



# THE ZONTA ZONE

## Newsletter

### Zonta Club of Northern Valley, NJ

March 2009

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

## President's Message

Dear Sisters-in Zonta,

Thank goodness spring seems to be on its way! With the warm sunny few days we've had, I hope we all have a renewed sense of energy not only in our personal lives but in our Zonta lives as well.

By the time you read this our Wine Tasting will be over. Thank you to all members who worked that night, to members who donated baskets, and to the committee, Madeleine Caloz, Carol Parker, Nancy Patrissi, Kathy Wehner, and Mary Anne Clarke. It was a pleasure working with all of you.

The UN Luncheon held on Saturday, February 28, was attended by Mary Ann Tarantula, Barbara Stellabotte, Judy Liebman, Kathy Holmes, Rashida Cassubhai, and me. Two members from the Ringwood Club also attended. Our International President, Beryl Sten, spoke to us about Zonta issues and Joan Libby-Hawk of UNIFEM gave us updates. ZI UN Chairwoman, Jackie Shapiro gave an overview of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Barbara Stellabotte will be presenting the pro-



posed Foundation Grants for 2008-2009. This will be a Foundation meeting to be held at the conclusion of our regular March Business Meeting.

Please read the rest of our newsletter for other upcoming events.

Yours in Zonta,  
Karen

## March Business Meeting

Our next business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009...St. Patrick's Day!



The meeting will be held at Rudy's in Hack-

ensack. Penny Coleman, a well-known author, will present our program this month in celebration of Women in History Month.

If you will not be attending the regular business meeting you must contact

Kathy by Sunday, March 15. She needs a definite count by that time. Her number is 973-835-7474 or e-mail Kathy.Holmes@tdbanknorth.com.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

### Executive Committee 2008-2010 Biennium

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##### Service

Rashida Cassubhai

##### UN

Mary Ann Tarantula

##### Advocacy/Status of Women

Mary Ann Tarantula



### March

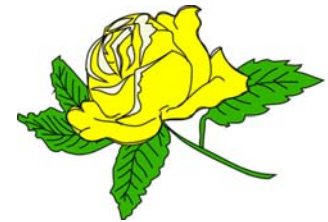
#### March is the month of International Women's Day & Zonta Rose Day.

Several Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Recipients were asked a question, "What does International Women's Day mean to you?" Here's one of the responses.



**Masha Jones**  
**2007 Recipient**  
**Massachusetts, USA**

In my mind, March 8 is associated with flowers. I was born in Russia, where International Women's Day is a widely celebrated holiday.



The holiday, simply called "March 8," in my family is something like a combination of Mother's Day and Valentine's Day. My father always buys bouquets of flowers for my mother, my grandmothers and me.

What began as a women's protest in the United States has become a very pleasant element of Russian culture. The holiday represents an appreciation of women not for what they do, but for who they are. Therefore, in my family, March 8 has no political or economic connotations, but is simply a day on which every woman feels special and respected. She is acknowledged for being herself, regardless of her job or accomplishments.

On March 8 I urge everyone, men and women alike, to think about the women who are important in their lives. This does not only include mothers as on Mother's Day or wives and girlfriends as on Valentine's Day. It includes grandmothers, daughters, friends, aunts, and neighbors. Tell them that it is March 8, International Women's Day, and that you would like to wish them a happy holiday. You may reflect on the status of women worldwide, but we do this throughout the year. On this special day, I invite you to join my family in celebrating individual women who are such integral parts of our lives.

### SERVICE COMMITTEE

Service Committee members request that club members try to bring at least one or two food items for the Center For Food Action.

This is a time of great need in the county as we have all read and heard. Even a couple of items will benefit someone.

### LAA

There will be a showing of "Iron Jawed Angels" at the Bergenfield Library at 10 am on Tuesday, March 31st.



The library is planning to do some PR on the event so we are hoping that some of our members can attend.

If you haven't seen the movie as yet, you will thoroughly enjoy it.



## MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues will be collected at the next two meetings. However, since our dues need to be at ZI on June 1st, the deadline for collecting will be at our business meeting on Tuesday, April 21 not at our May 19 meeting. (Our May meeting is less than two weeks from the ZI deadline and that's too close for comfort.)

A new membership brochure was created to be distributed at the Wine Event.



## Update on Zoe's Place



Please bring disposable diapers - size 4- large and baby wipes to the meeting. Zoe's Place ladies would like to thank the membership for donating the bag of disposable diapers last month.

The Zoe's Cupcake Café plans on a grand opening sometime in early May. It is located in Teaneck, NJ. We will keep you posted.

## CONTINUING SERVICE PROJECT

Ruth Weaver has reported that the following items are needed by the Nurturing Place:

- Liquid Laundry detergent
- Liquid Fabric softener
- Clorox Bleach
- Dryer Sheets
- Plastic Bottles, 8 oz.
- Replacement nipples
- 100% baby juices



## Committee Space

This space has been left open for a committee to report. If you are a committee chair, please provide updates each month for the newsletter. Updates are due the 2nd Tuesday of the month (or...a week before our business meeting).

Please provide membership with helpful information. We rely on our committee chairs for content for the newsletter. Thank you!

## RAVE WALK... Sunday , May 3, 2009 (Tenafly HS Track)

Thanks to Genevieve Wexler we've received our first Bronze Sponsor (\$250 from Ferolie).

Sponsors have until the end of March, so please get a packet from Barbara Stellabotte if you know someone you want to approach. We'll have the packets at the meeting and could use all your help. They work best with personal contact.

The next committee meeting is Monday, March 16th at 7:30 at Mary Ann Tarantula's home. Please let Barbara or Mary Ann know if you will or will not be coming.

Meanwhile, we urge every member to be soliciting monetary and/or walking support for this May 3rd event. The active support of every Northern Valley Club member is crucial to our success with this 12th Annual R.A.V.E. Walk.

**R.A.V.E.**  
[Rape & Violence  
Eradication]





**Zonta Club of Northern Valley, NJ**  
Member of Zonta International  
*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

**We're on the Web at:**  
**Www.zontanv.com**

**Percentage of women abused by partners or ex partners**

<b>Cambodia</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Nicaragua</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>United States</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Canada</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>West Bank</b>	<b>52%</b>

Source: UNIFEM



**ST PATRICK'S DAY**  
March 17th 2009

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**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

- March 14**—Saturday, Scholarship Committee Meeting @ Mary Ann Tarantula's house 9:30 a.m.
- March 16**—RAVE Walk Meeting @ Mary Ann Tarantula's house 7:30 p.m.
- March 17**—Business Meeting @ Rudy's 6:30 p.m.
- March 22**—Ringwood Club ZING Tea
- March 26**—Scholarship Interviews @ Bergenfield Public Library 4:30 p.m.
- April 4**—Leadership Meeting in Wayne, NJ
- April 18**—Areas 1 & 2 Workshop
- May 3**—RAVE Walk

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

As a committee member, you are expected to attend every committee meeting. If you are unable to attend, you must notify the committee chair of the fact.

If you are unsure of which committee you are on, check the club roster.

**A Day of Our Own...**

The United Nations established International Women's Day in 1977 to celebrate the rights of women and international peace.

However, its history stretches back to the early 1900s, when women's organizations used the day to rally support for their causes: from the universal suffrage movement to the protest of poor working conditions.



Zontians at UN Event Luncheon