



**ZONTA**  
CLUB OF  
JOLIET AREA

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

**SEPTEMBER 2023**

# NEWSLETTER



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**BONNIE WINFREY**  
President  
Zonta Club of Joliet

**H**ello, Zontians,

2023 is moving swiftly! It's September, a time of transition and change as we move from summer into the arrival of autumn. At our August board meeting, I asked everyone to meet me at Ceramic Creations in Joliet. I felt the change from a tradition meeting setting was important as we paint the future for our next 50 years and beyond.

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In the ceramic painting studio, I learned how talented, artistic, and skillful our board is. The designs created are definitely worth displaying in an art show. I want to thank owner and Zontian Ericka Williams for allowing me to host our first board meeting at Ceramic Creations. We had a great time!

Please keep in mind the following events and activities:

1. Area 5 Director, Mary Baudino is hosting a leadership program on Saturday, September 9th. She and I are asking all board, co chairs and chairs that are available to please attend. I went last year and learned a lot about Zonta and met many interesting people from other clubs.
2. On September 11 - Two shifts are open for the Northern Illinois Food Bank Day of Service; 9:00am - 11:00am and 12:30pm - 2:30pm. Contact Mary Baudino if you are interested in participating.
3. Also, we need to choose our delegates for the 2023 District 5 Fall Conference which will take place October 6-8 in Alton, Illinois. Send me an email if you are interested in attending.

Lastly, I am looking forward to hearing from our special guest, Megan Radavich from Zonta International at our up coming meeting. I met her on the ZI cruise earlier this year. She's a lot of fun and has lots of interesting stories to tell.

I will see you on September 12th!

Bonnie Winfrey,  
President



<b>PRESIDENT</b> Bonnie Winfrey	<b>TREASURER</b> KAREN PASTELL	<b>DIRECTORS</b> Essence Clark Judy Mitchell Reni Tracy Donna Zanzola
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 9	ZONTA AREA 5 LEADERSHIP TRAINING
SEPTEMBER 12	MEMBER MEETING AT AL'S STEAKHOUSE AT 5:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 18	Z CLUB MEET AND GREET AT JOLIET CENTRAL AT 3:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 26	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 5	TAKE BACK THE NIGHT EVENT AT HUFFORD JR HIGH AT 5:00 PM
OCTOBER 6-8	DISTRICT 6-8 FALL CONFERENCE IN ALTON, IL
OCTOBER 10	MEMBER MEETING AT AL'S STEAKHOUSE AT 5:30 PM
OCTOBER 16	UN DAY PROCLAMATION AT PLAINFIELD VILLAGE HALL AT 6:30 PM
OCTOBER 17	UN DAY PROCLAMATION AT JOLIET CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 19	50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT AT THE ROCK N ROLL MUSEUM AT 5:30 PM
OCTOBER 24	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Zonta Says No ~ Orange T-Shirts - Short Sleeve  
Sizes ~ Small - Medium - Large - X Large = \$12/each  
Size 2XLarge = \$14/each  
Will be available for purchase at the Sept. 12th meeting  
or contact Mary Baudino



## **SEPTEMBER 12 MEMBER MEETING MEAL INFORMATION**

**2023-2024 Meal Price: \$29 Cash or Check Only**

### **SEPTEMBER MENU:**

**Spinach and feta stuffed chicken breast over rice  
Vanilla Ice cream with strawberries**

### **ATTENDANCE RULES**

- 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.
- Notice for the September 12 meeting must be made by 5 pm on Friday, September 8.
- If you are a standing no but plan to attend, you must notify Attendance.
- New option this year--you may substitute fish for any meal but your request must be made by contacting Attendance by 5 pm the Friday prior to the meeting. Fish substitutions will not be honored at meetings.
- Vegetarian meal requests must also be made in advance following the above procedures.

### **HOW TO CONTACT ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE**

Preferred method: Email Barb Leiber at [balive20@gmail.com](mailto:balive20@gmail.com)  
or call/text Barb at: 630-696-0453  
back-up option: call Reni Tracy at 815-370-0838



## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### FELLOWSHIP

Carla Montagano-Liburdi will be Fellowship Hostess for the September meeting. We are fortunate to have the Interim Executive Director of Zonta International, Mega Radavich, as our guest speaker. Among her many responsibilities, Megan works to develop strategies to support Zonta International and the Zonta Foundation in achieving their goals. We are so pleased that Megan has agreed to come to Joliet and speak to our club.

### ARCHIVES

A LITTLE HISTORY from the Archives:

Hopefully you have seen our Zonta plaques welcoming you into the City of Joliet. They and other community organizations logos are posted on Jefferson St by the Joliet Municipal Airport and at Larkin Avenue at Theodore St.

Zonta received an accommodation from Zonta International on May 5 1995 for this achievement of prominent Highway signs.

### INTERNATIONAL

The International Committee is taking a fresh look at how to improve our advocacy/outreach/visibility this year. We'll keep you posted about any new developments. Right now we're in communication with Pamela Morgan, Chair of the Zonta United Nations Committee, and TerriJo Saarela, United Nations Chair of Zonta District 6.

Coming up soon on October 24 is United Nations Day. Our Zonta Club will receive the formal proclamations of the day at the Joliet City Council meeting on Tuesday October 17, and at the Plainfield Village Board meeting on Monday October 16. More details about time/place and a sign-up sheet will be available at our upcoming meetings. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

An update with pictures from the Jabreel Learning Center in Afghanistan will be shared separately via email.

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**2023 District 6 Fall Conference ~~ October 6 - 8**

**Best Western Premier Alton-St. Louis Area Hotel, Alton, IL**

**Keynote Speakers:**

**Zonta International Director Sandy Venn Brown**

**Illinois Supreme Court Justice Mary Kay O'Brien**

**Get Zonta Energized!! ~ Network - Learn - Vote**

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# COMMITTEE UPDATES

## Service & Advocacy

September 11 – Northern Illinois Food Bank Day of Service 2 shifts available

9:00am – 11:00am and/or 12:30pm – 2:30pm ~~~ If you have not signed up for this day of service, please let us know if you can join a shift.

October 5 - 5:00pm ~ Take Back the Night, Hufford Jr. High School, 1125 N. Larkin Ave., Joliet

October 21 – Angels Against Abuse 5K Run/Walk, Shorewood Towne Center Park 8:30am; Zonta will have an informational table too

November 24 – Light Up the Holidays Parade, Joliet City Center ~ Tree lighting 5:15pm Parade 5:30pm

Let’s show our Zonta Spirit to our community! Join in on these service & advocacy community events. We will have volunteer sign up at our Sept. 12th membership meeting and/or you can contact us!

Co-Chairs:

Mary Baudino, call/text 815-955-4066; mfbaudino59@aol.com

Essence Clark, call/text 815-258-4440; ebrass80@gmail.com

## Z CLUB

We invite Zonta members to join us in welcoming the members of our Joliet Central Fearless Females Z Club. RSVP to [kschlismann@jths.org](mailto:kschlismann@jths.org) by September 11 if you can attend. Guests should enter the building through the Student Center Main Entrance. Joliet Central is located at 201 E. Jefferson Street.

FEARLESS FEMALE'S Z CLUB

*Meet & Greet Event*

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023  
STUDENT CENTER  
GALLERIA  
3:30 TO 4:15 P.M.

Pizza & Beverages Served  
Students Meet Zonta Members & Learn About Z-Club

RSVP By September 11

Zonta Members  
RSVP to [kschlismann@jths.org](mailto:kschlismann@jths.org)

Z Club Members  
RSVP to [asamsa@jths.org](mailto:asamsa@jths.org)




# WILL COUNTY ★★ TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

MARCH | VIGIL | RALLY



## Thursday, October 5, 2023

5:00 p.m. | Resource Tables

6:00 p.m. | Program

Hufford Jr High School 1125 N Larkin Ave, Joliet, IL 60435

Take Back The Night brings survivors, supporters, activists, and community leaders together in a call for the end of violence against women.

Featured Speaker: **Nikki Merriman**

Nikki was raised in Joliet, Illinois by a firefighter and an ICU nurse. While she studied psychology in college, she went on to become an author. With five published books and a guided journal, she's mastered the art of poetry and has left countless readers wanting more.

Nikki is also an advocate and a public speaker. From intimate gatherings to packed auditoriums filled with up to 500 people, she takes the stage to shed light on important topics like sexual assault and teen dating violence.

After hearing Ms. Merriman's keynote address, we will host a memorial ceremony and march to honor the Will County women and children who have been murdered over the past decade. Community organizations will be there with resources and information available to help survivors and their families.



- ★ Any monetary donations received during the event will benefit local woman's programs.
- ★ Please bring pantry and hygiene supplies, they will be donated to local shelters.
- ★ An ASL interpreter will be present.

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