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FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**

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BETH COLVIN
President
Zonta Club of Joliet

Happy New Year, Zontians,

Thank you to “On the Rocks,” we raised \$1600 from Bloody Mary & raffle ticket sales in November.

Please stop in and say hi and thank you for supporting our club and the community.

The Advocacy & Service Committee had a very successful 16 days of Activism Campaign. ZCJA would like to thank John & Jessica Bays for graciously allowing us to place a banner on their property at the corner of Larkin Ave & Black Rd. Thank you, Bonnie Horne for all your coordinating efforts.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I would like to thank all the members who donated & distributed the holiday cards on December 6th to the very appreciative residents at Sunny Hill Nursing Home. We also thank the Fearless Females for signing the cards.

Dianna and Carmie, you certainly know how to throw a party! Thank you for your very generous donation to the Z Club. What a fantastic time had by all!

Zontians, we raised \$1600 in donations for a family that needed help this past holiday. I am so proud to be a part of this incredible club. Thank you to Terri King & Donna Zanzola for taking care of ALL the shopping and wrapping.

The Scholarship committee have sent out the 2023 applications to the schools; if you have any questions please contact Joann Potenziani.

This year's fundraiser will be a Mardi Gras Luncheon on Sunday, February 5th at The Jacob Henry Mansion Victorian Ballroom. If you would like more tickets, please contact Kathy Giegerich. Please bring your packets to the January meeting. Let's get busy selling tickets and ads for this fantastic event!

Our third annual film festival, LUNAFEST, will be on Thursday, March 30, at The Renaissance Center. LUNAFEST is an inspirational short film festival by and about women. Luna began this festival in 2001 as a way to amplify diverse voices, challenge perceptions, and spark conversations, which matches the ZCJA's mission and goals. More details coming soon!

Our first membership meeting in 2023 will be Tuesday, January 10th at 5:30. See you next week.

Stay safe and Healthy.

Sincerely,
Beth Colvin
President



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 10

Member Dinner Meeting

Time: 5:30 pm social, 6:00 pm start

Location: Al's Steak House

Meal: Broiled salmon with veggie medley, chocolate cream pie

FEBRUARY 5

Fundraiser: Magnificent Mardi Gras Luncheon

Time: 11:30 am

Location: Jacob Henry Mansion

FEBRUARY 21****

(change due to Valentine's Day)

Member Dinner Meeting

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

Location: Al's Steak House

Menu: Pot Roast, oven-browned potatoes and carrots, cheesecake w/raspberry sauce

MEMBER MEETING RSVP

Please advise Attendance Committee Co-Chair Barb Leiber if you are unable to attend the monthly meeting by 4 pm on **Friday, 1/6**.

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 Barb 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 email : balive20@gmail.com

Barb text: 630-696-0453

Reni: text 815-370-0838

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

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



Pictured is Zontian Helen Hatchett on her 95th birthday in November, with her two daughters, Sharon and Deb. Sharon hopes to bring Helen to an upcoming winter member meeting.



Pictured is Zontian Donna Zanzola with the gifts she and Terri King purchased with your donations, wrapped and delivered for the family we adopted for Christmas.



If not at the meeting, mail money to Karen Lega and drop off items at the funeral home.
I appreciate you to the...
Kathy Giegnen

COMMITTEE UPDATES

FELLOWSHIP

Inspiration and Table Talk: Diane Harris

January Guest Speaker: Amanda N. Marino

Amanda is an Attorney with Prairie State Legal Services in Joliet. She is currently working with a Federal program, Victims of Crime Act. She works with survivors of abuse seeking orders of protection, civil no contact orders, stalking no contact orders, and gives other support associated with abuse. Amanda, a survivor of abuse, is a focused advocate in her work knowing what the journey should look like when done with the survivor's mind.

Bonnie Horne & Yolanda Reyes, Co-Chairwomen, Carmie Castagna, Kristie Cichon, Dianna Gliwa, Diane H...
Carla Liburdi-Magano, Cathy Miller, Liz Walsh.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Episode #3 of the Zonta On The Move podcast is now live! In this episode, the PR team interviewed Rhonda Thomas of the Kankakee Club along with Steve Hoekstra of Hoekstra Transportation about their amazing joint venture to bring awareness to human trafficking via truck trailer wraps and training for truck drivers. We've provided the link to the Spotify episode [here](#) and on our website, in both the NEWS section and on the ZOTM podcast. You can listen then on any device of your choice, including your PC. You don't need to have a Spotify account to listen.

INTERNATIONAL

In Afghanistan especially women and girls are reeling from the recent shocking proclamations by the Taliban:

- To not allow any females attend university
- To not allow any females to work with either local or international NGOs (Non-Government Organizations)

Organizations throughout the country such as AIL (Afghan Institute of Learning), which we are supporting, have come together to demand that these proclamations be lifted. There have been demonstrations in many cities including in Herat which is near our Jebreel Learning Center.

In 2023 we will continue to follow the tragic situation of women and girls in Afghanistan and the implications for Jebreel-----along with reviewing Zonta International's important work in other countries in Asia, Latin America and Africa.



FROM THE TREASURER

Our Zonta club had several activities in November and December:

In November we had a mini-Fall Fundraiser. ZCJA was once again the recipient of Bloody Marys for a Cause at On the Rocks Sports Bar for the whole month. We raffled off two Bloody Mary baskets and three Chicago Cubs stocking caps (caps donated by OTR). We raised \$1160 from raffle tickets sales and a donation from On the Rocks. Thank you OTR!

Our amazing Holiday Party, hosted by Dianna Gliwa, raised \$725, all donated to the Z Club. Thank you Dianna, for your generosity. And thank you also for a most enjoyable evening with good food, music, and such a festive ambience.

We raised over \$1600 from our generous Zontians to bless a family with a special Christmas. If you didn't see Katy Leclair's email from December 21st detailing information regarding the family and how we helped, please check it out. Thank you Katy, for helping to organize this. And thank you Zontians!



Holiday Party hosted by
Dianna Gliwa



Photos courtesy of
Helen Ross

