



ZONTA

CLUB OF  
JOLIET AREA

BUILD A BETTER WORLD  
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

MAY 2025

# NEWSLETTER



## President's Message



**BONNIE WINFREY**

Hello, Zontians!

The month of April ushers in spring where we experience vibrant blooms, new beginnings, and transformation. It is also a time for us to 'bloom where we are planted'!

We, the Zonta Club of Joliet Area have truly made a difference in the lives of the people we support, educate and serve. This was evidenced by the outpouring of support at our fundraiser.

I want to thank our committee chairs, Bonnie Horne and Karen Pastell for their great leadership in putting this event together.

I also want to thank Carmie Castagna and her team for designing the beautiful baskets.

I applaud the entire committee for all of your creative and hard work!

Our Art, Wine & Brew Fundraiser will be featured on JCTV this week and will also be available for viewing internationally on JCTV's YouTube channel this week.

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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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# President's Message

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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month! We are one of a network of more than 1,100 Zonta clubs in 63 countries carrying out our Zonta mission and working to improve the lives of women and girls in our communities. Our commitment to achieve a world free of violence against women and girls is always at the forefront of our mission.

We commend Washington, D.C. for ending child marriage. With the new law setting the minimum marriage age at 18 without exception, the district now joins 13 other states in taking a decisive stand to protect young girls. According to Zonta International, globally, 650 million girls and women alive today were married as children.

This month, the Service and Advocacy Committee has outlined some opportunities where our voice against violence can be further heard. Let's join together and continue to support our communities.

Zonta is on the Move! I thank you ALL for changing lives for the better!

Thank you,

Bonnie Winfrey  
President

# Events Calendar

## APRIL 30 GUARDIAN ANGEL "WALK A MILE"

Location: Joliet Library, Ottawa Street

Time: 4:00-6:00 pm

## MAY 13 MEMBER MEETING

Location: Al's Steak House

Time: 5:30 pm

Meal: \$30/Cod with greek potatoes, green beans with almonds, cheesecake with strawberries

## MAY 27 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Location: TBD

Time: 6:00 pm

**Save the Date**  
2025 Fall Conference

October 10-12

**Bloomington-Normal Marriott  
Hotel & Conference Center  
201 Broadway, Normal, IL 61761**

**Come Meet Our International  
Representative Unna Huh, traveling to visit  
with us from Seoul, Korea**



# Membership Meeting Attendance

For attendance notification, contact Sylvia at  
[sylvia@spanishcenter.org](mailto: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 April meeting, contact Sylvia by 5 pm on Friday, April 4.**

**Meal Price: \$30**  
**Cash, Check or Zelle**

### APRIL MEAL

Spaghetti and meatballs, vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce

## NORTH AMERICAN INTER-DISTRICT MEETING (NAIDM)

NAIDM 2025 in Novi, Michigan June 20-22

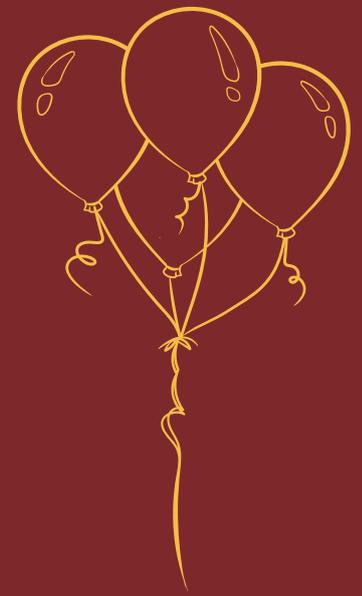
Hosted by Zonta District 15

Held every-other year, opposite our Zonta International Convention, NAIDM is comprised of Zontians across the USA and Canada and is the perfect chance to learn more about advancing Zonta's mission.

The 2 1/2 days of workshops and educational tracks allow Zontians to develop and strengthen their advocacy efforts, membership, leadership and explore how to engage audiences and allies. If you would like to expand your knowledge of Zonta's mission through discussions and education as well as meet other Zonta members from clubs across the USA and Canada, then this is your perfect opportunity!!

<https://www.zontanaidm.org/>

Don't wait - it is filling up fast!



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**

## APRIL

**April 12**

Sally Ritchey

**April 13**

Bonnie Winfrey

**April 22**

Cathy Miller  
Georgeen Polyak

**April 29**

Dianna Gliwa

# Committee Updates



## Program Committee

Our Three Minute Speaker will be new member, Katie Ward. There will not be a program as we will be celebrating Woman of the Year.



## Fundraiser Committee

Zonta Presents Art, Wine and Brew Fundraiser

What a lovely evening our Art, Wine and Brew event turned out to be! We've had so many wonderful comments from both members and guests. We would like to thank all the members who participated by selling tickets, donating raffle items, volunteering at the event and just bringing the Zonta spirit for all to see. We would like to give special thanks to our fundraising committee members who put in a lot of time and work to ensure such a successful event. While we don't have final numbers yet, it's looking good and we will have a financial report at the April dinner meeting. Again, thank you!

Bonnie Horne and Karen Pastell,  
Co-Chairs



## Service & Advocacy Committee

April is Sexual Abuse Awareness Month, and our partner, Guardian Angel Community Services, will be hosting several events to raise awareness (flyer attached in email).

The Committee encourages members to take part in the annual Walk a Mile event. Last year, about 15 Zontians participated—let's aim for an even larger turnout in 2025!

Please continue to share the small grant application with your networks. The deadline is April 15th, and remember, this is a great opportunity to fund projects and services that align with our mission.

Lastly, the committee will be collecting items throughout April and May to support ShareFest and Trinity Services. Requested items include tampons, pads, incontinence clothes and garments, menstrual cups/discs, breast feeding items, diapers, canned soups, canned pasta sauce, and pasta.

If you prefer, you may also make a monetary donation, which the committee will use to purchase the needed items on your behalf. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

# Committee Updates

## International Committee

Here are some photos of the displays in our local libraries for International Women's Day and Women's History Month-- Joliet Public Library/Ottawa Street Branch, Joliet Public Library/Black Road Branch, and Plainfield Public Library.

We will be sharing some of the findings from CSWS69/Beijing + 30 with you as soon as they become available.



Easter Seals Telethon



Spring Workshop Power Pose



Plainfield Library displays



Joliet Black Road displays



Joliet Ottawa Street displays

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# Fundraiser Fun

Here is a smattering of the fun that was had at the Art, Wine & Brew Fundraiser! View all the photos [here](#):

