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"ZONTIARA" NEWSLETTER

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Please call or email your news to the Editor by the 15th of each month.

If you have questions, please submit them to the Editor and every effort will be made to find answers and report in a future issue

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www.zontanfn.com

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www.zontadistrict4.org

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www.zonta.org

President's Message

Dear Sister Zontians:

I welcome everyone back from a busy summer. The Club had an enjoyable time assembling 500 birthing kits in August. Lindsay Edwards and I were the Club's delegates at an outstanding District 4 Conference hosted in September by the Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, Ontario. Joyce Jones also attended. The presentations throughout the conference were inspiring, thought-provoking and reinforced why we choose to be members of Zonta. We enjoyed camaraderie with members from many Zonta Clubs in District 4 and also managed to conduct business. The Conference Committee and District Board are to be commended for a superb conference.

Our Biennial Rainbow Hat Luncheon event is November 4, 2017, at the Four Points by Sheraton, Niagara Falls, NY. Lindsay Edwards, Hat Luncheon Chair, has kept us on track for soliciting donations, creating fabulous baskets, selling tickets and encouraging participation from all our members. Fundraising is not an easy task; and because we do this every other year, we look forward through careful planning to having another successful event.

The Hat Luncheon provides an opportunity to see fellow Zontians from many clubs while having a pleasurable lunch with family and friends. We anticipate being lucky enough to win a basket ... or that someone from our table will. While we enjoy the event itself, the ultimate purpose is to raise funds for both local and international service and advocacy projects, empowering women both locally and worldwide.

President Kyle

November 01, 2017 - Board Meeting - Home of Kathy Janik - 5:30 p.m.

November 08, 2017 - Business Meeting - Waterstreet Landing - 6:00 p.m.

An email reminder about the upcoming business meeting and the menu will be sent a week before. You must respond to the email if you need a change in the menu, if you will not be having the meal or if you will not be attending. Meal cost will be announced. Beverage, other than coffee or tea, is extra. If you do not respond by the date in the email, a meal will NOT be ordered for you.

November and December 2017 Meetings

November 8 - Business Meeting at Waterstreet Landing - 6:00 p.m. (Meal TBA)

Alex Lauer from the Veterans One Stop Center will speak on issues facing

Zonta International Facebook

Many Zonta clubs and districts share their events and activities on the Zonta International Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/ZontaInternational

The Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, NY 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 can 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 MISSION STATEMENT

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

ZONTA THEME

Empowering Women through Service & Advocacy

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(Remember your gift for the Club Raffle)

November 07 Heather Gouthro
22 MEGHAN (PALMER) COBHAM

DECEMBER 02 LOUISE MORDEN
03 DAISY WATERS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

2018 Zonta International Convention - Yokohama, Japan - 06/29 - 07/03

2019 Centennial District 4 Conference (hosted by the Zonta Club of Buffalo)

Passage House Donations

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

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

(Personal care items & Gift Cards for local Dollar, Tops, Wegmans, Walmart or Target stores are always welcome.)

If you choose to take the items to Family and Children's Services Main Office, please let them know you are a member of the Niagara Falls Zonta Club. The telephone number is 285-6984.

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.

Members **Lora Allen**, **Frances Engel** and **Maggie Pollock** have resigned.

Members currently on Leave of Absence: **Karrie Gebhardt**, **Angie Henderson**, **Pam Kilmer**, **Janice Lewis** and **Laura Lee Morgan**.

Please remember to contact Polly Redanz if you know of any member who has been ill or has lost a loved one. (predanz@roadrunner.com or 297-5146)

The Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, NY, received the Area 3 District 4 Advocacy Award at Conference in September. Kudos to **Bonnie Crogan Mazur**, Advocacy Chair. (Bonnie has volunteered to chair the Service Committee until a permanent chair can be appointed.)

Arien Bissell, Non-traditional Award winner, shared her background and appreciation for the award at the October 11th business meeting. **Chloe Sieck, STEM awardee**, attended the meeting as well.

Jessica Cassick shared her inspirational story as a domestic violence survivor who is now a published writer, PhD. Candidate and founder of a publishing company, ImagineWe, LLC.

The Niagara Gazette featured our partnership with the Niagara Falls Police Department regarding the distribution of **"It's Not Your Fault" cards** to help victims of sexual assault. We will also be distributing cards to doctors, dentists, hospitals, businesses, organizations and schools that indicate a willingness to help us distribute them.

Member **Linda Dynel**, gave the closing remarks at the opening reception for the Niagara University Art Exhibit to support survivors of domestic violence on October 5th.

The **Women and Children's Service of Niagara's Domestic Violence Ribbon Walk** which was held on October 10th at 4:30 p.m., was also featured in the Niagara Gazette. Several of our members participated.

NU students, Jaclyn Danvir and Courtney Kennedy (Criminal Justice Majors) attended the **Safe at Home Conference** on October 12th.

October 19th was **"wear purple day"** for domestic violence awareness.

Ending Violence against Older Women

Physical, sexual and psychological violence, financial exploitation, neglect and other forms of violence against older women are widespread yet mostly hidden. It occurs in multiple, often intersecting forms by varying perpetrators, including intimate partners or spouses, family members, caregivers (both in and outside of institutional settings), or members of their community.

Older women face a greater risk of physical and psychological abuse than older men due to discriminatory societal attitudes and the non-realization of the human rights of women. Despite policies and programs adopted by many countries at the national level, reports of incidents of violence against older women have grown at an alarming rate.

This #OrangeDay, the UNiTE Campaign focuses on Violence against Older Women.

Save the Date: Advocate at the United Nations with Zonta at CSW62

The 62nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW62) will take place **12-23 March 2018, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, NY, USA**. Last year, 70 Zontians from 22 countries came together at the CSW to advocate for women's empowerment in the changing world of work. This next session will focus on the empowerment of rural women and women's participation in and access to the media, and information and communications technologies.

All Zontians are invited to participate. You do not need to be an expert to be an advocate for women's rights and gender equality.

If you are interested in learning more about participating in the CSW with your fellow Zontians, email Megan Radavich, Director of Programs and Advocacy, at mravadich@zonta.org to be added to the CSW mailing list.

[Life-Saving Birthing Center](#) The Zonta Club of Skaneateles, NY, USA supports a life-saving birthing center. Member Vivian Cunningham, a certified nurse midwife, first went to Kenya in 2010. There she saw a need of mothers and the opportunity for nursing students to become part of the solution. She brought her ideas back to her Zonta club and together they developed a new club service project. In addition to the club providing funds to build a new birthing center, Vivian regularly visits Kenya with nursing students to aid in safer births and the club continues to create a lasting change for mothers.

[Zonta clubs in Ghana work together to improve women's health issues](#) The Zonta clubs of Accra, Accra II, Accra Metropolitan and Tema united to launch two large community service projects. Together, they have successfully lowered the rate of reported cases of anemia and malnutrition, are promoting healthy pregnancies and are providing resources for safer births. Through their work, they have also built a strong connection between the community, other organizations and their clubs.

[Part of our 2016-2018 advocacy biennial goal is engaging men as partners for gender equality.](#) This month, Zonta International President Sonja Hönig Schough endorsed UN Women's HeForShe campaign. This campaign aims to mobilize 1 billion men to advocate for women and girls. HeForShe utilizes technology to identify and engage men and boys in every community in the world. "Gender equality is not a women's issue –it is an issue for all human beings which can only be achieved by women and men working together as equal partners," says Hönig Schough. "Together we are stronger and by joining efforts with like-minded organizations, we can do even more." Clubs are encouraged to utilize the HeForShe platform to join Zonta International as partners in our mission to empower women and girls.

[The Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, NY, assembled 500 Birthing Kits](#) in August and gave to the Pittsburgh Club after the District 4 Conference in September to be sent to Nicaragua to be used in the Casa Materna System which provides clean birthing kits for midwives who assist women giving birth at home (Shown L to R: **Bonnie Crogan Mazur** (Service/Advocacy Chair) and **Heather Gouthro** who was initiated into membership on October 11th at our business meeting at Sheraton at the Falls.



[Heather](#) is a local real estate agent and received her Real Estate, Housing and Development education from the University of Guelph, Canada. Born in London, Ont., she has moved 9 times, most recently from Kansas. Her mother is her role model, her hero, her voice in her head. She taught Heather to be caring, passionate and strong and Heather hopes to use those traits to help others and someday be a role model like her mother.



Meghan Palmer Cobham, initiated into membership at our Annual Meeting in May, recently shared that she was married in September, moved into a new apartment in Depew, has a new full-time job as a preschool teacher near Elmwood Village and has been cast in the role of Nellie in **"South Pacific"**, playing at the Lancaster Opera House from November 10th through the 26th. For tickets and available show times, check online at www.lancopera.org.

Previously, Meghan was featured in a Basil Ford automobile ad. She is one busy lady!_



On Saturday, October 14th, Bonnie Crogan Mazur, Polly Redanz and her daughter, Laurie, joined the Freedom Walk at Chestnut Ridge Park in Orchard Park sponsored by P.A.T.H. (People Against Trafficking Humans) and Wesleyan Church Women of Eastern Hills Church.
(Picture taken by Vice President Lindsay Edwards who also participated)