

ZONTA GOOD NEWS

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

DEDICATED TO ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN
WORLDWIDE.

DECEMBER, 2010



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Message from the President

For all of you wonderful sister Zontians,
Here is my wish for you as we look forward
to 2011:

May you daily open the gift of your life
and be grateful for the hidden treasures it
contains;

may the coming year be one of good
health for you with energy and vitality to
accomplish your tasks

and may there be harmony in all your
relationships and may you give love
generously.

Thanks for everything you do,
Phyllis

Our Newest Cheektowaga-Lancaster Zonta Members:



*Carol Townsend (left) & Marcia Myszka (right)
were inducted on November 18th.*

Linda Mallia was inducted on December 16th.

*Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to
advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.*

SAVE THE DATE:

- 1/6/2011 - SPA Night at NEW YOU
- 1/15/2011 - Batavia Club sponsors a program on Amelia Earhart.
- 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
- 2/5/2011 - Toronto's Ukrainian Heritage Night
- 2/6/2011 - SUPERBOWL XLV PARTY at the Cheektowaga 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 Ripa's
- 6/16/2011 - Business/Program Meeting at Ripa's
- 2011 Spring Workshop - TBD
- 2011 District Conference - September 23 - 25, 2011 at Adams Mark Hotel

SAVE THE DATE:

October 21, 2011

**Rob's Comedy Playhouse
Dandelion's Restaurant**

- July, 2012 ZONTA International Convention, Turin, Italy

Our Christmas Party:



Donna, Phyllis and Renette



Phyllis is showing our club's donations of PJ's and toys to Petrina Piro of HAVEN HOUSE, a domestic violence shelter)



DISTRICT 4 EVENTS and NEWS:

1. The ZONTA Club of Batavia-Genesee County is sponsoring a review of the **1929 Powder Puff Derby**. The program will be held at the YWCA of Genesee County at 1:00 on Saturday, January 15, 2011. There is a cost of \$5 and a basket donation from our group. Please RSVP mkyunk@2ki.net

2. The ZONTA Club of Toronto proudly presents **UKRAINIAN HERITAGE NIGHT** in support of their local service project. It will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2011 at St. Demetrius The Great Martyr Church Hall, 135 LaRose Avenue, Etobicoke. Cocktails at 6:00, tickets cost \$60. For tickets, contact: Nita McCown 289-232-6217 nitam@rogers.ca

DISTRICT 4 CONFERENCE:

COME JOIN US WHERE IT ALL BEGAN:

Sept. 23-25, 2011.

Adams Mark Hotel, Buffalo, NY

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING ZONTA'S FUTURE.

Marian de Forest founded ZONTA in 1919 at the Statler Hotel.

LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS and ADVOCACY - 102

December 1st was World AIDS Day. One of Zonta International's Service Projects in Uganda is the 'Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV and Gender-Based Violence. Did you know that HIV/AIDS "kills more women worldwide Aged 15 to 44 than any other disease?"

At our International Convention in San Antonio this past summer, our Keynote Speaker Dr. Carolyn Hannan, challenged us to 'make discrimination visible'. Since we work to improve the 'status of women' and status encompasses many facets of a woman's life, discrimination can take many forms.

In my 'day job' I am an LPGA Teaching Professional. This week I was reading an article in a national golf magazine about the "The Anatomy of a Golf Pro". The drawing with the article was of a faceless human figure that looked male. The first word in the article was "He's". The entire article never mentioned women professionals even though the major organization here in Canada that was being highlighted has women members. I was incensed but waited a couple of hours before I wrote the associate editor who had done the piece. A day later I received a phone call and we chatted for about 15 minutes. She said "the article went through 15 people before it was published"! She did not mention receiving any other emails about the article! She thanked me and we have agreed to work together going forward to raise the profile of women of all ages who either play or work in the golf industry.

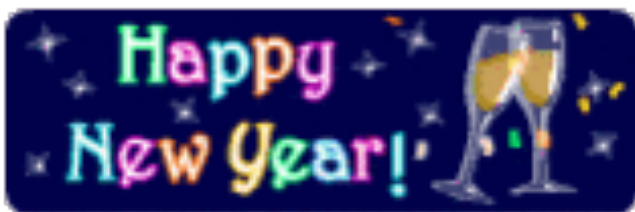
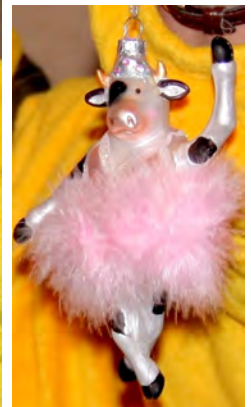
Advocacy, like status can take many forms so please 'make discrimination visible' whenever you encounter it.

Connie Deckert

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[DISTRICT 4/ INTERNATIONAL ZONTA AWARDS](#)

D4 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Winner is also an International Winner!

During her career, Jane M. Klausman was a successful professional secretary, parliamentarian and entrepreneur.

The Jane M. Klausman Scholarships work to support women from around the world who demonstrate outstanding potential in business-related fields.

Meet Our 2010 District 4 and International



Jane M Klausman award winner

Ashley Ross, submitted by the **Zonta Club of Hamburg-Orchard Park** in Area 4, has been selected as the District 4 Jane M. Klausman scholarship winner for 2010.

Ashley has completed her third year of the BBA/MBA program at St. Bonaventure University in New York. Ashley's professional goals are to graduate with a Master's degree in Accounting and become a C.P.A. Ashley wants to have a successful career that will enable her to give back to her community. Ashley has been involved with numerous service opportunities at St. Bonaventure. Ashley has received a number of scholarships and honors during her first three years of her university studies. Ashley has also made the Deans List with Highest Distinction. Ashley says that the Jane M. Klausman scholarship will provide her with more opportunities to be in a better position to help other young women in the future.

D4 Young Women in Public Affairs Award Winner is also an International Winner!

The goal of the **ZONTA International Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award Program** is to recognize pre-university or pre-college women students' commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to the advancement of the status of women and thus to encourage more women students to enter careers in public affairs, public policy and community organizations.

Meet Our 2010 District 4 and International YWPA winner



Bethany Saul plans on majoring in International Relations and then attending law school. Bethany hopes to work toward increasing opportunities for women in the Middle East. In addition to her high grades at

school, Bethany is the editor of the student newspaper, president of both the National Honors Society and Mock Trial, and has a leadership role in the Quaker Marching Band. Bethany's activities outside of school include volunteering at Orchard Park Educational Outreach that has over the years built schools and an internet café for girls in Afghanistan. Bethany also volunteers at the local Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Youth Court and is a Church School teacher. Bethany says she is passionate to bring about concrete solutions to issues of social injustice and gender inequality. Bethany's teacher, who has taught for 35 years, rates Bethany in the top handful of all the students she has worked with and describes Bethany as an "All-Star humanitarian activist". Another teacher states that "there is no sitting on the sidelines for Bethany" and that she has a passion for learning which turns into action.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL NEWS

WELCOME ZONTIANS!

Use Member Resources to access tools and resources to help you conduct Zonta business at the club, district and international levels, get up-to-date member news and information, and connect with other Zontians worldwide. Check back frequently for new and updated tools and information.

[Update Your Member Profile](#)

At the last meeting, some members said they were not receiving the Zonta International letters and news updates. If you are not receiving them, go to the Zonta International website, www.zonta.org, and register under the Member Resources section.

16 Days Activism: The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign uses the 16 days between International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (25 November) and International Human Rights Day (10 December) to reinforce that ‘eliminating all forms of violence against women’ is a human rights issue and that the act of perpetrating violence against women is a human rights violation. The 16 Days Campaign brings the human rights framework to the heart of its work and utilizes it to ensure that both state and non-state actors are held accountable for acts of violence against women.

November 25th was declared International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women at the first Feminist Encuentro for Latin America and the Caribbean held in Bogota, Colombia,



July 18-21, 1981. The “feminist encuentros” are conferences of feminists from Latin America who come together every 2-3 years in a different Latin American country in order to exchange experiences and to reflect upon the state of the women’s movement. At that first Encuentro, women systematically denounced all forms of gender violence from domestic battery to rape and sexual harassment to state violence including torture and abuse of women political prisoners. November 25th was chosen to commemorate the violent assassination of the Mirabal sisters (Patria, Minerva and Maria Teresa) on November 25, 1960 by the dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo in the Dominican Republic. In 1999, the United Nations officially recognized November 25th as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

ADVOCACY DAYS

8-March

International Women's Day

21-September

International Day of Peace

15-October

International Day of Rural Women

17 October

International Day for Eradication of
Poverty

24-October

United Nations Day

25-November

International Day for the Elimination
of Violence Against Women

25 November-10 December

16 Days of Activism

1-December

World AIDS Day

2-December

International Day for the Abolition of
Slavery/Suppression of the Traffic in
Persons

10-December

International Human Rights Day

Statement by Zonta International

Zonta International expresses its grave concern in relation to reports of actions against women in Iran who are prosecuted according to Sharia law. In the case of Sakineh Ashtiani and other women who are facing legal actions, we would urge the Iranian government to comply with its obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political rights (CCPR), especially as it has recently attained a seat on the Commission of the Status of Women (CSW), which body is bound to ensure the implementation of all Articles in the International Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). This Convention is to ensure, *inter alia*, the legal equality of men and women. Clearly, in prosecuting these women, the legal equality of women in Iran comes into question.

Although Iran has not yet signed CEDAW, it has signed the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the CCPR as mentioned above.

The way forward for Iran to improve its laws and processes with respect to the treatment of women and the girl child was outlined in the 2005 report of the Mission to the Islamic Republic of Iran (Ref. E/CN.

4/2006/61/Add.3). The manifestations of violence against women and the institutional bases of such violence in Iran were identified and some conclusions were:

“If the Iranian regime is sincere about restoring women’s dignity then it must embark on a re-interpretation of its fundamental norms, including Islamic principles in line with the current needs and societal contributions of women as well as with universal human rights standards”(p.18).

“...ensuring the protection of women’s rights, including protection against violence, will require a comprehensive review of discriminatory laws and procedures as well as a reorientation in the manner in which religious laws are interpreted” (p.19).

Recommendations included the ratification of key Conventions such as CEDAW and the bringing of national laws into conformity with the Convention; the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children; full implementation of the recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child; and to implement the provisions of the Declaration on Human Rights Defenders in order to ensure that women human rights defenders are able to carry out their work with full autonomy and without being subjected to retaliation by the State or other actors(p.20).

The measure of a country’s status on UN bodies such as CSW is seen not in what it ‘appears’ to be doing as part of such a vital monitoring body but, rather, in what it does with respect to preserving the rights and status of its own citizens- especially women and the girl child.

Zonta International would strongly urge the government of Iran to lead by example, thus ‘legitimising’ its place to sit on the Commission of the Status of Women from 2011.

Zonta International, as an international NGO, will continue to stand with those organisations and countries around the world which seek to improve the status of women and who speak out about human rights abuses. Violence, in all its forms, and the denial of human rights has to stop.

AMELIA EARHART COMMITTEE MESSAGE

 **Zonta International**
District 4

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

December 2010

The library continues to expand and the topics covered are all interesting stories. Let me try to lead in to this with a little laugh: A woman asks her husband the difference between an optimist and a pessimist. He says the optimist creates an airplane and a pessimist creates a parachute (see in the Readers Digest magazine).

Now on to a book received yesterday – WOMEN AND FLIGHT Portraits of Contemporary Women Pilots by Carolyn Russo published in 1997. The book is filled with beautiful photographs and short stories on a variety of women in aviation. You meet Fay Gillis Wells, a founding member of the Ninety-Nines Inc. and the first woman member of the Caterpillar Club. This club dates back to 1922 and the first person to do a survival jump from an airplane using a parachute. With parachutes being made of silk it seemed like the best name for a club listing the people who survived what would have otherwise been certain death. Check out the website www.merkki.com/caterpillarclub.htm.

Jean Ross Howard-Phelan is the 13th woman in the world to receive a helicopter pilot’s license and she founded the Whirly Girls Inc. International Women Helicopter Pilots association. Check out website www.whirlygirls.org. They have annual meetings and the 2011 gathering will be in Orlando, FL. Victoria Van Meter is also in the book – she flew across the country when she was only eleven years old (I think she spoke at a District event several years ago). Lori Love is a crop duster who also flies helicopters, gliders and does hang gliding. Susan Still is a Lt. in the USN and was the 3rd woman selected by the Navy to be trained in combat aircraft for attack missions.

Mary Ellen Weber was mission specialist onboard the Discovery shuttle flight in June 1995. Lots more great women in the book and it is definitely worth searching for as a used book from a favorite book buying site.

UPON SILVER WINGS Global Adventure In A Small Plane by CarolAnn Garratt tells the story of her around the world flight in 2003. Done as a fund raising event to raise dollars for research to cure ALS/Lou Gehrig's Disease she departs Florida heading west to California on February 28 and in August she is at her father's home in Virginia when a hurricane keeps her on the ground for a week. This was not a planned "record flight", but one to bring the awareness of the disease to the world, to meet with ALS organizations around the world, as well as to meet with Young Eagles (elementary school age children interested in flight), to meet family and old friends, and to attend air shows if they fit her schedule. A fact filled book that has the reader learning about the behind the scenes planning of such a difficult endeavor (getting visas, buying fuel, clearing customs, spraying the plane to prevent the spread of disease/insects, and the mechanical mishaps, both on ground and in air).

Her second book UPON SILVER WINGS II World Record Adventure tells the story of her record flight around the world with co-pilot Carol Foy. It was a short 8 days in December 2008 - again to raise funds to fight ALS.

If you don't think the trips flying east to west or west to east are difficult, then check out the book WINGS AROUND THE WORLD by Polly Vacher, she lives in the UK and her trip around the world was North to South in 2003.

Her story has all the background details: outdoor survival training in Alaska and Switzerland, plus emergency water crash landing techniques.

She too has to obtain the required visas, but her fuel supply requirements are more difficult as she must get the fuel to areas where purchasing fuel is not an option. She must get the fuel to a set location a full year before she takes off from her home base. She will fly 60,000 nautical miles in a Piper Dakota, go over 30 different countries, and touch land on all seven continents. The flight itself took her 352 days - 550 flight hours.

Interested in learning about the adventurers who have flown around the world - check the website www.earthrounders.com. You can obtain a listing of all who have made this grueling trip and information about planning a trip.

At the November District 4 Board meeting Donna Ketchum-Colletta passed along a news publication called Western New York Women (the autumn 2010 issue). On the cover is a young WASP pilot named Vi Cowden and the article inside tells of the DVD documentary that was recently made about her service in the WASP organization. I bought the DVD and it is very well done - 91 year old VI has very good recall about her training and experiences and she speaks fondly of the various planes she flew and candidly about how the women were treated by male pilots. The DVD is titled WINGS OF SILVER - The Vi Cowden Story. There is also an article about US Navy Commander, Terri A. Yackle, who is a native of Eden, NY. She has recently been named Commander of the Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron Two One (Blackjacks HSC-21). She supervises 300 people and oversees 10 Sierra Seahawk helicopters.

FOUNDING OF ZI

The founding of **Zonta International** occupies a unique moment in women's history. Established in Buffalo, New York, USA in 1919, early members were among the first generation of college-educated women, the first generation of North American women to vote, and a part of the growing, though still comparatively small, legion of women entering the workforce.

Over the decades, **Zonta International** has grown into a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women. There are more than 31,000 members in more than 1,200 clubs in 65 countries all over the world.

Inspiration and Founder

While working in a prominent role at the Buffalo Express at a time when women rarely held leadership positions, playwright and journalist Marian de Forest conceived the idea of an organization that would bring together women in executive positions. She envisioned a strong network that would help women reach their rightful places in the professions.

Zonta's first club was chartered in Buffalo, New York on November 8, 1919. Membership grew rapidly. By 1920, a confederation of nine Zonta clubs had formed with 600 members.

Helping Shape Women's Lives in the 20th and 21st Centuries

While Zonta shared a common vision with hundreds of women's clubs in the first part of the 20th century - encouraging women's teamwork, courage, risk-taking, and self-reliance - it also represented something of a departure.

Zonta's strict business and classification system required its members to be employed at least 50 percent of the time at an executive or decision-making level in a recognized business or profession.

In addition, each club could have just one member per business classification; a requirement that ensured clubs would consist of "experts" in a broad range of fields. The founders foresaw the benefits of having clubs made up of architects, artists, educators, entrepreneurs, executives, doctors, government officials, lawyers, pilots, scientists and more. This diverse expertise meant clubs could offer their communities and the world optimum service, backed by a broad range of understanding and insight.

Early members were keenly aware of the challenges of carving a place for themselves in what was still a predominantly male domain. Many Zonta clubs actively pursued gender equity in employment opportunities.

During the **1930s**, **Zonta International** grew to 130 clubs in six countries spanning three continents and continued its push for gender equity in employment. After the United States passed the "Married Persons Law," which predominantly affected wives by prohibiting more than one family member from working for the government, Zonta adopted a resolution to demand repeal of the law; and, in 1944, delegates to the Zonta International Convention endorsed the elimination of gender discrimination in job opportunities and rates of pay.

The organization also expressed support for women's reserves to the military service.

While Zonta's work to achieve gender equity in employment dates back many years, so do its efforts in other critical areas of women's lives. Education has been a focus since the adoption of the Vocational Education for Girls Project, Zonta's first US service program, in 1928. The project asked Zontians to provide information on their job descriptions, work conditions, compensation and training requirements for a centralized job bank available to high school libraries, universities and colleges.

In **1923**, Zonta supported relief efforts to care for 115,000 orphan children in Smyrna, Turkey, an event that marked the beginning of Zonta's dedication to helping women internationally. As technology made the world a smaller place and Zonta clubs sprang up around the globe, international service projects, initially dedicated to world peace and women's role in attaining it, increased. Action for World Peace expressed support for the fledgling United Nations (UN) and was adopted at the **1946** Convention.

The Amelia Earhart Fellowships Program, launched in **1938**, commemorates groundbreaking aviator and Zontian Amelia Earhart. Ellen Parks, then serving as Zonta International President, remembered, "At that time few women considered a career in aerospace engineering, yet not one voice of doubt was raised as to the success of such a scholarship." Ten years later, the Z Club Program was established to promote youth leadership and career mentorship. Today, these programs stand as Zonta's longest running programs, two of several dedicated to improving educational, leadership and youth development opportunities for women around

the world.

In **1956**, when Soviet troops marched into Hungary, **Zonta International** worked through the UN to provide food and shelter to Hungarian refugees. Since then, Zonta has frequently funded UN projects through the International Service Fund. Projects such as the Vocational and Teacher Training Center for Women in Ramallah, Jordan; Mobile Medical Units to serve mothers and children in rural Ghana; the Young Mothers Hostel Project in Uruguay; and the Revolving Loan Fund for Village Women in the Delta and Upper Egypt have improved thousands of women's lives.

One of the first service organizations to understand women's unique role in achieving world peace, Zonta International continues to promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Zonta Clubs still select, fund and participate in community projects fundamental to promoting women's economic self-sufficiency, political equality, access to education and health care and the elimination of violence against women.

Each year, Zontians dedicate thousands of volunteer hours and millions of dollars to affecting these changes, while the Zonta International programs funded by the Zonta International Foundation impact these issues on a global level.

Keeping You MoneySmart

SAMANTHA MAZIARZ CHRISTMANN

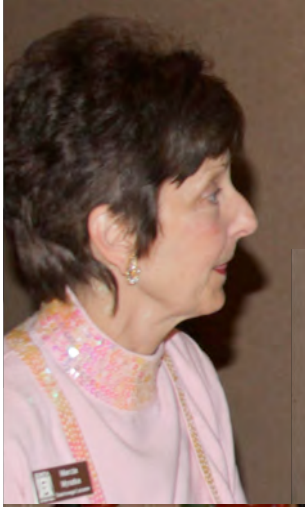
Western New York may not often see earthquakes and hurricanes, but even so, every family should be prepared for a natural disaster — or even a bad ice storm. Visit www.FEMA.gov/areyouready to find a checklist of the items you should have on hand to keep your family safe and comfortable should disaster strike.



SUPERBOWL XLV PARTY

**Sunday, February 6, 2011
3:30 at the Cheektowaga Senior
Center**

**\$19 per person
Dinner Buffet by Penny Wise
Catering at 4:00
Game Shown on the Large Screen**



After 5 steals, Donna has an ornament!