

ZONTA NEWS

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ZONTA
CLUB OF
GENEVA, NY

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

PRESIDENT'S LETTER -



The warm weather this past week has been lovely. I am sure it is still too soon to think that winter is behind us, but I will take the sun and dry roads while I can. As I write this, there is a beautiful sunrise sifting through my office window and the sky is a clear blue and taking a few minutes to appreciate the small elements of winter coming to a close and a new spring is a welcome sight.

International Women's Day is on March 8, and it seems especially significant this year. I am unsure that being in a newer role as club president if I have a different appreciation for the day, or, if it has to do with the political and social landscape that we are entrenched in on a daily basis which brings a heightened awareness. I do know that strong women supporting strong women will be an ever needed cultural balance, and it is a wonderful element of our club that we go out of our way to support the local women who are such a significant part of our local communities. It takes a village, and by giving to others first, we intrinsically promote a culture where we pay it forward and are utilizing the law of reciprocity.

Though I was absent for our February candy assembly, I think that we can all agree that the candies produced were truly wonderful. Many of you are extremely talented, and I got much positive feedback from buyers that it is extremely impressive. Hopefully, as each year passes our systems improved and the process gets increasingly efficient. It feels like we have come a long way from when we first did the candy sales, and that is a tribute to all of you and your efforts and support. Roles have evolved over the years, and we have all found the things that we enjoy doing more to support the cause. This fundraiser will go on to help two local girls with some college expenses, and hopefully they will someday come back to our community and pay it forward because of that experience. Women empowering women.

As always, thank you for all that you do and your support. At our next meeting, we will be completing our annual birthing kit project. Have a good couple of weeks and I look forward to seeing you on the 15th!

Kelly

March Meeting

Wednesday, March 15

Location: Presbyterian Church in Geneva
24 Park Place, Geneva
(Park & enter from the rear)

Time: 5:30 pm Cost: \$10 for dinner

Program: Assembling birthing kits
Service Project



Reservations: Contact Emilie Sisson at emilie895@yahoo.com by Friday, March 10.

What is in a birthing kit?

- Plastic – 1 m x 1 m or 36" x 36"
- Soap
- Gloves, 2 per kit
- 3 pieces of umbilical cord tie, or 2 clamps
- Scalpel/razor blades if cord is used
- Gauze- 5 small squares

**Geneva: www.zontaclubgeneva.org
District 4: www.zontadistrict4.org
International: www.zonta.org**

Mission: Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.





International Women's Day

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.

International Women's Day (IWD) has been observed since in the early 1900's - a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialized world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies. International Women's Day is a collective day of global celebration and a call for gender parity. No one government, NGO, charity, corporation, academic institution, women's network or media hub is solely responsible for International Women's Day. Many organizations declare an annual IWD theme that supports their specific agenda or cause, and some of these are adopted more widely with relevance than others.

"The story of women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organization but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights," says world-renowned feminist, journalist and social and political activist Gloria Steinem. Thus International Women's Day is all about unity, celebration, reflection, advocacy and action - whatever that looks like globally at a local level. But one thing is for sure, International Women's Day has been occurring for well over a century - and continues to grow from strength to strength.

The IWD 2017 campaign theme is: Be Bold for Change. (www.internationalwomensday.com)



Zonta Rose Day falls on March 8 and coincides with International Women's Day. On this special day, Zontians worldwide are encouraged to publicly distribute yellow roses, or items bearing the image of yellow roses, to individuals who have contributed to advancing the status of women. The Zonta Club of Geneva has chosen this year to acknowledge the contributions of two local women. Each will be presented with a yellow rose on March 8. Photos and bios of the two will be published in the April issue of *Zonta News*.

The beauty of a single yellow rose has been a favorite Zonta symbol for over 30 years. The "Zonta Rose" was introduced at the 1984 Sydney Convention, thanks to the dedication and support of District 16 Zontians. In 1983, then Lieutenant Governor of District 19 (New Zealand), Valerie Webster, proposed that a breed of roses be developed as a living symbol of Zonta International. The renowned England-based nursery Harkness Roses worked to cultivate the flower, while Zontian Maureen Ross of Ross Roses in Adelaide, Australia enabled it to be introduced at the Convention.

The Zonta Rose itself has bright yellow blooms, produced in large sprays, and neatly spaced to form a bouquet. Each bloom is formed on its own long stem and has a particularly long life, whether on the bush or cut. Its fragrance is light and pleasant, is easy to grow and hardy, reaching an average of 1.2 meters in height.

The Zonta Rose is registered internationally under the name "Hartanna". It also goes by the name "Princess Alice" in Canada and the UK, and "Bright Lites" in the USA.

Excerpts from the Zonta International Website of some years ago

**ZONTA 2017
NORTH AMERICAN
INTER-DISTRICT MEETING**



Dear Zontians,

Join us at the 2017 North American Inter-District Meeting in the Washington, DC area from June 2-4 2017 at the four star Hilton McLean Tysons Corner Hotel. The theme of this year's meeting is "Be Part of Zonta ACTION".

On Friday, June 2nd, we will travel to Washington, DC by subway to advocate for Zonta's issues on Capitol Hill. Zontians will meet at the U.S. Capitol, be briefed by a member of the International Advocacy Committee, then visit a state's Senator or Congressman's office to advocate for Zonta issues. There will be no cost for the event, but each participant will be responsible for providing their own transportation and lunch. There is a complimentary shuttle from the hotel to the Silver Line subway station which is one mile from the hotel.

Friday evening will include a buffet and roundtable discussions with experts on various Zonta topics. Saturday will feature a general session, workshops, and lunch and dinner, both with speakers. There will be more workshops on Sunday morning followed by brunch and a summing up of all the information presented.

International President Sonja Hönig Schough will participate the North American Inter-District Meeting then hold an International Board Meeting in the hotel following our meeting.

This is an opportunity for you to meet with state representatives, talk with Zonta International's leadership; learn new information on advocacy, leadership, membership and service; spend time with Zontians from all over the United States and Canada, and perhaps spend a little time shopping at the nearby Tysons Corner Shopping Centers, two of the major shopping centers of Northern Virginia.

Early registration will begin on January 1st and PayPal will be available to accommodate credit cards on the NAIDM 2017 website. The website, www.northamericanmeeting2017.com will be online in December and you can view our comprehensive program, details of our Capitol Hill Day, hotel information and other NAIDM information.

Early registration, from January 1st to March 1st will be \$220.00; standard registration will be from March 2nd to May 1st and will cost \$235.00, and late registration begins on May 2nd and will cost \$250.00. The registration fee includes the program as well as the Friday night appetizers, Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday brunch. Hotel rooms will cost \$109.00 a night from May 31-June 6, giving you a place to stay if you decide to do a little touring of our Nation's Capitol either before or after the event. The hotel is conveniently located 13 miles from Washington Dulles airport.

Attend the North American Inter-District Meeting 2017 and be a part of Zonta Action.

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The Zonta Club of Geneva has an account at the [Linden Exchange Consignment Shop](#) (519 Exchange St., Geneva). If you have items to donate, you must schedule an appointment (315-789-6162). Be sure to tell them we have an account. Profits from item sales will be added to our bank account!

It could take a month or more to get an appointment, so call early. Also, they accept only two bags at a time.



**DISTRICT 4 OWLS
“LEADING THE WAY”
AREA WORKSHOPS 2017**

**Round Tables-Risk Management-ZI Projects
Fellowship-Professional Development
Advocacy & Service Activities**

District 4, Areas 3 & 4 Saturday, April 8

Zonta Club of St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada

**Workshop Fee: \$45 Registration Deadline: March 31
Early Bird Fee: \$40 by March 10
First Timer Fee: \$40**

**Location: Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway
Conference Centre
327 Ontario Street, St Catharines, ON**

Registration Form Attached and on District 4 Website



**Zonta Club of Geneva Loans
Available Balance: \$29.82 as of 02/28/17**