



ZONTA

CLUB OF  
JOLIET AREA

BUILD A BETTER WORLD  
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

FEBRUARY 2024

# NEWSLETTER



## President's Message



**BONNIE WINFREY**

Hello Zontians:

We are officially a 501(c)(3) Charitable Giving organization! Special thanks to Karen Lega, all members and past presidents for helping to push this status through! The door has been opened for tax deductible donations, eligibility for grants and for boosting our credibility as a charitable organization.



### Mardi Gras

I am looking forward to having a good time at Mardi Gras! I want to thank Beth and Cathy and everyone involved in advance for a successful event. A special thank you also goes out to our Woman of Distinction committee for choosing Amirrah Abou-Youssef. I also want to thank PR for their work in providing visibility regarding this event. From social media, to print, and radio, Lisa and Pat have informed thousands via the media platform about Mardi Gras and Zonta.

### Podcast with International President Ute Scholz

It was such an honor to interview President Ute. I have wanted to interview her for some time so I contacted her and she was thrilled we had a podcast. President Ute says she is putting the interview on ZI's site and their social media.

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Tickets still available:  
[bit.ly/ZontaMardiGras](https://bit.ly/ZontaMardiGras)  
2024

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

SHIRLEY CHISHOLM

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

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## President's Message

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

•Our committee chair and co-chair meeting will be held Tuesday, February 20th at the White Oak Library District (Crest Hill Library) located at 20670 City Center Blvd, Crest Hill, IL 60403 at 5:30pm. More details to be shared soon.

•On Friday, March 8, 2024 which is 'International Women's Day', the Zonta Club of the Joliet Area is taking the lead on educating our community in the areas of Human Trafficking, Bullying, and Domestic Violence. The focus: preventing and surviving. Zonta is on the Move! The PR team and I have put together a stellar panel of experts from the area which consist of impactful and courageous women. The televised event will be held at the JTHS Administration Building. This is a 'Zonta Cares' project and falls in line with Zonta International's theme "Invest in Women". More to come at our meeting in February.

•Our Zonta Oak Brook Club on March 8th is celebrating 'International Women's Day' with their annual breakfast at Maggiano's in Oak Brook. I will be attending. Their speaker is Rachel Moody who is the program manager of the Magdalene House which is an organization transforming the lives of local women survivors of sex trafficking. See the attached flyer for more information.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Mardi Gras fundraiser!

Bonnie Winfrey

## Events Calendar

**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 20**

Chairs/Board Member Special Meeting

**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



Scott Slocum, Pat Perrier, Cathy Miller and Bonnie Winfrey, at WJOL to promote Magnificent Mardi Gras

# Member Meeting RSVP

## ATTENDANCE RULES

- Notice for the February 13 meeting must be made by 5 pm on Friday, February 9.
- 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.

## FEBRUARY MEAL

Pot Roast with oven browned potatoes and carrots/cheesecake with raspberry sauce

**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



Download the teamup app on your Apple or Android phone via the app store or play store to keep up with ZCJA meetings and events.

\*\*\*Committee chairs\*\*\*

Contact Lisa P (lpappas@papl.info or 815.557.8351) or Pat Perrier (pperrier@ix.netcom.com) as soon as you plan your committee's meetings so we can get them added to the calendar!

Here's the link to the ZCJA's Calendar:  
<https://teamup.com/ksivn9hahw73tuc4i7>



*HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!*

**February**

Theresa Rouse  
*February 13*

Kathy Giegerich  
*February 21*

# Committee Updates

## 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](mailto:mfbaudino59@aol.com)  
815-955-4066

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

## CONTACT US

### ONLINE

[jolietzonta.org](http://jolietzonta.org)  
[zonta.org](http://zonta.org)  
[zontadistrict6.org](http://zontadistrict6.org)


### MAILING ADDRESS

P.O. Box 2608  
Joliet, IL 60434

### SOCIAL MEDIA

 JolietZontaClub

 jolietzonta

 company/  
zonta-club-of-joliet

## 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.

## Woman of the Year Committee

Last Day to nominate a member for  
WOY 2024 is Thursday, Feb. 29,  
2024.

Please send an email to Peggy Field  
([pongfield@gmail.com](mailto:pongfield@gmail.com))

stating the member's name and your  
reason for nominating her.

Members can only be WOY once.  
List of previous WOY can be found  
in the yearbook or on the website.

## International Committee

Remember that International  
Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day  
are just around the corner on Friday,  
March 8. The theme this year for  
International Women's Day set forth  
by UN Women (the special United  
Nations organization working for  
gender equality and the  
empowerment of women and girls)  
is: "Invest in Women: Accelerate  
Progress."

Also coming up soon is the  
important meeting in New York City  
of the United Nations Commission  
on the Status of Women 68  
(CSW68) from March 11-22. Zonta  
International will be taking a very  
active part in the various sessions,  
and our committee will be filling you  
in more about this important event  
soon.

Be sure to take a look at the  
impressive displays for International  
Women's Day at our local libraries in  
Plainfield and Joliet!

# Committee Updates

## Service and Advocacy

### Trinity Services Homeless Support Team assisting women in need collection:

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to this important cause. A big "Shout Out" to the Plainfield Library, Joliet Library Black Road and Trinity Services for having our collection boxes! These donations will be delivered to Trinity Services on Tuesday, Feb. 6th.

Some of what was collected:

Kitchen Items- 12 boxes/bags/loose items

Cleaning Supplies- 6 Boxes/Bags

Paper Goods(Tissue, paper towels, toilet paper, etc.. ) - 9 boxes/Bags

Blankets/Linens - 8 Bags (Includes about 3 bags of pillows)

Towels- 1 Bag

Clothes- 7 Bags

### Habitat for Humanity Kevin Walsh Memorial Build - Women Build -

message from Habitat for Humanity: *We are writing to provide an update on the status of our project at 108 Wood Street in Elwood and to address some unforeseen delays that have impacted our timeline.*

*Regrettably, we have encountered unexpected setbacks in our project timeline due to circumstances related to the excavating contractor we had engaged. Despite our challenges, we are actively seeking solutions to ensure the project progresses as swiftly as possible while managing seasonal and weather-related constraints as well.*

*We deeply appreciate your understanding, patience, and continued support during this unexpected delay.*

*We want to reassure you that despite these setbacks, we remain resolutely committed to the successful completion of the project. By spring, we fully anticipate entering into a phase of accelerated progress and expect to be in full build mode. Your steadfast support is crucial to our ability to overcome these challenges and fulfill our mission.*

*We will keep you updated on any significant developments regarding the project's progress.*

**Last Call for Jewelry Collection:** bring in your jewelry that you no longer need or want to the February 13th meeting. This will be the last collection date. Thank you for all your generosity!

## Fellowship Committee

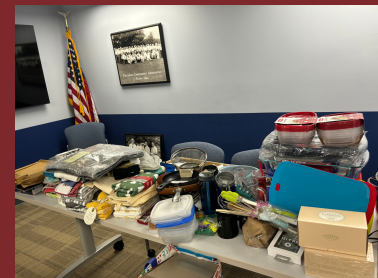
Our Fellowship hostess this month will be Cathy Miller. The theme is Valentine's Day.

Our program will be on scholarships. Kristi Mulvey and Amanda Quinn from the JJC Foundation will be presenting.

## ZCJA Film Festival Committee

The "Through Her Eyes" Film Festival is on March 21st at the Renaissance Center in Joliet. Join us at 4:00 PM for our Boss-Up reception, just off of the lobby of the Renaissance Center for our signature cocktail "Boss Lady." February 10th tickets will be available for purchase through Eventbrite. Please check Eventbrite to purchase your individual ticket or a reserved table of 8. Zontians, gather your group and purchase a table of 8 through Zonta Treasurer, Karen Pastell. We will reserve that table under one name from your group.

## Trinity Services Collection Sorting at CAWG



# Committee Updates

## PR Committee

The PR Committee has been busy! We continue to promote our 50th year through all of our dealings with the media and on socials.

We've ramped up promotion of the Magnificent Mardi Gras event to include:

- Press releases sent to media outlets: print and radio
- Story on the event and our Woman of Distinction which resulted in front-page coverage in the Joliet Herald News
- Appearance with Fundraising Co-Chair Cathy Miller, Bonnie Winfrey and myself on WJOL with Scott Slocum to discuss the Magnificent Mardi Gras event, as well as telling our Zonta story – educating the public about who we are and what we do
- Sharing social media posts and encouraging members to do so – it's been really nice to see how many Zontians are sharing the event on their own pages, AND how many CLUBS are sharing our posts. This is what it takes to spread the word! Thanks!

We plan to attend the Chair/Co-Chair meeting in February.

We've broadcast another edition of Zonta on the Move, our podcast, with ZI President Ute Scholz from Verden, Germany, which was a most enlightening discussion if you haven't listened to it yet. Ute has a wonderful vision for Zonta and her journey up through the ranks is inspiring! It was an experience trying to coordinate a time to tape the podcast, since we were unable to do so while Ute was here in the states and we had to work with USF's holiday schedule and the time difference in Germany.

We have several other podcast topics coming up, including an update on the podcast regarding the period education project in Uganda, the statistics and effects of human trafficking here in IL, and women's wellness.

We're poised to host a panel discussion covering resources for human trafficking, domestic violence and bullying, which will be on International Women's Day. We have several women lined up to speak, and are excited to bring this to the public.

We're also formulating the plans for promoting the Through Her Eyes film festival. This is going to be an exciting time to be a Zonta member, and we hope you'll participate in all the upcoming events, as well as the service and advocacy events coming up.

As much as possible, we plan to be at the various service and advocacy events to take pictures and then publish as much as we can, wherever we can. Don't be surprised if one of us from PR asks you for a quote or a story as to why you're at a specific event. Many voices help us get our message out.

Once we have the nominee for our club's Woman of the Year, we will do a promotional campaign by sending out media releases, interviewing the awardee on our podcast, and getting an article in the local paper.

After the YWPA scholarships are announced, we plan to cover that meeting and have the awardees speak so that we can promote our scholarship program to the general public. We've also put up posts regarding the applications.

Pat Perrier, PR Chair

Listen to the Zonta on the Move podcast episode with ZI President Ute Scholtz



Listen on [Spotify](#)

## BYLAWS REPORT

I reached out to our District 6 Liaison regarding bylaws changes and questions that arose which referenced our bylaws. The changes to the bylaws on the ZI level will be added to the bylaws – they were put up on the ZI site so that they can be transferred to each club's documents.

The Bylaws have now been added to the Member section of our website. Also, the Bylaws committee will bring to the board the suggestion that they be printed in the membership directory. It's been asked for by several club members, and because they don't change year-to-year, we could potentially put them in every other year or every 2 years without much trouble.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Perrier, ByLaws Chair