

# ZONTA GOOD NEWS

DISTRICT 4, AREA 4,  
CHEEKTOWAGA-LANCASTER, NEW YORK

DEDICATED TO ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN  
WORLDWIDE.

NOVEMBER, 2010



## Zonta Officers:

**President:** Phyllis Dickinson

**Vice President:** Renette Janora

**Treasurer:** Jane Keenan

**Secretary:** Peggy Hegierski

## Zonta Board Members:

Sherry Mueller–Ass't Treasurer

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Mary Lou Ardino – 2 years

Gabriella Sciolino – 2 years

Holley Adams – 1 year

Celeste Korzeniewski – 1 year

## **Message from the President**

From a card I just got, "What better way to feel thankful at this time than to think of all of you". As we move into this season of remembering special people, I am thankful to belong to a club that has such dedicated members.

A special thank you to you all who give so generously of your time and talents to help our club and our community. I am looking forward to a busy year as we begin our service and fundraising projects; your ideas and enthusiasm as evidenced at our November meeting have really set a great mission of accomplishment for this year. Life gives us so much to be thankful for...I am thankful for all of you.

Phyllis

## **LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS & ADVOCACY – 101**

On September 29<sup>th</sup> the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF) launched "Equality Rights Central" ("ERC"), a website designed to 'monitor equality rights'. The idea took three years to come together and was helped 'with funding from the law foundations of British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick, as well as the LEAF Foundation.'

LEAF's Legal Director, Joanna Birenbaum states that 'the ERC will help equality advocates to network and share information and resources to develop test cases.

LEAF is unique in the world and this website is the first of its kind in Canada. It will monitor equality, human rights and discrimination issues, recently launched cases, equality-related news and analysis, legislative reform and host a nationwide events calendar.

To find out more go to [www.equalityrightscentral.com](http://www.equalityrightscentral.com)

**SAVE THE DATE:**

- 12/3/10 – Gilda’s Club Party
- 12/4 and 12/5 – Gilda’s Club Sale and Auction
- 12/16/2010 Holiday Party at Diamond Hawk Golf Course
- 1/05/2011 – Aloha Amelia!
- 1/6/2011 – SPA Night
- 1/20/2011 - Business/Program Meeting at Ripa’s; Bring all sold & unsold February, 2011 Lottery Tickets to Annette
- 1/27/2011 – Birthing Kit Assembly Day: 6 - 9 at the Senior Center
- 2/12/2011 – Birthing Kit Assembly Day: 10:30 – 3:30
- 2/17/2011 - Business/Program Meeting at Ripa’s
- 3/17/2011 - Business/Program Meeting at Ripa’s
- 4/9/2011 – Lucky Numbers Luncheon at Samuels Grand Manor
- 4/21/2011 - Business/Program Meeting at Ripa’s
- 4/30, 5/1 or 5/2 – Jr. League Decorator’s Showhouse Volunteers
- 5/19/2011 – Awards Dinner at Diamond Hawk Golf Course
- 6/16/2011 - Business/Program Meeting at Ripa’s
- 2011 Spring Workshop – TBD
- 2011 District Conference – September 23 – 25, 2011 at Adams Mark Hotel
- July, 2012 ZONTA International Convention, Turin, Italy

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**Our Newest Cheektowaga-Lancaster Zonta Members:**

Marcia Myszka and Carol Townsend were inducted on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Linda Mallia will be inducted shortly. A picture of all three will follow.

**GILDA’S CLUB**

**Preview Cocktail Party & Auction:  
Friday,  
December 3:  
6 to 9 pm**

**Holiday Sale & Auction:  
Saturday,  
December 4  
and Sunday,  
December 5  
(11am to 6pm)**



**Both events are at Gilda’s Club  
Western New York, 1140  
Delaware Avenue**

**For more information:  
[www.gildasclubwny.org](http://www.gildasclubwny.org)  
or call 716-332-5900.**

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**2011 LOTTERY TICKETS**

**Bring all sold & unsold February,  
2011 Lottery Tickets to Annette  
Rogers by our January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU &  
YOURS**



## **December 16<sup>th</sup> ZONTA Christmas Dinner**

Our Christmas Dinner is being held at the Diamond Hawk Golf Course at 55 Sonwil Drive, Cheektowaga, NY 14225.

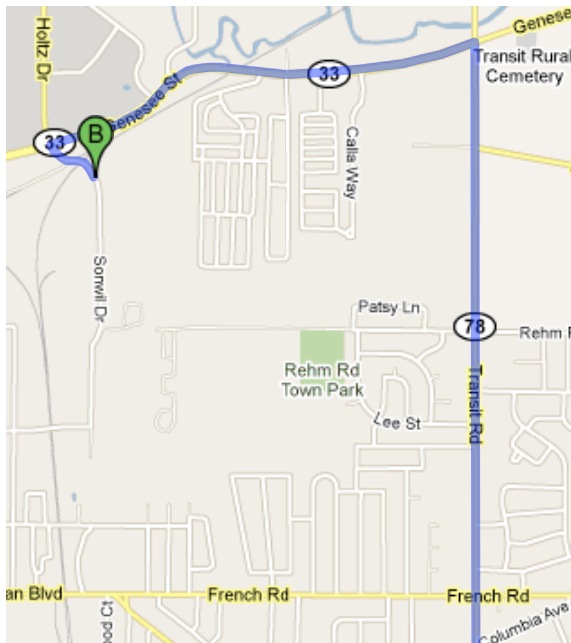
Friends are invited but be sure to call Renette to reserve dinners.

Also, please remember to bring **unwrapped** womens or children's pajamas and/or a child's toy that can be played alone; also bring a **wrapped** ornament that will be used in our Christmas exchange.

- From Lancaster, take TRANSIT ROAD Northbound.
- Turn left at GENESEE STREET for about 2 minutes.
- Turn left at SONWIL DRIVE.

Diamond Hawk Golf Club will be on your left in approximately 2 minutes.

(From the D & L Plaza, Google says 12 minutes)



## **ALL BIRTHING KIT ITEMS NEED TO BE COLLECTED BY TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011.**

Either get the items to the "collection leader" or bring them to the Cheektowaga Senior Center, 3349 Broadway, Cheektowaga 14227.

- **Packing Boxes (to ship our kits in)** Kerry Switalski  
([kswitalski@tocny.org](mailto:kswitalski@tocny.org))  
716-200-3351  
Renette Janora  
[rjanora@roadrunner.com](mailto:rjanora@roadrunner.com)  
716-741-9103
- **Large Plastic Bags**  
Jane Keenan  
([jane.keenan@lakeshoresavings.com](mailto:jane.keenan@lakeshoresavings.com))  
675-5633(to line the boxes for the kits)
- **Non-Latex Rubber Gloves**  
Nina Corey ([necorey@iskalo.com](mailto:necorey@iskalo.com))  
716-823-3860
- **Soap**  
Renette Janora  
([rjanora@roadrunner.com](mailto:rjanora@roadrunner.com))  
716-741-9103
- **Cotton Cord**  
Gabe Sciolino ([gabescioli@hotmail.com](mailto:gabescioli@hotmail.com))  
716-668-8281
- **4x4 Square Gauze**  
Laurie Ucasz ([LAU803@yahoo.com](mailto:LAU803@yahoo.com))  
716-481-6041
- **Quart Size Zip Loc Bags**  
Pat Spahn – Aurora Club 716-652-4270
- **Single-Sided Razor Blades**  
Ginny Lintner ([union4432@gmail.com](mailto:union4432@gmail.com))  
716-517-5031
- **3ml or heavier Plastic Sheeting**  
Judy Powers – Hamburg/Orchard Park Club ([jiapow@gmail.com](mailto:jiapow@gmail.com)) 716-648-631(this gets cut to a 36"x36" square)

- **Stick-On Labels (one per kit)**  
Chris Cywinski ([cywinski@yahoo.com](mailto:cywinski@yahoo.com))  
716-896-2082

(this will have all three participating club's names on it with the Zonta emblem and birthing kit symbol)

\*\*\*If you cannot help with collecting items but would like to make a monetary donation to help with purchasing the items we cannot get donated or help with other costs associated with this project, that would be great. Remember that \$2.50 is the approximate cost to make one birthing kit.

**We have scheduled TWO Assembly Dates - PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**

**Thursday, January 27 from 6-9pm at the Cheektowaga Senior Center, 3349 Broadway, Cheektowaga 14227**

\*this will be just Zonta Club members - we'll be "working out the bugs" for our assembling **AND**

**Saturday, February 12 from 10:30am-3:30pm at the Cheektowaga Senior Center**

\*this will be for Zonta members and FRIENDS---bring along some helping hands if you wish

If you have any other questions, please call me (Kerry Switalski) at 200-3351.

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***UN Excursion by District 4 Zontians***



On Tuesday, November 9, 2010, eleven District 4 Zontians and friends travelled to New York City and the United Nations together with about forty



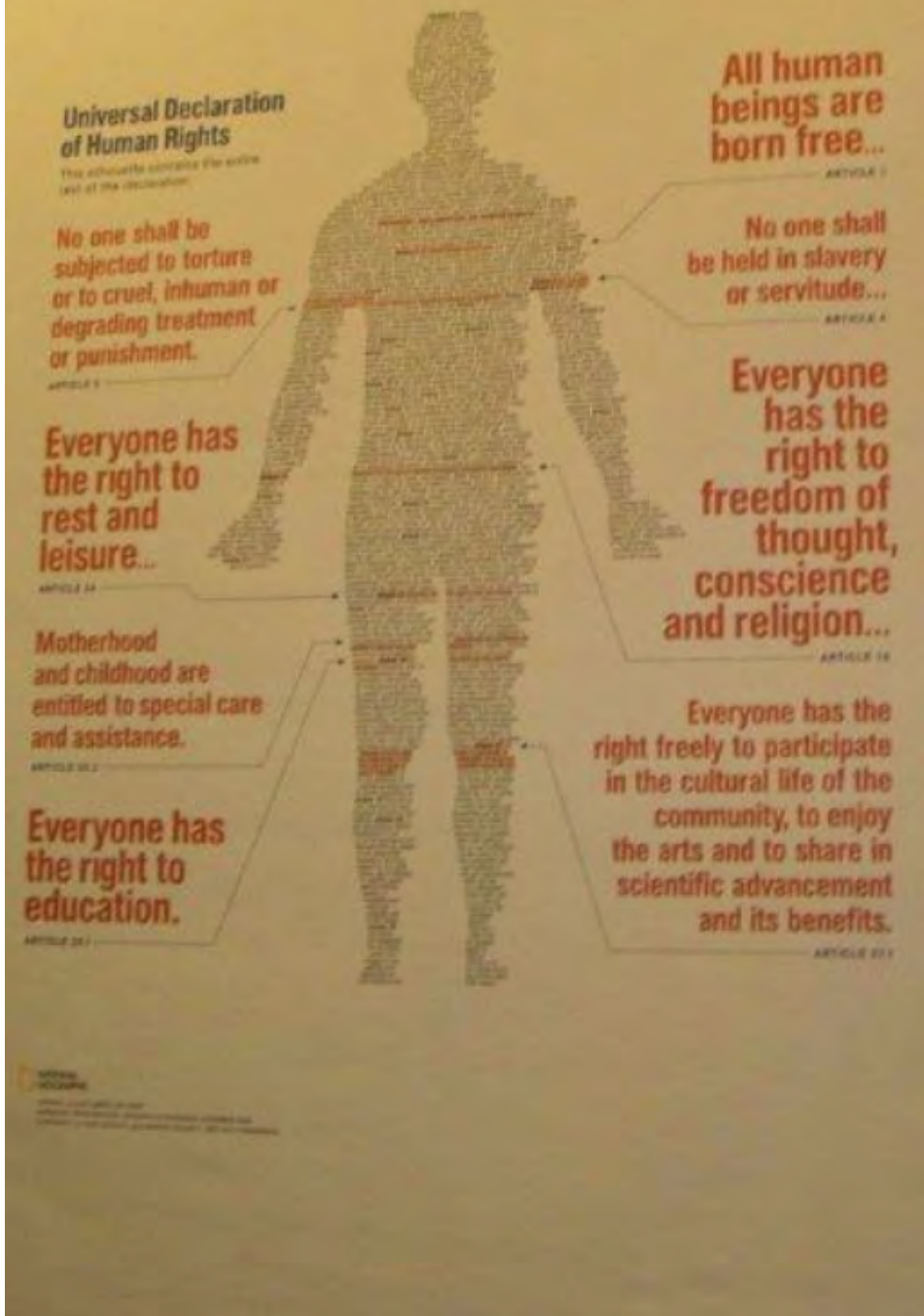
members of the League of Women Voters. The Briefing on MICROFINANCE: \_ The Struggle for Survival to Planning for the Future was organized by the League of Women Voters of New York with Zonta International District 4 and WBASNY (Women's Bar Association of the State of New York) as co-sponsors.

The day began with our Zontians as well as some League members meeting for a tour of the United Nations. It was very informative and was enjoyed by all. As the United Nations is currently under renovations, certain areas were off limits so many of us are looking forward to another visit when the work which is scheduled to be completed in 2013.

After the tour we enjoyed a terrific lunch at one of two restaurants where we networked about Zonta and learned also about the League of Women Voters.

In the afternoon, we had two speakers: Jennet Kem, Gender Advisor, Regional Bureau for Africa, UNDP and Hanadi Toutonji, Program Manager, UN Capital Development Fund, followed by questions and answers.

## **UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS**



Both presented excellent facts and interesting details on Microfinance and the role it plays in Least Developed countries.

This was a most worthwhile experience and we were pleased that Patricia Latona from the Zonta International UN committee was able to join us for the briefing.

Together with the sites and experiences in New York, this UN excursion is a must for Zontians interested in the United Nations and the work it does on behalf of women in the world together with our International Service Projects and other programs that Zonta International Foundation helps to sponsor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Raymond  
UN Chairperson Zonta International  
District 4

## AMELIA EARHART COMMITTEE MESSAGE



*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

November 2010

Dear Club Members,

I'm (meaning Mary) writing this on Sunday evening - just watched a program on the Rochester PBS station (WXXI) called THE AVIATORS. I saw a show a couple weeks ago and believe it will be an interesting series. Tonight's episode was about "Light Sport" and "Ultra Light" categories. There was also a segment on training in a flight simulator and an interview with Peggy Chabrian, the President of the organization Women In Aviation International. According to Ms. Chabrian there are currently 750,000 pilots in the US and only 6% are women. Their organization was founded in 1990 and currently has 8,000 members - you do NOT have to be a pilot to join. They hold a convention each year - believe the one for 2011 is in Reno, NV. They also award scholarships and have reached the \$6 ½ million mark. THE AVIATORS is shown at 6:30 on Sunday evening on WXXI and on WNED on Saturday afternoon at 3:30.

I just finished reading a great book - THE POWDER PUFF DERBY OF 1929. It's a wonderful book and I highly recommend it to everyone. The 20 women who flew in the very first air derby opened to women certainly set high standards of strength and resilience for what they had to overcome during the 9 days it took them to fly from Santa Monica, CA to Cleveland, OH... but it was actually only about 21 hours of air time. There were concerns of sabotage in the first couple days and the loss of a great pilot named Marvel Crossen. It's reported that thoughts of forming a women's pilot organization grew out of their meetings during this race.

They certainly formed a tight bond of friendship and respect for each other.

There is also a terrific DVD available on the derby of 1929 - BREAKING THROUGH THE CLOUDS. It is filled with vintage films of the women in their planes. There are interviews with family members and historians familiar with the topic. Hearing the daughter or grandchild speak with fondness of their family member is inspiring. Record breaking aviatrix Elinor Smith-Sullivan is also shown in the film - she gained fame when at the age of 17 she flew under 4 bridges on the Hudson River along New York City.

Would you believe that Amelia Earhart has been cloned? Well, not her, but a statue of her. When the original statue of her in North Hollywood, CA was removed in 2003 for "an up grade", Perdue University thought it would be nice to have a statue of her too and they now have an identical one on their campus as the one in Calif.

You can easily find out more about these two statues, the book and DVD on the internet.

Mary Yunker ZC of Batavia

Lori Robinson ZC of Brampton-Caledon

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[robinson.lori2010@gmail.com](mailto:robinson.lori2010@gmail.com)

Would you like to know who owned the *FRIENDSHIP* airplane when Amelia went across the Atlantic in 1928 or what happened to it once it came back to America? Then please come to a program hosted by the Zonta Club of Batavia-Genesee County for a presentation by the *Wings Over LeRoy* author Brian Duddy. Followed by a review of The Powder Puff Derby of 1929

SATURDAY JANUARY 15

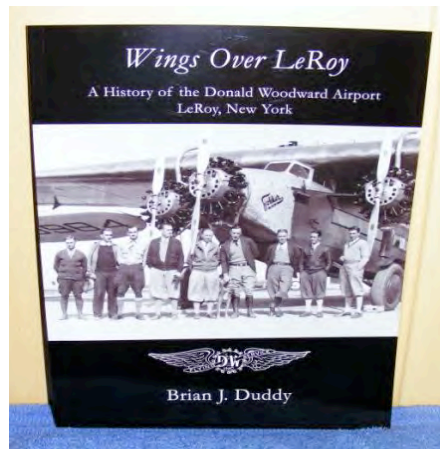
YWCA OF GENESEE COUNTY  
301 NORTH STREET BATAVIA, NY 14020

CASUAL ATTIRE -- SERVING LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

COST \$ 5 TIME 1:00

CONFIRM ATTENDANCE BY JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> [mkyunk@2ki.net](mailto:mkyunk@2ki.net) 585-344-0111  
PREFER TO HAVE INFORMATION FROM ONE CLUB CONTACT RATHER THAN SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS  
SO ONLY ONE PHONE CALL HAS TO BE MADE IF WE HAVE INCLEMENT WEATHER  
SPACE IS LIMITED TO ONLY 115 - SMALL PARKING LOT SO RECOMMEND CARPOOLING

EACH CLUB IS ASKED TO BRING A GIFT BASKET TO RAFFLE  
WITH ALL PROCEEDS TO DISTRICT 4 / Z I AMELIA EARHART FUND



**16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM CAMPAIGN 2010  
A GLOBAL CALL TO ACTION**

To: All Zontians

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence Campaign is an international campaign begun in 1991. It originated from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute sponsored by the Center for Women's Global Leadership at Rutgers University in New Jersey. The dates chosen for the campaign are November 25th, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, through December 10th, International Human Rights Day. These particular days were chosen to reinforce that violence against women is a human rights issue and that violence against women is a human rights violation.

Each year, since 1991, the Women's Global Leadership Institute chooses a different theme. This year's theme is "Structures of Violence: Defining the Intersections of Militarism and Violence against Women" which will be a multi-year project and will address issues such as "the economic consequences of war on women, women's role in peace building and peace negotiations, violence against women committed by members of the military, sexual violence and sexual slavery in conflict situations, impunity for military personnel in cases of violence against women and women and girls' vulnerability as refugees and internally displaced persons." This theme is especially timely as we have observed, on October 20th, the 10th anniversary of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 which called for parties in conflict to respect women's rights and to support their participation in peace processes.

The issue of violence against women is at the center of Zonta's mission. The 16 Days Campaign is one that has been taken up by women's groups around the world in order to shed light on the problem and to make people aware that "Violence against women is perhaps the most shameful human rights violation" (former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan).

The question now is what can we as members, clubs and districts of Zonta International do? We can raise awareness, organize an activity, or write a letter to the editor of the newspaper. If you decide on an activity, write a press release about it. Contact local mayors, councils, county officials, etc., and ask them to get on board with the campaign through resolutions to make the campaign official. The 16 Days website has a tool kit that you can use. Go to [www.cwgl.rutgers.edu/16days](http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu/16days) to see what actions can be taken and to see examples of activities from around the world. Most of all we need to assist our local communities to understand that all women are vulnerable to violence no matter their socio-economic status. We need to be a voice for those who cannot be heard.

Yours in Zonta,

Mary Ann Tarantula  
Zonta International United Nations Committee  
Chairman

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**COME DINE WITH ME**

Our illustrious leader, International Director Kathleen Douglass auditioned for, and was part of the television show- Come Dine with Me. The audition tapes are currently posted on a Facebook page with the name of the show, and the episodes are airing this week on the Women's Network. Not sure if our Zonta sisters in the US can receive this channel but I watched all 5 audition tapes on Facebook, and I think Kathleen should win! If you tune in, watch for Kathleen's Zonta jewelry!