

# NEWSLETTER



## President's Message

**BONNIE WINFREY**



Hello, Zontians!

This year is going by really fast! As I reflect over 2024, I am thankful for all of you and your contributions as Zontians. We have touched thousands of lives and we are truly building a better world for women and girls. We've made a difference with our scholarship outreach, global podcast discussions, global media exposure, fundraisers such as Mardi Gras and the film festival, the creation of our foundation, our UN and

international involvement, our partnership programs, jewelry drive which brought smiles to so many women, the food pantry outreach, and the life-changing involvement with our Z-Club high school members and all of our service and advocacy projects.

We also launched our first panel discussion featuring local experts highlighting a need to stop bullying, domestic violence and human trafficking as well as our No Violence March Rally with men literally leading our mission to stop violence against women and girls.

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Pat Perrier, Bonnie Winfrey and Sylvia Acosta Chavez with WJOL's Scott Slocum for the Zonta Says No March and Rally

*"I can promise you that women working together -linked, informed and educated- can bring peace and prosperity to this forsaken planet." -Isabel Allende*

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Our speakers included Joliet Council members Jan Quillman and Cesar Guerrero.

We also launched and formed our leadership committee which brought us Zonta International's Core Competencies.

A thank you goes out to our newly formed program committee for all the extraordinary speakers that presented at our meetings. We also took our technology and launched it into the 21st century which is helping us to easily gain funding and expand our outreach globally.

Club member Mary Baudino does us proud with her appointment to the District 6 Board of Directors as the UN Representative. Mary has served on the District Board as Secretary and most recently as Area 5 Director.

Wouldn't you say, our calendar is a great organizer? As we reflect, let us not forget our local holiday parade involvement, our two wonderful Christmas parties, sending our two representatives to our international conference in Brisbane, Australia and the sending of Zontians to our District 6 conference in Carmel, Indiana with two of our own speaking.

What I am most proud of is our involvement together to make all these actions manifest! Thank you for being productive and making a difference!

We've accomplished a lot!

Zonta is on the move! Let's work together to make 2025 the best year ever!

Have a great holiday season!

Thank you,

Bonnie Winfrey  
President

## 2024-2025 Executive Board





# Committee Updates

## Membership Committee

### Zonta New Year Membership Bash on January 14, 2025

Meeting will start with Zonta 101 Presentation

After the presentation, the Bash will begin:

- o Each table with members and potential members will hear from a specific Zonta member about what we do as a service origination locally and internationally.
- o The speakers will be from the following committees. They will speak and interact with each table for ten minutes.

§ Service

§ Scholarship

§ International

§ Fundraising

o Each speaker will rotate to each table after 10 minutes

- There will be a raffle for members that bring a guest.
- We need each member to bring a guest to this meeting in order for it to be successful.
- After the Membership Bash is done, we will have our meeting.
- Once the meeting part is done, we will have the installation.

## Program Committee

We had two informative programs this fall. Guest Denise Payton spoke on The League of Women Voters. We also had a representative from the State's

Attorney's Office and a Detective from the Joliet Police Department present on Domestic Violence.

We will not have a program in January due to our "Membership Bash".

Upcoming programs for February and March will be our own members doing a panel on the topic of Banned Books. International Committee Chair, Pam Hunte, will update us for Women's History Month.

Lora McGuire  
Program Chair

## Service & Advocacy Committee

On behalf of the Service and Advocacy Committee, thank you for supporting our community and proudly representing Zonta in 2024. As we prepare for another successful year, we invite you to reflect on our collective achievements and recommit to supporting causes that align with our mission. Through active and intentional community presence, we will continue to build a better world for women and girls.

Sylvia Acosta Chavez  
Essence Clark  
S&A Committee Co-Chairs

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# ZCJA Holiday Party



Best gift wrapping duo



# ZCJA Says No March and Rally





# ZCJA @ the Joliet Lights Parade



Our thanks to Cathy for lending her vehicle and driving the parade and thanks to Lisa, Sylvia and Sylvia's friend for walking and handing out candy



## Sunny Hill Holiday Card Visit



## GACS' Angels Against Abuse 5K



## Take Back The Night





Plan to attend and sell many tickets to this delightful Zonta fundraiser! This is an evening of wine and beer tastings as well as featuring local artists displaying their work. Raffles, 50/50, cool jazz and a lot of fun!

We are working with a new software platform called Zeffy. This will replace Eventbrite for buying tickets and it does so much more! You can purchase sponsorships and ads for the program book on Zeffy with a credit card. And there is no mandatory credit card fee charge. (there is a suggested donation but not required). If you want to get a sneak peek, scan the QR code on the flyer. Of course people can still pay by check and mail to Karen Lega as in the past.

More information will be coming out to members about all of this. We will be handing out the fundraising packets at the January meeting if not before. And we will be emailing the forms out even before that for those of you that want to get a head start on selling tickets and getting sponsors!

Questions? Please contact Bonnie Horne or Karen Pastell

**ZONTA PRESENTS**  
**Art, Wine & Brew**  
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**ZONTA**  
CLUB OF  
JOLIET AREA  
BUILD A BETTER WORLD  
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

**Jacob Henry Mansion Estate**  
**Victorian BallRoom**  
**15 Richards St. Joliet, IL**

**Friday, March 21, 2025 at 5:30pm**

**Art Showcase**  
**featuring local Artists**  
**Silent Auctions, Raffles, 50/50**  
**Tickets \$80.00 per guest**



For more information please visit  
[www.jolietzonta.org](http://www.jolietzonta.org)

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