



NEWSLETTER

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April



President's Message



BONNIE WINFREY

Hello Zontians:

Spring is here and flowers and plants are beginning to bloom! Our Zontian year is just about over.

I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your president. It has been my pleasure to see you all bloom where you are planted. We have accomplished a lot since May of last year.

Let's take a look back. We had a successful 50th Anniversary, Mardi Gras fundraiser, Through Her Eyes film festival debut, a first time International Women's Day Panel discussion, our 501(c)3 successfully executed, and the JJC Endowment revised and renewed.

The Zonta Club of Joliet has also empowered our Fearless Females, chosen an outstanding Woman of Distinction, rewarded scholarships and provided service and advocacy outreach to our community.

Here are links on YouTube of the following events. The 50th Anniversary:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xi8u2xEK68o>

Mardi Gras Fundraiser:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-3Yabc_SeFc

Women's Day Panel Discussion:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LTRWd-G_5Sk

All of these YouTube events were shown on JCTV. Through Her Eyes will be shown this week on JCTV and YouTube.

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

SHIRLEY CHISHOLM

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Another victory is our podcast tackling tough topics, our interview with Zonta International's Ute Scholtz and the recognition and outreach gained through Zonta and the public. Listen on Spotify and Apple podcast.

Zonta is on the Move! I thank you all for the **wonderful** work you are doing. As we move into our next Zontian year, let's strive to be better and continue to make this world a better place for women and girls.

Many of you have voiced ideas of things you would like to see in the future, sent me an email or simply called me to talk, thank you.

Thank you again for a successful Zontian year!

Let's continue to bloom where we are planted!

Bonnie Winfrey

Events Calendar

APRIL 9

MEMBER MEETING

Location: Al's Steak House

Time: 5:30 pm

Meal: \$29/Chicken piccata, mashed potatoes, veggie medley, vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce

APRIL 18

GUARDIAN ANGEL

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

WALK A MILE

Location: Joliet Library, Ottawa Street

Time: 4:00 pm

MAY 4

DISTRICT 6/AREA 5 SPRING WORKSHOP

Location: Joliet Junior College Auditorium, Building U

Time: 8:30 to 2:30 pm

MAY 14

MEMBER MEETING

Location: Al's Steak House

Time: 5:30 pm

Meal: \$29/Cod, Greek potatoes, green beans with almonds, sherbet

Sign up for Teamup for more details and additional events:

<https://teamup.com/ksivn9hahw73tuc4i7>

Member Meeting RSVP

ATTENDANCE RULES

- **Notice for the April 9 meeting must be made by 5 pm on Friday, April 5.**
- 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.
- Vegetarian and fish meal requests must be made in advance following the above procedures. Fish substitutions will not be honored at meetings.

APRIL MEAL

Chicken piccata, mashed potatoes, veggie medley and vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce for dessert

Meal Price: \$29
Cash or Check

Reni Tracy will take requests for meals different from the listed menu in April and non-attendance notices.

E-mail her at:
vonblex@gmail.com
or text or call her:
815-370-0838

From the Treasurer

It's budget time again. The finance committee will be working on the budget but we would like input from the Committee Chairs/Co-chairs as to what they anticipate their needs to be for 2024-2025. This year is a little different as we will have two budgets now that we have our fundraising 501(c)3 charitable foundation as well as our Zonta Club.

Feel free to contact me with your information or questions. Our finance committee members may be reaching out to the committee chairs as well.

Karen Pastell, Treasurer



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

APRIL

Sally Ritchey
April 12

Bonnie Winfrey
April 13

Cathy Miller
Georgeen Polyak
April 22

Dianna Gliwa
April 29

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
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

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Z Club Committee

The Fearless Females Etiquette event was on March 5. Helen and I thank Joliet Junior College, Dr. Yolanda Farmer and her administrative Assistant Danielle Carpenter, along with the Culinary Arts Department at JJC, and Essence Clark for sharing in the event. It was a wonderful experience for our Central students that would not be possible without the support of JJC. View photos here:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/jths204/albums/72177720315312201>

The Fearless Females held a Women's Day March 11th. We are sorry that more Zontians couldn't have joined the Fearless Females. March 12th the Fearless Females presented to Zonta membership. The Fearless Females induction was held on March 18th.

Archives Committee

The archives are more than a collection of scrapbooks and news articles about Zonta. It is a history of everything we do as Zontians: therefore meeting and board minutes, financial reports and fundraising activities need to be archived, along with important happenings like our new 501c3 status!!

I'm asking all officers and fundraisers chairs to submit annual reports after May 2024 for inclusion in the archives.

Thanks for your interest in keeping the archives updated and organized.

International Committee

The 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68) was successfully held in New York City (and virtually) from 11-22 March. Some major Zonta take-aways:

1. Include men in the conversation.
2. Climate change is a human and gender issue.
3. To change globally, speak locally.
4. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is affecting gender inequality.
5. Gender parity is projected not to happen for another 130 years.

Much work to be done. Time for action now!



IWD Displays at Plainfield and Joliet Libraries

Committee Updates

Service and Advocacy

Habitat for Humanity Kevin Walsh Memorial Build - Women Build - Sylvia Acosta Chavez, Bonnie Horne and Mary Baudino had an enlightening volunteer work day on Saturday, March 23. Moving lumber, measuring and cutting studs for the walls, marking boards to attach studs and nailing studs for the walls. It was a great learning volunteer day and we were so happy to participate with this project which will ultimately house a single mother and her family. Thank you, Lisa, for sharing our photos on social media. There will be more volunteer opportunities to come.



The 2024 Zonta Small Grant Application has been released and sent to local not-for-profit organizations/agencies. The application is available on the website at www.jolietzonta.org

The due date for these applications is April 1, 2024. The Service and Advocacy Committee will meet to review the submitted requests and will present the committee recommendations to the membership at a future date.

Guardian Angel Community Services Sexual Assault Center

<https://www.gacsprograms.org/saam>

Songs for Survivors 2024, Friday, April 12, 2024 - 5:00pm-9:00pm
14807 S. Founders Crossing, Homer Glen

Free Event - Donations Welcome

Walk a Mile - Thursday, April 18, 2024 --4:00pm-6:00pm

Joliet Public Library, 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet

Fellowship Committee

Diane Harris will be our Fellowship hostess for April.

We will not have a formal program due to Woman of the Year and other club activities.

ZCJA Film Festival Committee

On behalf of the "Through Her Eyes" 2024 Committee Members, we sincerely thank our Zonta Club Members for their support of this years' Film Festival. So far we have had amazing feedback on the film festival from our sponsors and attendees. We must give Special Recognition and Hugs to Beth Colvin, Kathy Giegerich and Terri King for hosting the Boss-Up reception.

Thanks to JJC for their unwavering financial support and attendance.

Kind Regards,
Helen & Kristine

Fearless Females Fun



Through Her Eyes Film Festival



Area 5 Spring Workshop Saturday, May 4, 2024

Zontians,

You all should have received your Call to Workshop email regarding the Area 5 Spring Workshop. As you can see from the email and flyer, it will be very educational, interactive and fun!

As hosts of this event, let's show our Zonta Spirit with a great turnout. Early bird pricing is \$35 and you can bring your check or cash to the April meeting. Or mail it per the instructions on the registration form. And don't forget your derby hat!

Karen Pastell

Area 5 Spring Workshop Committee Chair

Jewelry Project – Zonta Club of the Joliet Area with Visitation & Aid

We are in need of volunteers for the following
dates/locations:

Thursday, April 11, 5pm-7pm at Blackburn-Giegerich-Sonntag Funeral Home – jewelry preparation - one (1) volunteer needed

Thursday, April 18; 12:45pm-2:30pm at Rockdale Elementary School, 715 Meadow Ave.
2 volunteers needed

Monday, April 22; 8:45am-11am at Sator Sanchez Elementary, 1101 Harrison Ave., Joliet
2 volunteers needed

Monday, April 29; 9:15am-11am at MJ Cunningham Elementary, 500 Moran St., Joliet
1 volunteer needed

Please contact Mary Baudino or Terri Taylor if you can volunteer.



View more photos on
ZCJA's Facebook page