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NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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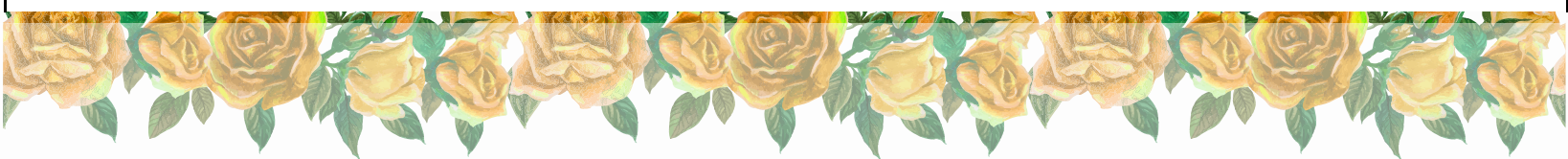


BETH COLVIN
President
Zonta Club of Joliet

Dear Zontians,
I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful weather. We only have a few days of summer left, my time flies when you're having fun. It was so nice to see everyone at the August membership meeting.

The Service & Advocacy Committee has been very busy, our club will be partnering with the Northern Illinois Food Bank there will be paper product community collection September 1-10 at five drop off locations. The products will be distributed at the Mobile Food Pantry on September 18 at JJC.

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You can also bring your donations to the September 14th membership meeting. Please contact Mary Baudino or Terri King with any questions.

This year is the 25th Anniversary for Take Back the Night event. This year's event will be a Virtual Rally on Monday, October 25th.

Congratulations to Mary Baudino for being nominated to the position of District 6 Area 5 Director!!

I highly encourage members to attend the conference-- it is so informative. The 2021 District 6 Call to Conference is being held October 8-10 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Oakbrook. I also would like to remind the membership the district 6 Fall Conference registration deadline is September 20.

The September membership meeting will be hybrid so for members who would like to attend in person, we will be at Al's at 5:30, with seating of four members per table. The virtual meeting will begin at 6:00. The link to the Zoom meeting will be emailed later this week. Please wear your mask and stay safe.

Sincerely,
Beth Colvin, President





25TH ANNIVERSARY
WILL COUNTY

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

VIRTUAL RALLY

This year is the 25th anniversary for Will County's Take Back the Night event. The virtual rally will take place on October 25 at:

facebook.com/willtbtn. Join us for this virtual rally and panel discussion featuring Will County State's Attorney James Glasgow, Ines Kutlesa,

CEO of Guardian Angels Community Services and Vickie Smith, Executive Director of Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Take Back the Night brings survivors, supporters, activists, and community leaders together in a call for the end of violence against women. Zonta Club of Joliet has been a part of TBTN for more than a decade. Flyers for TBTN were distributed by email in August. Please print and post wherever appropriate. Contact Mary Baudino or Terri King for more info. Terri: 815-409-1241; Mary: 815-955-4066



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 1-10

Paper Product Drive

Joliet and Plainfield Libraries
Galowich and CW Avery YMCAs

SEPTEMBER 14

Member Dinner Meeting

HYBRID

Time: 5:30 pm Social, 6:00 pm Dinner

Location: Al's Steakhouse

1900 W. Jefferson St., Joliet OR via
Zoom--link to be shared via email

Menu: Stuffed Chicken Breast, rice
pilaf, spinach and feta, chocolate
cream pie

Cost: \$26 check or credit only

Cancellations: Call 630-696-0453 or
email balive20@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 18

Mobile Food Drive

Joliet Junior College

SEPTEMBER 28

Executive Board Meeting

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Terri King hosting

Meal Rules for Member Meetings

For the September 14 meeting,
please contact Barb Leiber by
4:00 pm on Friday, 9/10 if you
are choosing to attend the
meeting by Zoom instead of in
person. If you do not cancel,
you will be charged for the
meal.

If you are a "Standing No" but
are planning to attend the
meeting in person, please
contact Barb by the deadline so
a meal can be
ordered for you.

630-696-0453 or
balive@gmail.com

Payment Options:
Credit or Check

Name Badges

Don't forget to wear your name badge at
Membership Meetings!
If you forget your badge, you pay \$1.00.

Bragging Rights

Do you have something you want to share
with the club about your family, your
career, your business or do you want to
acknowledge another club member who
has had a recent success at Member
Meetings? It will cost you \$1.00 to share
that with us!

The funds collected get combined with the
name badge monies to be donated to a
good cause! Often we donate it to the
Jebreel Learning Center in Afghanistan.



COMMITTEE UPDATES

Fellowship Committee

Friendship and Fun is planned for each meeting so be prepared for a Three Minute Speaker, inspiration and Table Talk theme. Liz Walsh will kick off our September meeting with all these events.

The 50/50 raffle returns with chances for you to make some \$\$\$\$.

Donna Zanzola, Chair

Service & Advocacy Committee

We hope to provide ample service opportunities for Zonta members through the year. We begin with our collection of paper towels, toilet paper and Kleenex in partnership with the Northern Illinois Food Bank to be distributed at their Mobile Food Pantry at Joliet Junior College on Saturday, September 18th. Thanks to and with the help of the Joliet Public Libraries, Plainfield Public Library; the Galowich Family YMCA in Joliet and the C W Avery Family YMCA in Plainfield, Zonta will have community collection at boxes at these locations. We welcome your donations which can also be brought to our Sept. 14th member meeting.

Morning Star Mission is in need of winter coats for this upcoming winter. We will be partnering with them in October/November with another community collection of coats – more information to come soon. For an April project, we will be collecting your gently used costume jewelry. The donated jewelry will be a way for some of our kindergarteners to select something special for their mothers for Mother's Day. Please bring any jewelry to the dinner meetings to be collected for this project.

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Service & Advocacy Committee

Zonta USA Caucus Action Center asks Zonta members to get involved and act on pending legislation that has been thoroughly reviewed, researched and vetted before sending to members for action. You can sign up to receive an email titled Fast Action Friday asking for your action. <https://zontausa.org/take-action-with-zonta/>.

A joint written statement to the UN Human Rights Council and its Special Session on Afghanistan is posted on zonta.org – News & Events – Zonta Statements: [5856 A HRC 48 NGO Sub En](#) (zonta.org). Please take time to log in and read this statement on this human rights situation. Co-Chairs: Terri King, 815-409-1241 and Mary Baudino, 815-955-4066.

Archives Committee

Watch for news on our club and save all event info. The Archives are a record of our history and all we do. And we do a lot! Items can be turn into Donna Zanzola or Johanna Kerwin. Donna Zanzola, Chair

International Committee

Concerning Afghanistan, Dr. Sakena Yacoobi (Director of AIL/Afghan Institute of Learning) writes from Kabul that, as of August 24, their AIL Women's Learning Centers remain open. This includes the Jebreel Center which we are supporting near the western city of Herat. However, the situation throughout the country is generally very bad, and it is changing day by day.

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At our upcoming September meeting we will discuss in detail how recent events in Afghanistan have specifically affected women and girls, and what the implications are for the future.

Looking towards the Fall, October 24 is UN Day. A UN proclamation will be made by Joliet's Mayor at the October Joliet City Council Meeting, and by the Village of Plainfield Mayor on Monday, October 18.

This will stress the role that our Zonta Club has in improving the lives of women and girls throughout the world. More details concerning the logistics of this event will be presented at our September meeting. -- Pam Hunte, Chair

Membership Committee

It is always challenging to step into new situations. Imagine the experience of a new Club Member walking into a meeting for the first time. It can feel isolating to feel like you are the only person who doesn't quite know what to expect. Let's challenge ourselves and each other to create a warm welcome in-person or on zoom for every new club member. Donna Zanzola and the Fellowship Committee shared one quick tip last month: Sharing a smile can warm a person's day. So, let's smile more this year, we know we can all use a little lift.

Stay tuned for more information on a member satisfaction survey and previous member survey. We know we can get better by learning together and we appreciate you taking the time to answer our short survey when the link is shared with you (likely early October).

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Paper Drive Volunteers

We still need a few more volunteers to help sort and package the collected items on Friday, Sept. 17th, 12:30-3:30 pm at the Northern Illinois Food Bank warehouse on Larkin Ave., Joliet and to distribute at the Mobile Food Pantry at JJC on Sept. 18, 8am-12 pm ; we will need you to be there by 7:30 am. Please contact Terri King or Mary Baudino if you are available for either or both of these service opportunities.

