



United Nations Day

October 24 is designated as UN Day. It marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter. With the ratification of this founding document by the majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, the United Nations officially came into being. Some basic rights and privileges enjoyed around the world are the result of work by the United Nations. Recently access to the Internet was declared a basic human right. A declaration which ensures that everyone has access to the world wide information and communication network. While this doesn't guarantee that everyone will have the ability to access the internet, it does guarantee that everyone has the right to.

Become more familiar with the UN at: <http://www.un.org/>



Visit the UN on November 17th

Zonta District 4 is once again partnering with the League of Women Voters of NY to host a day at the UN. This year's briefings include two topics; Sexual Violence in Conflict Areas and Anti-Terrorism. The briefings will present information on the problems and the action being taken to assist in these global issues.

Members are invited to attend. The deadline for registration is November 1. Cost for the day is \$115, which includes a tour, lunch in the delegates lounge and two briefings. A bus from Albany or New Palz is available for an additional \$50 (US)

http://zontadistrict4.org/?page_id=3217

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Around Town

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Dates to Remember

What can you do to support these efforts?

Month of October

National Domestic Violence
Awareness Month

October 8

Day of the Girl

November 8

Zonta's Birthday

November 15

Deadline for Applications for
Amelia Earhart Fellowship

November 20

Universal Children's Day

November 25

International Day for Elimination
of Violence Against Women

November 25 – December 10

16 Days of Activism

December 1

International Aids Day

December 10

International Human Rights Day

Zonta is AWESOME

As we begin to embark on the Club's AWESOME (All Women Everywhere Seek Opportunities for Mutual Equality) campaign, we also celebrate the Day of the Girl on October 11. As part of the global movement, the United States celebrates this day, which fights for gender justice and youth rights. This year's International Day of the Girl theme is Girls' Progress = Goals' Progress: What Counts for Girls.

Over the last 15 years, the global community has made significant progress in improving the lives of girls during early childhood. In 2015, girls in the first decade of life are more likely to enroll in primary school, receive key vaccinations, and are less likely to suffer from health and nutrition problems than were previous generations. However, there has been insufficient investment in addressing the challenges girls face when they enter the second decade of their lives. This includes obtaining quality secondary and higher education, avoiding child marriage, receiving information and services related to puberty and reproductive health, and protecting themselves against unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted disease and gender-based violence.

We have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young women, even if it is one girl at a time. Through awareness, education and advocacy, Club members can foster and support changes which advance gender equality.

Nancy

Scholarship Opportunity

Women in aerospace-related sciences and aerospace-related engineering may be eligible for the Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowship. The US\$10,000 Fellowship, established in 1938 in honor of famed pilot and Zontian, Amelia Earhart, is awarded annually to 35 women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace-related sciences or aerospace-related engineering. It may be used at any university or college offering accredited post-graduate courses and degrees in these fields. Our Fellows have gone on to become astronauts, aerospace engineers, astronomers, professors, geologists, business owners, heads of companies, even Secretary of the US Air Force.

Amelia Earhart Fellowship



Do you know someone who may be eligible and interested in applying? The deadline for the 2017 Fellowship is November 15. Click here for an application: <http://foundation.zonta.org/Our-Programs/Educational-Programs/Amelia-Earhart-Fellowship>



Zonta International Convention

Our thanks to Donna Ketchum-Colletta for carrying our proxy and serving as the delegate for the Cheektowaga-Lancaster Zonta Club at the International Convention held in July in Nice.

At our October meeting, Donna presented highlights of the convention including the 2016–2018 Biennial Goals as well as the 2016 summary of convention action on bylaws and resolutions.

Zonta's next International Convention will be held in Japan in 2018. Chicago will be the host the 2020 convention which will also celebrate the 100th anniversary of Zonta.

If you have not previously attended an International Convention, you may want to think about attending in the future. It provides an opportunity to meet women throughout the world who share the same mission and goals and working toward the empowerment of women and girls both at the local and international level.

2016 – 2018 Biennial Goals

Biennial Goals identify four major focus areas. Clubs develop goals and activities that serve to promote and support these biennial goals. Each of our committees (CAMPS) should keep this in mind when recommending projects or activities to the membership for further action.

Service

Goal 1: Zonta's service programs reflect on and enhance our mission.

- a.) Convention-approved International Service and Zonta International Strategies to end Violence Against Women (ZISVAW) projects focus on our mission and on sustainability
- b.) Sustainability is ensured through involvement of local and national governments and NGOs.
- c.) Local (district/clubs) are in line with our mission and vision
- d.) Zonta International identifies and proposes on new major Zonta-led project with the potential to become a long-term on-going project

Advocacy

Goal 2: Zonta International is a leading advocate for women's rights.

- a.) All advocacy actions are in-line with the strategic plan and have measurable impact. When relevant cooperation with like-minded organization is initiated.
- b.) Zonta International utilizes its consultative and participatory status at the United Nations and Council of Europe to ensure equality and life free of violence for all women
- c.) Zonta International encourage Zonta clubs to cooperate across district borders to engage in advocacy actions at national level.
- d.) Men are engaged as partners for gender equality

Membership

Goal 3: Zonta International builds and sustains a vibrant global membership.

- a.) Zonta engages the next generation of gender equality advocates
- b.) Clubs recruit and retain committed and skilled member

Resources

Goal 4: Zonta International maintains resources to support mission and vision fulfillment.

- a.) Leadership training and Zonta membership knowledge is reinforced
- b.) The communication and knowledge management platforms are improved
- c.) Zonta International Foundation has sustainable resources and the sources of income are broadened.

Goal 5: Zonta's Centennial Anniversary celebrations have visibility around the world.

- a.) Zonta International delivers the strategy and plans for the Centennial celebrations to the governors
- b.) Districts establish an Ad Hoc Committee for Zonta's Centennial Anniversary for coordination of events.



OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH “WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?”

Domestic violence is a pattern of intentional, coercive behaviors that may include verbal, physical, sexual, financial and/or emotional abuse directed against current or former spouses/partners, parents, children or any family member, in order to establish and maintain power and control

Some behaviors in this pattern are clearly criminal acts. Other behaviors are not necessarily illegal but are abusive and controlling, designed to intimidate or instill fear.

Victims of domestic abuse come from every culture, income group, age and religion. They frequently share feelings of isolation, guilt, fear, shame and helplessness. Intervention by the criminal justice system is often necessary and, with support, victims can emerge as survivors.

Does your partner or family member:

- Become extremely jealous or overprotective?
- Threaten or intimidate you, your children, or your pets?
- Destroy personal property?
- Call you names or make fun of you?
- Treat you roughly – grab, push, punch, shove, kick or hit you?
- Pressure you sexually?
- Use drugs or alcohol as an excuse of his/her behavior

If you answered yes to ANY of these questions, you are at risk of being a victim of domestic violence.

Excerpt taken from the Erie County Commission on Women. More information about their organization can be found at:

<http://www2.erie.gov/csw/>



Willette Taylor, President Women of the World (WOW)

Ms. Taylor was a guest speaker at the October meeting. As a founder of the Women of the World (WOW) organization and a survivor of domestic violence, Ms. Taylor gave an inspiring presentation to members.

The formation of the organization is an example of taking an affirmative action on an issue that affects not only the victims but other family and friends. The effects may also be long lasting, that do not necessarily stop once the abuser is no longer in the household.

The WOW organization serves Erie County. To learn more about the WOW organization and its resources, click on the following link:

<http://wowtcb.org/>

WOMEN @ ELDERWOOD

While carrying our Zonta's mission in empowering women and girls, it is important to remember those women who went before us. Women who may not have had the same opportunities that we have today but who struggles paved the way for the rights and opportunities that we may take for granted. We honor these women and continue in our work with the Women at Elderwood. Here are a few pictures from our last activity.



Elderwood Event held on September 19th



Women @ Elderwood

November 28, 6:30 pm

Hope to See You there!

November Preview



**Zonta International is
Celebrating its
97th Birthday
November 8th**

Join us for the celebration!!

From Awareness to Action

Issues related to domestic violence do not stop at awareness. The more educated we are on the subject, the more of an advocate we can be. Next month at our business meeting, Ms. Martha LaCorte, Crime Victims Specialist with the NY State Police will be the featured speaker. As a Crime Victims Specialist, she works closely with both police and local victim service agencies to best meet the needs of the victim.

Zonta Clubs Working Together Means Results

In June, Zonta Clubs from Cheektowaga-Lancaster and Hamburg-Orchard Park came together to make over 500 birthing kits. Recently, 120 birthing kits were distributed to Soul Fishing Ministries.

Soul Fishing Ministries is an NGO operated in Uganda by the Reverend Davis Matovu. (Pastor Davis, as he is called). Soul Fishing Ministries has several mission outreach programs to benefit the rural villages in Uganda. Pastor Davis works closely with Ibanda Moses at a rural clinic in Lusanja, Uganda. Moses not only runs his small clinic but he also travels to other rural villages providing nutrition classes, pre-natal care and assistance with birthing mothers. Each year the Reverend Doctor BJ Norrix takes a team to do mission work in Uganda with Soul Fishing Ministries. In 2012 the mission team brought birthing kits provided by Zonta. Moses was so grateful to have a clean, efficient way to help mothers with the birthing process; he has requested the team bring him some every year. Ibanda Moses, Pastor Davis and Soul Fishing Ministries are thankful to Zonta for providing the opportunity for those who cannot get to or afford to give birth in the hospital. So many women and their new born children have. and continue to benefit from the Zonta Club.



Around Town

Take a look at some of the opportunities around town that you may be interested in participating. Enhance your skills, join others in supporting women in our community, network with others or maybe just get together for a social outing and the proceeds are used to benefit women and girls.

Support Zonta Clubs

Here are some of the events being carried out by Zonta Clubs in the area. For information can be found at:

http://zontadistrict4.org/?page_id=926

October 25 – Shopping and Sweets Nite

ZC of Cheektowaga-Lancaster

October 25 - Shop Till You Drop

ZC of Buffalo

November 5 – Magic, Mystery and Mayhem

ZC of Lockport

November 12 – Zonta Holiday Festival

ZC of Batavia

November 17 – Zonta at the United Nations

November 25 – CA Zonta Says No

ZC of Niagara Falls



Buffalo Without Borders

November 3rd

Sponsored by:

International Institute of Buffalo

For more information & tickets

<http://www.iibuff.org/>



It's Fall About You!

November 6th

Sponsored by:

Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce

For More Information & tickets

<http://cheektowaga.org/events/events/its-fall-about-you>