



ZONTA

CLUB OF
JOLIET AREA

BUILD A BETTER WORLD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

NOVEMBER 2023

NEWSLETTER



President's Message



BONNIE WINFREY

Hello, Zontians~

Congratulations on a successful 50th Anniversary Celebration! Special thanks to Committee Chair-Katy LeClair, the entire committee as well as congratulations to our charter members, Dr. Patricia Miller and Carmela Castagna for 50 years of dedicated service. I applaud Brandye Phillips and her amazing, Tina Turner Experience as well as our Z-club members for all their help. To experience the excitement all over again, watch JCTV (Channel 6) this week and next week and tune into Joliet TV on youtube.

Can you believe it is November already? The holiday season is rapidly approaching us. Let's keep celebrating!

We are having a Holiday Party on Monday, December 11th at the Jacob Henry Mansion Estate. The celebration will start at 5:30pm. Please bring your spouse or a guest. Bonnie Horne and I have planned a great evening. The cost is only \$50 per person. We will have a delicious meal and entertainment. We are asking everyone to bring a wrapped white elephant gift (a regift or inexpensive gift). So how do you register? At our November meeting, see Reni or Barb.

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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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Please register as soon as possible as we have two rooms reserved at the mansion and our attendance will determine where our celebration will be held.

You can RSVP with Barb at balive20@gmail.com or call her at 630-696-0453. The deadline is December 1st. Let's come together and have lots of fun!

Have you seen our new group photo? Well, it is up on our website. Take a look! We will update our photo again next year as several people were not able to be included.

It's that time for the 16 days of Activism. Several activities are planned and you will hear more at our November meeting.

FYI, executive board meetings for November, January and February will be conducted on Zoom.

This month is our membership meeting, so please feel free to invite potential Zontians. We're looking for professional, mission-minded women. Their meals are to be paid by the person sponsoring them.

I'll see you all on November 14th!

In the meantime, enjoy each and every day to the fullest!

Bonnie Winfrey

Events Calendar

NOVEMBER 14

MEMBER MEETING

Location: Al's Steak House

Time: 5:30 pm

Meal: \$29/Turkey and dressing with mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie

NOVEMBER 24

LIGHT UP THE HOLIDAY PARADE

Location: Joliet City Center

Time: 5:15 pm

NOVEMBER 26

16 Days of Activism Starts

DECEMBER 6-8

ZONTA SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE VIRTUAL SUMMIT

[Info and to purchase tickets](#)

DECEMBER 8

SUNNY HILL NURSING HOME

Holiday Card Distribution

DECEMBER 10

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

16 Days of Activism Concludes

DECEMBER 11

ZCJA HOLIDAY PARTY

Location: Jacob Henry Mansion Estates

Time: 5:30 pm



Bonnie with the wonderful Fearless Females

Member Meeting RSVP

ATTENDANCE RULES

- **Notice for the November 14 meeting must be made by 5 pm on Friday, November 10.**
- 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.

NOVEMBER MEAL
Turkey, Dressing with Mashed Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce and Pumpkin Pie

Meal Price: \$29 Cash or Check OR now accepting Credit/Debit

- Vegetarian and fish meal requests must be made in advance following the above procedures. Fish substitutions will not be honored at meetings

Contact Attendance:

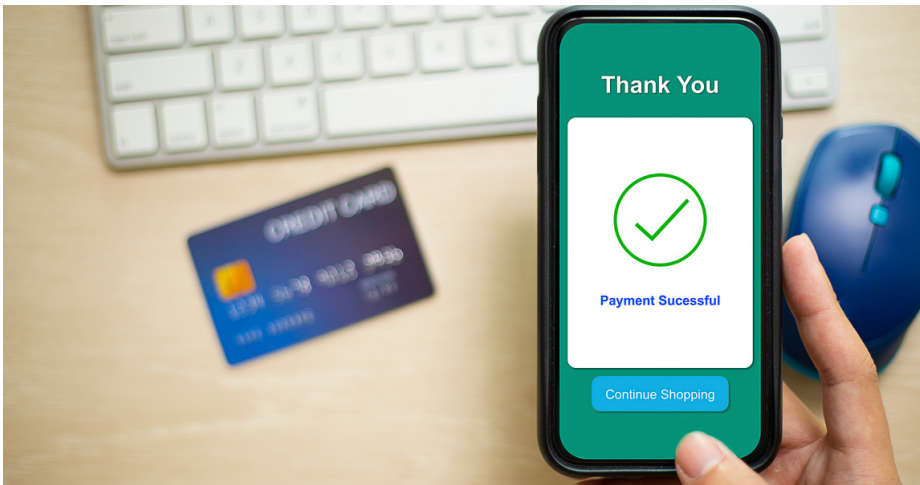
Preferred method: Email

Barb Leiber: balive20@gmail.com

or call/text Barb: 630-696-0453

Back-up option: call Reni Tracy:

815-370-0838



Treasurer News

We are now able to process debit and credit cards for the Zonta monthly dinners. You can pay only on the night of the meeting at this time. To cover the processing fees, the dinners will cost \$30 if you use your credit/debit card.

We can also process your card for the upcoming Holiday party. There will be a \$2 additional fee for that.

We still accept cash and checks!

The Donate button is now active on our Joliet Zonta website. Currently this is strictly for donations and not for dinner meetings, dues or fundraising at this time, although we are working on that. Again, we will be looking to expand accessibility to make payments online for other things.

Thank you for your patience as we have been investigating ways to keep this cost effective for our club and still be able to accommodate our members.

Karen Pastell, Treasurer



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Peggy Field
November 2

Helen Hatchett
November 14

Mary Baudino
November 15

Carla Montagano-Liburdi
November 22

JoAnn Potenziani
November 25

Terri Taylor
November 29

50th Celebration



To see pictures from the event:
<https://www.jolietzonta.org/post/50th-anniversary-celebration>

JEWELRY COLLECTION

We will be collecting any of your jewelry that you no longer need or want. As before, we plan to partner with some area schools and/or programs to give young children the opportunity to choose a beautiful piece of jewelry for their mother, grandmother, aunt or other significant person for Mother's Day. Let your family & friends know they can donate too!! Beth Colvin, Terri Taylor and Terri King will be collecting your donations at our membership meetings. Zonta will be partnering with Visitation and Aid on this jewelry collection.

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Committee Updates

Z Club

JTHS Fearless Females Z Club members and Student Ambassadors provided guest assistance and ran the coat check at the Zonta Club of the Joliet Area 50th Anniversary Celebration. We appreciate their willingness to always help out.

Archives Committee

The Archives Committee had a busy month. In early October we celebrated our 50th Anniversary month at the Joliet Black Road Branch Library by filling the lobby display case with Zonta information and memorabilia. Thanks to the Library for the month long use on the case. We also supported the needs for our October 19th celebration party. We hope to return all items to archive storage soon. If any members have items for archives please bring them to the November meeting. Thanks to the other Zonta members who helped with these projects.

Membership Committee

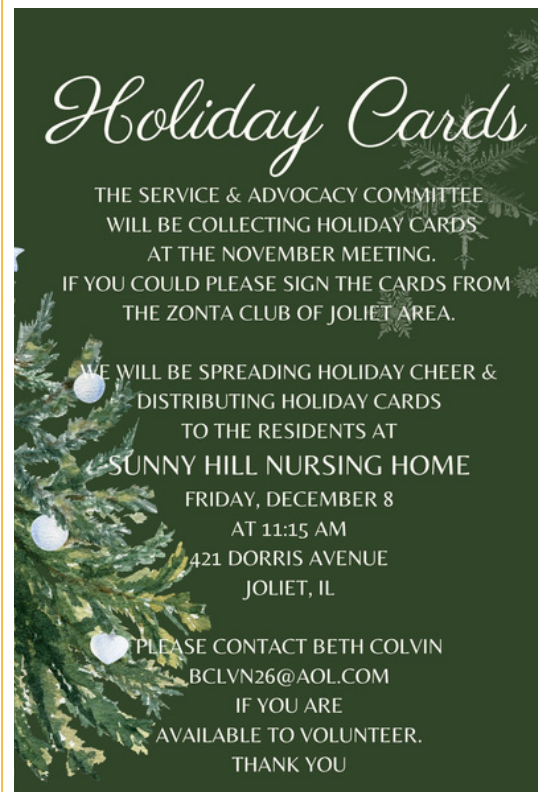
We encourage members to invite guests to the November 14th meeting. The membership committee will be hosting the meeting and presenting a panel discussion by Zontians about what the club means to them. Please contact Liz Walsh if you have any questions: lizzymw1@hotmail.com.

Woman of Distinction Committee

Now accepting nominations for 2024 Woman of Distinction. Please send your nominee's name, address, phone number and email information to Peggy Field on or before Dec. 17, 2023, pongfield@gmail.com.

Scholarships

We are now accepting applications for the 2024 Young Woman in Public Affairs Scholarships. Our club awards three \$1,000 to women ages 16-19 who are pursuing higher education and are very involved in their communities. If you know of someone like this, please have them go to the YWPA page on our [website](#). Applications are due by Feb. 15, 2024, and they must be typewritten hard copy and delivered by USPS.



50th Celebration Planning Committee

Congratulations to our Charter Members - Dr. Pat Miller and Carmela Castagna! Because of your vision, we were able to celebrate 50 Years of Zonta impact! And, thank you to the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee for coordinating a night to remember!



Committee Updates

Service and Advocacy

Thank you!!

To everyone who attended the **Will County Take Back the Night Vigil and March** on October 6th. Thank you for being at this important annual event to bring an awareness to the importance of supporting those families of victims of domestic violence and remembering those women/children who lost their lives.

Angels Against Abuse 5K Run/Walk

proved to be a beautiful Saturday morning on Oct. 21. Thank you to Peggy Field, Pat Perrier and Karen Pastell for managing our resource table – chasing information through the wind!! Sylvia Acosta Chavez, Cathy Miller and myself finished the walk!! Ines Kutlesa recognized Zonta Club of Joliet's 50th Anniversary!! Thank you Sylvia for organizing!

Habitat for Humanity celebrated their groundbreaking ceremony on the **Kevin Walsh Memorial Women Build** on Tuesday, Oct. 24th. Peggy Field and Bonnie & Wayne Horne joined me at this ceremony. Our club donated \$2,000 to Habitat for Humanity towards this project. We are excited to begin setting up some volunteer service opportunities with Habitat. More to come.

Zonta Club of the Joliet Area is the **November Charity at On the Rocks**. Be sure to stop by in your orange and thank them for their generosity to Zonta!! We are so grateful!

Light Up the Holidays Parade, Joliet City Center – November 24 - Tree lighting 5:15pm Parade 5:30pm. Due to the unavailability of our Zonta members to join the parade, Zonta Club of Joliet will not be entered in this parade this year!. If you are able to go to the event, show your Zonta Spirit wearing your orange!!

November 25 – December 10 – 16 Days of Activism – Zonta Says No Awareness

•Large Zonta Says NO banner will be displayed at Black Rd. & Larkin Ave. on the Bays Professional Buildings property. The banner will be put up on Tuesday or Wednesday (11/21 or 11/22). If you can attend, we would love to get a group photo of Zontians spreading the word! Date & Time will be sent once determined.

•Zonta Says NO banner will be displayed on the Broadway St. overpass on Jefferson St. near Bicentennial Park. Bicentennial Park will set up this banner for us.

•We encourage all members to display their Zonta Says NO yard sign during these 16 days. If you have your sign(s) from last year, please display. If you are in need of signs, email/text Mary.

We would love to have businesses display a Zonta Says NO sign at their location – please contact business owners you know and encourage their participation. We need to have totals for signs needed as soon as possible.

•Service/Advocacy will be working with PR on social media posts & activities. More service opportunities details will be forthcoming.

Co-Chairs:

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

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

International committee

October 24th was United Nations Day. This was formally proclaimed by both the Joliet City Council and the Plainfield Village Board. The important work of Zonta International both locally and throughout the world in partnership with the United Nations to improve the lives of women and girls was also recognized.



Joliet City Council



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