

# ZONTA GOOD NEWS

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

DEDICATED TO ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN  
WORLDWIDE.

MAY, 2011



## Zonta Officers:

**President:** Phyllis Dickinson

**V 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

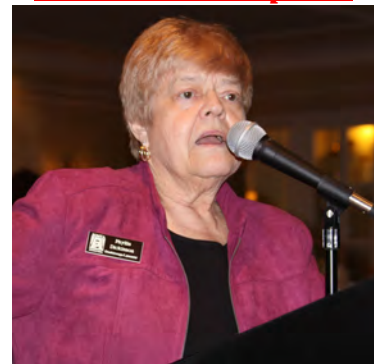
**Laurie Ucasz** — 1 year

**Celeste Korzeniewski** — 1 year

## Calendar of Events:

- 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
- 6/11/2011 - Highway Cleanup; Meet at 8:00 am at The 50's Diner
- 6/16/2011 - Business/Program Meeting at Ripa's
- 8/5 and 8/6/2011 - GARAGE SALE at Phyllis' NO ELECTRONICS, just cords
- 2011 District Conference –September 23 – 25, 2011 at Adams Mark Hotel
- 10/1/2011 – Geneva, NY Lily Ledbetter's induction into the Women's Hall of Fame
- 10/21/2011 – Rob's Comedy Playhouse: Dandelion's Restaurant

## President's Report:



Dear Zontians:

Thank You to everyone for your efforts in helping to make this year's Lucky Numbers Luncheon the HUGE success it was. A profit of over \$9000 is truly amazing! A special thank you to the luncheon committee: Diane, Celeste, Ann, Judy, Jane and Laurie. What a great job you did. They have already agreed to chair next year's luncheon; it has been booked for April 28.

Now we are looking forward to our Awards and Scholarship Program in May. This is when we award the money we worked so hard to raise last year. This evening provides an opportunity to showcase the work we do throughout the year and to give back to our community. If you would like to invite a guest this would be an excellent time. Our District 4 Governor Bonnie Crogan Mazur will also be attending. I'm sure she will also have an inspiring message for us.

## Birthdays:

- ❖ Nina Corey
- ❖ Marcia Myszka

I will be sending out an email this week asking if you have any additional service or fundraising hours for this year. Our Annual Club Report is due May 1 so we need to gather this information ASAP. The chairmen have turned in their reports after events such as the luncheon and the Birthing Kits project, but if you worked additional hours on any of our club-approved projects this will be the opportunity to report them.

Yours in Zonta,  
Phyllis



**April 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Our guest speaker was Kathleen Douglass, our ZONTA International Director for District 4.



Kathleen spoke to us about the Zonta International Strategies to End Violence Against Women Program. (ZISVAW)

The ZISVAW Fund is supporting a **Comprehensive Strategy to End Burns Violence Against Women in Cambodia, Nepal and Uganda.**

**Funding:** US: \$430,000 to the UN Trust Fund, administered by UNIFEM. Acid violence and other forms of burning are prevalent forms of violence against

women and girls, especially in countries where regulatory monitoring and controls are weak, and where the judiciary, lawyers and police have limited knowledge on the appropriate laws to prosecute perpetrators. Acid Survivors Trust International (ASTI), the only organization working internationally on this issue, will collaborate with national Acid Survivors Foundations (ASF) in Cambodia, Nepal and Uganda to pilot an innovative and holistic community-based approach to address these forms of violence. The project will focus on improving response from the justice, police and health sectors, mobilizing communities to monitor and advocate for the implementation of legislation reform, and encouraging individual responsibility to end this gender-based violence.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Lucky Numbers Luncheon:**

Our Lucky Numbers Luncheon was very successful, thanks to everyone. Special thanks go to the committee: Celeste, Diane, Ann, Jane, Laurie and Judy. Our net profits and attendance were at an all time high.

Our luncheon speaker, Mary Travers Murphy, is the Executive Director of the Family Justice Center.



Mary explained that 9,200 domestic violence reports were filed last year in Erie County. It is believed only one out of seven instances of domestic abuse are actually

reported. Mary also told us that the new satellite office is located at 4383 South Buffalo Street, and is the result of the community's drive and determination to honor the memory of the late Assiya Zubair Hassan, who tragically lost her life as a victim of domestic violence just two years ago.

Our Zonta Club was thanked for providing \$5,000 for these victims of Domestic Violence.

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***Nominations Committee: At our April meeting, the following slate was elected:***

***President: Phyllis***

***Vice President: Renette***

***Treasurer: Jane***

***Secretary: Peggy***

***BOARD MEMBERS:***

***Mary Lou - 1 year***

***Gabe - 1 year***

***Diane - 2 years***

***Annette - 2 years***

***Installation of officers and board members will take place at our June meeting.***

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**District 4 Events:**

**Spring Workshop:  
AREAS 3 & 4  
By Mary Lou Ardino**

On April 2, 2011, Phyllis, Renette, Holley, Gabe, Peg, Mary Lou, Ann and Judy attended a District 4 Spring Workshop. It was entitled "Leading with Passion and Purpose. Are you leading....or merely taking a walk?"

Points to ponder:

- ❖ Be aware of different personalities.
- ❖ Passion and Purpose lead to a goal. Passion is action. Purpose gives direction.

- ❖ A leader takes people where they want to go.
- ❖ A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go but where they ought to be.
- ❖ Create space for collective wisdom, thoughts, and ideas.
- ❖ Be inclusive - work together as a team.
- ❖ If passion motivates your goals, let reason take its reins.



