

ZONTA GOOD NEWS

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

DEDICATED TO ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN
WORLDWIDE.

APRIL, 2011



Zonta Officers:

President: Phyllis Dickinson

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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

Calendar of Events:

- 3/28/2011 - Last day to notify Diane Kaczmarek how many tickets you have sold and if you need any "special" dinners.
- 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
- 4/10/2011 - "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



*Milly always dresses for the occasion:
Our St. Patrick's Day meeting*

Birthdays:

- ❖ Diane Kaczmarek
- ❖ Nina Corey

President's Report:

Happy Spring Fellow Zontians (Even though we just got some more snow to remind us not to "count our chickens before they're hatched"), Last week's meeting reminded us that we're moving into our busy time: basket making on the 3rd and 7th with the Lucky Numbers Luncheon on the 9th. The Luncheon Committee has been hard at work collecting donations, planning the table decorations and programs with the Zonta International theme and checking on details. Hard to believe that by our meeting on April 14th, it will all be over. Judy has included details on the Luncheon in this newsletter; it's a lot of work but it's our club's biggest fundraiser so I know, as true Zontians, we'll all do our share. So read the Newsletter and call if there are any questions.
Phyllis

Committee Reports:

Lucky Numbers Luncheon:

- Please be sure to contact Diane Kaczmarek by March 28th to give her the number of tickets you have sold and whether or not you have special dinner requests for any attendees
- Please give the money you collected for the tickets to Diane by or on our April 3rd basket making session.

Our 1st of 2 basket making sessions is scheduled for Sunday, April 3rd from noon until 6. Please bring any extra baskets you may have along with your gifts and snacks to Laurie's home at this time. While at Laurie's, we will ask you to sign up to man the ticket sales booths.

There will be 4 stations, each manned by 2 people, selling BLUE Chinese Auction tickets: 1 sheet for \$5; 3 sheets for \$10.

There will be 2 other stations, each manned by 2 people, who will be selling Yellow Rose Table tickets for baskets worth more than \$75. These YELLOW tickets cost: 3 Tickets for \$5; 8 Tickets for \$10.

Large gold star-shaped balloons will denote these 6 stations.

We will walk around selling the Share the Wealth Tickets. These GREEN tickets cost: 3 Tickets for \$5; 8 Tickets for \$10.

See you on the 3rd of April.

OUR LOTTERY WINNERS:

Thanks to Annette Rogers and our great ticket sellers, our club netted over \$1,000.

Our Winners are:

JAN SAUER
DONALD MUELLER
DOROTHY KUESZI
DONNA LOOMIS
RUTH MUKAHY
JOHN ROGOWSKI
KATHY HEGIERSKI
CHRISTINE ZIEMBA
MIKE SZYNSKI
JOANNE THAESLER
PHILLIP SCIOLINO
ROGER NOWATZKI
ED LESTER
SALLY DONDUO
DON METZ
GABE SCIOLINO

BIRTHING KIT UPDATE:

By Kerry Switalski

Upon completion of our first 1,000 birthing kits (I say it like that because everyone involved seemed eager to do more) we can be very proud of how well our kit assembly went and that we have already begun distributing our kits. For the record, including everyone's time and effort that helped with this project, we spent 136 service hours planning and making the kits. Thank you to all of our Club members and their friends and family members who helped, along with the Aurora Club and the Hamburg-Orchard Park Club. An extra thank you goes out to all the planning committee members who made sure we had all the items we needed to assemble the kits.

We have discovered (although I think we already knew this) that we have some very resourceful members and a very generous community.

With regards to the distribution of our kits, here is what we've done so far. Dr. Laura Warkenton, a Buffalo Club Zontian, took 125 kits with her to Costa Rica and will personally see to it that the kits get distributed. Dr. Laura is more than willing to report back to our Club and we will invite her to do so when our meetings resume in September. Dr. Laura will be going to Africa in July and we will be giving her more kits to take with her then.

There is another Buffalo Zontian traveling to another underserved country this year and more of our birthing kits will be given at that time.

At our Club meeting on March 17th, Sharon Green from Global African Village came and spoke to us about the Bagishu women in Uganda and we have agreed that our birthing kits could have a very positive impact there too. We will give the group's President, Sebastian Wanzama-Piro, 50 kits to take back with him to Uganda when he returns there this July.



And finally, we will continue to connect with other individuals and groups who can help us get our birthing kits to the women who need them most. Think of the impact we're making, one baby and one mother at a time!



CONGRATULATIONS to Christine Ziemba on your Retirement.

***1st female Police Officer in Cheektowaga;
1st female Chief of Police in Cheektowaga.***

Your many awards speak to your dedication and the positive impact you have had during your career.



An event, advertised in the Buffalo News, NEXT, was a school play about people who have helped women. Mary Lou, Ann and Jane saw this play by the Springville-Griffith Human Rights Club Students (grades 7-10).

They were so impressed; they hope it can be brought to our District 4 Conference.

Below you can find the poem written by one of the tenth graders:

I AM SHE

By: Jessica Connors, 10th grader

*I am she
The one who was only a mother, a cook, a maid
I fought
Rights were what I wanted
The right to vote, the right to work
My right...a human right
I am she
A mother, a worker, an activist
I fought, and I achieved
I am she
My face hidden
A burqua, my identity...lost
I am she
Who am I
I'm a victim of extremism, a girl
My hope is to one day be seen
I am she
Quiet and alone
The victim? The problem?
No, I am she
The solution, the warrior, the fighter, the survivor
I am Alice; I am Eleanor
I have the poser
The power to fight, the power to win
You heard their cries. Now listen to mine
I am she
The student
The one who is standing in their shoes
The one who has lost her rights
I am she. I am fighting, and I will win
A woman, a fighter, a believer
I am she*

NOTES:

- **August 5 and 6: (Friday and Saturday) GARAGE SALE at Phyllis' NO ELECTRONICS, just cords**
- **October 1st: Geneva, NY - Lily Ledbetter will be inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame**
- **Barb Ziros will be sponsoring Nancy Peacock (aka Seabisquit) for membership in May.**

➤ **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

➤ **Introducing the Zonta International Foundation Credit Card
Show your support with every purchase you make.**

ZONTIANS IN THE US - SHOW YOUR SUPPORT WITH EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE!

We've partnered with Capital One to launch our newest fundraising program, and it will help us earn money doing what you do every day! Just use our custom credit card and valuable cash donations for every purchase you make will be donated to our organization. Plus, we'll get a \$50 bonus donation when you make your first purchase. The card comes with a competitive rate, so sharing your passion—and your support—is easy and automatic. Apply today!

- Choose from our organization's creative card designs
- \$50 initial donation to our cause
 - Earn 2% Cash rewards at most major Gas and Grocery merchants
 - Earn 1% Cash rewards on all other purchases
 - Earn up to 10% Cash rewards at select merchants

The Zonta Club of St. Catharines
presents

*An English Afternoon Tea
&
Lucky Number Draw*

Rockway Glen Golf Course & Estate Winery
3290 Ninth Street, St. Catharines

Sunday, April 17, 2011

Doors Open at 12:30 p.m.

\$30

Poster proudly sponsored
by Sandercott & Evans Opticians

Tickets available at 905-684-3953



Zonta Club of
Hamilton II

Invites you to Celebrate its
40th Anniversary at..

Three Cups of Tea

Empowerment Through Expression
Womens' Voices in the Art Community

Sunday May 1, 2011
1:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Michelangelo's

\$40/ticket

- ENGLISH AFTERNOON TEA
- DOOR PRIZES
- GIFT BASKET RAFFLES
- ARTIST VENDORS
- MUSKOKA WEEKEND
GETAWAY DRAW

Special guest: Julie Craven
Founder of Jared's Place
(Mother of Jared)

Proceeds will support Jared's Place
Legal Advocacy & Resource Centre for
Abused Women



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Zonta Club of Rochester

Thursday 5/5/2011

Time: 5:30-9:00 PM



Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

**Reaching for the Stars....
....With A Little Help From Our Friends!**

LANCASTER OPERA HOUSE:

Friday, May 20th 7:30 PM

Come take a trip down memory lane with Milly and our fellow Zontians - \$16 or \$18 depending on numbers.

Lucky Strike Hit Parade...a musical revue, reminiscent of the old time radio shows of the 1940's.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

A three-day trip is being planned for **June 14-16, 2011**, by the Cheektowaga Senior Travel. Highlights: Lion King, Rockefeller Plaza, Midtown Manhattan, Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty, Ground Zero, Wall Street & Times Square.

\$100 deposit due to secure reservation. Balance due on April 20th. Call: 686-3930.