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issue of Zontiara*

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www.zontanfny.com

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www.zontadistrict4.org

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www.zonta.org

President's Message

Dear Sister Zontians:

It's always amazing how time fly's and here it is 2016 already!

We're now into countdown mode. Just over 6 months until our International Convention, in Nice, France, and less than 6 months until our annual meeting and the installation of new officers for our club.

The fundamental core of our club is our incredibly diverse members and their dedication, both individually and collectively, to do some small part to improve the lives of women and ultimately their families both here and around the world. Sometimes it may seem like such a small contribution to whatever the cause. Unfortunately, in the grand scheme of things, it is so much more than what is done by the majority of people. Imagine what a wonderful community and world it would be if everyone took the Zonta pledge and did more to help.

I hope everyone had a blessed Holiday and that the transition from 2015 to 2016 was more joyous anticipation rather than sadness for days gone by. The challenges that we all face on a daily basis should be minimized by the collective sisterhood of Zonta. We are there for each other and to support and enrich each other. Not one of us is ever alone, even during the days between our meetings.

I look forward to seeing you all this week to celebrate together 2016.

President Gretchen



January, February & March 2016 Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, NY

Wednesday, January 13th – Bakery Restaurant located at 3004 Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, NY. – 6:00 p.m. Program: Bonnie Crogan Mazur – Amelia Earhart Presentation.

Wednesday, February 10th – Sheraton Four Points, 7001 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY- 6:00 p.m. Program: Vanessa Scott, Exec. Director of God's Women Outreach Ministry. Topic: Efforts to stem teen pregnancy in Niagara Falls, NY.

Wednesday, March 9th, Niagara Falls Country Club – Sarah Obot, Topic: Project Runway – Helping Young Women Overcome Addiction. Also, there will be a celebration of International Women's Day.

Members are reminded to contact Kyle Patterson if you ARE attending the monthly meeting and you want to have the dinner. Kyle will send a reminder of the upcoming meeting and the menu for the day. It is your responsibility to contact her if you need a change in the menu or if you will be having the meal. Kyle will order meals for those members attending the meeting. Meal cost is \$25.00. Beverage, other than coffee or tea is extra. If you do not contact Kyle by the date in her email, a meal will NOT be ordered for you.

Remember!

Wear your nametags at meetings or when you volunteer.

Zonta International Facebook Page

Many Zonta clubs and districts are sharing their events and activities on the Zonta International Facebook page. [www.facebook.com/ ZontaInternational](http://www.facebook.com/ZontaInternational)
The Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, NY, Inc., now has a Facebook Page - www.facebook.com/ZontaClubOfNiagaraFallsNewYork

ZONTA VISION STATEMENT

Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL MISSION STATEMENT

Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

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Happy Birthday to our February, and March Members

(Remember your gift for the Raffle)

Jan 4 Shirley Carter
Feb 4 Gail McMahon
Feb 27 Kathy Janik
Mar 8 Joyce Jones
Mar27 Tina Gregory



2016 Dates to Remember

Jan 11 – Amelia Earhart Day

Jan 13 – Bakery Lounge, Niagara Falls, NY. Program: Amelia Earhart Presentation by Bonnie Crogran Mazur and the Initiation of New Member Jean Walker

Feb 10 – Four Points Sheraton, Niagara Falls, NY. Vanessa Scott, Speaker. Program: “God’s Woman Outreach Ministry”

Feb 11– Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, Ont. – 9th Annual My Funny Little Valentine Breakfast Fundraiser –7am, Club Italia, Tickets \$35.

Mar 8 Zonta – Rose Day/International Women’s Day

Mar 9 – Niagara Falls Country Club. Sarah Obot, Speaker. Program “Project Runway” and a International Women’s Day Recognition.

Mar 12 –Batavia–Genesee County Zonta Club Lucky Number Fundraiser

Apr 13 Topic – Niagara Falls County Club. Patricia Wrobel. Program “NU STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Camp Program”

May 11 – Annual Dinner and Installation of New Officers

Jun 8 – Annual Program Planning Meeting – Location TBA

Jul – Annual Picnic – TBA

Jul 2nd – 6th – 63rd Zonta International Convention – Nice, France. Check the International website or the Zontian for more details

Please Keep the Following in Mind for the January and February 2016 Meetings

JANUARY 2016: BAGS OF HOPE DONATIONS: (GLOVES women/children) We are collecting women’s gloves and children’s gloves for Carolyn’s House.

FEBRUARY 2016: BAGS OF HOPE DONATIONS:

The response from Vanessa Scott are the items that she thinks would be helpful to the young girls in her mentorship program and the women in her safe house.

How we want to do this will be discussed at the January meeting:

Mentorship program – Girls ages of 5 to 14. Chocolate would be nice. But they could use personal items such as *tooth paste, baby powers, tooth brushes, socks deodorants, hair ties and bows.*

In our house for the women – We could use all kinds of household and personal items such as: dish soap, bath soap, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, twin bed sheets, bath cloths and towels, tooth paste, deodorants, and any other productd for women age 20 to 82.

Kat’s Quotes

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

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement.” - Helen Keller

Thank you to Kat Bunyan-McClendon, Past President for providing these quotes for our newsletter. Members will remember Kat always ended the meeting with an inspirational quote. Thanks Kat!

Editor’s Request

This past year our Club has been involved in many Zonta-related activities and local community service projects. It would be great if we could have pictures from these events that could be included in our newsletter. What a great way to share the Zonta Spirit with members, like me, who are unable to attend. I know you all have cell phones, so how about taking a few pics that I could include in the Newsletter. Just grab a picture and send it to my email. Thanks in advance.

Passage House Donations

The Passage House (Shelter for Abused Women) has provided our Club with the following wish list. Items brought to our monthly meeting will be taken to Passage House and our Club will be credited with the donations.

Diapers	Baby Wipes	Baby Monitors	Underwear (all Sizes)	Socks (adult & Children)
Pots and Pans	Dishes	Glassware	Cooking Utensils	Lamps
Silverware	Laundry Detergent	Cleaning Supplies	School Supplies	Towels (Kitchen & Bath)
Coffee Makers	Microwaves	Pillows and Pillowcases	Sheets	Gift Cards for Stores

If you choose to take the items to Family and Children Services Main Office, please let them know you are a member of the Niagara Falls Zonta Club. The telephone number is 285-6984. Personal care items & Gift cards for local dollar stores are always welcome.

Thinking Of You!!

This year has been a very trying time for several of our Members. We have missed them at our meetings and functions, and our thoughts and prayers are with them. Please keep Shirley Carter, Lois Jircitano and Tina Gregory in your thoughts as they have been unable to attend meetings. We miss you and hope all is well with you. Our Club members extend their deepest sympathy to Josetta Chatman on the passing of her brother.

Please remember to contact Laura Lee if you know of any members who have been under the weather or have lost a loved one. The Fellowship Committee lets that member know that we are praying for them.

Hat Luncheon Pictures



Congratulations to Bonnie Crogan Mazur for chairing the very successful fundraiser in October. The event was beautiful and monies raised from this event will fund our local and International Service Projects. Enjoy the pictures and if you haven't done so already check out our web page for more.



Bonnie Crogan Mazur (L) presentation of donated food items to Sara Obot, Coordinator of "Project Runway"



Linda Dynel signing her book "Leaving Dorian"



Linda signing Daisy Water's copy of "Leaving Dorian"



Cairine Coulis, Area 3 Director, visited our Club and congratulated the Club on receiving the District Communications Award and updated the Club on International and District Service Projects



Nina Cabrera, Director of Veterans Service for Niagara County. She spoke on issues affecting Vets and especially female veterans



Initiation of two new members at the November 11th (pictured from left to right) Daisy Waters, Angie Henderson (sponsor), Kathy Janik (new member) Joyce Jone (sponsor), Josetta Chatmon (new member) and President Gretchen Leffler



Lindsay presented Bonnie with one of her handmade yellow beaded roses. The gift was in recognition for Bonnie's efforts as Chair for the Club's Hat Extravaganza Fundraiser. FYI: Lindsay also donated a Rose to thank Linda Dynel for her support of our Club's Domestic Advocacy efforts. Thank you Lindsay for being a great new member!!!

Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, Ontario, Lighting the Falls Orange – Zonta Says No to Violence
Pictures submitted by Governor Joanne Raymond



Members: Wendy, Kyle, Josetta, Angie, Kathy, Bonnie C.M, Joyce, Kat, Gretchen and Governor Raymond



Lighting the Falls Orange. Members from both Clubs holding Zonta Says No Banner and Candles.



The Falls Lighted Orange!!!

Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, NY, Donating Linda Dynell's Book "Leaving Dorian" to local libraries and agencies!



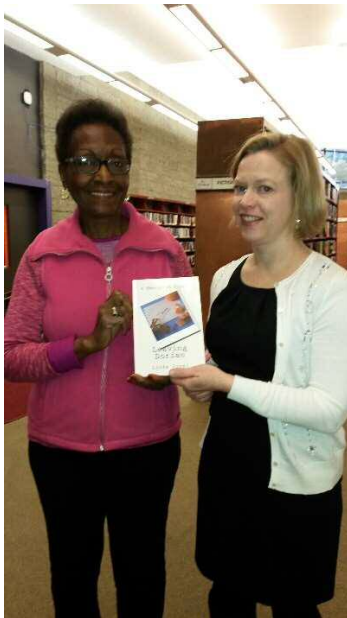
Karrie Gebhardt, Director of Passage House (left) accepts copies of "Leaving Dorian" from Pres. Gretchen Leffler (Center) and Dr. Lindsay Edwards (Right)



Shannon, (Left) Lewiston, NY Public Library, accepts copy of "Leaving Dorian" from Angie Henderson (Right)



Cathy at the Magdalene Project accepts a copy of "Leaving Dorian" and five bags of personal care items



Daisy Waters (left) presents Jennifer Potter, Acting Director of the Niagara Falls Public Library (right), with a copy of "Leaving Dorian". A copy was also donated to the LaSalle Branch of the Library



Director of Carolyn's House, J.Suzan Ben (Left), accepts donated copies of "Leaving Dorian" From Maggie Pollock (Right)