



THE ZONTA ZONE

Newsletter

Zonta Club of Northern Valley, NJ

May 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,

I love this time of our Zonta year. This is when we get to listen to all of our committee chairs report about all of the wonderful things we have accomplished. This is the time of year when we have our special Grant Awards meeting when we get to give away all of the money we have worked so hard to make. This is the time of year when we can truly appreciate being a Zontian—an optimistic woman who cares about others; a creative woman who is not afraid to think “outside the box” to find solutions; a woman who rejects the bonds of fear and does the next right thing. I am proud of all we have accomplished and I am proud of all of you who have worked so hard and done so much.

Our RAVE Walk was such a positive experience. We made money for Shelter Our Sisters and the Rape Crisis Center, while

working with a wonderful group of young women from Tenafly High School. Not even the rain could dampen our spirits. Thank you to Barbara Stellabotte and her wonderful committee for their hard work and the successful event.

Thank you to all Zontians who helped out in any way. Thank you also to husbands and friends who lent a helping hand.

Remember, our fun Race Track Night will be held on Thursday, June 11. The cost is \$30 which includes food and soda, etc. Invite your friends to join us for a great evening. Kathy Holmes will have the tickets available at the meeting.

A brainstorming meeting for fund raising ideas was held. Several members attended and the ideas were really flying. We have some very good, creative possibilities for making money. We need to make up for



the money we will be missing by not holding the Fall Event.

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

Yours in Zonta,

Karen



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R.A.V.E. WALK

Congratulations to all for another memorable R.A.V. E. Walk. Many thanks to all members who worked so diligently for many months to make this a success. Thanks for all who came and worked, thanks to all who came and worked and raised money, and thanks to all who "just" raised and donated money. It takes everyone's individual commitment to this group effort to make it work. There were many smiles under the wet umbrellas and tents...a few raindrops can't get enthusiastic Zontians down!

Any member who still has money for the R.A.V.E. Walk is asked to please get it to me as soon as possible. As you know, the money will be distributed at our May 19 dinner/meeting at Rudy's. Remember, every dollar counts.

Lastly, there will be a follow-up R.A.V. E. Walk Committee meeting at 7:30 at Mary Ann Tarantula's home on Monday, May 18. I would like to request and encourage any/every member who would like to work on the next R.A.V.E. Walk to come to this meeting. We've got a great foundation in place; it can only get better and better. Many hands make light work.

Barbara Stellabotte

MAY MEETING

The May dinner/meeting is our annual Grant Awards program. It will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 7 p.m. at Rudy's in Hackensack. If you are unable to attend or are bringing a guest, please call Kathy Holmes at (973) 835-7474 or e-mail her at Kathryn.holmes@tdbanknorth.com no later than Sunday, May 17.

We are asking all members to attend this dinner to enjoy the fruits of our labors. Please join us for this event to congratulate not only the recipients but ourselves as well.

At Tuesday's meeting it was decided that our June meeting will be an informal barbeque at Memorial Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16. A sign-up sheet was circulated asking people to bring food items on that day. If you wish to bring something to the meeting or need further information please contact Kathy Holmes.

Bergenfield Fun Day

The Board has recommended we participate in the second annual Bergenfield Fun Day which will take place on Sunday, June 14 between the hours of 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

A committee has been formed to coordinate our efforts for this event and members are asked to volunteer some time to help "man" the table. We will be distributing flyers and information regarding our organization.

LAA

Our next meeting will take place on May 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Mary Ann Tarantula's house. Please let us know if you are coming—all are welcome. Call 201-387-1536





Update on Zoe's Place

A new website for Zoe's Place is currently in the works. Our own vice president, Nancy Patrissi, is donating her expertise to developing and maintaining this website. Log onto the new site as it progresses and look in our newsletter for further updates regarding this organization as it continues to grow.



FUND RAISING BRAINSTORMING IDEAS

A brainstorming meeting regarding new fund-raising initiatives was held on Saturday morning, May 9 at Mary Ann Tarantula's home. After a lively discussion, a list of ideas was formulated and presented at last Tuesday's meeting. After input from the membership, the following suggestions were agreed upon as future fund-raising projects:

- Beef Steak Dinner w/large raffle and small tricky tray (sometime this fall)
- Art Auction (Spring date—either Mar. or Apr.)
- Wine Tasting
- RAVE Walk
- Woman of Achievement/Gala (It was decided that we would expand the event to be held in Spring of 2010)
- Garage Sale (put on hold)
- Murder Mystery Night (possibly next year)

RACE TRACK NIGHT THURSDAY JUNE 11

Our annual Racetrack Event will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at the Meadows. The cost of the tickets is \$30 and must be to Kathy Holmes by our May 19 meeting. We have guaranteed 55 people and as of Tuesday's meeting we have only 44.

Please encourage your family, friends and neighbors to join us for this fun-filled evening. The more people we have the more fun is had by all. Remember this is a great night to enjoy a few laughs and hopefully win some money as well.

If you did not attend Tuesday's meeting and need tickets for the event, please call Kathy Holmes (973)835-7474 or e-mail her at Kathryn.holmes@tdbanknorth.com.





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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- May 14**—Ringwood Zonta Club meeting, Downunder Café, 7 p.m.
- May 18**—Follow-up RAVE Walk meeting @ Mary Ann Tarantula's house 7:30 p.m.
- May 19**—Service Awards Night, Rudy's 6:30 p.m.
- May 26**—LAA meeting 7:30 @MAT's house.
- June 2**—Board Meeting @ Judy Liebman's home 7:30 p.m.
- June 11**—Race Track Night 6 p.m. Meadowlands
- June 14**—Bergenfield Fun Day Memorial Park , Bergenfield 1-6 p.m.
- June 16**—June Meeting, Barbeque @ Memorial Park Bergenfield 6 p.m.

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SERVICE COMMITTEE

Please continue to bring non-perishable items to the May meeting for the CFA. They are asking for additional donations as more families look to them for help. Every little bit helps and is very much appreciated.

The Nurturing Place is also in need of diapers, Lysol or Clorox wipes, and laundry detergent.