

NEWSLETTER



President's Message



BONNIE WINFREY

Hello, Zontians!

The year 2025 is said to be the year to thrive. It is also known as the year of manifestation.

What an opportunity to plan and grow with purpose! We have a new beginning to transform our own lives as well as the lives of others for the better.

We have a great year ahead of us! Zonta is on the move and we will kick off our mission to build a better world for women and girls into an even higher gear.

I am so proud to announce our club membership is increasing. We have five new members that will be installed at our first meeting of 2025. They are Betty Rose, Katie Kollross, Wendy Mullen, Kerrie Lilek, and Katie Ward. Let's welcome and congratulate these powerful women.

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Our highest liked photo in 2024 on Facebook; Amirrah receiving her award for Woman of Distinction (58 likes)

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

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As you know, our membership drive is also January 14th. We are all asked to participate by bringing a potential member/guest to our meeting. Membership Chair, Liz Walsh has designed a special segment to help invitees learn about Zonta.

At this meeting, we have an action item that needs our attention. We will be taking a vote regarding our updated bylaws. All changes have been approved by the executive board and previously sent to members on November 13th.

Keep celebrating the new year!

I'll see you January 14th!

Bonnie Winfrey
President

Events Calendar

JANUARY 14 MEMBER MEETING

Location: Al's Steak House
Time: 5:30 pm
Meal: \$30/Salmon with vegetable medley; peppermint ice cream

JANUARY 28 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Location: Via Zoom
Time: 6:00 pm

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

SAVE THE DATE

**Friday March 21st 5:30-8PM
Jacob Henry Mansion Victorian Ballroom**

**Zonta Presents
Art, Wine and Brew**

**More information to follow.
Questions? Contact Bonnie Horne or Karen Pastell**

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 January meeting, contact Sylvia by 5 pm on Friday, January 10.

Meal Price: \$30

Cash, Check or Zelle

JANUARY MEAL

Salmon, vegetable medley and peppermint ice cream

January Program

Zonta New Year Membership Bash

The Membership Committee looks forward to our New Year's Presentation at our meeting on the 14th. We need everyone to bring a potential member in order for this to be successful. **Please RSVP to Sylvia and include your guest by Friday, January 10th.** The Attendance Committee needs to let Al's know of the RSVP for our dinner. Our five new members will be inducted following the Membership Bash.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

JANUARY

January 1

Bonnie Horne

January 4

Diane Harris

January 16

Pat Perrier

January 27

Patricia Miller

January 29

Barb Leiber

REMINDER

**REVIEW THE BYLAWS
THAT WERE SENT VIA
EMAIL ON 11.13.24
WITH THE SUBJECT
LINE OF "ZCJA:
BYLAWS TO BE
REVIEWED FOR
01.14.25 VOTE."**



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Committee Updates

Archives Committee

A gentle reminder: Any materials removed or checked out from the Archives should be returned after usage. There are quite a few items "checked out" at the moment.

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.

International Committee

Remember that International Women's Day is just around the corner on March 8. This year the theme is "Accelerate Action," with a focus on speeding up women's equality.

The United Nations' Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69) is from March 10-21 in New York City. This will involve extensive participation by governments and NGOs throughout the world.

We will provide more details on these important events as time goes on. Looking forward to a very successful year ahead!