



ZONTA

CLUB OF
JOLIET AREA

BUILD A BETTER WORLD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

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NEWSLETTER



President's Message



BONNIE WINFREY

Hello Zontians:

Welcome back! I hope you ALL have enjoyed and are enjoying the rest of your summer. This is an exciting time for Zonta! We are truly on the move! This special edition of our newsletter is being produced to provide you with pertinent information prior to our meeting on August 13th.

The Executive Board, Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs and the Foundation Committee, all attended a meeting at my home on July 30th.

Each committee set goals and we talked about our vision for this year.

This newsletter will reflect some goals that were discussed and tentatively set. We have so many extraordinary Zontians in our club with unique abilities. I thank you all for your greatness!

Because of our fantastic outreach and exposure, many other clubs are commenting and reaching out to our club from across the country.

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"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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Thank you, Pat and Lisa, for keeping our mission and the stories about women and girls circulating in print and social media while we were on break.

I can't wait to see you all on August 13th and hear what you have been experiencing this summer!

Bonnie Winfrey
President

Events Calendar

AUGUST 13

MEMBER MEETING

Location: Al's Steak House

Time: 5:30 pm

Meal: \$30/Steakburger with cheese, onions, fries, apple pie a la mode

AUGUST 27

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Location: TBD

Time: 6:00 pm

Sign up for our calendar app, Teamup, for more details and additional ZCJA events:
<https://teamup.com/ksivn9hahw73tuc4i7>



Impromptu breakfast with traveling Zontian Bonny Schumacher. Bonny, born in Joliet, raised in Joliet and Lockport, has been a Zontian in Newport Beach, CA for 30+ years. While passing through, visiting family, she asked to meet up with ZCJA as she has been admiring our work from afar!

Membership Meeting Attendance 20024

Sylvia Acosta Chavez will take all information regarding meeting attendance:

Sylvia's e-mail is 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

Please advise Sylvia if you are a Standing NO for the start of this year

Optional choices are fish or chicken, spaghetti with meatless marinara sauce, baked potato with side salad or side of vegetables, a large salad.

Sylvia's e-mail is sylvia@spanishcenter.org.

E-mail Sylvia by 5 pm the Friday before the Tuesday meeting. For the August meeting, contact Sylvia by 5 pm on Friday, August 9.

Attendance gives Al's the count for the meeting and how many regular meals and what and how many options are needed.

The cost for the meal for the coming year is **\$30**.

Should you not inform Sylvia that you will not attend a meeting, you will be charged. As noted above, the count is given to Al's and the club is charged for meals that are left over.

Meal Price: \$30
Cash, Check or Zelle

AUGUST MEAL

Steak burger with cheese and raw onions,
french fries and apple pie a la mode



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

AUGUST**

August 16

Pam Hunte

August 23

Lisa Pappas

August 30

Liz Walsh

Based on 2023-2024 Yearbook information

Committee Goals 2024

International Committee

The Committee looks forward to another productive year as Zonta continues to empower women worldwide! Here are some of our major activities:

- Celebrate United Nations Day (October 24, 2024) and receive from both the Joliet and Plainfield City/Village Councils' UN Day Proclamations in which our club's valuable work in promoting gender equality and empowerment for women and girls both locally and internationally is recognized;
 - Celebrate International Women's Day and Zonta Yellow Rose Day (March 8, 2025), and at our March meeting present to our club a summary of Zonta's role in the international Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) held in March at the UN in New York City.
 - Present the club with updates of Zonta's international service projects for the biennium 2024-2026 which, in partnership with UN agencies, deal with 1.) preventing child marriage; 2.) gender-transformative climate action; and 3.) safe digital spaces for women and girls in crisis-affected countries
- We will also be coordinating with other committees in our club to link up with locally similar issues.
- Present the club with updates about Jebreel/Afghanistan Institute of Learning activities for women and girls which we continue to support in crisis-affected Afghanistan.

Membership Committee

The goals of the Membership Committee are to grow our membership and to use our events that we sponsor to attract new members.

Service & Advocacy Committee

Our committee's goals for 2024-2025 season are as follows:

- Ensure 50% of member participation across events and volunteer opportunities
- Consistently provide projects throughout the year in partnership with community-based organizations
- Ensure events align with Zonta's programs and address local needs

Program Committee

If anyone has a topic and/or speaker suggestion for the upcoming year, please forward to Program Chair, Lora McGuire 815-351-6847

Loramcguire@gmail.com

Woman of Distinction/Year Committee

Our 2024-25 goal is to review the procedure for selecting WOD and determine if any changes should be made and if so, submit the change(s) to the Board.

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Chair/Board Goal-setting meeting on July 30



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Podcast Committee

The Zonta on the Move Podcast features two new shows. The first one is about being in your best health possible. It explores how one can change the way he or she ages. Experts Gloria Dollinger, a fitness guru and nutritionist along with Lawrence Labruzzo, a sought after licensed massage therapist offer great tips to improve one's health.

This podcast will be posted soon.

We have a second podcast featuring Alliana Humphries, a local graphic designer and community activist for inclusivity, who talked to us about her accessibility challenges and her approach on educating people on how we can improve accessibility for all.

This podcast will be posted soon.

Both of these podcasts are very informative!

The goal this year is to continue to bring more interesting topics and individuals to our podcast audience. We will record at least one or two podcasts a month.

Bonnie Winfrey—Chair

Co-Hosts and Producers for the podcast are Lisa Pappas, Pat Perrier, and Bonnie Winfrey



Podcast with Gloria Dollinger and Lawrence Labruzzo



Podcast with Alliana Humphries

2024 International Convention Report

Georgeen Polyyak and Barb Leiber attended the Zonta International Convention in Brisbane, Australia from June 27 to June 30, 2024.

Brisbane is a beautiful city and we were located in a hotel around the corner from the Convention Center which was within walking distance.

In fact everything was within walking distance, the riverwalk and many restaurants were easily accessible.

The first day of the convention was a series of workshops. Barb attended A Magic Wand- Maximizing Impact for Zonta Says No.

This workshop validated all that we are doing to Say No to Domestic Violence.

The Birthing Kits Workshop was a profound experience. The workshop attendees assembled 2000 Clean Birth Kits which have been sent to partners in various African countries.

This project has saved countless mothers and babies lives by providing a sanitary birthing experience.

The Workshop on The Power of Zonta Mentorship was an encouragement for all Zonta Clubs to take on mentoring roles in their communities.



During the business meetings of the next three days, we heard from recipients of the Amelia Earhart Fellow, Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholar and Women in Technology Scholar.

We voted on the biennium (2024-2026) Budget, Bylaws, goals and International directors. Details can be found by going to the ZI web site.

The new president is Salla Tuominen. The outgoing president, Uta Scholtz was welcoming and an excellent dancer.

More specifics to be presented at the August meeting.

It was an honor to represent the Zonta Club of the Joliet Area, thank you.

