

NEWSLETTER



President's Message



BONNIE WINFREY

Hello, Zontians!

Happy February! This is the time of year most people think about love primarily because of Valentine's Day. I think it is a time to reflect on how Zonta Cares. What is great about our club is, I believe we all genuinely care about the people we serve. We are truly dedicated to making this world a better place for women and girls. This is demonstrated in our service projects, scholarships, as well as our media and community outreach.

I'd like to challenge us! How can we exemplify Zonta Cares on a larger scale to help even more women and girls? How can we reduce the statistics and change the lives of victims of domestic violence, bullying, and human trafficking? How can we help to diminish the numbers when it comes to child marriages? How can we better the lives of the people we connect with internationally?

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"I can promise you that women working together -linked, informed and educated- can bring peace and prosperity to this forsaken planet." -Isabel Allende

President's Message

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Our world as we have known it is changing! Zonta International has taken a stand regarding our positioning.

At our meeting this month, let's have a conversation about what we can do going forward.

Thank you,

I'll see you February 11th!

Don't forget to bring your plastic bags so that New Life for Old Bags can use them to make plankets for the unhoused.

Bonnie Winfrey
President

Events Calendar

FEBRUARY 11

MEMBER MEETING

Location: Al's Steak House
Time: 5:30 pm
Meal: \$30/Pot roast with oven brown potatoes and carrots; cheesecake with raspberry sauce

FEBRUARY 25

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Location: Via Zoom
Time: 6:00 pm

MARCH 8

WOMEN'S DAY PANEL: TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH

Location: TBD
Time: 10:00 am

MARCH 8

AREA 5 SPRING WORKSHOP

Location: LaSalle, IL
Time: TBD

MARCH 11

MEMBER MEETING

Location: Al's Steak House
Time: 5:30 pm
Meal: \$30/corned beef and cabbage, with red potatoes and carrots, grasshoppers

ART, WINE & BREW
Friday March 21st 5:30-8PM
Jacob Henry Mansion Victorian Ballroom

<https://www.jolietzonta.org/annualfundraiser>

EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT
Bonnie Winfrey

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Karen Lega
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Membership Meeting Attendance

For attendance notification, contact Sylvia at sylvia@spanishcenter.org

REASONS TO CONTACT SYLVIA:

- *Unable to attend
- *Standing NO
- *Standing No who plans on attending a meeting.
- *When you will be out of town for several months
- *Your choice of meal, if you will not accept the scheduled meal

Optional choices are fish or chicken, spaghetti with meatless marinara sauce, baked potato with side salad or side of vegetables, or a large salad.

E-mail Sylvia by 5 pm the Friday before the Tuesday meeting. For the February meeting, contact Sylvia by 5 pm on Friday, February 7.

Meal Price: \$30
Cash, Check or Zelle

FEBRUARY MEAL

Pot roast with oven brown potatoes and carrots,
cheesecake with raspberry sauce

ZCJA'S 2025 WOMEN'S DAY PANEL: TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH

Saturday, March 8 @ Location TBD

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

A panel of five women's health experts moderated by President Bonnie Winfrey, highlighting important topics facing women as we age such as overall wellness, mental health, perimenopause, menopause, pharmaceuticals, and more.

Confirmed panelists:

Lynn Quaranta

Dr. Avida Bussell

Erin McElheny



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

FEBRUARY

February 13

Theresa Rouse

February 21

Kathy Giegerich



Committee Updates



Bring your plastic bags to the meeting for New Life for Old Bags to make planks, mats for the unhoused

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Program Committee

Program Committee Member, Donna Zanzola, has put together what looks like an interesting and informative panel on "Banned Books".

Members Lisa Pappas, JoAnn Potenziani, and hopefully Theresa Rouse, will enlighten us.

You won't want to miss it.

Lora McGuire

Program Chair

Woman of Distinction and Woman of the Year Committee

The WOD committee has chosen Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant to be Zonta's 2025 "Woman of Distinction".

She will be at the March fundraiser to accept the WOD plaque.

Zonta Club of the Joliet Area Woman of the Year 2025

Each year the Zonta Club of the Joliet Area recognizes one of their members for making a significant contribution in the advancement and operation of the Club. Sometimes the efforts are very visible and other times the good work takes place behind the scenes. Joliet Area Zontians are encouraged to thoughtfully nominate one of their own who has utilized creativity, time and effort to help make a positive difference.

This can be through active participation in support of meetings, service projects, publications/websites, fundraising, communications, recruitment; or other significant activities such as representing our Club at district and national meetings. Certainly, any and all activities advancing the status of women should be considered.

Nominations are due by February 28th, 2025. The chosen nominee will be honored at the April 8 meeting.

The only rule is that the nominee cannot be a member who has previously received this honor. Following is a list of previous honorees who are currently club members and not eligible:

Mary Baudino
Carmie Castagna
Beth Colvin
Peggy Field
Kathy Giegerich
Bonnie Horne
Pam Hunte
Katy Leclair
Karen Lega
Dianna Gliwa
Terri King
Lora McGuire
Emita Ostrem
Lisa Pappas
Karen Pastell
Pat Perrier
Donna Zanzola

Please email your nominee's name and your reason for nominating her to: pongfield@gmail.com

All nominations must be submitted on or before **February 28, 2025**.

Committee Updates

International Committee

Good news! Our Zonta Club is finally back in contact with AIL (Afghan Institute of Learning/Sakena Fund), which we have been supporting for almost 15 years. These are difficult days in Afghanistan, but their work helping women and girls still continues. They have sent us a summary letter and their 2024 Annual Update, which we will be distributing. We will be able to send our check to them in February, and they will acknowledge that they have received the funding.

Following International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day (March 8), the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69/Beijing + 30) will be held in New York City from March 10-21. This is the 69th session of CSW. It is also the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration, which is a UN resolution establishing principles for gender equality.

The International Committee will give the program at our March meeting discussing this important event. In preparation, Mary Baudino has sent/will be sending you a number of links for you to participate in CSW via zoom.

Leadership Committee

Coming soon!

Core Competencies and as I call it, Zonta 101, for all new and existing members who would like a refresher.

Cathy Miller and Mary Baudino
Co-Chairs



Zontians doing service projects for the MLK Day of Service



Habitat for Humanity Will County Kevin Walsh Build

Committee Updates

Fundraising Committee

Preparations for Zonta Presents Art, Wine and Brew Fundraiser are in full swing! We have the artists, we have the wine and we have the brew. NOW we need the sponsors, the program ads and the tickets sold! Please start thinking about all the businesses that you know and utilize that might donate to our fundraiser through sponsorships, program ads and/or tickets. And think of your friends and colleagues that would enjoy an evening of good food, music, art, beverages and FUN!

All Zonta members should have their packets. If you didn't pick them up at the last meeting, they went out in the mail. Please contact Karen Pastell if you have not received a packet. If you want to email forms to potential sponsors, you can access them on the website under the fundraiser page. Or you can direct potential sponsors/donors to the website.

Remember, you can sell event tickets, ads and sponsorships like before and turn in your money (check or cash) to Karen Lega. Or people can pay with a credit card through Zeffy which can be accessed on the website or through the QR code on your forms. 50/50 tickets can not be sold through Zeffy and are cash or check only.

We are EXCITED to hear that some members have already sold the tickets in their packets and want more! We will be bringing more to the February dinner meeting but in the meantime contact Karen Pastell 815-981-2751 or prairielandaud@att.net and we will get you some more.

ZONTA PRESENTS
Art, Wine & Brew
FUNDRAISER

ZONTA CLUB OF JOLIET AREA
BUILD A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Jacob Henry Mansion Estate
Victorian BallRoom
15 Richards St. Joliet, IL

Friday, March 21, 2025 at 5:30pm

Art Showcase featuring local Artists

Beer & Wine Tasting,
Hors D'oeuvres, Raffles, 50/50

Tickets \$80.00 per guest

Zonta Club of the Joliet Area will be presenting the
2025 Woman of Distinction Award to
Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant
the first female Will County Executive.

<http://www.jolietzonta.org/annualfundraiser>

For more information please visit
www.jolietzonta.org

Zonta Club of Joliet Area is a 501c3

RAFFLE BASKETS! Please think of businesses that might donate a gift basket or contributions to add to a gift basket. A complete basket is preferred but gift certificates and gift cards are always appreciated. We will also be having a "money tree" with lottery/scratch tickets and we will need donations for those. You can drop off all raffle baskets and items at the Contractors Association 233 Springfield Ave Joliet AFTER FEBRUARY 11th. 8AM-4PM. Nothing before February 11th please.

Thank you Carla!!

Any questions contact Karen Pastell or Bonnie Horne. Let's go raise some money Zontians!!