



ZONTA
 CLUB OF
 JOLIET AREA
 MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
 EMPOWERING WOMEN
 THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY



President's Message

Dear Zonta Members:

2020 has arrived! A New Year and fresh start to motivate, Right?

I have been organizing and focusing on goals for the new year and have decided to look forward to upcoming activities. I know we are all busy, but I'm going to make a conscious effort to see and enjoy what's in front of me instead of looking back.

With that in mind, I challenge each of you to join me as I try to put this goal to work for our club. If we listen and learn from our community and share what we find, it will help our club to be more aware and informed of those in need. The Zonta code states that we should honor our work and consider it an opportunity to serve. We need your help to stay informed and make sure we don't overlook opportunities to serve. Our club is a strong network. We rely on you to provide information to us. We are working on our communications and additional ways to notify the community about our efforts by updating our Facebook and website. Our Board works diligently to make our club efficient while focused on our mission to empower women and girls.

Going Forward in 2020, we look forward to our next big event on February 13, 2020 at 6 p.m. This is our joint celebration of the Kiwanis Club of Joliet and Zonta International's 100 years focused on service and impacting communities locally and globally. We look forward to this reception and exhibit to take place at the Joliet Area Historical Museum.

100th Years "Focused On Service" Impacting Communities



Respectfully Submitted,
 Helen Hester Ross

**January 2020
 Calendar of Events**

<p>January 14, 2020 Dinner Meeting 5:30 p.m. Social 6:00 p.m. Dinner Location: Al's Steakhouse 1900 W. Jefferson Street Joliet</p>	<p>January 21, 2020 Board Meeting 6 p.m. JTHS Administrative Center 300 Caterpillar Drive Joliet</p>
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Menu:

Broiled Salmon with Rice & Vegetables
 Chocolate Cake

If you cannot make the dinner meeting, please let Marty Hohisel know the Friday before the meeting by 5pm. If you do not cancel you will be charged for the meal. If you are a "Standing No" but are planning to attend the meeting, please contact Marty by the Friday before the meeting by 5pm so she can order a meal for you.

Call or email Marty Hohisel at (815) 725-1250 or m.hohisel@sbcglobal.net

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Kiwanis Club of Joliet & Zonta International Centennial Celebration

Zontians,

Here's your opportunity to be a part of the Joint 100th Year Celebration. Please reserve your tickets. In addition, please share the opportunity for sponsorship with family and friends. Katy Leclair (Treasurer) will take your reservation at the January 14th meeting.

Please refer to the attached document for more information.

Member Profile

BONNIE WINFREY



Bonnie Winfrey is the CEO of Kailen & Kyler Enterprises. She began her communications career over thirty years ago. Bonnie is a media/public relations executive, marketing consultant, a freelance newspaper reporter, and an award-winning producer/director. She's well versed in corporate communication issues and has trained over 1,000 executives and professional staff in the area of communication etiquette.

During her career, she's worked for The American Broadcasting Company (WLS-TV Chicago), CNN Headline News (Atlanta, GA), The Weather Channel (Atlanta, GA), and FOX Broadcasting (Chicago). She has written for both print (Herald News, Chicago Sun-Times, and Chicago Tribune) and broadcast media. Bonnie has created, produced, and has been the host of several television shows. For two years, she was the host of Community Connection, an AT&T Broadband/Comcast broadcast. Today, she is the host of "In the Know with Bonnie Winfrey."

As a communication and media strategist, Bonnie coaches individuals and businesses on how to build their brand and perfect their presence in the business and media world. Bonnie holds a bachelor of arts degree in mass media communications with honors recognition from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She is also a graduate of the Barbizon School of Modeling in Chicago. Bonnie has also received specialized training in the area of voice and coaching from the Judith Sullivan School of Voice in Atlanta, GA. She received certification through Les Brown and James Dentley's "Inspired2Speak Program." Her knowledge and experience coupled with her desire to strive for excellence has launched her to become a giant in the communications industry. She has received many awards including five national "Telly Awards" for documentary and corporate video productions, a "Summit Award," "The Communicator's Award," two "Videographer Awards," and was a finalist for the 13th Black Harvest International Festival of Film, Video and TV (Gene Siskel Film Center) for her documentary entitled *Katherine Dunham: Rhythm & Motion, The Never Ending Dance*.

Bonnie serves the community in many capacities. She's a community advisor for Dow Chemical Company. She is also a trustee for Silver Cross Hospital, a member of Zonta Club of Joliet, and an advisor to the Joliet Historic Museum's Marketing Committee. Bonnie has been a board advisor for the Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center for Will and Grundy Counties. For two years, she served as chairman of the board and chief volunteer officer for Easter

Seals, and she has served on the board of directors for six years. She's also produced and hosted the Easter Seals telethon pre-show since its inception for over twenty years and has been a regular host on the actual telethon.

For twenty years, Bonnie served as the public relations director for Mt. Zion Baptist Church for the late Dr. Isaac Singleton. She was a former judge and contestant's interview coach for the Illinois Junior Miss Scholarship Program. She has also had the honor of judging the 2002 Ms. Illinois American United States Pageant and has had the opportunity to be an interview coach for participants for the Mrs. Illinois International Pageant 2004, as well as a judge for the 2004 Indiana Junior Miss Scholarship Program. She was also honored to be chosen to judge the Emmys.

Bonnie has been married to Keith Winfrey for thirty-five years and they have two sons, Kailen and Kyler.

From the Z Club Committee

An etiquette dinner will be held at the Jacob Henry Mansion Estate on Feb. 12, 2020 from 4 p.m. to 5:30. We are calling the event, "Dining for Success." At the event, Fearless Females Z Club members will receive instruction on the following topics:

Table Setting	May I be Excused?
Ordering Your Meal	Agree to Disagree
Meeting and Greeting	Dinner Conversation
The Power of Thank You	

From the International Committee

There is a very interesting new book out with an international focus: **This is 18: Girls' Lives Through Girls' Eyes**, edited by Jessica Bennett (2019). Available in hardcover and online, this book features the lives of 18-year-old girls in 22 countries from Asia, Africa, Europe, South America, and North America. Through photographs taken by young women themselves and the individuals' own words, we gain insights into their daily lives, hopes, and dreams. The dedication says it all: "*To girls everywhere and the strong women they will become.*"

Check it out!

From the Service Committee

Co-Chairs Yolanda Reyes & Beth Colvin

On Saturday, February 8th from 9-11:30 a.m. we are volunteering at Northern Illinois Food Bank (171 S Larkin Ave, Joliet) to help pack and sort donated food items that will go to local food pantries. Friends and family are welcome to join in on the fun (8+ years old). You must sign up prior to the event if you plan to attend. A sign-up sheet will be provided at our January meeting. Please contact Jessica Stanley-Asselmeier at jrsasselmeier@gmail.com for further information.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month SAVE THE DATE : Saturday, April 25th Guardian Angel Community Services will be sponsoring Walk a mile in her Shoes.

Please continue to bring in the hygiene products – shampoo, conditioner, body and facial soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, deodorant, etc. We'll be putting these packets together in April/May for distribution.

Thank You to all the members who donated holiday cards and spread holiday cheer at O.L.A.

From the Fundraising Committee

Sip N Swirl with Zonta

Friday, March 6, 2020

5:30 – 8:30

Please continue to sell event and 50/50 tickets until the day of the event. We need sponsorships and program ads forms by February 11, 2020. If you have any questions or need more tickets please call Beth Colvin 815-386-7022

bclvn26@aol.com or Terri Taylor

815-919-0535 hiterri4@gmail.com. Tickets will be available at the door.

Top Seller for the Spring Fundraiser will get \$410.00 towards registration for the 2020 Convention Paid.

Woman of the Year

The "Woman of the Year" committee is looking for nominations for 2020. Please fill out the attached nomination form and return it to any of the following people on or before the March 10 meeting.

Peggy Field

Sandy Peterson

Lora McGuire

Kathy Giegerich

Liz Walsh

Nomination forms will also be available at the January and February meetings.

From the Archives Committee

The Archives committee recently received a wonderful donation of archival items from the estate of our member of four years, Helen Krowlek. Included are many Zonta pins, certificates, scarfs and t shirts from her over 42 years of membership in 3 clubs, two of which she founded.

What an amazing legacy she has left in many ways.

We hope to use some of the items for display the Route 66 Historical Museum display starting on February 13th at our 100th Anniversary celebration.

As we enter the busy months ahead with many events, please collected articles and photos that you see for our archives.

From the Centennial and Scholarship Committee

The Centennial and Scholarship Committee members are seeking the help of our Zontians to determine nominations for two Centennial Awards, developed by Zonta International, to be awarded to a minimum of two outstanding individuals at LunaFest in March.

Zontians are asked for their recommendations for awardees in the following categories:

- **Club Centennial Community Awards** will recognize **one or more individuals, businesses, organizations or agencies** in the Zonta club’s community with a proven record of empowering women.
- **Club Centennial Champion Awards** will recognize **one or more individuals** who have contributed significantly to empowering women.

Please send your nominations to Catherine Adamowski (c.y.adamowski@gmail.com) **by close of day January 11th** with the following information:

Which award you have selected [you can do both!]

Name of Individual, Business, Organization or Agency you are nominating

If Individual, please include current or retired position(s) in the community

Up to two paragraphs describing how the nominee is qualified for the award

More information about the awards is below:

Zonta Club of the Joliet Area Centennial Community Award

Purpose: This award recognizes and honors an outstanding individual or business/ organization/ agency in the city/ community with a proven record of empowering women. It should focus on an individual or group outside of Zonta to extend our reach in the community and, if suitable, facilitate collaboration.

Guidelines • One or more awards should be presented. • Awards may be presented at one time or at several significant times during the biennium. • Awards may be presented at a local club meeting / special recognition event, celebration / or on a significant date (during the Centennial Anniversary Biennium). • The award could consist of a certificate (template will be provided by ZI) and, optionally, of any token of recognition. This token does not need to be a costly one. Anything suitable—for example, a bouquet of flower / yellow roses, a book, a donation, an honorary club membership—will be acceptable.

Zonta Club of the Joliet Area Centennial Champion Award

Purpose • This award recognizes an outstanding individual in the city or community who has contributed significantly to empowering women. This award will honor one or more individuals who are not necessarily high-profile celebrities in our communities, but the “hidden champions in our community.” It should focus on someone outside of Zonta and extend our reach in the community.

Guidelines • One or more awards may be presented. • Awards may be presented at a local club meeting / special recognition event / or on a significant date (during the Centennial Anniversary biennium 2018-2020)

Thank you!

From the Fellowship & Attendance Committee

I would like to thank all of the Zontians who contributed to the Holiday Collection. The agencies really appreciated our efforts.

Our hostess for the January meeting will be Lori Knutstrom. We will have a short commentary from, Delfina Lopez, with Vista Learning This agency was a recipient of our small grants last year.

From the Advocacy Committee

Thank you to everyone for being a part of our Orange the World - 16 Days of Activism to raise awareness of gender based violence.

We are very grateful to those who contributed to the success of our awareness events – Will County officials and Gilbane Construction for lighting up the new courthouse, Vital Signs for donating 100 yard signs that were placed throughout our area communities, Bicentennial Park for placing our banner on Jefferson St. and to each and every one of you for getting our message out and distributing awareness flyers to businesses and facilities in the communities.

I know **we** made an impact. Thanks to Diane Harper for having us at her boutique for appetizers and beverages after the lighting ceremony. Thanks to the Service Committee for organizing the service project of getting the yard signs out to all the locations.

Next year we will need more signs as we had more requests for signs than signs. All of you are remarkable! Please bring the yard signs you have to the dinner meeting on Jan. 14th; I will store them for use next year.



Spring Workshop

The Spring Workshop will be held Saturday, March 21 at Illinois Valley College from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The location is 815 N Orlando Smith Road in Olgesby, IL. 61348. LaSalle Peru is hosting.

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January

- Bonnie Horne**
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