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MEMBER NEWS

> **Happy Birthday to:**

Sylvia Stenander,
October 3

Candy Jett,
October 6

Paula Falvey
October 28

> **Congratulations to Jill Colburn for her election to the office of District Treasurer and to Sylvia Stenander for her election to the post of Area Director for Area 5.**

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ZONTA CLUB OF JAMESTOWN WINS GOVERNOR'S CHOICE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

At each biennial conference the District 4 Governor selects one club to receive the Governor's Choice Award for Outstanding Service. This year, we were surprised and delighted to be the recipients of the award at the Saturday evening banquet. Below is the introductory speech given by Governor Kathleen Douglas in presenting the award.

This club should receive this award because they consistently remain true to Zonta's mission in giving, membership recruitment, and service. They have a variety of service projects that continue to advance the status of women. Some of these include working with the local

Domestic Violence coalition, working on birthing kits for the Honduras Mission Project, working with teen mothers, sponsoring Zonta Day at Chautauqua and several scholarship disbursements.

The members are actively involved in the Jamestown community as well as in Zonta. This year one of their members was named Jamestown's

Woman of the Year. They continually send members to serve in leadership positions at the district level. The club distributes a monthly newsletter and this year created a website. Within a short time this online presence helped to recruit a new member. This is short recommendation for a club that is long on Zonta spirit. Jamestown, please accept this award.



ANNUAL GOODS AND SERVICES AUCTION IS NOVEMBER 18TH

Our club's annual goods and services auction is scheduled for November 18th beginning at 5:30 in the Carnahan Training and Conference Center at JCC. Proceeds benefit the club's general fund and are used to support administrative expenses.

Start now to gather items for the auction. Next to new household items, food, baked goods, wine, books, decorative items, handmade gifts....anything you are ready to part with are all welcome. Or auction your valuable talents in

baking, gift wrapping, tree trimming, leaf raking or whatever else you would like to do for others. Then come ready to make a deal.

Don't miss this exciting and fun event!

**Check out
womenspolicy.org to
learn about issues
coming through Congress
that pertain to women.**

LOCAL WOMAN ACTIVE IN WOMEN'S ISSUES

I'm not sure how many of you noticed a recent article in the Post-Journal about Jamestown native, Cindy Abdella Hall. She's a 1976 graduate of Jamestown High School, and daughter of Jim and Sue Abdella of Jamestown. The article described a congressional luncheon briefing Cindy presided over on maternal health in Afghanistan. The luncheon was funded by a grant from the Bill and Melinda

Gates Foundation.

The text of the article mentioned that Cindy has been president of Women's Policy Inc. for ten years. I visited their website (womenspolicy.org) and found it very interesting. This organization tracks issues coming through Congress which pertain to women. It's worth a scan once in a while.

Why did that particular article catch my eye? I lived next to, and was the chief babysitter for all three Abdella children as they grew up on Chestnut Street, some fifty years ago!

Submitted by
Barb Slumsky



DISTRICT 4 CONFERENCE REPORT

Ten members of the Zonta Club of Jamestown attended the 51st District 4 Conference in Hamilton, Ontario on September 25th through the 27th.

The theme of the conference was "Zonta Goes Green". The carbon footprint of those attending was measured through such things as the number of miles traveled to attend, and whether we carpooled

or drove separately. It was good for us to be made aware of the everyday decisions we make which affect our planet.

Conference delegates voted to make the Birthing Kits a district-wide service project for the next biennium (2010-2012). Our club is already on board with this project.

Jill Colburn was elected to a second term as Dis-

trict Treasurer. Sylvia Ste-nander was elected Area Director for Area 5. Sylvia also presented on our club's experience with Strategic Planning as part of a panel for one of the Saturday workshops.

Our club was also awarded the Area Director's Certificate of Excellence for Service/Status of Women.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Dear Zontian Sisters,

According to the meteorologists, autumn is officially here. But I'm planning on calling the next four weeks "summer extension". Why, because I'm not ready for autumn. I do love the colours of fall

but right now prefer another month of summer.

But such is life. In order to enjoy the colours of autumn we must give up the warmth of summer. We Zontians do this all the time; we give up some of our time to make someone else's life a little better.

Do enjoy the colours and serenity of autumn.

A proud member,
President Lily

MEET NEW MEMBER , SANDRA LEWIS

Sandra tells us that she was born and raised in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area with her three brothers and sister. She relocated to Chautauqua County in 1986 to accept a position at SUNY Fredonia as Coordinator of Academic Computing. In the mid 1990s, she accepted the part time position of Director of Affirmative Action, a position which she still holds in addition to teaching calculus and

statistics courses. Sandra has a Master's in Mathematical Statistics. In 2000, she took a sabbatical to pursue her PhD in Mathematics at SUNY Buffalo.

As if her work and studies didn't keep her busy enough, Sandra also enjoys a variety of hobbies and volunteer activities. She enjoys playing the piano and violin. She quilts, weaves and creates batik, offering her creations at craft fairs in the area.

Sandra is active in the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, and tutors students in math at Dunkirk high school and grade school. She is the treasurer of the Dunkirk-Fredonia branch of the NAACP and serves on the American Association for Affirmative Action Board as the Chair for Public Information.

Sandra lives with her husband, Christopher, in Fredonia.



GARVEY SPEAKS ABOUT TRAFFICKING IN WNY

Elise Garvey of the Victim Services Program of the International Institute of Buffalo spoke at our September program about human trafficking in Western New York.

Human trafficking involves the recruitment of foreign-born individuals to work in the United States and enslaves them through force, fraud or coercion for the purpose

of monetary gain. The Victim Services Program is charged with assisting these individuals by identifying them, encouraging them to seek help and providing assistance.

According to Ms. Garvey, human trafficking in our area is more likely to be labor trafficking although some sex trafficking also occurs. Her program investigates reports

of trafficking and in many cases, refers those reports to the authorities for follow up.

She discussed various behaviors that indicate trafficking such as a rapid turnover in employees or young children working in fields. She encouraged us to report these activities or any other suspicious behavior to her organization by calling 716-883-1900.



INTERNET NEWS—FIND US ON THE WEB AND ON FACEBOOK

Our website is growing and updated! Please visit our site at Zontajamestown.org. Send Rosie Papalia, our webmaster, your suggestions and comments to her email address: Rosanna.papalia@twcable.com.

We're also on Facebook!

Go into Facebook and you can link to our group via any of the other Zonta Club of Jamestown members, or do a 'search' for Zonta Club of Jamestown and click to join today!

While you're on the web, check out the District 4 website at [\[trict4.org\]\(http://trict4.org\). Learn about our local district. For example, did you know that District 4 is one of 32 districts world-wide? Our district consists of Western New York, Western Pennsylvania and South and Central Ontario, Canada. District 4 has 41 clubs and over 1100 members.](http://zontadis-</p>
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Check out our website: zontajamestown.org and look for us on Facebook!

**ZONTA CLUB OF
JAMESTOWN**

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Meetings:

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

For more information or to
attend a meeting, contact:
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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.

Zonta on the WEB:
Zonta.org
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HOW TO HELP YOUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS

Your Membership Committee is charged with recruiting new members. New members bring new ideas and enthusiasm to our club.

To qualify for membership a person must be actively engaged in or have experience in a recognized business or profession in a decision-making capacity.

The Membership Committee looks for women in the community who would qualify for Zonta membership and encourages all Zonta members to help with this very important task. Once a woman is identified, a member contacts her to talk about

Zonta and see if she would like to attend a meeting to learn more about the club and meet all of us.

There are many ways to identify potential members: watch the media for features on women in positions of responsibility, women who have been recently promoted or women who have been awarded for their community accomplishments. Think about the women you work with, worship with, or volunteer with who seem to have a particular interest in helping other women. Always have Zonta membership in the back of your mind as you interact with women in the

community.

Contact the person and talk with her about Zonta, especially about how you feel about your involvement and the club. Invite her to attend a meeting and make a reservation for her. Contact the Membership Committee chair to let her know a guest will be coming and request that the guest be welcomed and given information about the club and about Zonta International.

The Membership Committee welcomes and needs the involvement of all of our members in recruiting new members into our club.

