



THE ZONTA ZONE

Newsletter

Zonta Club of Northern Valley, NJ

September 2008

Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it.—Henry David Thoreau

President's Message

Dear Sisters-in-Zonta,

Now that September is here, our club is up and running at full speed with many exciting and important events planned for the coming months. Our Planning Meeting in August brought forth many good ideas for new and continuing projects. Our club committee chairs have been busy meeting with their committees and will be reporting their plans to you at our next business meeting. I hope to see all of you at that meeting. It is vitally important that we attend meetings and actively participate on at least two committees.

On July 27, I was honored to represent our club as our Bergenfield Zonta/Optimist Chal-

lenger Little League Team hosted the Dumont Elks/River Edge Yankee Challenger Team in the New Jersey State Championship held in Bergenfield. As you may know, the Challenger Team is made up of boys and girls with physical and mental disabilities. Our team proudly wore their t-shirts and baseball caps with Zonta/Optimist on them. Lou Harris, the parents, and children are very grateful for our support.

District 3 Fall Conference will be held October 3-5 in Hauppauge, NY. We have several members already signed up to go. If you haven't done so, please consider going. We have lots of fun, make new friends, renew friendships and get some



great ideas for our club. We will have carpools, so don't worry about driving.

Please read the rest of this newsletter carefully as it contains important information regarding our busy club schedule. I will see you Tuesday, September 16 at Gatsby's.

Yours in Zonta,
Karen

September Business Meeting

Our next business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16. The meeting will be held at Gatsby's and the cost remains at \$32.

If you will not be attending the regular business meeting you must contact Kathy Holmes by Sunday, September 14. She must have a definite count by that time. Her number is

973-835-7474 or e-mail her to: Kathy.Holmes@tdbanknorth.com

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ZONTA DISTRICT 3 CONFERENCE OCTOBER 3-5, 2008

A reminder that the District 3 Conference will be held at the Sheraton Long Island Hotel in Hauppauge, NY. If you have not already gotten the registration forms, got to www.zontadistrict3.org and download them from there.

District 3 has guaranteed a number of rooms. They would appreciate if if you would book through the committee. If you have any questions, you may call Kelly Daniele, conference chair, at 631-661-2222.

RAVE WALK

The Rave Walk Committee met on August 18. Joan Burns has stepped down as committee chair and Mary Ann Tarantula graciously agreed to co-chair the event with Barbara Stellabotte.

If you are a chairman of a subcommittee it is imperative that you let Barbara know the status of your subcommittee.

Barbara recently sent an e-mail which included the committee sign ups. Please check to see if your name is on the list and that you have signed up for one of the subcommittees. Check with

the chairman for future meeting dates.

The next scheduled meeting will be on September 22 at 7:30 at Mary Ann Tarantula's home. Please advise Mary Ann either by phone or e-mail if you intend to be present at the meeting.



**RAVE Walk
Committee
Meeting
September 22,
7:30
Mary Ann
Tarantula's**

TRICKY TRAY WRAPPING PARTIES

Mark your calendars for the Tricky Tray Saturday afternoon wrapping parties, which will take place at 1 p.m. at Mary Ann Tarantula's home:

September 13 and 20; October 11 and 18.

Please call or email Mary Ann if you are able to attend.

We are still in need of additional baskets and items to fill the baskets. You might also think about getting together with another member of the club to help create baskets that have not been selected. Please contact Mary Ann Tarantula if you have baskets or items to drop off at her home.

Mark the Dates:

**Sept. 13 and 20
Oct. 11 and 18**



FALL EVENT

The committee is currently in need of empty baskets as well as items to fill them. These can be dropped off at Mary Ann Tarantula's home. Please call her first to set up a mutually convenient time. Also please remember to drop off any completed baskets that you have signed up to make.

If you have not already done so, please bring money for both door prizes and scratch-off tickets to this Tuesday's meeting. The money will be collected by Madeline Coloz and Nancy Patrissi.

A number of dates have been scheduled for wrapping baskets.

Please check the newsletter for those dates and times. We need as many hands as possible and would certainly appreciate your help.

Journal ads were due to Andrea Pieper on September 6, however, if you have outstanding ads, please get them to her as soon as possible.

Tickets will be distributed at the September meeting. You are encouraged to sell them to family and friends and don't forget that men are welcomed to attend.

The next scheduled meeting of the Fall Event committee will

take place on Thursday evening, September 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Marianne Jacobs' home. One final meeting of the committee will take place on October 16 as well.



SERVICE PROJECTS

The Nurturing Place needs the following items: Air Fresheners, Baby Wipes—refills, Bleach, Clorox Bottled clean-up spray, Clorox Wipes, and Lysol.

We are still accepting donations of sanitary products throughout the year. Please bring these items as well to the monthly meetings.

The Center for Food Action is also holding an October Food Drive on Sunday October 12. They are in need of volunteers to staff supermarkets. If interested, you can e-mail IVogel-

man@cfanj.org for further information.

Again this year CFA is sorting and preparing food baskets for Thanksgiving. This can be done on an individual basis or as a group. Group sign up needs to be done in advance and as soon as possible. More information can be obtained at 201-569-1804 Ext. 26.



Please bring all items to the meeting and label the bags for their appropriate distribution.



Picture of "Our Team" on July 27 Little League Playoffs.

 Zonta Club of Northern Valley, NJ
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Welcome Back

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Sept. 3 2008**—Basket Wrapping Party, 1 p.m. MAT's home.
- **Sept. 14, 2008**—Deadline to notify Kathy Holmes if you are attending the September meeting.
- **Sept. 16, 2008**—Business meeting, Gatsby's
- **Sept. 18, 2008**—Fall Event Committee Meeting, 7:30 Marianne J.'s home
- **Sept. 20, 2008**—Leadership Meeting, Trenton, 10 a.m.

Basket Wrapping Party 1 p.m. MAT's home
- **Sept. 22, 2008**—RAVE Walk Meeting, 7:30 MAT's home
- **Sept. 27, 2008**—Basket Wrapping Party 1 p.m. MAT's home
- **Sept. 29, 2008**—Legislative Awareness and Advocacy (LAA) meeting 7 p.m. MAT's home
- **Oct. 3-5, 2008**—District 3 Fall Conference—Hauppauge, NY
- **Oct. 7, 2008** — Board Meeting 7:30 Helena Graca's home

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee met over the summer. As we move forward to plan our annual events, we realize that our membership has been declining. It is of the utmost importance that we plan now to gain new members for the future of our club. The committee encourages every member to bring at least one new person to a business meeting this year.

We will be planning an event, possibly a luncheon, on a Saturday at Madeline's restaurant during the upcoming year. Any new person who attends the luncheon and is seriously interested in learning more about the club, will be invited to an informal get-together at a

member's home (Mary Ann Tarantula has offered her home).

We will be welcoming Barbara Talmadge into our club at this Tuesday's meeting. Barbara's sponsor is Judy Liebman. We look forward to getting to know Barbara and encouraging her to sign up for committees and enjoying our club fellowship.