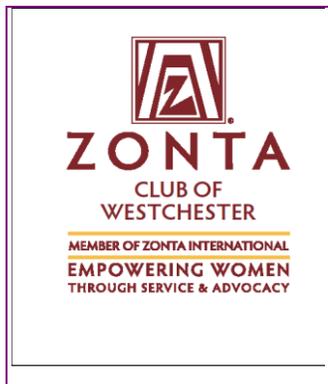


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ZONTA CLUB OF WESTCHESTER
CONSTITUENT OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 3 AREA 1 ORGANIZED 1931



November
2015

MONTHLY MEETING
November 17, 2015

J.C. Fogarty's
60 Kraft Avenue
Bronxville, NY

Members & Guests

Networking
6:30

**Dinner, Meeting,
Program**
7:00 to 9:00

PROGRAM

Speaker TBA
Additional info will be
sent via email!!

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Dear Zontians,

We are entering the time of year when we come together to share time and give thanks for family and friends. I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to each of you. An organization is only as effective as the members make it. I can't say enough how much I appreciate the hard work all of you have done to help the club reach Zonta's mission of empowering women through service and advocacy. Thank you.

I want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. Oh, also try not to eat too much!

Sincerely,

Registration is
now open

63rd Zonta
International
Convention in Nice,
France, 2-6 July
2016.

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NGO CSW60 Forum Registration Now Open!

The NGO CSW60 FORUM will take place in New York simultaneously with the 60th Session of the Commission for the Status of Women (CSW60) from 14 to 24 MARCH 2016. The Priority theme for CSW60 is: **"Women's empowerment and its link to sustainable development."**

Anyone wishing to attend the NGO CSW60 Forum (including parallel events, regional caucuses, morning briefings) is required to register.

Online Free Registration to **ATTEND**: the deadline to register is 7 MARCH, 2016 [REGISTER HERE](#)

ARCHIVES OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF WESTCHES- TER

Georgia LaBlanc, Archive Chair

EARLY CLUB MINUTES

The first club minutes in our files are from October 1, 1946. The meeting was held at the Westchester Women's Club and only one member was absent. The treasurer reported a balance of \$160.19. The following meeting was October 15th which was a program meeting.

The club left the Westchester Women's Club and began meeting at the YWCA in November 1946.

In June 1950, it was reported that the District 3 Conference would be held at the Waldorf Hotel October 20, 21, 22 and Mount Vernon as one hostess would take on one luncheon, New Rochelle one luncheon and New York City the banquet.

Minutes continued through May 1, 1951 in this ledger book.

There are two other ledger books - both containing treasurer reports dating from 1970 - 1999. In 1971, the club had 50 members and in September there is a notation in the ledger of payment to The Knolls Inn, perhaps the beginning of dinner meetings. From 1981 checks were written to Joe Rossi for dinner. In 1988 the club was working on organizing a club in White Plains. Printing and postage was a big expense. Service projects were scholarships, local projects and ZI.



Zonta International's Vision

Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential.

In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men.

In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

Zonta International strives to promote and protect the human rights of all women and girls and reduce the incidence of violence through the Zonta International Strategies to End Violence Against Women (ZISVAW) Program by:

- Supporting prevention and advocacy strategies locally and internationally.
- Awarding grants to United Nations agencies or recognized NGOs for projects that seek to change personal and/or political knowledge, attitudes and behavior contributing to gender-based violence.
- Increasing awareness and actions related to preventing violence against women by encouraging Zonta club involvement in local and national advocacy initiatives and service projects.

Since the program's inception in 1999, more than US\$3.5 million has been provided to support 43 projects in 33 countries. During the 2014-2016 Biennium, two projects are being supported by the ZISVAW Fund:

[Respecting the Rights and Responding to the Needs of Adolescent Girls in Niger](#)

[Voices Against Violence: Non-Formal Education Curriculum for the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts on Ending Violence against Women and Girls](#)

The goal of the “Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women” campaign is to increase advocacy efforts to prevent and end violence against women and girls, locally and globally through actions undertaken by Zonta clubs, areas and districts worldwide.

Clubs are encouraged to participate in service and advocacy activities that focus on ending violence against women and girls throughout the year, but particularly during the 16 Days of Activism (25 November – 10 December).

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is a global campaign dedicated to ending gender-based violence. The Center for Women's Global Leadership is the global coordinator. The start and end dates of the Campaign are November 25th, International Day for the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence, and December 10th, Human Rights Day. These dates were chosen to emphasize that gender-based violence is a violation of human rights. The Campaign is successful because of the activism of millions of women and tens of thousands of organizations worldwide, who are committed to ending gender-based violence





International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 25 November

Why This International Day?

- Violence against women is a human rights violation
- Violence against women is a consequence of discrimination against women, in law and also in practice, and of persisting inequalities between men and women
- Violence against women impacts on, and impedes, progress in many areas, including poverty eradication, combating HIV/AIDS, and peace and security
- Violence against women and girls is not inevitable. Prevention is possible and essential
- Violence against women continues to be a global pandemic.

Online Resource Center for Higher Education

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) announced the launch of The Center for Changing Our Campus Culture, a new comprehensive online clearinghouse on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking on campus. This new website provides the latest information, materials and resources for campus administrators, faculty and staff, as well as campus and community law enforcement, victim service providers, students, parents and other key stakeholders to use to improve campus safety. Click here to [read more of the Office on Violence Against Women Announces Online Resource Center for Institutions of Higher Education press release.](#)

Click here to [view The Center for Changing Our Campus Culture Clearinghouse](#)

Facts and Figures

- 35% of women and girls globally experience some form of physical and or sexual violence in their lifetime with up to seven in ten women facing this abuse in some countries.
- It is estimated that up to 30 million girls under the age of 15 remain at risk from FGM/C, and more than 130 million girls and women have undergone the procedure worldwide.
- Worldwide, more than 700 million women alive today were married as children, 250 million of whom were married before the age of 15. Girls who marry before the age of 18 are less likely to complete their education and more likely to experience domestic violence and complications in childbirth.
- The costs and consequence of violence against women last for generations.

LEADERSHIP PRESENTATION AT
DISTRICT 3 CONFERENCE.

TAKE A LOOK!

http://www.zontadistrictthree.org/index_html_files/D3%202015%20Conference%20kd.pdf

ASSEMBLYWOMAN AMY PAULIN'S TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION AND JUSTICE ACT SIGNED INTO LAW

Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-88) is proud to announce that her Trafficking Victims Protection and Justice Act (A.506) was signed into law by Governor Cuomo/

The Trafficking Victims Protection and Justice Act is a comprehensive bill that improves upon the current law by increasing criminal penalties for sex and labor trafficking, compelling and promoting prostitution, patronizing a minor for prostitution and patronizing in a school zone. The TVPJA creates new crimes of aggravated patronizing a minor for prostitution, aligns the penalties for patronizing a minor with those of statutory rape and eliminates the term "prostitute" in the Penal Law. This law gives law enforcement the tools they need to convict the criminals and addresses the financial and emotional needs of the young victims.

Paulin and her supporters have been lobbying to get this bill passed for several years.

"I can't begin to say how thrilled I am that the Trafficking Victims Protection and Justice Act has finally been signed," Paulin said. "Human trafficking is a heinous crime in which pimps take advantage of some of the most vulnerable in our society. It's a \$32 billion industry and of the approximately 27 million people who are trafficked each year, the majority of which are girls and young women.

"New York is a leading entry, transit and destination point for trafficking victims with young women being sexually exploited in all regions of the state, urban, suburban and rural. It is about time that we are holding the traffickers and buyers accountable, clamping down on a practice that harms so many people, contributes to the death of many and strips away a person's basic human dignity."

The bill also represents a victory for Paulin as she pushed to get it voted on as a stand-alone rather than keeping it as part of the Governor's 10-point Women's Equality Agenda. The NYS Assembly would not vote on the bill as a stand-alone in each of the last two years because it wanted to pass the 10-point agenda as a whole rather than vote on pieces of it. The Assembly, however, passed the measure in March, setting the stage for the Governor to sign the bill on Wednesday.

"That my colleagues were willing to get over partisan politics and vote on this bill as a stand-alone is significant," Paulin said. "In doing so, they did the right thing and decided that helping the victims of these crimes was far more important than waging a political battle."

- * Linda Mae Brown
- * Laura Dunckley
- * Coralie Joseph
- * Sheila Sievertsen

