



ZONTA

CLUB OF
JOLIET AREA

BUILD A BETTER WORLD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

JANUARY 2024

NEWSLETTER



President's Message



BONNIE WINFREY

Hello, Zontians~

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We have so many great things to look forward to in 2024. Let's take a look back, reflect and be grateful for the following accomplishments: our 50th Anniversary, our choice for Woman of Distinction and Woman of the Year, LUNAFEST, our Mardi Gras fundraiser, our service commitments, scholarship investments, our podcast broadcasting around the world, our recognition from the District conference, proclamations, and Z-club transformations, etc.

Thank you for your hard work. ZONTA IS ON THE MOVE! We have truly empowered and changed lives and will continue to do so in 2024!

Calling all chairs and co-chairs! I am calling a meeting in January where we can discuss how we move forward in 2024 with your different committees. At our January 9th meeting, I will let you know about date options as well as a location. We have a lot to discuss.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Zonta Holiday Party. It was an honor to work with Bonnie Horne in putting it together. She is awesome!

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Mardi Gras

**Buy your Magnificent
Mardi Gras tickets**

now:

bit.ly/ZontaMardiGras

2024

"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring in a folding chair."

SHIRLEY CHISHOLM

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I want to give a shout out to the winners at the Holiday Party who guessed the number of objects in the glass vases and the lantern. Chela Reyes, (Yolanda Reyes' guest) won a \$25 gift card to Habanero. Maggie Kerr, (Bonnie Horne's guest) also received a \$25 gift card to Habanero. Donna Zanzola was also winner and won a \$25 gift card from Al's Steak House.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Thank you for the opportunity for us to work together and grow our organization. I look forward to seeing you on January 9th!

Bonnie Winfrey

The Spanish Community Center was able to provide Christmas gifts to many children thanks, in part, to the generosity of the Zonta Club of Joliet Area. Thank you for all your contributions to put smiles on these children and give their parents a wonderful holiday!



View more pictures at the ZCJA website:
<https://www.jolietzonta.org/post/christmas-comes-to-joliet-spanish-community-center>

Events Calendar

JANUARY 9

MEMBER MEETING

Location: Al's Steak House

Time: 5:30 pm

Meal: \$29/Broiled salmon, vegetable medley, german chocolate cake

JANUARY 15

MLK DAY OF SERVICE

Location: Joliet Central HS

Time: 7:30 am

JANUARY 23

Executive Board Meeting

FEBRUARY 9

MAGNIFICENT MARDI GRAS

Location: Jacob Henry Mansion
Victoria Ballroom

Time: 5:30 pm

FEBRUARY 13

MEMBER MEETING

Location: Al's Steak House

Time: 5:30 pm

Meal: \$29/Pot Roast, oven brown potatoes, carrots, cheesecake

FEBRUARY 27

Executive Board Meeting

MARCH 6

ZCLUB ETIQUETTE EVENT

Location: Thrive Restaurant

Time: 11:00 am

MARCH 12

MEMBER MEETING

Location: Al's Steak House

Time: 5:30 pm

Meal: \$29/Corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, grasshoppers

MARCH 18

ZCLUB INDUCTION

Location: Joliet Central Cafeteria

Time: 5:00 pm

Member Meeting RSVP

ATTENDANCE RULES

- Notice for the January 9 meeting must be made by 5 pm on Friday, January 5.
- For each monthly member meeting, you are required to notify the Attendance Committee if you will not be attending. You will be charged for the cost of your meal if you fail to notify Attendance that you will not be attending.
- If you are a standing no but plan to attend, you must notify Attendance.

JANUARY MEAL
Salmon, Vegetable Medley and
German Chocolate Cake

**Meal Price: \$29 Cash or Check
OR now accepting Credit/Debit**

- Vegetarian and fish meal requests must be made in advance following the above procedures. Fish substitutions will not be honored at meetings

Contact Attendance:
Preferred method: Email
Barb Leiber: balive20@gmail.com
or call/text Barb: 630-696-0453

Back-up option: call Reni Tracy:
815-370-0838

Holiday Party Pix



View more pictures from the holiday party at the ZCJA website:
<https://www.jolietzonta.org/post/club-holiday-celebration-2023>

Zonta Says No ~ Orange T-Shirts – Short Sleeve

Sizes ~ Small – Medium – Large – X Large = \$12/each
Size 2XLarge = \$14/each

Email/Text Mary Baudino – mfbaudino59@aol.com / 815-955-4066

T-shirts are at the Contractors Association of Will & Grundy Counties,
233 Springfield Ave., Joliet – hours are M-F 8am-4pm. Call 815-741-1455



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December

Kristine Schlismann
December 5
Terri King
Christine Blackburn
December 24

January

Bonnie Horne
January 1
Diane Harris
January 4
Pat Perrier
January 16
Pat Miller
January 27
Barb Lieber
January 29

Congratulations to
Kristine Schlismann on
receiving the
Gold Star Award
for excellence in
Education
from the Joliet Chapter
of the National Hookup
of Black Women at their
32nd Annual Founders
Day Celebration on
12.30.23



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Committee Updates

Z Club

The Z Club Planning Committee met on December 20 to discuss the following upcoming events. Space is limited to 25 individuals for the Etiquette Event, with 20 Z Club attendees, the 2 sponsors, and the Z Club Committee.

Etiquette Event - March 6

Location:

Thrive Restaurant - JJC Downtown
Campus

235 N. Chicago St. Joliet IL 60432

Schedule:

Students Arrive at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch/Event 11 to 1 PM - Depart
1:30 PM

***20 Students will Attend with
Sponsors

***Meal is \$19 for Z Club Planning
Committee Members Who Would Like
To Attend

Z Club Officer Presentation to
Membership at Dinner Meeting -
March 12

Al's Steakhouse - PowerPoint
Presentation from Student Officers
Providing Fearless Females Club
Update

Z Club Induction- March 18
Central Student Center and Cafeteria
Dr. Scanlon Delivering Keynote -
Knowing Your Worth - Self-Respect &
Wellbeing
5 to 7 PM

March 21 - Through Her Eyes Film
Festival
Renaissance Center. Students provide
guest assistance and help as needed.

Scholarships

We are now accepting applications for the 2024 Young Woman in Public Affairs Scholarships. Our club awards three \$1,000 to women ages 16-19 who are pursuing higher education and are very involved in their communities. Share the YWPA page on our [website](#). Applications are due by Feb. 15 and must be typewritten hard copy and delivered by USPS.

Archives Committee

After a very busy 2023, the Archives Committee is resting up for 2024 when we hope to start digitalizing the closet full of material.

I want to thank Bonnie Horne for her enthusiasm in organizing the many bins with Dianna Gliwa for preparations and return of materials regarding the 50th Anniversary event. We wish you a joyous and merry Christmas and a wonderful 2024.

International Committee

A recent UN report has noted that gender-based violence in Afghanistan is growing, and that there are no state-sponsored women's shelters in the country. Often women are rather sent to prison.

Thus the role of NGOs (Non-Government Organizations) like AIL (Afghan Institute of Learning) working in the country has become increasingly important.

We should be so proud that our Zonta Club has recently sent \$1000.00 to AIL to help women and girls in Afghanistan. AIL's schools have remained open, their virtual learning program is active, and they continue to provide all kinds of humanitarian assistance.

Hoping for a more peaceful and better world in 2024.

Committee Updates

Service and Advocacy

We had a very successful 16 Days of Activism.

Kicked off the 16 days at the Light Up the Holidays Parade in Joliet City Center. Thank you to Zonta members and extended family for participating in the cold!!

Displayed our 6ft x 10ft Zonta Says No banner again at the corner of Black Rd. & Larkin Ave. Also displayed another Zonta Says No banner on the Jefferson Street overpass by Bicentennial Park. Thank you Beth & Bob Colvin for putting up the banner!!

Thank you to all our members who displayed the Zonta Says No yard signs in their yards, neighbor's yards, places of business, etc.

Thank you to our PR team for all the social media posts on violence against women awareness!

Looking forward to the new year and more service & advocacy opportunities.

MLK Day of Service

January 15, 2024 @ Joliet Central High School

The MLK Day of Service is an annual opportunity for individuals of all ages to work side-by-side completing community service projects at locations throughout the Joliet-area community in honor of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. A hot breakfast and lunch are provided.

Event Schedule

Volunteer Check-In – Breakfast –

Welcoming Remarks

7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at Joliet Central High School

Community Service Completion

9 a.m. to Noon – Locations Throughout the Joliet-Area- Zonta's project will be completed at Joliet Central.

Lunch, Project Re-Caps & Entertainment
Noon to 2 p.m. at Joliet Central High School

The Service and Advocacy Committee is asking for Zonta Members to come out and participate in the Day of Service. It is an amazing opportunity to give back to our community along with other community organizations, students, and other community members. We ask that you please wear your orange Zonta Shirts when volunteering!

Click on the following link to register for the event:

<https://bit.ly/3SCr6il>

Trinity Services' Homeless Support Team (HST) Collection Ends January 9

Toiletries, Feminine Hygiene Products, Diapers, Cleaning Supplies, Paper products, Kitchen supplies, Furniture, Blankets (twin/full), pillows, socks
Large donations and/or furniture donations – call or text to make arrangements 815-955-4066

Looking forward to working with the **Habitat for Humanity Kevin Walsh Memorial Build – Women Build** – will let you know when they are ready for volunteers!

Jewelry Collection: bring in your jewelry that you no longer need or want. Terri Taylor, Beth Colvin and Terri King are collecting and will be coordinating with Visitation & Aid to have another great opportunity for the youngsters to choose a piece of jewelry for their mother or other notable woman in their life.

From our District 6 USA Caucus Chair, Mary Nagel:

At a recent USA Caucus meeting, we heard from our advocacy partner, the ERA Coalition. The members asked that we get as many members to sign onto this current petition (<https://www.sign4era.org/>).

It takes about 30 second to complete.

This petition is unlike others our Clubs and members have signed.

This is to recognize the Amendment, not to ratify it. It has been ratified but needs to be published.

Please take the 30 seconds to sign onto this current position.

We must EmPowerHer!

Co-Chairs:

Mary Baudino, call/text 815-955-4066;

mfbaudino59@aol.com

Essence Clark, call/text 815-258-4440;

ebrass80@gmail.com

Click below to register for MLK Day of Service



Committee Updates

Film Festival Committee

Dear Zontians,

I am delighted to share with you information regarding the upcoming community screening of “Through Her Eyes” film festival, curated by Wild and Scenic Films for our Zonta Club of Joliet Area film festival. Wild and Scenic Films combines women's organizations with a fundraising campaign to generate awareness and raise funds for women's causes through this traveling film festival.

Our Club has partnered with Joliet Junior College to bring “Through Her Eyes” to Joliet on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at the Renaissance Center.

Event proceeds support local women continuing their education at Joliet Junior College through the Zonta Club of Joliet Area Endowed JJC Scholarship.

JJC has been generous in their support of this event by providing technical expertise, large screen monitors and a culinary treat. Also in 2023, JJC purchased tables and provided a monetary sponsorship.

Caroline Portlock, Director-Workforce Investment Board of Will County, has graciously agreed to Emcee our 2024 film festival.

LUNAFEST 2023 brought together over 300 women to view and discuss eight thought-provoking and inspirational films written for and about women.

We hope that you will join us again on March 21, 2024.

We ask that you purchase your individual ticket (\$60) through EventBrite.

Reserved tables of eight are available; tickets must be purchased by one individual through Eventbrite.

Reserved signage with the purchaser's name will be placed on that table.

Empowered Woman Media Recognition is \$200, and sponsorships are available. Contact Helen Ross or Kathy Cawley if interested.

The Zonta Club of Joliet Presents “Through Her Eyes” Film Festival Committee Members are Kathy Cawley, Sylvia Acosta Chavez, Essence Clark, Dr. Yolanda Farmer, Peggy Fields, Lisa Pappas and Dr. Judy Mitchell.

Co-Chairs are Helen Hester Ross and Kristine Schlismann.

We are looking forward to another powerful event, please join us.

Learn more about our new film curator, Wild and Scenic Films:
<https://wildandscenicfilmfestival.org/>