



THE ZONTIANA

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MEMBER NEWS

- > **Happy Birthday to Jean Schrader, September 10.**
- > **Congratulations to Michelle Compton on her promotion to market manager for Star Banks.**
- > **Mary Ann Spanos and her family are currently traveling to Greece.**
- > **Cherie Stenander, daughter of Sylvia, is now Mrs. Patrick O'Toole following her marriage on June 20.**

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WELCOME TO THE NEW "ZONTIANA"

The members of the Publicity/Public Relations Committee are excited to bring you this first issue of the new and expanded Zontiana newsletter. Be looking for your current issue of the newsletter around the first of each month.

FAQ

What kinds of articles will the newsletter contain?

Monthly features will include a message from our president, Zonta International information and District 4 updates, club reminders and committee information, upcoming program information, and news about our members such as birthdays, professional and personal ac-

complishments. We also plan to feature a short bio of one or two of our members in each issue.

How will I receive the newsletter? If you have computer access you will receive it electronically in your email. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy, please let Sylvia Stenander or Paula Falvey know.

How can I submit information for the newsletter?

Your newsletter co-editors are Paula Falvey and Sylvia Stenander. Email your information to either co-editor by the 20th of the month prior to the issue in which you would like it to appear. Please keep your article within a length of

75 to 250 words. We can also include a picture, space permitting.

So, sit back, relax, and enjoy reading about your club, the district and International.

Your co-editors,

Paula and Sylvia



SEPTEMBER PROGRAM ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Elise Garvey of the Victim Services Program of the International Institute of Buffalo will speak on human trafficking and how we can recognize evidence of this problem in our own communities.

Human trafficking is often referred to as modern

day slavery. Up to 17,500 people are trafficked in the US annually. These can include males and females, minors and adults. Trafficking can occur in a range of industries from restaurants to agriculture. There is an increasing trend of

sexual abuse and exploitation in addition to labor exploitation.

Listen and learn how this can take place in our own community and how to recognize that it is happening.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Welcome back !!

Summer is always so short and busy. Even though the Zonta club has the summer off, some of our committees met during our hiatus and made many exciting plans for the coming year.

Congratulations to the Status of Women Committee for another successful Zonta Day at Chatauqua. The yellow Zontian umbrellas looked great but unfortu-

nately it did not rain so they could not show them off.

Other committees that met included the Program Committee and they have some great programs planned for us. Service is working on some exciting hands-on projects. PR met and will coordinate with all other committees to get the Zonta name and purpose out to the public. And most importantly, the Finance/Funding people

met and we now have a budget recommendation. Well done everyone!

A big welcome to our four new members: Michele Compton, Candy Jett, Sandra Lewis, and Kristine Lind.

I am looking forward to serving as your president and with your help we will have a great and productive year. And let's enjoy each other's company.

President Lily

It's not too late to register for the conference.

Go to <http://www.zontadistrict4.org/conference/>

DISTRICT 4 CONFERENCE IS SEPT. 25 - 27

Zontians from all over District 4 will journey to Hamilton, Ontario in September to participate in the District 4 Conference.

The theme of this year's conference is Zonta Goes Green. The "green footprint" of those attending will be measured.

Pre-conference activities on Friday include a choice of a tour of the

Royal Botanical Gardens, a tour of historical Hamilton, golf at Copetown Woods or a visit to the Art Gallery of Hamilton plus other small galleries.

Entertainment highlights include a western night with Texas-style line dancing and a Dazzling Divas Gala on Saturday night.

Keynote speaker, Sarmite Bulte—lawyer, advo-

cate and politician, will emphasize leadership, service and integrity in her presentation.

Conference sessions will begin with the opening meeting on Friday at 4:30 and will continue with the main business day on Saturday. Sunday morning will include a memorial service and the final business session.

**ZONTA.ORG CONTAINS WEALTH OF INFORMATION**

The Zonta International website (Zonta.org) contains a wealth of information about Zonta International, its programs, advocacy, the Foundation, and member resources.

Since our program topic this month has to do with human trafficking, we were curious as to what information might be on

the Zonta International website on this topic.

We are pleased to report that there are several articles and position papers dealing with trafficking of women and girls.

To learn more about trafficking, visit Zonta.org and click on Advocacy. Under the issue, Violence

Against Women and Girls, you will find links to several reports including International's position statement and paper as well as strategies to prevent this practice and protect trafficked women and girls.

See "Facts About Trafficking" on page 3.

MEET NEW MEMBER, CANDY JETT

This fall we are excited to welcome four new members to our club. One of them is Candy Jett.

Candy was born in Buffalo but spent her summers with family in Maple Springs so she was excited to relocate to the area in 1983. Today, Candy and her family live next door to the cottage where she spent those happy summer days.

Candy received her BA

in Biology from Buffalo State College and did Master's work in Medical Technology. Today Candy provides per diem Medical Technology services to Westfield Hospital. She is also the office manager for her husband's plumbing business, Quality Mechanical.

Candy lives in Maple Springs with her husband, David. They have two children—Eric, 21, and

Becky, 17, who is a senior at Maple Grove.

Candy is active in her church, St Timothy Lutheran, and participates in the Honduras Mission trip. She also enjoys attending her daughter's sports events in basketball and softball. She loves outdoor activities including landscaping, boating and walking.

Look for bios on our other new members in future issues.



ZONTA DAY AT CHAUTAUQUA

Thirty-seven Zontians and guests from nine different clubs enjoyed a beautiful Zonta Day at Chautauqua, where they each received a yellow rose and a yellow Zonta umbrella.

Leila Sadat, platform speaker for the day, shared her experiences with the international effort to find justice for victims of atrocities against

humanity.

Following a delicious lunch at the Athenaeum Hotel, we enjoyed a raffle which raised \$140 to benefit Anti-Trafficking Victim Services of the International Institute of Buffalo.

The afternoon was capped off, fittingly, with a screening of the documentary film, "A Powerful Noise" about three women

who, although in difficult circumstances themselves, have helped improve the lives of other women and their communities.

A special thanks goes to Mary Rappole for arranging for the film, the PR Committee for arranging for Cable 8 News coverage of the event and the Status of Women Committee for it's work in planning this successful day.

FACTS ABOUT TRAFFICKING (FROM ZONTA.ORG)

Approximately 80 percent of those trafficked are women and girls and the majority of those are trafficked for commercial exploitation.

It is estimated that between 600,000 and 800,000 victims are trafficked across international borders each year.

Women and girls are especially susceptible due to gender-bias, oppression, discrimination, social and cultural practices and the prevalence of gender based violence.

Some 200,000 to 250,000 women and children are trafficked annually in Southeast Asia

alone. Girls as young as 13 are trafficked as mail order brides.

Women from the former Soviet Union, many under 16, are taken to Israel, other parts of the Middle East or Western Europe.

Between 18,000 and 20,000 trafficking victims enter the US each year.

Listen to the podcast interview with Professor Sadat at www.ciweb.org/podcasts

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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****www.zontadistrict4.org****www.zontajamestown.org****Email: Jamestown@zontadistrict4.org****UNDERSTANDING OUR CLUB'S FINANCES**

Our club approves two budgets each year. The **General Fund Budget** involves administrative costs—those that are attached to the operation of our club and International. The funds to cover our club's administrative costs must come from our own members and other Zontians. A portion of our membership dues, the fines, our annual club auction and sales of shirts and other items to other Zontians are examples of fund raising that covers our club's administrative costs.

Our **Service Fund Budget** reflects costs for

our service projects, contributions to causes that reflect our mission, scholarships, and contributions to Zonta International projects. Funds to support our Service Budget can come from members of the community. The yearly calendar sale, Air Show Bake Sale, and Bon Ton Days are examples of community fund raising that support our service projects. Funds raised from community members can only be used to support service projects.

The Finance Committee prepares the General Budget each summer for presentation to the mem-

bership at the September business meeting. Much thought and planning goes into creating a budget that reflects the expenses we will incur and estimating the dollars that can be raised internally to cover those costs.

The Service Committee prepares the Service Fund Budget which is also presented at the first business meeting and must accurately reflect estimated service costs and revenues.

The Finance and Fund Raising Committee is charged with monitoring the budgets and creating fund raising opportunities.

