



ZONTA

CLUB OF
JOLIET AREA

BUILD A BETTER WORLD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

MAY 2024

NEWSLETTER



President's Message



BONNIE WINFREY

Hello Zontians:

It is a AMAZING how our trees and flowers are flourishing, adding to the beauty around us. This is a testament to growth and transformation, much like our Zonta Club of Joliet being a major resource impacting our community.

Serving as President this past year has been an incredible privilege.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your remarkable contributions to our community.

Together, we've achieved significant milestones, and there are even greater projects and more opportunities to come!

Congratulations once again to Zontian Katy LeClair for being named our esteemed 2024 Woman of the Year!

Let's gear up for our upcoming May meeting—it's exclusive to members only. We will induct Shayla Powell and Ericka Williams as members and install new board members Peggy Field and Karen Lega.

We'll also vote on the 2024-2025 budget, allocate funds to ZI, and determine the recipients of our grant funds.

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Katy LeClair: 2024 Woman of the Year

"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring in a folding chair."

SHIRLEY CHISHOLM

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Our Executive Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 28th, will mark our transition meeting. Join us at the Joliet Public Library on Black Road, Room E, at 6 pm. I urge both current and incoming board members to attend.

Thank you once again for an outstanding year!

Bonnie Winfrey
President

Events Calendar

**MAY 14
MEMBER MEETING**

Location: Al's Steak House
Time: 5:30 pm
Meal: \$29/Cod, Greek potatoes, green beans with almonds, sherbet

**Sign up for Teamup for more details and additional events:
https://teamup.com/ksi_vn9hahw73tuc4i7**

Joliet Junior College Endowed Scholarship

The signed, executed document can be found in the member only section of the ZCJA website. There you will also find the By-laws and the past four years of newsletters.

On behalf of the ZCJA, we extend our condolences to member JoAnn Potenziani on the passing of her husband, Bob Shoemaker.

Services for Bob are Saturday, May 11.

<https://www.bgsfuneralhome.com/obituaries/robert-shoemaker>

Member Meeting RSVP

ATTENDANCE RULES

- **Notice for the May 14 meeting must be made by 5 pm on Friday, May 10.**
- For each monthly member meeting, you are required to notify the Attendance Committee if you will not be attending. You will be charged for the cost of your meal if you fail to notify Attendance that you will not be attending.
- If you are a standing no but plan to attend, you must notify Attendance.

MAY MEAL

Cod, Greek potatoes, green beans with almonds, sherbet

Meal Price: \$29
Cash, Check or Zelle

Contact Attendance:
Preferred method: Email
Barb Leiber:
balive20@gmail.com
or call/text Barb:
630-696-0453

Back-up option: call Reni
Tracy: 815-370-0838



Pictures, courtesy of Helen Hester-Ross, from one of the Jewelry events with the Visitation and Aid of Joliet. Our thanks to Terri Taylor for displaying all the jewelry so beautifully!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY

Cathy Cawley
May 10
Sylvia Acosta Chavez
May 12
Essence Clark
May 16
Beth Colvin
Tracey Miller
May 26

JUNE

Emita Ostrem
June 11
Karen Pastell
June 25
Johanna Kerwin
June 28
Mary Kapella
June 30

JULY

Donna Likar
July 11
Judy Mitchell
July 12

Committee Updates

Zonta Says No ~ Orange

T-Shirts – Short Sleeve

Sizes ~ Small – Medium – Large –

X Large = \$12/each

Size 2XLarge = \$14/each

Email/Text Mary Baudino

mfbaudino59@aol.com

815-955-4066

T-shirts are at the Contractors

Association of Will & Grundy

Counties,

233 Springfield Ave., Joliet

M-F 8am-4pm

Call 815-741-1455

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Treasurer's Report

May is a very busy month! At our May meeting we will be voting on whether to raise our dues. At a meeting last fall, the club voted for our delegates that were going to District Conference to vote yes to increase District dues by \$3. Now our club has to vote to increase our dues by \$3 (or as some have suggested \$5) to accommodate that increase for our club or vote to keep it at the current \$170. If we do not vote to increase it, we will actually be losing money compared to last year.

The proposed budget will also be presented to be voted on. Our dues pay for the club's operations and you will see what it looks like with and without a dues increase.

Finally, we will be voting on how to distribute our fundraising money. Typically we give 33% percent to ZI Foundation but that needs to be approved along with which fund(s) we want that money to go to. We also will need to approve the recommended charities to give money to and the recommended amount.

Important note: Because we have to vote on dues at the May dinner meeting, we will be getting dues invoices out very late this year. I will send them out immediately after the vote.

We have to pay ZI and District by June 1st. For those of you attending the May meeting, if you could pay at the meeting that would be very helpful. We accept cash, check and Zelle. For those of you who will not be paying at the meeting, please send it or Zelle it ASAP. I would even be happy to come pick up your check!

Thank you!

Karen Pastell, Treasurer

International Committee

Afghan women and girls desperately need our help and support.

Afghanistan's economy has collapsed and food is scarce.

Female mobility and educational opportunities are extremely limited.

For more than a decade our Zonta Club has assisted AIL (Afghan Institute of Learning/Sakena Fund). AIL is still actively working with women and girls, in spite of all of the present problems facing NGOs (Non-Government Organizations) in the country.

At our May meeting we will have a special collection for AIL/Sakena Fund. Please consider contributing!

Fellowship Committee

Please email Lora McGuire with suggestions for potential topics or speakers for next year's programs.

Thank you

Loramcguire@gmail.com

Committee Update

Service and Advocacy

Jewelry Project – Zonta Club of the Joliet Area with Visitation & Aid

Thank you to everyone who donated and gathered donations from their family & friends. Thank you to Terri Taylor, Zonta volunteers and Visitation & Aid volunteers for beautiful presentations at the Joliet District 86 elementary schools and Rockdale School. The children were so excited to select lovely jewelry items to give to their mom, grandmother, aunt, etc. for a wonderful Mother's Day. The Herald News will be printing our story on Mother's Day!

The Service Committee met and reviewed 13 **Zonta Small Grant** applications submitted by local not-for-profit organizations. The committee will present their recommendations at the May meeting to be voted by the membership.

Seven members of the Zonta Club of the Joliet Area joined with **Guardian Angel Community Services Sexual Assault Center** for their Awareness Rally and March on Thursday, April 18. Thank you Lisa Pappas, Cathy Miller, Sylvia Acosta Chavez, Reni Tracy, Helen Ross, Kristine Schlismann and Mary Baudino.



WILL COUNTY BOOK REUSE & RECYCLING EVENT 2024

FRIDAY, MAY 31 thru
SUNDAY, JUNE 2
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Pilcher Park Nature Center
2501 Highland Park Drive –
Joliet

Residents are invited to bring books and magazines to share or recycle to this 3-day event. **FREE OF CHARGE** it is a great place to find books for all ages.

For nearly 25 years, Will County has offered an annual Book Collection Event where people may bring unwanted soft and hard cover books to be placed on tables for others to take. Everyone is welcome to take books and materials. All remaining items are recycled.

This service is being provided by the Will County Land Use Resource Recovery and Energy Division. They deeply appreciate the cooperation of the Joliet Park District in providing Pilcher Park as a host site for this countywide event.

Additional questions please reach out to Will County Land Use Waste Services at 815-727-8834 or visit www.willcountygreen.com.



2024 TEXTILE, SHOE & HOME GOOD COLLECTION

MONDAY, MAY 6 thru
FRIDAY, MAY 10
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Will County Office Building
Parking Lot
302 N Chicago Street – Joliet

This very popular event accepts clean clothing, blankets, tablecloths, linens, drapes, towels, and shoes. Additionally small furniture, reusable CDs, books, movies, paintings, photo frames, plates/dishes, utensils, working small appliances and other reusable home goods are accepted. (This event will accept clean clothing items in good or torn, stained and poor condition. Stressing they must be clean free from mold, mud, or other dirt.)

This event is held in cooperation with Helping Hands. Helping Hands supplies thrift stores with a wide selection of must have secondhand clothing and textiles. This keeps more than a million pounds of reusable goods from reaching landfills each year.

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