



THE ZONTA ZONE

Newsletter

Zonta Club of Northern Valley, NJ

November 2010

We were chartered in Oct. 1951. Next year we will be 60!!

President's Message

Dear Sisters-In-Zonta:

Fall is my favorite season. After some internal debate, I also conclude that Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. The main reason is that Thanksgiving is a time for families to share together in love and bounty. Yet, as Zontians, we are aware of the need that is out there. That is why we continue to support the Center for Food Action, the Nurturing Place, Shelter Our Sisters, and the Rape Crisis Center, among other organizations.

This year I am thankful that I have a board that has supported me as the new president. I am thankful for a Club that is committed to helping women and undertaking all that is needed in this effort. I am thankful that

we had a wonderful Beefsteak Dinner and raised funds for scholarships to help single mothers return to school and for the other programs that we support. I am thankful that the Club is composed of creative and dedicated women who truly respect each other, and enjoy each other's company.

One additional bit of information. This newsletter is being sent out, not only to members of the Zonta Club of Northern Valley, NJ and the leadership of District 3, but to a new group entitled, "Friends of Zonta". This newsletter hopefully will keep in touch with former members, as well as let the interested public know more about what we do and about Zonta International programs. If you have any-



one who you think would be interested in receiving the Newsletter, please send their name and e-mail address to Nancy Patrissi (nancy@mediafield.net).

Please read the rest of this newsletter carefully as it contains important information regarding our club's busy schedule and future events.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Rudy's in Hackensack on Tuesday, November 16.

Yours in Zonta,
Judy

November Meeting

Our November 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, October 17. Call (201) 385-9733 or email barbstell@hotmail.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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Service Committee

The Service Committee is requesting a donation of \$10 or multiples of to purchase gift cards for the Center for Food Action's Thanksgiving requests. They do not need "hands on" help for packing but did ask for gift cards to purchase turkeys. This would be more convenient than donating frozen turkeys as was originally stated by the Center. Please remember to bring your donation to the November meeting. Should you choose to purchase a gift card (your choice of \$ amount), please be sure to bring that to the meeting as well.

The Nurturing Place is in need of the following items:

- **Diapers, sizes 5 and 6**
- **Pull Ups, sizes 5 and 6**
- **Liquid Soap**
- **Paper Towels**

This year our club will be purchasing items from the Christmas gift request list for the women at the York Street Project/Nurturing Center. The following items may be purchased by our members and brought to the December meeting on December 14. The following items have been requested:

- **Sheets for twin, double or queen size beds**
- **Towels**
- **Umbrellas**

The Service Committee is also looking into the Snowflake Christmas gifts that we have done in the past. Hopefully, we will have at least 10 snowflakes to distribute at the November meeting. This is, of course, strictly voluntary.

16 Days of Activism Campaign 2010

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence Campaign is an international campaign begun in 1991. It originated from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute sponsored by the Center for Women's Global Leadership at Rutgers University in New Jersey. The dates chosen for this year's campaign are November 25—International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, through December 10—International Human Rights Day. These particular days were chosen to reinforce that violence against women is a human rights issue and that violence against women is a human rights violation.

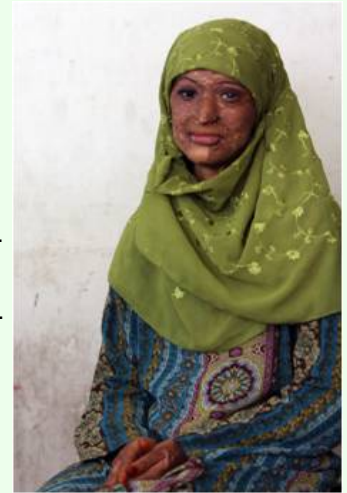
This year's theme is Structures of Violence: Defining the Intersections of Militarism and Violence against Women, which will be a multi-year project and will address issues such as the economic consequences of war on women. This theme is especially timely as we have observed, on October 20, the 10th anniversary of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325, which called for parties in conflict to respect women's rights and to support their participation in peace processes.

Our own Mary Ann Tarantula, Zonta International United Nations Committee Chairman, will again be contacting local political leaders to ask them to recognize this event in their respective communities.



ZI Foundation Service Program

Through the UN Trust fund to End Violence against Women, Zonta International is supporting the Acid Burns project and has pledged \$430,000 over two years. Cambodia, Nepal and Uganda are countries where acid/burn violence is widespread and often tolerated. The project seeks to reduce acid and other forms of burns violence and to gain an understanding of its causes. In all three countries the anticipated outcomes are national recognition of the problem leading to full implementation of existing legislation and development of specific legislation where needed.



Through the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women and Acid Survivors Trust International, interventions to reduce acid and other forms of burns will include improving response from justice, police and health sectors. It will seek to mobilize communities to monitor implementation of legislation and advocate for legislative reform. It will also encourage individual responsibility to end this form of gender-based violence.



Another aim is to give women and girls a greater understanding of their rights and access to justice, which should be made easier for them. ASTI will work closely with the media to improve publicity given to burns violence, thereby spreading awareness of its incidence, causes and repercussions, as well as publicizing successful prosecutions of perpetrators.

The final aims of the project are two-fold. The first is to provide social service to victims of acid burns. They will receive physio-social rehabilitation, medical and legal support so that they may “stand tall and proud, with dignity and honor.” The second is to adapt and replicate the project in other countries such as India and the Democratic Republic of Congo where burns violence is rampant.

Shelter Our Sisters Fundraising Initiatives

SOS is holding the 3rd A.N.G.E.L. Initiative benefit on November 28. It is a cabaret style night and will be called “Celebrating Life, Love, and Strength”. The cost of a ticket is \$15 in advance and may be purchased by contacting the Shelter.

As in the past, SOS is sponsoring its annual Holiday Gift-Wrapping Fundraiser. This year’s locations include: Paramus Park, Garden State Plaza, Chef Central and Barnes & Noble located in Hackensack and Paramus. All shifts are a minimum of two hours and must be coordinated with Rhona at the Shelter. She asks that you await confirmation before proceeding to the location. We will be discussing this fundraising project at the November meeting.



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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Nov. 11—Lia Sophia Party, Judy Liebman's home 7 p.m.
- Nov. 16—Zonta Business Meeting, Rudy's Restaurant, Hackensack 6:30 p.m. fellowship, 7 p.m. dinner/meeting.
- Dec. 5—Deadline for copy to Kathy Banca for December newsletter (early deadline due to change of meeting date)
- Dec. 7—Board meeting, Barbara Stellabotte's home, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 14—Zonta Business Meeting and Holiday Party, Rudy's 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 24, 2011—Wine Tasting, Madeleine's
- Apr. 30, 2011—RAVE Walk

Current
Fundraiser



December Zonta Meeting

Just a reminder!! The December Zonta Meeting is being moved up one week due to the fact that the regular meeting date is too close to Christmas. Our "Holiday Party" meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 14 at Rudy's in Hackensack.

We would like to extend an invitation to our "alumni" to attend the event and hope that many of our previous membership will consider this event. What a great way to start the holiday season with old friends and wonderful memories.

We will be discussing this issue at the November business meeting. Stay tuned!!



Happy Thanksgiving
to our members their families and friends!