

Zonta Club of Oneida Area
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PRESIDENT'S PEN

My dear Zontians,



Happy International Women's Day! It's so great to be recognized by so many people around the world. It should be every day. We can also extend a virtual yellow rose to one woman whose has changed our life in some way - maybe altered your career path, showed you a better way, helped the people in this world to become better and to provide for themselves and their families. This *is* why we are Zontians.

We are keeping ourselves safe once again by meeting virtually on March 17th. We'll have a happy St. Patrick's Day. Get out the green beer and corned beef and cabbage! (I have a great recipe for potatoes colcannon and bangers.) So raise a glass and toast the relatives (at least I do - the Hogans, the McClarens and the McDonnells).



May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
And rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in
the hollow of His hand.



Cindy



>>> BIRTHDAYS <<<

March 8th – *Annette Maguire*

March 12th – *Betty Allen*

March 15th – *Fay Eastwood*

Today is the oldest you have been and the youngest you will ever be. Make the most of it! Nicky Gumbel

CLUB NEWS

- ♣ Our Vendor Fair is scheduled for May 2022 **not** September 2021.
- ♣ Diane received letters from the Office of Aging and the Oneida City School District Foundation both requesting donations.
- ♣ Barb A. reported that the Chemo Care bags were ordered on February 23rd with an estimated delivery between March 9th and the 16th. The hospital auxiliary will pay 50% toward the cost of the bags and is interested in donating items for the next 25 bags. The deadline for all items is Wednesday, March 10th.
- ♣ Fay collected \$65 in donations this month from our Bottle & Can Drive.
- ♣ Cindy has been in contact with Andrea Maranville from *The Secret Life of a Baker*. Several possible dates for the event were discussed: April 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th. There are three options for a recipe: cookies, pound cake or pie. Cindy also had a discussion with Teresa Harris regarding event pricing, advertising and marketing with D2, using Zoom & PayPal accounts, and a product raffle. They decided further research was needed on the technology aspects of the event.
- ♣ Sharon suggested that when in-person board meetings resume the board might consider the use of the community room at the new Oneida Public Library.
- ♣ Sue proposed that the club reimburse Barb A. a fee of \$5/month for the use of her Zoom subscription. The subscription cost will be addressed at the March business meeting



- ♣ Check out our website (oneidazonta.org) for our 2021 Zonta member roster, 2020-2022 Zonta committees and our new Members' Handbook.

DISTRICT 2



- ➦ Cindy announced that the District 2 Fall Conference 2021 will be held virtually. It appears our committee will continue to put swag bags together to be mailed prior to the conference.

MARCH EVENTS



Wednesday, March 17th - Business meeting via Zoom, 7pm
Wednesday, April 7th – Board meeting via Zoom, 6:30pm
Wednesday, April 21st – Business meeting at Theodore's, 5:30pm social, 6pm dinner
Wednesday, May 5th – Board meeting via Zoom, 6:30pm
Wednesday, May 19th – Business meeting at Theodore's 5:30pm social, 6pm dinner

All in-person scheduled activities are dependent on the pandemic situation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Sue thanked Diane for being diligent in checking on our mail.



Nine YWPA applications and one recommendation letter (no application) were received. An email will be sent out soon asking volunteers to serve on the Review Committee.

LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS & ADVOCACY/IR/UN: (Chair: *Fay Eastwood*) Nothing to report.

Membership & **R**eservations/**F**ellowship: (Co-chairs: *Barbara Johnson & Nancy Ginter*).

Barb J. announced we have a new member, *Jean Halpern*, who was sponsored by Maria. A perspective member asked for more information about our club and was forwarded a handbook. Gina Jennings forwarded an email that indicated that she was going to join.

REMINDER: *There is no business meeting at Theodore's this month. Our meeting will be via Zoom at 7pm on March 17th.*

Newsletter & **P**ublic **R**elations/**C**ommunications: (Co-chairs: *Jan DeLuke & Sandy Finley & Fay Eastwood*) Nothing new to report.

Nominating: (*Diane Belusar & Nancy Ginter*) Nothing new to report.

Service & **Z** Club & **S**tatus of **W**omen **A**chievement: (Chair: *Carol Bandlow*)

To date, no Status of Women applications have been received.

Cindy advised that Morrisville could use a Golden Z-Club.



"On the plus side... we live under a rainbow, and he's loaded!"

FAY'S FORUM – SPECIAL DAYS IN MARCH

This month marks one year since the beginning of the pandemic slowdown, and as more and more of us get vaccinated we're inching closer to a return to some sense of normalcy.

I've always been partial to March since my birthday falls on the famous **Ides of March**, it's **Women's History Month**, and we celebrate **St Patrick's Day**. Did you know **that it's also Girls' Horizons in Science and Engineering Month and National Nutrition Month**? March 10th is **National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**, the 30th is **I Am in Control Day**, the 28th is **Respect Your Cat Day**, and the 26th is **Make Up Your Own Holiday Day**. And don't forget the first day of spring (which is also the International Day of Happiness) is on the 20th.



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

Sandy Finley
Sue Pulverenti
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