



# THE ZONTA ZONE

## Newsletter

### Zonta Club of Northern Valley, NJ

April 2009

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

## President's Message

Dear Sister-In Zonta,

I wish you all a Happy Easter, Happy Passover, and Happy Spring! Our world is coming alive and blooming, the birds are singing. This is a wonderful time to feel energized and hopeful. It is a time to reflect on the importance of the season and our commitment to Zonta.

Barbara Stellabotte and her committee are working very hard on our upcoming RAVE walk. It is going to be a terrific success. We have several corporate sponsors lined up. Now it is up to us, **the MEMBERSHIP**, to get out there and get people to sponsor us with donations as we walk for these worthy causes. The walk is on Sunday, May 3, rain or

shine, and we need **100% member participation**

Foundation Grants for 2008-2009 will be voted on at the April Business meeting. The proposal was handed out at the March Business Meeting. It is also attached to this newsletter. Please read it over and be ready to vote at the meeting.

The Areas 1 & 2 Workshop will be held on April 18 in NYC. I hope several of you will be able to attend. The registration form is on the District 3 website.

I believe most of you heard that Marguerite Geiger was in the hospital. She is now recuperating and feeling better. She thanks all of you for your cards, flowers, phone calls



and visits. She hopes to be returning to her home soon.

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

Yours in Zonta,  
Karen



## April Business Meeting

Our next business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21. The meeting will be held at Rudy's in Hackensack.

If you will not be attending the regular business meeting you must contact Kathy Holmes by Sunday, April 19. She needs a definite count by that time.

Her number is 973-835-7474 or e-mail [Kathy.Holmes@tdbanknorth.com](mailto:Kathy.Holmes@tdbanknorth.com).

We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

### Executive Committee 2008-2010 Biennium

#### President

*Karen Nicodemus*

#### Vice President

*Nancy Patrissi*

#### Secretary

*Genevieve Wexler*

#### Treasurer

*Mary Ann Tarantula*

#### Directors

*Kathy Holmes*

*Helena Graca*

*Judy Liebman*

### Standing Committees:

#### Amelia Earhart

*Andrea Pieper*

#### Fellowship

*Kathy Holmes*

#### Finance

*Mary Ann Tarantula*

#### History

*Audrey Burkart*

#### Membership

*Nancy Patrissi*

#### Program

*Mary Ann Tarantula*

#### Public Relations

*Judy Liebman*

#### Scholarship

*Mary Ann Tarantula*

#### Service

*Rashida Cassubhai*

#### UN

*Mary Ann Tarantula*

#### Advocacy/Status of Women

*Mary Ann Tarantula*



**R.A.V.E. WALK —SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2009**

The R.A.V.E. Walk is less than three weeks away—Sunday, May 3. Sponsorships have been coming in, shirts are ordered, and dignitaries are responding. Please continue working on your own getting friends, neighbors and relatives to sponsor you. You might want to think about putting together a team.



As you can tell, Barbara and her team are working diligently and plans are progressing towards making this a fabulous and very successful event. Barbara notes that

she is confident with everyone's help this year's event will be a huge success. The Tenafly HS Domestic Abuse Awareness Club, the Shelter and the Rape Crisis Center are all excited working along with us and praying for a sunny, not too hot day!!

The last Walk Committee meeting is Monday, April 27 at 7:30 at Mary Ann Tarantula's home. Please let Barbara or Mary Ann know whether you are coming or not.

For Registration forms, etc., visit our club website at [www.zontanvnj.org](http://www.zontanvnj.org)

**2009 R.A.V.E. Walk Supporters**

**SILVER SPONSORS**

- Holy Name Hospital
- L & L Holding Company, LLC
- M&T Bank

**BRONZE SPONSORS**

- Englewood Hospital
- ESM/Ferolie
- NVE Bank
- New York Orthopedic Surgery and Rehabilitation
- TD Banknorth
- United Water

**PATRONS**

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| <b>AIRS (Advanced Interventional Radiology Services)</b> | <b>Gloss Salon</b>                        |
| <b>Bergenfield PBA Local 309</b>                         | <b>Paragon Federal Credit Union</b>       |
| <b>Celtic Kitchen</b>                                    | <b>Teaneck Emergency Physicians, P.A.</b> |
| <b>Chez Cheese</b>                                       | <b>Toast Bagels and Deli</b>              |
|  | <b>Wine Ventures</b>                      |

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committee reports are due at the May business meeting, which will be held on May 12, 2009 at Cooper's Pond. Committee chairpersons will read their reports to the membership and then give one copy to the secretary, Genevieve and one to Audrey for the Archives.

Please be sure to have all reports ready for this meeting as all May business will be conducted at this time and not at our Foundation dinner meeting on the 19th.



## MEMBERSHIP

A reminder that our club dues of \$115 are due at our April 21 meeting. Since our dues need to be at ZI on June 1, the deadline for collecting will be at the April meeting and 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.)

Also, please read Karen's e-mail regarding the request from ZI for \$15 voluntary dues from each member. If you are interested in doing this, please bring a check to the April meeting.



## ZOE'S PLACE



Please bring large size disposable diapers and baby wipes to our April meeting.

A reminder that Zoe's Cupcake Café plans on a grand opening sometime in early May. It is located in Teaneck, NJ.

As soon as we receive more information we will forward it to you—stay tuned!

## CONTINUING SERVICE PROJECTS

The Service Committee has reported the following items are needed:

**Nurturing Place:** Air Freshener, Clorox Wipes, Hand Soap, Laundry Detergent, Tissues

**Center for Food Action:** Canned and dry foods, non-perishable items, soap and detergent

**Once a Month:** Sanitary napkins

## RACE TRACK EVENT



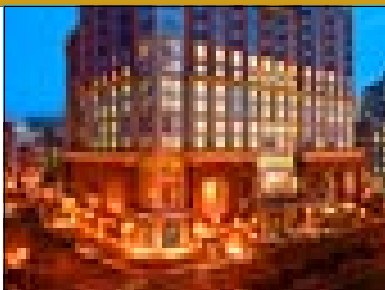
Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 11. That is the date selected for our annual trip to the race-track. Details regarding the event will be discussed at the April meeting.

## LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY

Be a Voice—Two advocacy issues with sample letters will be presented at the April meeting. Both letters will also be available by email. One issue has to do with the cutting of funds to women's shelters. The second has to do with the ratification of CEDAW.

Any members who cannot make the meeting can get all the information by emailing Mary Ann Tarantula at [mary-mac43@verizon.net](mailto:mary-mac43@verizon.net).

## CALL TO CONFERENCE



The District 3 Conference will be held October 2-4 2009 at the Westin Hotel in Alexandria, Virginia. Sponsoring the event will be the Zonta Club of Washington, DC. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. For a look at the property and what you can look forward to go to their website:

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/property/overview/index.html>



## PROPOSED FOUNDATION DONATIONS ZI Donations

### ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DONATIONS

**ROSE FUND:** Contributions are not designated for particular programs, but may be used for development, support costs, implementation of service programs, or service program direct support, at the discretion of the Foundation Board. The Board is responsible for establishing priorities for allocation of funds and for investing the funds for short and long-term gains. This is an unrestricted fund.

**AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIP FUND:** Awards grants to women who are pursuing advanced degrees in aerospace-related sciences and engineering. The ZI Foundation Board determines the number of grants awarded each year based on contributions received.

**JANE M. KLAUSMAN WOMEN IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** The interest earned on Jane Klausman's bequest of over \$500,000 is intended to fund scholarships for women pursuing careers in business. The program is designed to encourage women to advance the status of women and occupy executive positions by providing scholarships for undergraduate women in business management.

**YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS FUND:** Scholarships of \$500 to each district recipient and \$1000 to the international awardee are given to encourage more young women to participate in public and political life by recognizing a commitment to the volunteer sector and to advancing the status of women.

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE FUND:** International service projects adopted as part of the Biennial Goals by the convention are funded through contributions to this fund.

**Z.I.S.V.A.W.:** The objectives of ZISVAW are to reduce the incidence of violence against women and girls by awarding grants for projects that seek to change personal and/or political knowledge, attitudes and behavior contributing to gender-based violence, and to increase our awareness and actions to prevent violence against women through our involvement in related public education, advocacy, awareness raising and service projects, which may include the involvement of men or men's organizations..

**WORLD HEADQUARTERS PROPERTY PRESERVATION and IMPROVEMENT FUND:** This fund provides for the maintenance of the ZI world headquarters offices in Chicago, IL.

**ENDOWMENT FUND:** Provides for the future of Zonta programs. Contributions are invested and only the earnings are used. The investments are made for long-term returns. Funds may be used for service commitments, for administrative support services, for the development of new programs, and for emergencies.



## PROPOSED FOUNDATION DONATIONS Local Recipients

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SERVICE MONEY DISTRIBUTION**

All mission statements are paraphrased

**Women's Rights and Information Center** – responds to the needs of women to become economically self-sufficient in order to support themselves and their families. The Center believes in helping women to help themselves by providing a clearing house of reliable facts for informed decision-making and a variety of educational training, practical and life-enhancing programs in a supportive environment. Eighty-seven percent leave welfare and enter the workforce each year.

**Vantage Health Care** – believes in “empowering our clients to: Develop a sense of hope in the future, find a useful place within the community, and focus on their strengths and potential wellness.” The proposed use of any money received will be directed toward programs that empower women. They work with women who are seeking mental health and/or addiction services to ease depression allowing women to care for children and families, promoting the empowerment of women to get out of domestic violence or abusive situations and to accomplish personal goals. They provide high level care and follow a wellness and recovery model.

**York Street Project** – weaves innovative programs that shelter, feed, educate and promote the healing and independence of women and children in need by providing educational building blocks to help break the cycle of poverty. The Nurturing Place gives women the peace of mind they need to begin their journey towards self-sufficiency.

**Zoe's Place** – provides a safe, supervised refuge for homeless pregnant teen mothers and their babies in Bergen County, NJ. Zoe's endeavors to meet the provision of education, skills and support services that will enable teen mothers to attain self-sufficiency.



**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

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

**We're on the Web at:**  
**[www.zontanvj.com](http://www.zontanvj.com)**



**Welcome Spring!**

- **April 18, 2009**—Areas 1 & 2 Workshop
- **April 19, 2009**—Deadline to notify Kathy Holmes if you are attending the business meeting
- **April 21, 2009**—Business Meeting @ Rudy's 6:30 p.m.
- **April 27, 2009**—R.A.V.E. Walk meeting @ MAT's house 7:30 p.m. **\*\*All members of this committee MUST be present**
- **May 3, 2009**—R.A.V. E. Walk
- **May 5, 2009**—Board Meeting @ MAT's house, 7:30 p.m.
- **May 12, 2009**—May Business Meeting, Cooper's Pond
- **May 19, 2009**—Foundation Awards Dinner, Rudy's 7 p.m.

**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.**

