



The Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) is low on cereal, pasta, peanut butter and other food items. Please bring your donation to the meeting. We have donated 250 pounds of food to date.

## A Business Meeting

### The Arlington Area Zonta Club invites you!

**Date:** Wednesday, February 26, 2014  
(4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)

**Social:** 6:30 PM (cash bar)

**Meeting:** 7:00 PM

**Where:** Chez Andree Restaurant  
10 East Glebe Road, Alexandria 22305  
Phone: 703-836-1404  
Directions: [www.chezandree.com](http://www.chezandree.com)

#### Reservations for the Business Meeting

Betsy Reilly coordinates our reservations. Please call or email Betsy ([BX2Reilly@msn.com](mailto:BX2Reilly@msn.com)) the Sunday before the meeting. The cost is \$26.00. If you make a reservation and cannot attend the meeting, please advise Betsy.\* Guests are welcome.

\*Members who do not call to cancel will still owe \$26.

*Board of Directors' meetings are held virtually. If you are interested in being on the distribution list, let Alina know ([moandnoodle@me.com](mailto:moandnoodle@me.com)).*

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## President's Corner



### Dear Zontians,

While the frigid temperatures makes us long for warm weather, we are already hot on the trail to our Wine Tasting on April 5. This will be our 10th annual and one to remember. Our expeditionary forces did their reconnaissance earlier this month capturing 14 wines. Back at Camp Lynch McGee, the objective for the back up troops was to whittle down the selection to 11 and keep our focus (no easy task for this unwieldy group). We are happy to report that we will have a wonderful array of wines and food offerings that will please the most discerning tastes and wallets. After nine years of doing this, these are the workings of a well-oiled machine and somehow every year we seem to top the year before. This event is not only our most profitable fundraiser but also a true exercise in teamwork and camaraderie. This is an experience that our new members will enjoy and remember for years to come. But for this event to be successful, we must all SELL TICKETS!!! It is seldom that a wine tasting features this kind of variety from around the world suitable from the beginning through the end of a multi-course meal.

And now, I would like to show my appreciation to a couple of our members, Nancy and Marty, who are dealing with some medical issues and throughout their travails are displaying their true grit and inspiring inner strength. Nancy has continued to support me and Marty, well, she has stayed after me to do this message so she can get the newsletter out to you. Thank you for all you do and continue to do in the name of Zonta and our club. We are here for you.

*Alina*

## ZONTA CLUB OF ARLINGTON

### MINUTES OF MEETING January 29, 2014

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ATTENDEES: Alina Doreste, Margo Sheridan, Ellie Karro, Anne McGee, Betsy Reilly, Janie DiSalvo, Virginia McGee, Barbara Kirkland, Karen Bibbins, Laura Nakamoto, and Virginia Nickich.

Opening: Alina called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**MINUTES:** Alina asked for the minutes from the last meeting to be approved. Motion by: Betsy Reilly; Seconded: Anne McGee; All: Aye.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Virginia McGee reported that we started this year with 24 members, added 3 new members, plus two transfers from other Zonta Clubs.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Margo Sheridan handed out the Treasurers Report. While reviewing, Virginia Nickich noted that the Marymount Scholarship was reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,000. Ann McGee said to reference the notes from the planning. Action Item for Virginia: Review planning meeting minutes for scholarship, AFAC, and Medical Brigade donation amounts planned. The Girls on the Run donation will be revisited. WIMSA donation remains at \$2,000 to show appreciation for use of facilities for wine tasting fundraiser. Alina suggested that we revisit how we decide on the donations. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: Virginia Nickich; Seconded: Betsy Reilly; ALL: Aye.

**CLUB NON-PROFIT IDENTITY:** IRS had more questions about the Club application for non-profit status. Margo, Alina and Virginia McGee have been in communication with IRS about the application of 501.C3 vs. 501.C4 that has less restrictions. They must respond to the questions within 90 days. Alina and Virginia will keep the group informed of the progress.

**Arlington Hotline:** This is the Arlington Leadership town hall meeting with Jay Lisette that Karen Albert had invited the Arlington Club to attend. This town hall would present an opportunity for our members to broach Jay regarding the Arlington Sexual Assault Hot line. Karen alluded that we were making more progress via diplomacy than hammering the Arlington leadership with the very direct letter that Jo Johnson has for coordination.

**AMELIA EARHART CELEBRATION:** A suggestion was made to visit the Aero Space Museum and offered the

following dates: Feb 8 or 21 or 28. Alina will send an email to ask if anyone was interested.

**Nominating Committee:** Margo Sheridan, Virginia McGee and Alina Doreste are the nominating committee this year. The following positions are open: President – the Vice President will move into the President position, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 Directors.

**DOORWAYS:** Janie DiSalvo reported that the Doorways “Dinner with Friends” that the Club is hosting February 13<sup>th</sup> is expecting 25-30 clients, half of which are children. It will be held at the Methodist Church in Arlington. Volunteers to work and food are requested.

**WINE SEMINAR:** Anne McGee announced that the wine seminar will be April 5, 2014 and the tickets will remain at \$50. Last year, one-third of the money raised came from the auction and two-thirds from the sale of wine. Anne asked members to think of basket ideas. When asking folks to buy tickets, emphasize that there are 10 wine and food samplings. A committee to test the wines and decide on the food coordination will meet on February 22. At the next meeting, Anne will be assigning food and non-food items to members to purchase and make. The workers should arrive at 1:30 to start setting up and guests start to arrive at 3:30.

**FAIR TRADE ITEMS:** Members were asked to volunteer to review the catalog for items to sell as fund raising items. Anne McGee, Karen Bibbins, Nancy Ramsay, who initiated the Fair Trade Items, and Virginia Nickich will meet and make some recommendations to the club.

Alina said that we will need to increase our food donations to assist AFAC since the new Farm Bill will be reducing food stamp eligibilities.

Motion to Adjourn: Betsy Reilly, Seconded: Margo Sheridan; ALL: Aye.

Minutes submitted by:

Virginia Nickich

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## **FAIRFAX COUNTY WEBSITE AIMED AT BATTLING AREA SEX TRAFFICKING**

by Gregg MacDonald Staff writer

Fairfax County has launched a new website to inform the public about human trafficking and how to better identify potential victims.

To protect their children, residents in Northern Virginia need to be able to recognize sex trafficking and report it, according to Lead Det. Bill Woolf of the Fairfax County Police Department's new human trafficking unit.

The unit was created — and will be funded for the next two years — through a \$1 million Department of Justice grant award the police department received in October.

Half of that — \$500,000 — allowed the Fairfax County Police Department to pay one full-time detective and one crime analyst to address human trafficking in Fairfax County. The other half of the award enables the nonprofit Polaris Project to provide victim services in collaboration with the new Fairfax County initiative.

The new website, [www.justaskva.org](http://www.justaskva.org), is a collaboration of the Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax County Public Schools, the Fairfax County Commission for Women, Hidden Brook Communications, Fairfax Community Church, and other faith-based organizations.

According to Chris Davies, director of counseling services for the Fairfax County Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, funding for the new website was made possible by a grant from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Davies said the goal is to educate the public on what to look for, and also inform social workers, school administrators, teachers, pastors and other community leaders on what to do when someone comes to them to report a possible victim.

“We have been pooling our resources around this central campaign of ‘Just Ask,’” Davies said. “In order to increase public awareness of sex trafficking, people need to ask questions. If you suspect someone may be a victim, just ask them. Also ask others in the community what they are doing to help prevent it.”

Woolf said the best method of prevention is awareness.

“The website is the cornerstone of the ‘just ask’ prevention project and is designed to heighten awareness in the community and provide a much-needed recording mechanism,” he said. “It will enable the public to provide information in suspected cases as well as discuss the issue on a blog, look up a calendar of related community events, and it will also provide the stories of anonymous victims.”

According to Woolf, traffickers, including local gangs, target unsuspecting and typically insecure teenage girls as young as 13 or 14 who are seeking attention and affection.

“These guys are very savvy in coercion and brainwashing,” he said. “They don’t want to use violence. Their means of power is to get these girls to fall in love with them because then they can get them to do anything they want.”

According to Woolf, many organized gangs treat teen sex trafficking like a legitimate business and run it with financial acumen, using established accounting principles that they apply to their trade.

“Many have done cost-benefit analyses and have found that the sex trafficking of minors often runs a lower risk for higher profit than pushing drugs,” Woolf said.

Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli II said that since he has been in office, the commonwealth has obtained 50 human trafficking-related prosecutions and identified 375 victims.

“And we are just scratching the surface,” he said. “What we see most of in Virginia is sex trafficking by pimps and gangs.”

The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Virginia in Alexandria has successfully prosecuted 24 federal cases against 50 defendants since 2011.

“There are a lot of myths and misperceptions about human trafficking out there,” Woolf said. “We hope with this website to educate, and let people know that this threat is very real, right here at home, and that we need the community’s help in combating it.”

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## **STUDY: SHELTERS FOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS ABSENT IN VIRGINIA**

by Gregg MacDonald Staff writer

Residential programs for victims of sex trafficking are sorely lacking in Virginia, according to a national survey and local officials.

A national survey of residential programs for victims of sex trafficking was recently undertaken by the Criminal Justice Information Authority of Illinois. Results of the national report, published in October, show that out of the 682 residential beds dedicated to victims of sex trafficking in 33 residential programs nationwide, only six of those beds are available in Washington, D.C., and none are in Virginia.

According to the authority, domestic sex trafficking is a violation of human rights and considered to be a form of modern day slavery. It is recognized as a growing issue in the U.S.; however, the full extent of trafficking remains unknown. Traffickers and victims often avoid detection since much of the criminal activity is hidden and victims rarely seek help or report their situation to police.

What constitutes trafficking is also often misunderstood.

Trafficking victims do not have to be foreign-born or transported across borders; in fact, many are born in the U.S. and are never moved from their recruitment city. Victims of trafficking often suffer from serious physical and psychological problems.

“Sex trafficking victims have very specific physical and psychological needs,” said Chris Davies, director of counseling services for the Fairfax County Department of Family Services’ Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services. “Many times they do not see themselves as victims because the level of their manipulation is so high.” According to Davies, historically there have always been a limited number of shelters and services available for these victims, and even fewer with the capacity to appropriately treat the severity of sex trafficking victims’ problems.

“There is a shortage of shelter space throughout the U.S. and especially in Virginia. What often happens is that sex trafficking victims are sent to domestic abuse shel-

ters, but the needs of domestic violence survivors are very different than those of sex trafficking victims, and they are not always compatible.”

In addition, shelter space strictly for domestic abuse survivors is also at a premium in Fairfax County.

Every month, Fairfax County Police receive nearly 1,000 domestic calls for service and on average make more than 160 related arrests, according to a 2013 annual report prepared for the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors by the Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy & Coordinating Council.

According to the 20-page report, domestic violence hotlines countywide receive almost 260 calls each month. Also on average each month, 65 domestic violence victims request family abuse protective orders, and 14 families escape to emergency domestic violence shelters.

Sex trafficking is also on the rise in Fairfax County, creating an even greater demand for dedicated shelter space. Since 2010, the commonwealth has obtained 50 human trafficking-related prosecutions and identified 375 victims. The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Virginia in Alexandria has also prosecuted 24 federal cases against 50 defendants since 2011.

In October, The Fairfax County Police Department received a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Dept. of Justice to be able to better battle the growing trend of human trafficking in the county. Half the award, \$500,000, will enable the police department to have one full-time detective and one crime analyst dedicated to the issue.

The other half of the award went to the Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit Polaris Project, which provides services to human trafficking victims. Polaris is the organization outlined by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority national survey as providing six residential beds for the entire Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

“Polaris does a great job,” said Davies, “But they generally serve a different population in D.C. We could really use a sex trafficking victim residential program right here in Northern Virginia.”

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## Sexual Assault Hotline

Update from Jo Johnson

Thanks to all for your ongoing support.

Arlington County is not able to apply for federal grants to improve its hotline : urgent response to sexual assault because we do not have a nonprofit sexual assault service provider. There is a new nonprofit forming. And, we need to help them grow to help rape victims across NOVA.

The county continues to tell me that there will be no new resources until FY1 (There are no state nor federal grants we can apply for.)

I have been told to pursue corporate funding - beg big businesses to provide basic service that this county refuses to address. Have not found a corporate foundation that would consider supporting a public agency as businesses pay taxes to provide this kind of support.

The good news is that I have taken over the county's Violence Intervention Program and VIP staff no longer serve both victims and abusers. Have only 1.5 staff as the bilingual person quit. I am in a good position to help create a better response using county resources and developing nonprofit partners.

There is a **Rally for Rape on April 24th**. Would love to have Zonta presence. May be in Clarendon's metro park area.

Best to all,  
Jo

<http://rallyagainstrape.org>

Rally against Rape Website



## DUES IS DUE--Message from our Treasurer!

Hi everyone,

It's that time of year. Your Zonta dues for the 2014-2015 year are due by May 31, 2014.

Dues are \$110.00 per year: \$80 to ZI, \$13 to District 3, \$3 ZI insurance, and \$14 to the Arlington Area Club.

I will be accepting dues at all upcoming club meetings and events. You can also mail your check to me at: 6006 Schoolhouse Woods Road, Burke, VA 22015.

Best regards,

Margo Sheridan

Zonta International, District 3 Governor-elect  
6006 Schoolhouse Woods Rd  
Burke, VA 22105



## Zonta Rose Day - MARCH 8, 2014

Send a rose to someone who has made a difference in your life.

Zonta Rose Day, which coincides with International Women's Day [on 8 March](#), is a day to reflect on the worldwide voluntary work done by Zontians to improve the status of women.



We invite you to celebrate Zonta Rose Day by sending a yellow rose tribute to someone who has made an impact in your life. When you donate to the Rose Fund, we will email a virtual rose bouquet to the recipient or recipients of your choice. Your donation to the Rose Fund enables Zonta to continue supporting international service projects and educational awards, which advance the status of women worldwide.

### To send a Rose:

1. Click the [donate link](#) on the [Zonta homepage](#).
2. Designate a gift amount and click "add donation"
3. Enter additional information, billing information, payment information, your tribute recipient's first and last name, and add your personal message in the description box
4. Check "Mail a letter on my behalf to"
5. Enter your tribute recipient's address and contact information
6. Click "Donate Now" at the bottom of the page once all information is entered

If you prefer to mail your contribution, download the [mail-in contribution form](#) on the [Foundation Tools webpage](#).

For assistance, please contact Development Manager Bonnie Wolinski at [bwolinski@zonta.org](mailto:bwolinski@zonta.org) or call [+1-630-928-1400 ext. 222](tel:+1-630-928-1400).



The Zonta Club  of Arlington  
Area

invites you to our

**TENTH ANNUAL WINE SEMINAR**

Wine suggested by **Schneider's of Capitol Hill**

Saturday, April 5, 2014

3:30 — 6:00 PM

(First pouring at 4:00 PM)

Women in Military Service for America Memorial (WIMSA)

[www.womensmemorial.org](http://www.womensmemorial.org)

Arlington Cemetery

Arlington, Virginia

Tickets are \$50.00 (Per Person)

*Join us for an afternoon of wine tasting, plentiful hors d'oeuvres, and  
a silent auction in a beautiful venue.*

**Learn about wines from all over the world.**

Proceeds benefit the Zonta Club of the Arlington Area

which contributes to

Zonta International, Doorways, the Arlington Free Clinic, AFAC (the Arlington Food Assistance Center), the Virginia Hospital Center MEDICAL BRIGADE, Project PEACE, Girls on the Run and WIMSA.

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DATE	EVENT/PROGRAM/TIME	LOCATION	SERVICE/COMMENT
February 2014			
Feb 13	Doorways Dinner with Friends (CANCELLED)	Clarendon Methodist Cancelled due to weather	Doorways Service Project
Feb 19	Board of Directors	Virtual	Cancelled
Feb 22	No Fear in Love Race		Project Peace
Feb 22	Wine Event Preparation 5:30-??	Anne McGee's	Wine Parings
Feb 26	Business Meeting: 6:30 Reservation: <a href="mailto:BX2Reilly@msn.com">BX2Reilly@msn.com</a>	Chez Andree Restaurant <a href="http://www.chezandree.com">www.chezandree.com</a>	
March 2014	Prep for Wine Seminar		
Mar 19	Board of Directors	Virtual	
Mar 26	Business Meeting: 6:30 Reservation: <a href="mailto:BX2Reilly@msn.com">BX2Reilly@msn.com</a>	Chez Andree Restaurant <a href="http://www.chezandree.com">www.chezandree.com</a>	Nominating Committee Presents Slate
April 2014			
Apr 5	Wine Seminar	WIMSA	<b>ALL HANDS ON DECK!!</b>
Apr 16	Board of Directors	Virtual	
Apr 20	Easter		Enjoy the holiday!
Apr 23	Business Meeting: 6:30 Reservation: <a href="mailto:BX2Reilly@msn.com">BX2Reilly@msn.com</a>	Chez Andree Restaurant <a href="http://www.chezandree.com">www.chezandree.com</a>	Follow-up after Wine Event Elections
Apr 24	Rally Against Rape	Northern VA Rally Against Rape	<a href="http://rallyagainstrape.org">http://rallyagainstrape.org</a> Website for information
May 2014			
May 14	Board of Directors	Virtual	
May 21	Business Meeting: 6:30 Reservation: <a href="mailto:BX2Reilly@msn.com">BX2Reilly@msn.com</a>	Chez Andree Restaurant <a href="http://www.chezandree.com">www.chezandree.com</a>	Follow-up after Wine Event Celebration/Scholarship Installation of new BOD 60th BD Celebration for the Club
June 2014			
Jun 27-Jul 1	62nd International Convention Orlando, FL <a href="http://orlando2014.zonta.org">http://orlando2014.zonta.org</a>	World Center Marriott <a href="http://orlando2014.zonta.org/Registration/OrlandoWorldCenterMarriott.aspx">http://orlando2014.zonta.org/Registration/OrlandoWorldCenterMarriott.aspx</a>	Make reservations early!



# Zonta Club of Arlington Area Information



The Zonta Club of Arlington has a facebook page. Check it out. If anyone wants to help administer the page, please let me know. Thanks, Marty.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Margo Sheridan      March 6  
Janie DiSalvo        March 16

*Remember to Check the Facebook Page (Zonta Club of Arlington Area) for current information. Also for the Calendar and Membership Brochure use the Club Dropbox.*