



# THE ZONTIANA

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**MEMBER NEWS**

**Happy Birthday to:**

- > **Marcia Bliss, November 18.**
- > **Michelle Compton, November 23.**
- > **Suellen Carlson, November 28**
- > **Rev. Joan Brown, Campbell, November 13.**

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**CONGRATULATIONS, MARY ANN SPANOS, ZONTIAN OF THE YEAR**

This year's Zontian of the Year award was presented to Dr. Mary Ann Spanos, on Oct. 16. Mary Ann has worked tirelessly for Zonta since joining the Jamestown club in 1992, and previously served as a Z-Club member in her home town.

Mary Ann was born on St. Patrick's Day to Jan and Rose Mary Madejski and attended grammar school at St. Joseph's School in Buffalo. She went on to Calasancius Prep and High School at Sacred Heart Academy. She completed undergraduate studies at Albany and The University of Buffalo, where she gradu-

ated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Therapy. It was there that she met her husband, George Spanos. They were married in 1984, and had two sons: Pano, now serving with the US Marine Corp and Tom, a senior at the University of Buffalo. Family means a great deal to Mary Ann.

She went on to study at Boston University and earned her doctorate in Physical Therapy in 2005. She possesses that rare combination of intelligence, a sense of humor and dynamic work ethic. She is adept at organizing, delegating and bringing out the best work skills in others, to

accomplish great things.

Mary Ann has served our Zonta Club in many capacities, including past board member, committee chair and officer, always accepting challenges with passion and energy. She is most deserving of the honor of being named Zontian of the Year and we are indeed blessed to have her as a member of Zonta.



**HOLIDAY PARTY IS DECEMBER 9**

Our annual Holiday Party will be held, once again, at the Sheldon House, 9 Falconer Street in Jamestown on Wed., December 9th. Please come at 6 pm for beverages, appetizers and good company. Dinner will be at 6:45 pm followed by our gift exchange. Please

bring a gift valued at about \$15. We'll end the evening with Gale "tinkling" or "tickling" the ivories (I can't get that straight) and a sing-a-long. More information to follow.

Laura Corey  
Program Chairperson





### A MESSAGE FROM FINANCE / FUNDRAISING

As a reminder, the “Calendar of Cash”, which is our club’s major fundraiser for the year, has been underway for over one month now. Please continue selling as the weeks go by. You can bring the ticket stubs and money with you to the Zonta meetings and they can be turned into Marsha Anderson. If you need more calendars, please contact Marcia Bliss or Anne Rizzo. We would like all calendar

money/stubs turned in by December 16<sup>th</sup>. There are posters still available if anyone would like one. Good luck to all the selling teams.

We also are selling the “Community Day” coupons for **The Bon-Ton** event that takes place on Saturday, November 14, starting at 6:00 A.M. The coupons sell for \$5.00 each and all proceeds go back to our club’s Service Fund.

If we sell enough of these coupons, we will be invited to sell in the Lakewood store, both prior to and on the day of the event. A sign-up sheet will be going around at the next business meeting if anyone is interested in selling at the store.

Thank You for your support!

Your Finance/  
Fundraising Committee



### ZONTA INTERNATIONAL AND THE UN

Zonta International service has been closely linked with the United Nations since Zonta expressed support for the fledgling UN in 1946. As an international non-governmental organization (NGO), Zonta brings women’s concerns to the UN, suggests solutions, draws public attention to issues and encourages its members to participate at

the local level.

Zonta maintains representatives of its United Nations Committee at UN sites in Geneva, New York, Paris and Vienna. Committee members attend UN conferences, and UN agency, committee and commission sessions.

Accredited NGOs, like Zonta, participate in these sessions by provid-

ing written statements and oral presentations on issues being considered. NGOs also may organize panels relating to the general debate.

Since 1985, Zonta has had general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), one of six principal bodies carrying out UN work. (to be continued)

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE PLANS INSTALLATION AND NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Since last spring, our club has been fortunate to recruit several new members. Rather than wait until our Annual Meeting in May to install these new members, we will be conducting a midyear installation prior to the business meeting on December 2nd.

It has also been some time since we held a new member orientation. An orientation is important so that our new members understand about Zonta International and our club’s place in the larger organization, about how our own club is organized, our finance and

fundraising structure and other important details of membership. The orientation will be held at 5 p.m. on January 20th.

If you have never attended an orientation or would like to brush up on your Zonta knowledge please feel free to join us for this event.

#### Mark these dates:

**December 2—New Member Installation**

**January 20—New Member Orientation**

## OUR CLUB'S HISTORY: PART I



On November 17, 1921, Marian DeForest and three other members of the Zonta Club of Buffalo visited Jamestown to make arrangements for the formation of a Jamestown Club. The Zonta Club of Jamestown was chartered on November 21, 1921, making it the 12<sup>th</sup> Zonta Club to be formed.

The history of the Zonta Club of Jamestown includes involvement in the creation of two important community organizations serving girls. Not long after the formation of the club, Zonta became involved

with the organization of a Girl Scouts chapter in Jamestown. Funds were raised and two women were sent to Girl Scout leaders' training school. This was the beginning of the Club's close and continuing relationship with scouting in Jamestown.

The highlight of the 1940's was the organization, with the cooperation of the Opti-Mrs. Club, of the Girls Club of Jamestown. One of Zonta Club's members became the Director and the Club paid her salary for the first year. The

Girls Club of Jamestown eventually merged with the Boys Club and continues to provide young women with age appropriate activities and instruction.

**ZONTA CLUB OF  
JAMESTOWN**

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Meetings:  
September through June  
First and third Wednesdays  
6 p.m.  
Marvin House, Jamestown, NY

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**Zonta International** is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women. Nearly 33,000 members belong to more than 1200 clubs in 67 countries and geographic areas.

**The Zonta Club of Jamestown**, formed in 1921, was the twelfth club to be created. We support international activities as well as local projects that are within the mission of Zonta. Service projects include support of missions to Honduras and Haiti to assist women, the local domestic violence prevention program and the awarding of four scholarships of \$1000 each to deserving women every year.

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