

ZONTA NEWS

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ZONTA
CLUB OF
GENEVA, NY

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

PRESIDENT'S LETTER -



Dear Zontians,

Happy Fall!

This weather has been spectacular and is such a wonderful reminder of the beauty of the Finger Lakes Region. The Indian summer has wonderfully transitioned to that beautiful crisp air with the leaves beginning to change under the autumnal sky. There are few things so lovely.

Thank you for an efficient meeting in September. We had a lot of member input and I felt like we were able to get much accomplished. With committees set, I will be sending out committee budget sheets for the 2017-2018 year. Additionally, having a solid program and game plan for the rest of the year is now established. Thank you for your support and involvement, it is very much appreciated.

For October, we have our ZING event at the Geneva Library. Back in 2011, Isabelle invited me to a ZING event and my relationship with Zonta was forged from there. Each year, we attract a few new members via the ZING event, and the stories of the women around us. If we can all try to bring one prospective member, that would be extremely helpful. The membership committee has done a great job getting this organized thus far, and I am grateful for their proactivity.

Thanks so much for all that you do. Enjoy your October and we will see you on the 18th!

Kelly

October Meeting

Wednesday, October 18

Meet and Greet (ZING) Event

Location: Geneva Public Library
Reading Room
244 Main Street, Geneva

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Light refreshments provided

Reservations: Contact Emilie Sisson at
emilie895@yahoo.com **by Friday, Oct. 13**

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FUNDRAISING

Don't forget our bulb sale fundraiser for service! If not submitted already, members must leave their Flower Power order form and payment at Carol VanHorn's office at Coldwell Banker (218 Hamilton Street, Geneva) **no later than Thursday, October 5!**

Make checks payable to Zonta Club of Geneva. Do not include shipping charges. All orders will be submitted as one from the club. The bulbs will be delivered to Carol's office and will be distributed from there. Our club receives 50% of all sales.

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





Zonta Zing Event

Zonta Club of Geneva

Meet and Greet—Come learn about how
Zonta empowers women in our
community and worldwide.

Wednesday, October, 18, 2017

5:30—7:30 p.m.

*Light refreshments
will be served*

Geneva Public Library
Reading Room
244 Main Street
Geneva, NY 14456

**For more information,
Call Rossana Shanklin at
315-759-0433
Melissa Button at
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At our September 20, 2017 meeting, members Carol VanHorn (L) and Cynthia Cannon were recognized for 25 years of service to Zonta. The following letter was presented to each:

“Congratulations on your long service to the Zonta Club of GENEVA, NY and to Zonta International. By virtue of your membership of 25 years, you have demonstrated your commitment to advancing the status of women in your city and globally.

Undoubtedly, in your years of membership with Zonta, you have contributed to improving women’s lives and to empower them so they can develop their full potential. On behalf of those women, please allow me to extend their gratitude and acknowledge your efforts and support.

Your dedication to Zonta and what it stands for is an inspiration to many who joined Zonta at a later time. Thank you for all you have done and all you have contributed to making our international organization what it is today.”

With very best wishes,

Sonja Honig Schough
President, Zonta International

Alicia Borsa
Membership Manager



Zonta Club of Geneva Loans
Available balance: \$24.21 as of 09/30/17

Our most recent loan of \$25 was to **Jane** from Kapsabet, Kenya. Jane is 37 years old. She is married and blessed with four children. She has had a dairy- and tea-farming business for 10 years, earning a monthly income of 15,000 KES.

She will be using the loan to purchase farm inputs such as dairy meals, fertilizers, and pesticides and hopes to use the proceeds to meet the basic needs of the family. Her hope and dream for the future is to better her children's basic education and sanitation.

The total loan of \$400, powered by 9 lenders, is special because it helps small-scale farmers increase their production, create jobs and strengthen food security.

Birthing Kit Report - Nicaragua



The Casa Materna (Maternal Homes) system in Nicaragua is an initiative of the Ministry of Health that aims to provide pregnant women with a safe place to stay before, during and after giving birth. The homes are designed to offer quality healthcare and pregnancy-related education in an effort to increase the percentage of institutional births and lower the country's maternal-infant mortality rates, which are some of the highest in the region.

Taking their existing model into consideration, Global Links developed the Maternal-Infant Health and Nutrition Program in Nicaragua in cooperation with the Nicaraguan Ministry of Health and the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO).

As the foundation of Global Links' two-year program, we strive to strengthen the public healthcare system and increase access to services for the most vulnerable populations.

Our current work within the scope of the project will equip each Casa Materna with a full exam room, including all necessary equipment and a computer for data collection. As part of our mission to create a sustainable impact on the system, we will also provide a donation of furniture, basic equipment and medical supplies to the health centers and hospitals that serve as reference institutions for the women in the Casas Maternas.

By joining forces with Ministry of Health officials, PAHO representatives and US-based partners like Rise Against Hunger, Zonta International and Computer Reach, we're able to reinforce primary care services from both a clinical and a nutritional standpoint, promoting an inclusive, safe, educational experience for pregnant women and empowering staff with all the necessary resources to provide high-quality care. The addition of clean birth kits for the midwives who are being trained to work within the public health system provides a resource for the women who deliver at home. The current training program for lay midwives will graduate 700 women in the next year or two. Each graduate will receive 4 birthing kits to use in the field.

From the administrators and nurses to the brigades of community medical volunteers and midwives, the Casas Maternas illustrate the importance of a community-based healthcare model. By giving pregnant women a secure, comfortable environment surrounded by peers and supportive community members, the Ministry of Health is working toward a safer and more educated birth experience. By strengthening them with necessary resources, Global Links is joining their community effort to increase institutionalized births and lower Nicaragua's maternal-infant mortality rates.

Angela Garcia
Deputy Director, Global Links

Above is a report from Global Links about the shipment of 2800 kits from Pittsburgh to Nicaragua this coming week. It explains their projects including birthing centers and the mid-wife training they provide and the distribution of birthing kits. Thank you to Amherst, Batavia-Genesee, Cheektowaga-Lancaster, Geneva, Hamburg-Orchard Park, Jamestown, Pittsburgh, Three Rivers North and any other clubs who assembled kits for this large shipment. We are very grateful.

Judy Powers, Zonta District 4 Service Co-Chair
9/29/17

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A giant THANK YOU is extended to all Zonta Club of Geneva members who contributed items to our “Days & Nights of Wine and Roses” basket. A special thank you to member Isabelle Doran Jensen for coordinating this project. The basket was auctioned off at the 2017 District 4 Conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario last month. Proceeds from the basket go to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship.



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