



**ZONTA**  
CLUB OF  
JOLIET AREA

**BUILD A BETTER WORLD  
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**

**MAY 2023**

# NEWSLETTER



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**BETH COLVIN**  
**President**  
**Zonta Club of Joliet**

**H**ello, Zontians,

I can not believe this will be my last president's message. It has been an honor to serve as President of this incredible club. I am so proud to be a Zontian!

Reminder, there is still time to register for the Zonta North American Inter-District Meeting which will be held in Indianapolis June 30 to July 2. This is a great opportunity for all Zontians to attend.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Congratulations to Zontian Lisa Pappas, who was selected as 2023 Woman of the Year. You are a truly remarkable woman.

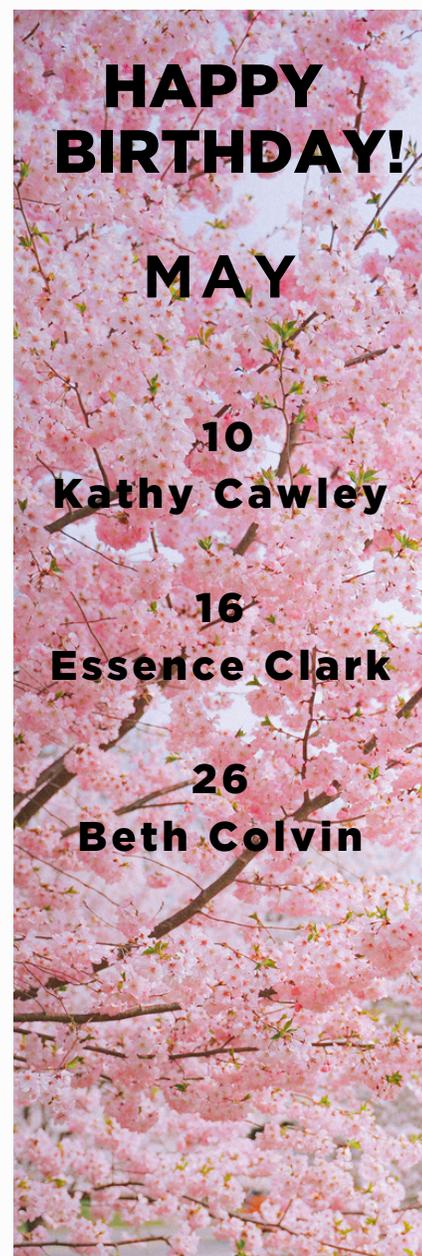
Thank you to all the members who volunteered for the Easter Seals Telethon. It was a lot of fun and I hope we can participate next year.

We are going to have a very busy May meeting. Besides the induction and installation ceremonies, we will be voting on the 2023-2024 budget, discussing the distribution of funds to ZI and also which organizations will be recipients of the 2023 grant funds.

The May 9 member meeting is a closed meeting; no guests please.

The Executive Board meeting in May will be a transition meeting with the old and new board members. I highly encourage all board members to attend this meeting which will be held at Blackburn Giegerich Sonntag Funeral Home, 1500 Black Rd., at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, May 23.

Sincerely,  
Beth Colvin  
President



## EXECUTIVE BOARD 2022-2023

**PRESIDENT**  
Beth Colvin

**TREASURER**  
KAREN PASTELL

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**  
Katy Leclair

**SECRETARY**  
Yolanda Reyes

**DIRECTORS**  
Terri King  
Dr. Patricia Miller  
Reni Tracy  
Donna Zanzola

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**  
Bonnie Winfrey

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**  
Lisa Pappas



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**MAY 09**

**Member Dinner Meeting**

**Time: 5:30 pm Social, 6:00 pm start**

**Location: Al's Steak House**

**Menu: Chopped Steak with mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans with almonds and apple pie a la mode**

**MAY 23**

**Executive Board Outgoing and Incoming Event**

**Time: 5:30 pm**

**Location: Blackburn-Giegerich Funeral Home @ 1500 Black Road, Joliet**

## MEMBER MEETING RSVP

Please advise Attendance Committee Co-Chair Barb Lieber if you are unable to attend the monthly meeting by 4 pm on **Friday, 5/5.**

If you will be away for several months be sure to include all of the months you intend to miss. If you wish to be a **STANDING NO**, please advise.

If Attendance is not informed by 4 pm on the Friday before the meeting, you will be charged.

Email is the preferred contact method but if you call, include your name and which month or months you will not be attending.

**Barb's email: balive20@gmail.com**

**Barb's phone #: 630-696-0453**

**Reni's email: vonblex@gmail.com**

**Reni's phone #: 815-726-7383**

**(note this is correct #; yearbook has incorrect #)**

Any requests for a vegetarian or fish meal must also be received by Barbi by 4:00 pm on the Friday preceding the meeting.

**We will now accept ONLY CASH or CHECK for monthly meals. Meals are \$27.**

### TEAM ZONTA

**Racing to Build a Better World for Women and Girls**



**June 30 - July 2, 2023  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
Hosted by District 6**



## ZONTA NORTH AMERICAN INTER-DISTRICT MEETING

District 6 is the host district for this incredible Inter-District Meeting in Indianapolis, IN. You are encouraged to join the many other Zontians from clubs across the United States and Canada for this great opportunity to immerse yourself in Zonta education including numerous workshops and to hear from our ZI board members.

Area 5, which includes ZCJA, will be the hosts of the Saturday evening hospitality, including a photo booth with our keynote speaker Lyn St. James, a successful Indy race car driver.

**Hope to see you there! Your volunteerism for the hospitality evening will be greatly appreciated.**

**Mary Baudino**



## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### FELLOWSHIP

MAY INSPIRATION AND TABLE TALK: Liz Walsh

Thank you to Kristie Cichon and Carla Liburdi for hosting Fellowship April. The table talk cards inspired by Earth Day on April 22 and World Health Day were creative and got us talking. Kristie and Carla also provided each member with a 2-inch compacted earth disc that was embedded with a mix of seeds to plant. It will bloom into colorful wildflowers.

**Committee:** *Bonnie Horne & Yolanda Reyes, Co-Chairs. Carmie Castagna, Kristie Cichon, Dianna Gliwa, Diane Harris, Carla Liburdi, Cathy Miller, Liz Walsh*

### MEMBERSHIP

We are excited to induct four new members into the Club at our May Meeting. Please join the Membership Committee in extending a warm welcome to our newest Club Members; Georgeen Polyak, Sally Ritchey, Yolanda Farmer, and Sylvia Acosta Chavez.

**Committee:** *Katy Leclair, Chair. Kathy Cawley, Helen Hatchett, Lora McGuire, Patricia Miller, Terri King*

### ARCHIVES

Thank you to everyone who heard my plea to complete the items needed for the Zonta archives. They have been moved to the loving care/storage at the Contractors Association of Will/Grundy Counties. Special kudos to Carla and Kristie for their generous offer of space. Kathy Giegerich came to our rescue for temporary storage and work space as we compiled, organized and purged. Thanks Kathy for your help along with Beth and Mary to help in this project.

The archives are prepped to support our 50th anniversary celebration and all its activities.

It's been a busy year!

**Donna Zanzola, Chair**

### INTERNATIONAL

- The annual CSW (Commission on the Status of Women) Forum was held at the United Nations in New York in March. Megan Radavich, Assistant Director/Program and Advocacy, Zonta Headquarters/Oakbrook, has written a summary article about the results/conclusions from this important event. This will appear in the upcoming May issue of The Zontian. Be sure to read this article!
- During the upcoming summer, when you hear reference in the media to the plight of women in Afghanistan, remember that our Zonta Club is helping them directly through our contributions to the Jebreel Learning Center/Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL).

**Pam Hunte, Chair**



Scholarship Winners: Isabella Gourley, Maya McGrew, Inaya Gray



Woman of the Year Award: Lisa Pappas



## DUES ARE DUE REMINDER

The dues for 2023-2024 are due by May 15. You all should have received an emailed invoice for \$170.

If you have not yet paid, you can bring your check to the dinner meeting or mail it to Treasurer Karen Pastell at: 1801 Wintercrest Ct., Shorewood IL 60404

Or we now have the option of using a credit card to pay dues. There is a link on the dues invoice that will allow you to go direct to the credit card site and input your information. There will be an automatic 3.5% surcharge on credit cards which is what the bank charges us. This is only for CREDIT cards (not debit cards that can be run like a credit card). PLEASE only use a credit card if you want to use this feature.

Please contact Karen if you have questions at: prairielandaud@att.net.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

#### LUNAFEST ON TV

The program ran on JCTV 6 times a day last week and will continue to run this week. You can access LUNAFEST on Comcast and AT&T. On the internet, go to Joliet TV on YouTube and watch the programming. Click below to watch:



PR wants to thank Dick and Millie Schuster for all their hard work in producing this program.

Our podcast is on the move! Check out our recent episodes:

- When Danger Invades Your Life
  - Pads for Hope/Serve for Hope
- There's more to come. Stay tuned!  
Listen on [Spotify](#).

Our local newspapers in Joliet, Plainfield and Naperville are joining us as we salute our "Woman of the Year". Lisa Pappas has history in all three of these areas. Here is the [Patch article](#).

On a personal note, I have enjoyed being the Public Relations Chair! I want to thank Pat and Lisa for everything they have done to make this committee incredible and for us building an even stronger image and exposure base for Zonta to the public. There's more to come!

*Bonnie Winfrey, Chair*



## WELCOME TO THE INCOMING EXECUTIVE BOARD 2023-2025

President	Bonnie Winfrey
1st Vice President	Liz Walsh
2nd Vice President	Diane Harris
Treasurer	Karen Pastell
Recording Secretary	Cathy Miller
Corresponding Secretary	Lisa Pappas
Board Member	Essence Clark
Board Member	Judy Mitchell

## Tablescapes/Decor Thanks

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to Carmie Castagna for her beautiful decorating style. No matter the event, Carmie works with the hostess/es to put in her all to make the decor match the theme and ambience. Thank you!



## SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

### JUNE

EMMIE OSTREM 11  
 KAREN PASTELL 25  
 JOHANNA KERWIN 28  
 MARY KAPPELLA 30

### JULY

DONNA LIKAR 11  
 JUDY MITCHELL 12

