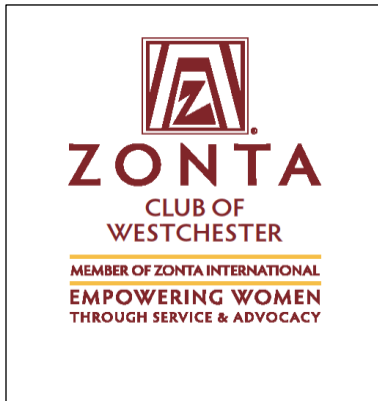


ZONTAGRAM



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

February
2017

Westchester Zontians,

What a year it's been already! So much going on in the world, it's hard to keep up! But we have a strong and very, very clear vision and we need to stay focused.

Our Vision - A world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve their full potential -where every woman is literate; has access to education, health care, legal and economic resources on an equal basis with men; and no woman lives in fear of violence.

This vision has never been so important and in the view of some, may be in jeopardy!

We had a lively meeting this past month and are working on some important projects. I thank all of the attendees for coming with such enthusiasm and excitement about our work in the community. We have been missing some of our members over the last few months, I hope this is temporary. Pat Latona and Jamie through the Zontagram have been doing a great job with communication but it's so important to stay in touch and involved through our monthly meetings.

Invitations went out for the March 6 fundraiser, so generously conceived and organized by one of our newer members, Joan Mallory. Please RSVP right away so we can broaden our invitation to the community. This promises to be a sellout and we want to make sure our members are able to attend. Proceeds go to Zonta's service projects so it's important to support this from a fundraising point of view as well.

Please read this month's Zontagram with your calendar handy. There are a number of important events coming up this spring and we want you all to be there.

Our next meeting is February 21 at Fogarty's. See you there.

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MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday
February 21, 2017

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

Networking
6:30

Dinner & Meeting
7:00 to 9:00

Program
Joan Mallory
"Marian Anderson"

Michelle Obama

“When they go low, we go high!” Uttered by our former first lady gives us great insight into who she, and also provides us a road map of how to behave and respond in the face of injustice, unkindness, bullying and in general the just plain bad behavior of others! She represents to me a wonderful and worthy individual to honor and highlight this month, February, 2017 Black History Month.

Michele Obama is a human being first. This connects her to every other human being on the planet. As she has traveled the world her warmth and regard for other peoples was frequently noted. Never did I read anything indicating that she invoked privilege. At home she worked to promote economic stimulus for better housing and urban development. She also worked for high quality education for all. I was inspired by her.

Michelle Obama is a woman next. This connects her to half of the world's population. She frequently advocated on behalf of woman's rights. It was not uncommon for her to visit homeless shelters and of course she supported the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009 as well as other legislation beneficial to women and girls.

Michelle Obama is a mother next. This connects her to a third of the world's population. “Prepare; Get an education; don’t let anyone tell you, you can’t!!” is her message to her children and to the children of other mothers worldwide. She wept with mothers universal and with the Newton Mothers who lost their children to gun violence. She joined the campaign to bring back the school girls who were kidnapped in Nigeria. On the lighter side she made her daughters clean their own rooms and make their own beds lest they begin to think that their privilege made them better than other children with less. She tried to make mothers knowledgeable about healthy foods and exercise and make recommendations which if followed would increase the health and longevity of their children.

Michelle Obama is an American connected to three hundred million people and an African American connected to forty million. She was born in 1964, the second child of Fraser and Marian Robinson. The family roots trace back to pre-civil war. Both of her parents are descendants of slaves. On her mother's side some of her ancestors were bi-racial due to the sexual exploitation of the slave masters who then did not recognize their children.”When they go low” etc....From this humble background, raised on the south side of Chicago, she was able to graduate from Princeton University and Harvard Law School, two leading Ivy League Schools!! A brilliant woman in her own right she was employed at the law firm Sidley Austin. While there she was asked to mentor a young intern. Enter Barack Obama and as they say, ”The rest is history!” They married in 1992 and have two daughters. While Michelle Obama still has a law degree her time is now taken up with raising her children and a multitude of civic projects. She is a role model for us all but especially for the empowerment of women and girls. ..”When they go low, we go high!” Thank you Michelle!

Submitted by Joan Mallory

ARCHIVES OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF WESTCHESTER

The Oscars are being awarded in February so I was thinking of those who have been honored by our Club. The answer was found in the Club Archives.

We have given three different awards over the past years. The earliest listing was 1992. That is when we honored our first Zonta Woman of the Year. The recipient was Sheila Smith Stein, Mayor of Bronxville. Following her were Joyce Balint, music teacher and mandolinet with the Metropolitan Opera, Mary Helton Director of Hoff Barthelson Music School, The Song Pipers of Bronxville, Assembly Woman Amy Paulin, Carla Horton, Director of Northern Westchester Shelter, Andrea Stewart Cousins, Janine Rose, Ruth Hassell-Thompson, Roberta Apuzzo and Hazella Rollins-LaVar.

We have given Zontian of the Year Awards since 1983, the first going to Dorothea Hohfer, Zonta member from 1961 -1995. We have honored a total of 21 members. Those honored and are present members are: Georgia LaBlanc, Vera Voges, Nora Gorman, Shirley Carter, Patricia Latona, Sheila Sieversten and Alice Massa.

The third award we have given since 1997 is The Young Woman in Public Affairs. We have given this annual award to 18 young women from 15 different High Schools with an average of 6 – 18 applications being received each year. Five of our winners have gone on to be District winners and three have continued on to win the Zonta International award. This past year our winner Emma Anderson spoke at the District 3 Event in Atlantic City and she was presented with her District and ZI check. Nora Gorman and Sheila Sievertsen are on the committee to review the applications and make the club selection.

Georgia LaBlanc, Archives Chair



<http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw>

For individuals wishing to attend the NGO CSW61 Forum (including parallel events, regional caucuses, and morning briefings) registration is required.

GENERAL ATTENDANCE (free)

Online Registration opens on 28 NOVEMBER 2016

Deadline to register is 3 MARCH 2017

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ngo-csw-61-forum-registration-registration-29736243906>

CONSULTATION DAY (fee to attend) will be on Sunday, 12 MARCH 2017 from 9.00am to 4.00pm

Online registration will open on 28 NOVEMBER 2016

Deadline to register is 3 MARCH 2017

NGO RECEPTION (fee to attend) will be Tuesday, 14 MARCH 2017 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Online Registration will open on 28 NOVEMBER 2016

Deadline to register is 3 MARCH 2017

NGO CSW WOMEN'S RIGHTS RALLY (free) will be Thursday, 16 MARCH 2017 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Online Registration will open on 28 NOVEMBER 2016

Deadline to register is 3 MARCH 2017

NGO CSW/NY 45th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION (free) will be Thursday, 16 MARCH 2017 from 4.30pm to 7.45pm

Online Registration will open on 28 NOVEMBER 2016

Deadline to register is 3 MARCH 2017

ARTISAN FAIR will be Wednesday, 15 MARCH 2017 from 1.00pm to 5.00pm

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Zonta North American Inter-District Meeting 2017

When

June 2-4 2017

Early registration – Ends March 1st.
Register early and get a discount on
your registration.

Where

Hilton McLean Tysons Corner
7920 Jones Branch Road
McLean, Virginia

Dear District 3 Zontians,

Zonta International recently sent out the invitation to the North American Inter-District Meeting which will take place in June. I want to be sure everyone is aware of this opportunity to participate in this event. You will meet the International President, attend great workshops on important issues, have meals and meetings with old and new friends, and hear excellent speakers. All this is happening for the first time in District 3. Please put it on your calendars, look at the website www.northamericanmeeting2017.com to get a full picture of what is offered, and register soon. I wouldn't miss the opportunity to attend this meeting and neither should you.

Donna Clark Governor, District 3

[2017 North American Inter-District Meeting](http://www.northamericanmeeting2017.com)

MEET ZI PRESIDENT
President Sonja Honig-Schough



“The Future of Women's Work; Dialogue From The CSW”

Thu, March 16, 2017
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
\$65

Join President Sonja, friends and leaders from the global Zonta community for a dinner full of interesting and fun activities.

National Arts Club
15 Gramercy Park South
New York, NY 10003

To purchase tickets, please go to

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-future-of-womens-work-dialogue-from-the-csw-tickets-31278252094>

**Fight for Women's Economic Equality!
SIGN THE PETITION AT:**

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/powher-the-vote-call-to-action>



To those holding or seeking elected office:

We stand together with individuals and organizations across New York State as part of the nonpartisan PowHer the Vote campaign to promote women's economic equality.

To those holding or seeking elected office, this is our Call to Action:

The [PowHer the Vote Campaign](#) represents tens of thousands of New Yorkers who urge you to address and prioritize policies that significantly affect women's lives and economic success.

We call your attention to the unfinished business of better jobs and equal pay, fair wages, improved workplace practices, care giving, access to quality childcare and health services including reproductive rights, leadership opportunities, and physical security.

Although proud of our legislative accomplishments in recent years designed to reduced gender discrimination, much more can and must be done. We will not squander our momentum or be satisfied with the status quo. We urge all our leaders to prioritize issues critical to women's well-being in the months and years ahead.

At all levels, inequities persist.

- Women outnumber men in college completion rates and now make up nearly half the workforce, but there is still a gap in access to leadership positions and in wages, especially for women of color.
- The new reality is that the "traditional family" with a sole-male breadwinner is now the exception, with 7 in 10 mothers in the U.S. workforce, but the workplace has not caught up to the needs of modern families.
- Motherhood would not be a penalty with accessible family planning, child care, and workplace benefits.
- In addition to the human cost, the societal price of Intimate Partner Violence in the U.S. is over \$5.9 billion annually.
- Fairer wages for "women's work" and training for "non-trade" jobs would aid the nearly 40% of mothers live in poverty across New York State.

Submitted by Pat Latona

Save the Date – April 29, 2017

Area 1 & 2 Spring Workshop

1. Membership: "Voices", Retention, Young Professionals, Z Clubs, and Golden Z Clubs
2. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5
3. Comprehensive Overview of International Service Project
4. Risk Management
5. Centennial Planning

✓ When: Saturday, April 29, 2017

✓ Where: Community Reform Church

✓ 90 Plandome Road Manhasset, NY 11030

✓ Host Club: Long Island

✓ Registration Due: April 14, 2017

✓ Time: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Registration, Coffee, Pastries

✓ 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Training (Lunch included)

✓ Cost: \$30.00 Service Project:

We are collecting gently used business attire, shoes, purses, and jewelry in support of STAND

UP, a nationwide non-profit dedicated to helping homeless female veterans

*Check your email - Zonta District 3 Database Manager - February 1, 2017

For Registration form

February Birthdays

Georgia LaBlanc – Feb.2
Ijeoma Nduka-Nwosu

