking demonstration as a fundraiser. We are looking to do this the end of March or the beginning of April, so we will need to focus on PR and getting the word out. Kudos to VP Karen Puglisi who suggested this great idea.

We will be meeting via Zoom for this month's business meeting because (1) Polly will just be returning from a well-deserved vacation, and (2) the COVID virus is still very much in our area. We will have a speaker via Zoom at this meeting, **Dianne Stancato**, CEO of the YWCA in Utica.

Please keep our ongoing fundraisers going with the bottles and cans and I Give online. We have also realized \$400 from the car wash thanks to Ken Brewer!

Stay happy, safe and healthy. See you on Zoom January 20th at 6:30pm.

Cindy





>>> JANUARY BIRTHDAYS <<<

January 5th – *Gail Strong*
January 17th – *Maria Schmitt*
January 29th – *Diane Belusar*

CLUB NEWS

- * Chemo bags will finally be ordered. Members who have items to go into the bags should hold onto them until the bags are delivered, which is not known at this time. We will start off with 25 bags.
- * Fay has contacted two local breweries, Erie Canal Brewery in Canastota and Seven Hamlets in Westmoreland, regarding our bottle and can drive. They will now save their empty bottles and donate them to us. Way to go, Fay!
- * Thanks to Mayor Acker (and Fay) the electronic sign outside City Hall now has the message, Zonta Says No to Child Marriage.
- * The board unanimously decided to say 'No' to hosting AMBA in March since the OHS is not open to the public, and no other venue is available. There is also uncertainty as to what the COVID -19 restrictions will be two months from now.
- * We had been targeting May 1st for a Mother's Day vendor sale, but that date is too soon given the uncertainty of COVID-19 restrictions and the signup needs for vendors. It has been suggested we wait until fall when restrictions have been lifted on large gatherings.
- * Cindy has received word from Governor Theresa that the District 2 Fall Conference may be held as a virtual event. Our club is on the Hospitality Committee.
- * Theresa Davis, Divisional Director of CFS who is working with Liberty Resources' Help Restore Hope Center, said they can assist us with our 16 Days of Advocacy Against Violence initiative.





EVENTS

Wednesday, January 20th – 6:30pm, via Zoom

Wednesday, February 3rd - Board meeting via Zoom
6:30pm

Wednesday, February 17th - Business meeting at
Theodore's; 5:30pm social, 6pm dinner

Wednesday, March 3rd - Board Meeting via Zoom 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 17th - Business meeting at Theodore's; 5:30pm social, 6pm dinner

COMMITTEE REPORTS



Awards & **F**inance: (Co-chairs: *Sue Pulverenti & Maria Schmitt*).

Andrea Maranville, (The Secret Life of a Baker) is very enthusiastic about participating in our fundraiser. She has given us two options. One would be having a real-time bake-along on Facebook Live. The other would be a session with Andrea where she does a demonstration and provides cooking tips and the recipe at the end. This would be a taped affair so people who bought tickets could go back and re-watch it. Andrea suggested charging \$45 per ticket, where she would keep \$5 per ticket and the rest would go to our club. The target date is late March or early April.

NBT bank sent us a donation of \$300 at end of last year.

KIVA update: As for KIVA, there's not much to update, but Fay found it interesting that we've made 24 loans (\$600) in 18 countries since we started - a small investment on our part that has made large differences in women's lives.

LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS & ADVOCACY/IR/UN: (Chair: *Fay Eastwood*)



Membership & **R**eservations/**F**ellowship:

(Co-chairs: *Barbara Johnson & Nancy Ginter*).

Barb J will be sending emails to the three potential new members, inviting them to participate in ZOOM meetings and any future in-person business meeting.

Newsletter & **P**ublic **R**elations/**C**ommunications: (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. Thank you.

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

Service & Z Club & Status of Women Achievement: (Chair: Carol Bandlow)

Our next service project would be the Oneida Historical Society Craft Days in September.

Patty Vaccaro recently inducted 30 girls into the Z Club. Their names are mentioned in the Thursday, January 14th Oneida Dispatch. This is the 51st y

One of the Z club's projects was collecting over 100 teddy bears and items such as books, nail polish, lotions, pencils, etc. for the CNY Bear Team. This team makes clothes for teddy bears and gives them to children or teenagers who are getting treatment at the Galisano Hospital in Syracuse. The Z Club also donated \$100 to buy any materials they need.

There have been no Status of Women award applications received so far. It has been suggested that we postpone the award dinner until fall when, hopefully, there will be no COVID restrictions. If it were done in November we could combine celebrating it with Zonta's birthday.



GOOD THINGS FROM 2020

Well, 2020 was certainly trying for many of us, (and so far, 2021 isn't shaping up any better) so I asked for our members to share something good that happened to them last year. Here's what they said:

Jan, Karen and I all got **puppies**. Karen got a **son-in law**, and I got a **daughter-in-law**. Vicky was very satisfied with her **new knee**, Carol's been **getting organized**, and Cindy bought a **new camp**. Sandy and Pat Pitcher are enjoying that they have **grandchildren** nearby, while Barb Allen has a **new friend** – Alexa! Barb J is glad to have **spent less money**, and Jeannette was happy to enjoy many **summer activities**.

I hope we can all get vaccinated soon and resume *normal* activities. Until then, stay well, and wear your mask!



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Lt. Governor: Liz Tesiero

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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

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