



ZONTA
 CLUB OF
 CHEEKTOWAGA-
 LANCASTER

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
 THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

US Zontians promote legislation on Advocacy Day



ADVOCACY

In early June, Zontians from all districts with U.S. clubs went to Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., for the first time to advocate for women's rights with their senators and representatives. After a briefing on tips for talking with elected officials and reasons to pass the Equal Rights Amendment ratification bills and the Campus Accountability and Safety Act, 145 U.S. Zontians fanned out across the Capitol in state delegations to meet with staff in more than 60 Senate offices.

If you were not able to be a part of Advocacy Day in Washington, and want to take Zonta's advocacy efforts to your senators and representatives offices in your state, please participate in this online Advocacy Briefing Webinar. You will get the information, resources and confidence you need to address these important issues with your elected officials.

[Please RSVP](#) to confirm your attendance and select which session you will attend. You will receive call-in details after you RSVP. The date of the webinar is July 13. There are two time slots available: 9 am. CDT and 12 noon CDT.

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**Zonta Cheektowaga-Lancaster Club
Honored by
Town of Cheektowaga
As a Recipient of
Service to Youth Award**



On Tuesday, June 27, the Zonta Club of Cheektowaga-Lancaster was honored with the Service to Youth Award. The Club was nominated by the Cheektowaga Youth and Recreation Department, Summer Day Camp staff for the Club's continuous support of the Town's camps and the scholarships which the Club provided that allows children of single moms to attend summer camp who may not otherwise have the opportunity to attend.

Zonta is AWESOME

Hope you are all enjoying your summer so far and catching up with family and friends. It's also the start of a new Zonta year. So much was accomplished last year and the momentum continues as evidenced by our first meeting in June. The June meeting was a kickoff identifying local organizations who share similar goals and that the club can work in partnerships with, expanding our reach and maximizing our resources. We've already held our first fundraiser in June and plans are already underway for another Craft and Vendor Fair in October. Four young women from St. Monica's School will be attending the Summer Institute for a week in July due to funding the club provided. A Sangria and Zonta Nite is planned on July 20th inviting potential new members to learn about our club. The Communications Committee is now working in concert with the other committees to support their initiatives and events by "getting the word out" and publicizing club events. The Club was also recognized by the Cheektowaga Youth Bureau for previous support to the organization and its summer camp. Advocacy is already looking forward to planning and carrying out the Sixteen Days of Advocacy and the October Cheektowaga Chamber event, while it also represented our club at the Justice Center Breakfast in early June. Speakers for the upcoming year are being lined up for our business meetings by the Program Committee.

In the meantime, the Mary Lou Ardino and Celeste Korzeniewski were induced for two year terms on the Club Board.

It's amazing what a group of twenty women can do when working together. Again, thank you for all you do and I look forward to working with you again this year!

Nancy

Summer Institute of Human Rights and Genocide

Four young ladies from St. Monica's will be attending the Summer Institute this year, as a result of funding provided by the Zonta Club of Cheektowaga Lancaster. Beyond monetary support, the club also provides transportation for the girls so they are able to attend at the West Seneca location. Thanks to this year's drivers for volunteering, which include: Ann Detzler, Phyllis Dickinson, Kerry Peek and Barb Zsiros.

Additionally, any members who are interested are invited to attend. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Shabana Basij-Rasikh had to move her speaking engagement with the Institute. She was originally scheduled for Monday, July 10. However, this has been changed **THIS Sunday, July 9th, from 12:30-1:30PM at Erie 1 BOCES Educational Campus, Building B, located at 355 Harlem**. She's unbelievable--dressing as a boy to go to a secret school under the Taliban, to starting a boarding school for young women in Kabul today. Please check out [her bio](#) here, and here's hoping as many of you as possible might be able to make it! Her values so closely align with those of Zonta.

If you are planning on attending, email Drew Beiter directly at ABeiter@springvillegi.org



On June 9th the Family Justice Center held its annual breakfast as a means of spreading the word on Domestic Violence and the impact it has on not only the individual but all those associated with him/her.

The Zonta Club of Cheektowaga-Lancaster has been a long time supporter of this organization. The Club's support is evidenced through the awarding of financial grants to the Center, as well as attending this annual breakfast.

Relay for Life

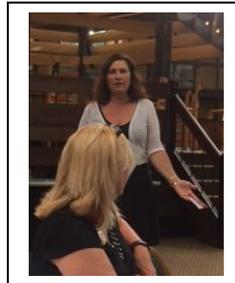
On Sunday, May 29, the Annual Relay for Life was held at Lancaster High School. Thanks again to the club members who were working during the event. All proceeds earned were donated to the American Cancer Society.



Partnering for Success

Partnering with local organization which support Zonta's mission to empower women is key when it comes to expanding the Club and the Zonta's success.

In order to increase the effectiveness of our service projects and advocacy initiatives, members from local organizations were invited to address club members to discuss their organizations initiatives and objectives. This allowed all to identify possible joint ventures and how both organizations may benefit from such partnerships.



Joint Ventures



Planning Workbook

As discussed during the June meeting, a Planning Workbook is in the process of being prepared for all members' use in working within each of their respective committees. The objective is to share what we have learned from last year and then build upon it. Much has been accomplished and one specific goal which the club will be developing further is greater collaboration among the five committees or CAMPS. Stay tune to your email for this workbook and further information. Here are the CAMPS Chair for the upcoming year.

C- Communication	-	Judy Labiak
A – Advocacy	-	Phyllis Dickinson
M – Membership	-	Gina Orsini and Teresa Melonson
P – Program	-	Linda DeGain
S – Service	-	Barb Zsiros



What happened to Amelia



Membership Committee

At the June meeting, the discussion continued on membership addressing the continuous growth and the vitality of the club.

Chairs Teresa Melonson and Gina Orsini have been developing and refining plans for the committee based on the feedback and information received from the club members.

A membership nite inviting potential new members is going to be held in July.

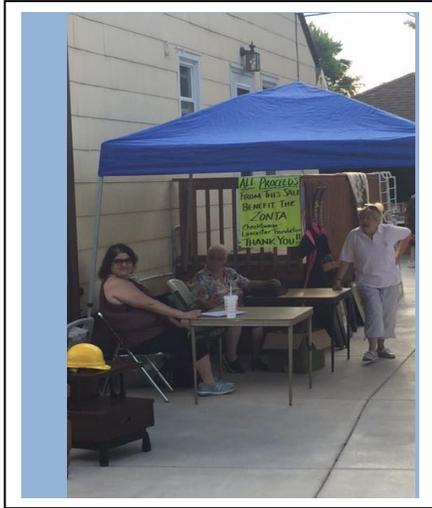
Zonta and Sangri Nite

**Thursday, July 20
6 p.m.**

At the home of
Phyllis Dickinson
Watch your mail for more
information.

Want to Know More?

Tune into the History Channel on Sunday, July 9. Check your local listing for the time. Also check out this brief clip which claims that Amelia Earhart crashed in the Marshall Islands and was imprisoned by the Japanese [.click here](#)



The Club held a garage sale on June 17 with a preview night for friends and family on June 16. This turned out to be quite a successful fundraiser. Thanks to all that worked on this event and a special shout out to Kerry Peek for hosting the event at her home.



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.

District Conference Niagara Falls September 21-24

If you haven't sign up and are thinking of attending, visit the District 4 website. A number of members have expressed an interest in participating in this event.

Salad Fest – Kemore Club August 2 6 p.m.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Kerry Peek. Kerry is coordinating for anyone wishing to attending. Reservations and payment need to be made no later than July 21. Cost is \$13.

