Zonta Club of Jamestown

Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

**The Zontiana **

 **October 2015**

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**Birthdays:**

Patty Perlee (1)
Sylvia Stenander (3)
Margi Fuchs (9)
Jill Colburn (17)
Mary Rappole (19)
Wendy Burns (20)
Bonnie DeJoy (21)
Paula Falvey (28)

**From your Program Committee…**

Welcome back to Zonta everyone. We are excited about the lineup of programs we have for you this year. We hope everyone enjoyed our first program and left that night knowing more about not just our new members but our current ones as well.

Our October program is one that we look forward to every year – **Zontian of the Year.** For our new members: each fall a committee of the club selects a member who has gone above and beyond to forward the mission of Zonta through our local club and whose enthusiasm and energy for Zonta activities serves as an inspiration for us all. So be sure to join us on October 21st to discover who has been selected and honor our 2015 Zontian of the Year.

The program on November 18th is our annual Zonta Auction. Every year this event is a lot of fun and, at the same time raises a substantial amount for our general budget. It’s not too early to be thinking about the item or items you want to bring to be auctioned off that night. Check your gently used items for those which you no longer need; look through your recipe books for that special cookie, pie or cake that is always a hit; knit, crochet or sew something special; create a gift certificate of your time to do something special for another member (rake leaves, shop, clean, bake, the possibilities are endless.) And with Christmas right around the corner, holiday items are always a hit. Guests are welcome at this event (with a reservation). It’s also a great opportunity to invite someone who is interested in Zonta and would like to meet our members.

Don’t forget to come at 5:15 for social hour. See you at program night!

**District Meeting Report:**

* Report of District 4Conference
* September 25-27,2015
* Waterloo, Ontario
* Hosted by Kitchner- Waterloo Club
* Attended by President Jill Colburn, Jody Shely , both delegates, Marcia Bliss, an alternate, and Laura Corey as District 4Director, Donna Carroll.
* Business meeting: During the four business sessions, district concerns were reported on as well as Zonta International information. Business conducted included introductions, elections , reports from committees , directors' reports and awards , and a call to the next District conference in Niagara Falls, Canada (Sept 22-24,2017) and the International Convention in Nice ,France (July 2-6,2016). All votes aligning district by-laws with the International by-laws were carried. There was an excellent presentation by the Amelia Earhart fellow on her studies of Mars (there's water).
* Program. The four workshops were all excellent and everyone wished to attend them all instead of just one. The keynote speaker was Todd Minerson, who created the White Ribbon campaign found in 60 countries not the US) engaging men and boys in gender based violence prevention. His organization fights for the same goals as Zonta through education of males. It was excellent and thought provoking. Websites: whiteribbon.ca and acalltomen.org.
* Memorial service. Jill lit a candle for Mary Riolo during a stirring ceremony.
* Observations. The food and entertainment were wonderful. Many clubs need new members and there was lots of discussion on recruiting and keeping younger women. "Partnerships with other groups" seems to be the watchword for everything from advocacy to fundraising to service. "Branding" was another. If our club wants a Z Club we need to recruit a teacher from Jamestown or Southwestern High School. At least thirty people commented to me that our conference at Chautauqua was the best ever! That conference really made our reputation. Zonta has a very positive reputation at the United Nations.
* Recommendations. If you are on Facebook, friend other clubs. Dec 3 is UN visit day. Oct 24 is UN day. March 14-24, 2016 is 60th Session of Commission on Status of Women. Bookmark D4 website and read it monthly; much content from the conference will be on the D4 website. Sit at different tables at each meeting. Every new member should attend the next conference in Niagara Falls to really comprehend the Zonta organization. Lily's Hope should be submitted for a ZI award.
* Respectfully submitted,
* Donna Carroll

**A Message from Finance/Fundraising**: 

 The “Calendar of Cash”, which is our club’s **major** fundraiser for the year, will be underway starting in October. The money raised benefits local scholarships, community service projects and International service programs. The Calendar sells for $20. When the 3-digit number on the calendar matches the New York State **evening** daily lotto number, you will win an amount between $40 and $200 as indicated on the calendar day. The Calendar gives you 182 chances to win from January thru June 2016. Winners will automatically receive their winnings. You can bring the ticket stubs and money with you to the Zonta meetings and they can be turned into Jean Schrader. If you need more calendars, please contact Marcia Bliss or Anne Rizzo. We would like all calendar money w/stubs turned in **by** December 18th. There will be posters available if anyone would like one. We will also have sale incentives (three levels) for the top six calendar sellers that will be awarded in January 2016. Good luck to all the sellers!port of District 4Conference

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**Upcoming Events**:

Every Member in November is asked to make a donation to the Zonta International Fund. Contribute any amount-even $5.00 to $25.00 add up!!

**Save the Dates:**

Lily’s Hope Open house: November 5, 2015

Pink Walk at Chautauqua Mall: October 3, 2015 

Who will be the Zontian of the Year 2015-2016????

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