



International Day to End Obstetric Fistula May 23, 2018



Obstetric fistula is one of the most serious and tragic injuries that can occur during childbirth. It is often caused by prolonged, obstructed labor without timely medical intervention, usually a cesarean section. During unassisted, prolonged labor, the sustained pressure of the baby's head on the mother's pelvic bone damages her soft tissues and pelvic nerves, creating a hole—or fistula—between the vagina and bladder and/or rectum, resulting in constant leaking of urine and/or feces through the vagina. In most cases, the baby is stillborn; and, in some cases, the mother is left paralyzed.

In addition to the physical consequences, fistula can also have social and psychological effects on women. There is often a stigma associated with this condition, and women suffering from fistula are abandoned by their families and marginalized by their communities.

With properly trained surgeons, appropriately equipped facilities and the necessary aftercare, the treatment of uncomplicated obstetric fistula has a 90 percent success rate. For 10 years, Zonta has been committed to the prevention and treatment of obstetric fistula, contributing a total of more than US\$3.5 million to the UNFPA to support the Liberia Fistula Project.

In the 2016-2018 Biennium, Zonta contributed US\$1 million to the Liberia Fistula Project. Since Zonta started supporting the project in 2008, more than 1,500 women have been surgically repaired and nearly 400 have completed rehabilitation and income-generating training. Obstetric fistula is preventable and can be largely avoided by delaying the first age of pregnancy, ceasing harmful traditional practices and timely access to obstetric care. In addition to surgically managing fistula, the Liberia Fistula Project also aims to increase knowledge of obstetric fistula throughout the nation, improve the capacity of local health practitioners and train specialist doctors in obstetric fistula management and care.



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Dates to Remember

June 8-9	Garage Sale
June 8	Family Justice Center Breakfast
June 21	Business Meeting – Installation of Officers



"The most difficult
thing is the decision
to act, the rest is
merely tenacity..."
- Amelia Earhart

Zonta is AWESOME

Greetings

Serving as the President of the Zonta Club of Cheektowaga-Lancaster during the last two years has truly been an honor. It has been a privilege to work with such a great group of women who share a common vision which serves to make the world a better place for women and girls.

Together we have accomplished much. We took on new ventures, developed new partnerships with like-minded organizations and challenged our delivery system. However, there is still so much we can do in the future. I want to thank the officers and directors who have been so supportive during this time, as well as the Committee Chairs who rose to the challenge.

The new Leadership Team you have chosen is ready to lead you into the next biennium and the celebration of Zonta's Centennial Anniversary. As I have said before, it is amazing what a great group of women can accomplish when they work together. So I want to say thank you for allowing me to serve as your president and continuing toward making this world a place where women rights are human rights!!

Nancy

Young Women in Public Affairs

Application Materials are now available

Zonta International recognizes young women for their commitment to volunteerism, volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to empowering women worldwide.

The application and other materials are now available for the 2018 Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award.

Zonta International's YWPA Award recognizes young women, ages 16-19, who demonstrate superior leadership skills and a commitment to public service and civic causes, and encourages them to continue their participation in public and political life.

Ten (10) international scholarships of US\$4,000 each and up to 32 district/region scholarships of US\$1,000 each are awarded each year. Applications must be submitted through a Zonta club. To download the 2018 YWPA Award application, click on the following link:

<https://www.zonta.org/Portals/0/Membership/Tools/AwardScholarshipFellowshipTools/YWPA2018Application.pdf>



The 64th International Convention will be hosted in Yokohama, Japan June 29- July 3. Delegates will come together representing 30,000 members from 66 countries who are working together to improve the lives of women and girls.

Gina Orsini will serve as the Cheektowaga Lancaster Club's delegate at this year's convention. As the delegate, Gina will be carrying the club's vote on issues which include; who will serve on the new leadership team, revision/changes in bylaws and international goals and projects for the next biennium.

Recently you received an email from Gina which was dated May 18, inviting you to comment and provide your thoughts on any of these areas. It's important that you take the time to review and comment on any of these items. There will be further discussion at the June business meeting and this will help us all to prepare for a productive and beneficial conversation on these topics.



At the June meeting, the new leadership team will be inducted. Normally this would take place at the May meeting, however, due to absences of some of our newly elected officers, a decision was made to delay the induction.

Congratulations and welcome to the Club's new leadership team.

Linda DeGain – President
Kerry Peek – Vice President
Heidi Salva – Secretary
Barb Krockenberger – Treasurer

Kathi Nichter – Board Director – 2 yr. term
Teresa Melonson – Board Director – 2 yr. term
Celeste Korzeniewski – Board Director - 1 yr. term
Mary Lou Ardino – Board Director - 1 yr. term

Nancy Peacock – Nominating Committee Chair
Ann Detzler – Nominating Committee
Gina Orsini – Nominating Committee



If you know of someone who is interested in membership
Contact Teresa Melonson

**Awards Nite
April 19th**

This year over \$13,000 was awarded in educational scholarships and grants to like-minded organizations as well as one third of the funds were provided to Zonta International projects. Additionally, the Supervisors of Lancaster and Cheektowaga were recognized and inducted into the Yellow Rose Circle. This nite was the culmination of club members fundraising efforts, which is making a difference in the lives of women and girls. Recipients of this year's awards included:

Grant Awards

Cheektowaga Youth Foundation, Inc.
Depew-Lancaster Boys & Girls Club
Family Justice Center of Erie County
International Institute of Buffalo
The Lancaster Family YMCA
Sew REDI Buffalo
Summer Institute for Human Rights
& Genocide Studies
WNY Women's Foundation

Scholarships

Alyssa Deacon, Lancaster H.S.
Brynn Johnson, Lancaster H.S.
Jeannine Ann Haak
(Women Returning to Education)

Yellow Rose Circle

Supervisor Diane Benskowski
Supervisor Johanna Coleman

Donation of one third of funds to Zonta International

**Yellow Rose Brunch
May 5th**



The Yellow Rose Brunch was the last fundraiser carried out by the Foundation for this fiscal year. This event was a late add-on to this year's fundraising activities. A new approach was taken in the delivery of this event from how it was developed to the content of the event. The development of the event allowed for the participation of all members and for many to take on leadership roles which lessened time and effort on the part of all members and foster a truly collaborative approach. The event went well beyond raising funds to include "spreading the word" about what Zonta is all about, showcasing one of our partners (Family Justice Center) with Tiffany Pavone as our guest speaker while also allowing for an opportunity to recruit new members during this event.

**Birthing Kits
May 12th**



Three Zonta Clubs came together on May 12th to prepare close to 1000 birthing kits which will be delivered and used to assist in providing a safer and more sanitary conditions to mother and baby in developing countries. Clubs from Buffalo, Hamburg-Orchard Park and Cheektowaga-Lancaster joined forces to make this possible. Thanks to Trish Turnabene for leading this effort for our club and all the members who volunteered that day or donated items for use to prepare the kits. This event was featured in both the Lancaster, Cheektowaga and Hamburg Bee. Check out the article at: <https://www.lancasterbee.com/news/2018-05-17/>

Garage Sale

The first fundraiser event for this fiscal year will be the garage sale. The sale is taking place at the home of Ann Detzler. The address is. 27 Stephens Court, Lancaster . You can drop off your items whether or not Ann is at home. The side garage door is not locked-just go in, the garage door opener is next to the house door. Please close it when you are leaving. However, if you do need to contact her, cell number is 706-9151.

Here are some details regarding the sale:

- No clothing, no electronics
- Gently worn shoes, purses, scarves are good
- Tables are needed. Please put your names on them, & bring them to Ann's house by set-up time, which starts at 11AM Friday, June 8.
- Pop up tents are also needed.
- Table set-up and item pricing starts Friday at 11
- Please let Ann know if you can help.
- Friends & family sale starts at 5 to 7:30.
- Saturday sale starts at 9. We need workers to be available by 8:15 on Saturday.
- Coffee, tea, water, pop will be available.
- If you want to bring a snack, or something to share, please do!
- Celeste & Diane will take care of the food we need on Saturday and we may be asking for \$5 to cover the cost.

Women @ Elderwood

May 30th marks the end of the Club's service project of Women @ Elderwood. The project had been carried out for five years providing an opportunity for an interactive forum between Zonta members and the ladies at the facility.

The finalizing of the project is bittersweet. However, the Club will continue to explore other opportunities which can address the need of women of this generation.

A special thanks goes out to Kerry Peek for leading this effort and other members who assisted in carrying out activities for the ladies and the overall project.

Future District 4 Club Events

At this time, there are no events listed. Check back at: <https://zontadistrict4.org/>

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.



Family Justice Center
YOU'RE SAFE HERE

Friday, June 8, 2018

Voices ending Violence
Annual Fundraising Breakfast

If interested in attended contact Phyllis Dickinson to reserve a seat.

Photo Gallery

Will be sent separately due to the size
Of the file.

