



THE ZONTA ZONE

Newsletter

Zonta Club of Northern Valley, NJ

May 2011

We were chartered in Oct. 1951. This year is our 60th Anniversary!

President's Message

Dear Sisters-In-Zonta:

My favorite Zonta club activity is occurring on May 17, 2011—the Awards dinner. We work all year raising funds for the sole purpose of giving them ALL away. What a joy that is. We will be giving awards to Shelter Our sisters, YWCA of Bergen County Rape Crisis Center, Women's Rights Information Center, the York Street Project and \$1500 scholarships to two single moms returning to school. This past year has been an active one starting with the Beefsteak dinner, through the Lea Sophia jewelry party, Wine Tasting, Garage Sale and RAVE Walk. So to all of our members, their families, friends, supporters and sponsors

thank you for helping us make this possible.

My first year as President of the Zonta club of Northern Valley will be over at the end of this month. It has been both a challenging year and a learning experience for me. I look forward to my second year as President. The major milestone, aside from all our fundraising activities, is that by the end of this month we will have inducted three new members into our chapter. (Thank you Membership Chair, Karen Nicodemus.) For next year, our **60th anniversary year**, I anticipate more new members, more creative fundraising events, expanding our sponsorship base for the RAVE Walk, and



giving away even more money!

Looking forward to seeing you all on May 17 at Rudy's.

Yours in Zonta,

Judy



May Meeting

Our May meeting will be held at Rudy's in Hackensack. Fellowship begins at 6:30 with Meeting/Dinner beginning at 7 p.m.

If you cannot attend or are bringing a guest, you must call or email Barbara Stellabotte by Sunday, May 15. Call (201) 385-9733 or email BarbStellabotte@gmail.com. Remember, you will be charged for the cost of the dinner if you do not attend and have not notified Barbara.

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Beefsteak Fundraiser

This fall's Annual Beefsteak Dinner will be held on Friday evening, October 21, 2011 at St. Anthony's Hall on Ivy Lane in Bergenfield. Co-Chairs Mary Ann Tarantula and Kathy Banca have begun the planning stages for the event. We will again be entertained by our showman and DJ, Scott Reddin. A decision on the company we will use for the beefsteak is still being considered. In the past we have used Nightingale's but are looking into the possibility of using another company. Mary Ann and Kathy hope to have tickets distributed to the membership sometime in the summer. This will give everyone ample time to sell the tickets and hopefully increase the turnout for the event. They are trying to keep the price of the tickets on or near last year's price.

The Co-chairs are asking members to sign up for the committee to help with this fundraiser. We will be asking members to sign up for donations of items for baskets and/or baskets for the event. A list will be circulated at the June meeting. Stay tuned for future updates and information.

60th Anniversary Celebration

Our club will be 60 years old in the fall and a number of ideas have surfaced regarding our celebration of the event. After some discussion at our May meeting at Cooper's Pond in Bergenfield, it was determined that we should hold a small tea or brunch celebrating the event rather than a large dinner party. It was also determined that the event should take place on a Sunday late morning or early afternoon.

Since our Beefsteak will be held in October, it was suggested that the 60th Anniversary celebration be held in November. Once we decide on the date, place and time, invitations will go out to various organizations, dignitaries and individuals.

Again, we will need the help of the entire membership to make this a memorable event. Further information and updates will occur at a future date. Karen Nicodemus has volunteered to be our chairperson for this event.

Service Committee

The Committee asks that you continue to bring non-perishable foodstuffs to the meeting this Tuesday for donations to The Center for Food Action. Please try to bring at least one bag to the May meeting as membership has been a little lax in remembering foodstuffs as well as items for the Nurturing Place.

The Nurturing Place also is in need of the following items:

- Clorox Wipes
- Diapers, sizes 4, 5 and 6
- Pull-ups, sizes 4, 5 and 6
- Sunscreen for Children
- Tissues



Garage Sale Update

The Garage Sale held in April brought in a profit of \$600. This was a very easy and quick way to make some money for the club. Because of its success, we will be holding another garage sale at the end of July. It will be held at Mary Ann Tarantula's home. Time and date will be announced shortly.



RAVE Walk Update

Additional money continues to trickle in for the RAVE Walk. A final tally will be announced as soon as all the money has been received

With a change in venue for this year's RAVE Walk, a number of issues surfaced and need to be addressed. Because of this, a meeting to discuss these issues as well as suggestions on how to improve next year's event will be held at Mary Ann Tarantula's home on Tuesday, May 31 at 7 p.m. Please contact Mary Ann to let her know if you will be attending the meeting.



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Racetrack

As you may have already heard, the Meadowlands Racetrack has been closed and may not be reopening for some time. Because of this situation, our annual Racetrack Event has been canceled. Kathie Holmes (now with the Ringwood Zonta Club) has been keeping us abreast of the situation and had hoped to run the event in combination with the Ringwood and Northern Valley clubs.

Although we were unable to hold this event, hopefully we can make this happen sometime in the future. Thanks go out to Kathie for her efforts on behalf of both clubs.





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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- May 17—Zonta Awards Dinner, Rudy's Restaurant, Hackensack; 6:30 p.m. fellowship, 7 p.m. Dinner
- May 31—RAVE Walk recap meeting, 7 p.m. Mary Ann Tarantula's home
- June 7—Board Meeting
- June 21—Monthly meeting, Picnic at Memorial Park Pavilion, Bergenfield
- July ?—Garage Sale, Mary Ann Tarantula's
- Aug. ?—Summer Planning Meeting, location TBA

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May was full of promises, but she didn't keep 'em quick enough for some.

And a crowd of doubting Thomases was predicting that the summer 'd never come.

But it's coming by gum you can hear it come, you can see in the trees you can feel it in the breeze



June Meeting

Our June meeting will be a picnic at Memorial Park Pavilion in Bergenfield on Tuesday, June 21. Members signed up at our May meeting to bring items to the picnic and additional items are still needed. If you were not in attendance at the May meeting and wish to bring an item to the June picnic, please contact Barbara Stellabotte at the Awards Dinner or by phone or e-mail.

Further information regarding the June picnic will be forthcoming through e-mails and the June newsletter.

