

# ZONTA GOOD NEWS

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

DEDICATED TO ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN  
WORLDWIDE.



MARCH, 2011

## Zonta Officers:

**President:** Phyllis Dickinson

**Vice President:** Renette Janora

**Treasurer:** Jane Keenan

**Secretary:** Peggy Hegierski

## Zonta Board Members:

Sherry Mueller—Ass't Treasurer

Ann Detzler – Past President

Mary Lou Ardino – 2 years

Gabriella Sciolino – 2 years

Laurie Ucasz – 1 year

Celeste Korzeniewski – 1 year

## Message from the President:

Ladies and Fellow Zontians: Celebrate International Women's Day. Congratulate that face in the mirror and give yourself a pat on the back. As a Zontian, you have done something to improve the status of women. As individuals we all do little things to help, but as a Club we can really accomplish a lot. We have participated in projects which will improve the lives of women and children; most recently completing the 1000 Birthing Kits. You have helped raise funds to support our scholarships and to assist a woman returning to school. The funds we send to Zonta International annually help on an international scale. But it takes each of you to sell those lottery tickets, bring stuff to the yard sale, put together those baskets for the luncheon, and contribute in the many different ways you all do. While we have been working toward our club's goals, we have enjoyed each other's support and companionship...and had a good time (usually). So buy yourself a yellow rose on March 8; and celebrate being a Zontian.

Phyllis

## Birthdays:

- ❖ Mary Lou Ardino
- ❖ Gabe Sciolino
- ❖ Gina Dlugosz
- ❖ Judy Labiak

## **SAVE THE DATE**

- 3/8/2011- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of International Women's Day
- 3/8/2011 - Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, NY: IWD Celebration; Dinner at Conference Center of Niagara Falls
- 3/8/2011 - Zonta Club of Hamilton II: Fundraising Gala 5:30 PM
- 3/9/2011 - Zonta Club of Kitchener-Waterloo: Celebration of International Women's Day 5:30 PM
- 3/10/2011 - Zonta Club of Mississauga: Celebrating Canadian Women: Perspectives on Progress 5:30 PM
- 3/10/2011 - HIV/AIDS Awareness and Education Event sponsored by HANCI of Niagara Falls
- 3/17/2011 - Business/Program Meeting at Ripa's
- 4/2/2011 - Spring Workshop: Lockport, NY: Areas 3 & 4
- 4/3/2011 - Basket Making
- 4/7/2011 - Basket Making
- 4/9/2011 - Lucky Numbers Luncheon at Samuels Grand Manor
- 4/9/2011 - Lucky Number Luncheon of Batavia-Genesee County
- 4/10/2011 - "Celebrate Women" at the Millennium Hotel
- 4/14/2011 - Business/Program Meeting at Ripa's
- 4/16/2011 - Spring Workshop: Bradford, PA: Areas 5 & 6
- 4/30/2011 - Spring Workshop: Guelph, ON: Areas 1 & 2
- 5/12/2011 - Jr. League Decorator's Show House -5:30-9:30
- 5/14/2011 - Jr. League Decorator's Show House 9:30-1:45
- 5/19/2011 - Awards Dinner at Ripa's
- 6/4/2011 - Relay for Life at Lancaster High School
- 6/16/2011 - Business/Program Meeting at Ripa's
- 2011 District Conference -September 23 - 25, 2011 at Adams Mark Hotel
- 10/21/2011 - Rob's Comedy Playhouse: Dandelion's Restaurant
- July, 2012 ZONTA International Convention, Turin, Italy

## **CLUB EVENTS and NEWS:**

**1 JR. LEAGUE DECORATOR'S SHOW HOUSE:** Located at 360 Depew Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Volunteers have signed up for either May 12<sup>th</sup> or May 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **2 BIRTHING KITS:**

The birthing kit project was a great success. On February 12<sup>th</sup>, our club, along with Zontians from the Hamburg-Orchard Park Club, worked together to finish almost one thousand birthing kits. Zontians can do anything we put our minds to, and we do it well! Our kudos goes to the planning committee and to everyone who helped. As Kerry said, "It was truly a team effort."



### **3 LUCKY NUMBERS COMMITTEE:**

We have depleted our supply of baskets; please bring any you have to our March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Also, on March 17<sup>th</sup>, we will continue to collect Lottery Ticket money \$5, Incidental money \$10, and most importantly, ticket money. **Remember, we need your count by MARCH 28<sup>th</sup>.**

***If you need more tickets, please see Diane.***

### **BASKET MAKING DATES:**

- *Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Laurie's: noon to 6:00. Please bring a plate to share.*
- *Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at Laurie's: Begins at 6:00. Please bring \$5 and the committee will provide a light dinner.*

### **DISTRICT 4 NEWS:**

#### **MEET OUR GOVERNOR:**



**Bonnie Crogan  
Mazur**  
District 4 Governor  
2010-2012

Bonnie Crogan Mazur sent us an email speaking about our District 4. She asks that we attend area Spring Workshops to learn leadership skills and to share fellowship. Bonnie also advocates checking our District 4 website often. (<http://zontadistrict4.org/>) Since every committee at our club level also has a corresponding committee at the district level, Bonnie suggests we have so many experienced leaders on the District Board, we should remember to speak to them about bylaws, service, legislative awareness and advocacy. They are great sources of knowledge.

Bonnie also suggests we use the district personnel, such as past Governors, as resources and speakers for our club.

Bonnie stressed the idea of attending our district Fall Conference at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Buffalo on September 23, 24 and 25.

Bonnie had one final thing to say about membership. "Zontians are UNIQUE, we are a SPECIAL KIND OF PEOPLE, we have high expectations of ourselves, we have a keen interest in advocacy on behalf of women and children who have no voice. Don't recruit people who want to sit on the bench and watch the world go by. Recruit women who want to change that world for the better; recruit women who are will to get off their duffs and do some "hands-on" service projects like Birthing Kits. Recruit women who are interesting and exciting to be around. Anyone can be a couch potato volunteer but we want those kinds of women who raise their hand and ask...what can I do."

#### **A letter from Mary Ann Tarantula, ZONTA International United Nations Committee Chairman:**

Dear All,

Last week, on 24 February 2011, many of us were present in the UN General Assembly to witness the ceremonies for the official launch of UN Women. It was truly moving and something I know I will never forget. If you go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and put UN Women Launch in the browser, you can view the videos from that night and perhaps you will understand the feelings and emotions that ran through that space. It was a truly historic time and, now, we know that what we have been hoping for is a little closer. We will continue our mission to improve the status of women all over the world and we hope that we will have a powerful ally in UN Women.

Warmest regards,  
MaryAnn

## **DISTRICT 4 EVENTS**

➤ **Tuesday, March 8, 2011**

### **LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS & ADVOCACY – 105**

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of International Women's Day is March 8<sup>th</sup>. The United Nations theme for this year is "Equal Access to Education, Training, Science and Technology: Pathway for Decent Work for Women".

The world is changing before our eyes. There are examples of advocacy everywhere- from the Arab world to the impasse in the State House in Wisconsin to the outrage in Winnipeg regarding Judge Dewar's remarks concerning a rape case. People are speaking up.

Here in Canada there is a statistic in the February issue of the CCPA Monitor that is worth noting. The Organization for Economic Cooperation ranks countries annually in a variety of categories. Infant mortality rates here in Canada are so high that we have dropped from 6<sup>th</sup> place in the world to 24<sup>th</sup> with 5.1 deaths per 1,000 'live births of infants less than one year of age'. Canada ranks just ahead of Poland and Hungary.

A new book has been published that supplies 'some of the most thorough studies on the effects of economic inequality assembled in one place'. The book is entitled 'The Spirit Level' and the authors are Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett. It examines the 'multifaceted impact on society' that inequality has.

Connie Deckert, D4 LAA Chair (Canada), Zonta Club of Kitchener-Waterloo

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➤ **Thursday, March 10, 2011**

### **NATIONAL WOMEN and GIRLS HIV/AIDS AWAREMENT DAY**

"*NEW FACES, NEW CHALLENGES: A CONTINUING PARADOX,*" will take place from 10 – 4 at the Niagara Arts and Cultural Center (NACC) in Niagara Falls. To register, call (716) 285-8224, ext, 211. [www.hanci.com](http://www.hanci.com)

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➤ **Sunday, April 10, 2011**

### **Celebrate Spring...Celebrate You...An Event for Women**

Brought to you by the Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce

Millennium Hotel Buffalo, 2040 Walden Avenue. Presidential Ballroom, 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM

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➤ **DISTRICT 4 CONFERENCE:**

**September, 2011 in Buffalo at the Adam's Mark Hotel.**

If you are interested in serving as an officer or board member for District 4 for the period 2012-2014, please contact Phyllis to submit your name for nomination. \*Area Director must be a past president of their club. **Nominations must be submitted ASAP: March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

One business item covered at the conference is proposals for ZI bylaw amendments to be considered at the 2012 Zonta International Convention. Clubs and members have the right to propose bylaw amendments and additions. If anyone has a proposed change, please submit it to Phyllis as soon as possible. **Changes must be submitted by April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011** to allow for District 4 Board to review at the May Board Meeting. Please submit article and section number to be amended, original wording, proposed wording and rationale for the amendment or new bylaw.

➤ **Saturdays, April 2, 16 and 30, 2011**  
**ZONTA Spring Workshops: LEADING with PASSION and PURPOSE**

	Saturday, April 2	Saturday, April 16	Saturday, April 30
Host Club	8:30 AM - 3:00 PM Zonta Club of Lockport Area 3 and 4 (see note)	8:30 AM - 3:00 PM Zonta Club of Bradford Area 5 and 6	8:30 AM - 3:00 PM Zonta Club of Guelph Area 1 and 2
Location	Holiday Inn 515 South Transit Road Lockport, NY 14094 716-434-6151	The Pennhills Club 146 Pennhills Drive Bradford, PA 16701 (814)-368-6159	Victoria Park East Golf Club 1096 Victoria Road S Guelph, ON N1L 1C6 (519) 821-2211
Registration	\$35.00 USD*	\$30.00 USD	\$45.00 CDN
First time attendee	\$30.00 USD*	\$25.00 USD	\$40.00 CDN
Zonta Store Table	\$20.00 USD*	\$ 5.00 USD	\$10.00 CDN
Send Cheque to	Maureen Wendt c/o The Dale Association 315 Bewley Building Lockport, NY 14094 <a href="mailto:maureen.wendt@daleassociation.com">maureen.wendt@daleassociation.com</a>	Carma Horner 61 Derrick Road Bradford, PA 16701 <a href="mailto:billhorn@atlanticbb.net">billhorn@atlanticbb.net</a>	Christy Carlyle 22 Kathleen St Guelph, ON N1H 4Y2 <a href="mailto:andrewcarl@rogers.com">andrewcarl@rogers.com</a>
Make cheque out to	Zonta Club of Lockport	Zonta Club of Bradford	Zonta Club of Guelph
Early Bird deadline	N/A	N/A	April 5 (early bird)
Registration deadline	March 14 Meal choice: Grilled Marinated Chicken; Breaded Pork Cutlet-topped with gravy; Vegetarian Lasagna	April 6	April 15

*\*There is a \$2.00 Canadian check fee. Checks may be exchanged for US currency the day of the event if noted with the reservation.*

**Join us for a day of fellowship, learning and shopping!**

## **ZONTA INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIES TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PROGRAM (ZISVAW)**

Globally, gender-based violence is the most pervasive and least recognized human rights violation. Rooted in inequality, it affects women of every race, class, culture, ethnicity, age and country. Zonta International strives to promote and protect the human rights of all women and girls and reduce the incidence of violence through the Zonta International Strategies to End Violence Against Women (ZISVAW) Program by:

- Supporting prevention and advocacy strategies locally and internationally.
- Awarding grants to United Nations agencies or recognized NGOs for projects that seek to change personal and/or political knowledge, attitudes and behavior contributing to gender-based violence.
- Increasing awareness and actions related to preventing violence against women by encouraging Zonta club involvement in local and national advocacy initiatives and service projects.