



President's Message

BONNIE WINFREY

Hello, Zontians!

Welcome to Women's History Month! We're celebrating in a big way with two exciting events we are hosting. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your dedication and efforts in making our events this month a great success.

I encourage everyone who can to attend our International Women's Day Panel Discussion and our Annual Fundraiser—and please invite others to join us!



International Women's Day Panel Discussion - March 8

We have invited college students, medical and nursing students, political leaders, community organizations, churches, and local residents to this important event. Doors open at 10:00 AM, and the panel discussion begins at 10:30 AM. Our team will arrive earlier to prepare.

The discussion will be taped and streamed live on the Zonta Club of Joliet's Facebook page and will later air on JCTV (Joliet Community Television) and their YouTube channel.

Additionally, on March 5, I, along with PR Chair Pat Perrier, will be on WJOL Radio (1340 AM) at 8:12 am to discuss this event.

This discussion will highlight Zonta's commitment to empowering women and girls and advocating for their health and well-being.

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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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Annual Fundraiser - March 21

This is a key opportunity to raise funds for the initiatives we support. Our outreach efforts will extend through Joliet Community Television, which will tape and later air the event on JCTV and YouTube. Additionally, an upcoming WJOL interview will help spread the word. A special thank you to our Fundraising Committee for leading this effort and to Public Relations for their outstanding work in promoting both events and sharing Zonta's mission.

Zonta is on the move! Thanks to all of us working together, we are truly making a difference.

Our world as we have known it is changing! Zonta International has taken a stand regarding our positioning.

At our meeting this month, let's have a conversation about what we can do going forward.

Thank you,

Bonnie Winfrey
President

Events Calendar

MARCH 8

WOMEN'S DAY PANEL: TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH

Location: Joliet Township Administration Bldg
Time: 10:30 am

MARCH 8

AREA 5 SPRING WORKSHOP

Location: IL Valley Community College, Ottawa, IL

MARCH 8

EASTERSEALS 30TH GIVING

Location: Heroes West Sports Grill
Time: 4:00 to 6:00 pm

MARCH 11

MEMBER MEETING

Location: Al's Steak House
Time: 5:30 pm
Meal: \$30/corned beef and cabbage, with red potatoes and carrots, grasshoppers

MARCH 21

ART, WINE & BREW

Location: Jacob Henry Mansion
Time: 5:30 pm

MARCH 31

NEW MEMBERS MEETING

Location: Joliet Library, Black Road, Room E
Time: 6:00-7:30 pm

ART, WINE & BREW

Friday March 21st 5:30-8PM
Jacob Henry Mansion Victorian Ballroom

<https://www.jolietzonta.org/annualfundraiser>

Membership Meeting Attendance

For attendance notification, contact Sylvia at
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 March meeting, contact Sylvia by 5 pm on Friday, March 7.

Meal Price: \$30
Cash, Check or Zelle

MARCH MEAL

Corned beef and cabbage with red potatoes and carrots, grasshoppers

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY PANEL: TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH

Saturday, March 8 @ Joliet Township

Administration Building

10:30 am to 12:00 pm

A panel of women's health experts moderated by President Bonnie Winfrey, highlighting important topics facing women as we age such as overall wellness, mental health, perimenopause, menopause, pharmaceuticals, and more.

Confirmed panelists:

Lynn Quaranta

Dr. Avida Bussell

Erin McElheny

Dr. Imran Shakir



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

MARCH

March 12

Karen Lega

March 19

Yolanda Reyes

Committee Updates

Program Committee

In recognition of Women's History Month, the topic will be "Zonta and the UN Commission on the Status of Women."

Pam Hunte and her International Relations/UN Committee Members will be presenting.

Our 3 minute Speaker will be Johanna Kerwin.

Leadership Committee

New Members Intro to Zonta Meeting
Monday, March 31st

Joliet Black Road Library

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Light Refreshments

New Members have received an email regarding this meeting. Please come prepared with any questions.

If there's anyone else who is interested text or email me and I will send you the information of what we'll be talking about.

Cathy Miller

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Service & Advocacy Committee

The Service and Advocacy Committee is pleased to announce the launch of the 2025 Small Grant application. This funding opportunity is for community-based organizations that align with Zonta's mission of empowering women and girls. If you know of an organization making a meaningful impact in the areas that Zonta supports, please encourage them to apply.

Additionally, Easterseals is marking an incredible milestone with its 30th Celebration of Giving on March 8th, and we want to show our support in a meaningful way!

We're gathering a team of volunteers to assist from 4:00-6:00pm. If you're interested in joining, please reach out to Essence or Sylvia. More details will be shared in the coming days!

International Committee

More good news--our Treasurer, Karen Pastell, has just sent \$1087 to AIL/Sakena Fund to help women and girls inside Afghanistan in the areas of education, income generation, and health. We should be so proud that our contributions are assisting some of the most oppressed females in the world.

On International Women's Day (Saturday, March 8) we look forward to attending our Joliet Area Zonta Club's panel discussion on the topic of Take Care of Your Health (10:30am, 300 Caterpillar Drive, Joliet). Women's health is a crucial topic both locally and internationally.

International Women's Day is the kick-off event for the upcoming United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) sessions to be held in New York from March 10-21. CSW 69/Beijing + 30 is the topic of the program that our International Committee will present at our March Zonta meeting. We will highlight the important role of Zonta International at this UN conference (at which it has consultative status). In preparation, please read Zonta International's official statement submitted to CSW (to be distributed).

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