



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Members,

Here we are with February coming to a close. The ground hog indicates that our winter is coming to an end soon – we're hoping he is right. We will all be happy to shed our coats and winter wear, and enjoy the warmth of spring.

We had a great group of gals at the Dinner with Friends on February 11. There was a large crowd to feed, around 50 guests, and we had a great time working together to provide the meal for them. Don't forget to log your service hours for Janie for this and other times. It's won't be long until we'll be providing this data for our reports.

From now until we hold the Wine Seminar on April 9, we will be focusing on those activities. Our task list chart is filling up nicely, but we still have some areas that need to have volunteers. This will be passed around at the meeting. We need YOU to make this a success.

Don't forget to bring food for AFAC. Their need is real and our contributions make a difference in the lives of people!

Nancy

Business Meetings

February 24, 2016: Regular Business Meeting

Social: 6:30 PM (cash bar)
 Meeting: 7:00 PM
 Where: Osteria da Nino
 2900 South Quincy Street
 Shirlington Village
 Arlington VA 22206
osteriadaninova.com
 (703) 820-1128

Karen Bibbins coordinates our reservations. Call or email her @ cell: 313-729-4869 or k_bibbins@yahoo.com before the meeting. If you made a reservation and cannot attend the meeting, please advise Karen asap prior to the meeting. Guests are welcome.

Board of Directors meetings are held monthly before the business meeting. If you are interested in being on the distribution list, let Nancy (nramsay2@gmail.com) know.

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ZONTA ROSE

Who are the women who have gone before you or stood beside you, who have dared to use their strength to empower women around the world? Who are the role models that have inspired you to develop your full potential and to achieve your goals? Who are the ones that have supported you and helped you when needed? Let them know how much they mean to you by making a donation to the Rose Fund in their honor.

Our donation to the Rose Fund enables Zonta to continue supporting projects and programs that help women achieve a life free of violence and empower them to overcome gender barriers that hinder their access to health, education, and professional advancement.

With each donation to the Zonta Rose Fund, we will email your honoree a virtual yellow rose and your special message to let them know that they have made a difference in your life. The campaign runs **5 February - 4 March**. All emails will be sent by 7 March.

To make your donation to the Rose Fund, follow these easy steps:

1. Go to www.zonta.org/donate.
2. Designate a gift amount and choose the Rose Day Fund in the dropdown menu. Then 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 the box, "mail a letter on my behalf to" and enter your tribute recipient's address.
5. Click "Donate Now" at the bottom of the page.

If you prefer to mail in your donation, download the [mail-in contribution form](#).

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For assistance, or if you have any questions, please contact Zonta International Development Manager Dana Brendecke-Carrier at dbrendecke-carrier@zonta.org or call +1 630-928-1400, ext. 203.



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

Do you receive the Zonta International emails and magazine? If not, sign into the Zonta website and sign up for the electronic newsletter. Check out the information on the Zonta International website when next you are on your computer. B through the articles and events of other clubs. There are many good ideas that we can get from others.

Here is the weblink to the Media and News center:

<http://www.zonta.org/MediaNews.aspx>

And don't forget to Zonta International Convention, Nice, France, July 2-6, 2016

REMEMBER, our biggest fundraiser

Wine Seminar

April 9, 2016



It's not too early to start advertising for the Wine Seminar. Send out ***early save-the-date notices*** to friends and family will help us keep our numbers up for this event. . As a reminder, this is our LARGEST fundraiser and we need EVERYONE'S help to make it a success.



Remember to continue bringing your donations for

Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC).

There is a need for cereal, pasta, peanut butter and other nutritious food items.

Zontians Getting Involved & Making a

Zonta Club of Milano Sant'Ambrogio participates at The World Expo



Created by Zonta International on Dec 29, 2015

The Zonta Club of Milano Sant’Ambrogio, Italy, recently had an exciting opportunity to participate in an international showcase in Milan. The World Expo 2015 took place from 1 May - 31 October 2015 with the theme, “Feed the Planet. Energy for life.” The expo focused on scientific innovation concerning the production, conservation, sustainability and distribution of food. The club was selected to be part of the cultural program, which had the central theme “Energy to feed the world.” To fit Zonta’s mission into the expo’s central theme, the club focused on two objectives: fostering high ethical standards in food in the younger generation of girls by inviting students to develop educational tools to teach kids not to waste, and showcasing women entrepreneurs whose businesses aim to save food and resources. They invited all clubs in their area to share in their goals.

The expo held a public showcase of the projects on 10 October 2015. One of the featured projects was a recycled fashion show held by International Baccalaureate art students from the American School of Milan whose goals were to raise awareness about waste and about the exploitation of women in the fashion business. Zonta members encouraged the student leader of this project to apply for a YWPA award, who then went on to win third place in their district. Also included in the showcase was an educational game for elementary school students developed by Liceo Donatelli of Milan. Through a sponsor, the club was able to produce and distribute the game to schools and children. In the afternoon of the showcase, Zontians held a workshop for women experts on food waste and women entrepreneurs to present their initiatives and share their expertise with each other.

The Zonta Club of Milano Sant’Ambrogio was particularly proud of the involvement of other Zontians beyond their own club. Several clubs from their area and the neighboring Italian area



within District 30 participated, including the Zonta Clubs of Parma, Reggio Emilia, Asti, Genova, and Rapallo-Portofino. Projects were presented by the Zonta Clubs of Milano Sant’Ambrogio and the district’s Area 3 director. To bring all of the clubs together, they held a Zonta Welcome Corner that showcased Zonta’s mission and goals at the expo pavilion. There, they also handed out brochures, explained Zonta’s projects and spoke with visitors about Zonta International.

Zonta’s Support creates results...

Zonta is helping create an HIV-free nation and prevent gender-based violence in Rwanda

Created by Zonta International on Dec 29, 2015

Learn about achievements, results and next steps for the Rwanda project, and read about the head of the Matyazo Health Center’s Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission program

In cooperation with the US Fund for UNICEF, Zonta International has supported efforts to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV and gender-based violence in Rwanda since 2008.

Rwanda has set an ambitious target to achieve an HIV-free generation, and has maintained a low HIV prevalence at about 3 percent of the adult population. Still, throughout the country, adolescents, especially girls, remain at increased risk of contracting HIV. At the same time, providing protection for the country’s 130,000 orphans is another critical factor in further reducing the prevalence of HIV and curbing issues of violence and abuse.

Click here to learn about achievements, results and next steps for the project. To read about Agnes, head of the Matyazo Health Center’s Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission program, **click here**.



Zonta International

Advocacy Days

ADVOCACY DAYS

8 March

International Women's Day

8 September

International Literacy Day

21 September

International Day of Peace

11 October

International Day of the Girl Child

15 October

International Day of Rural Women

17 October

International Day for Eradication of Poverty

24 October

United Nations Day

25 November

International Day for the Elimination
of Violence Against Women

25 November-10 December

Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women and 16 Days of Activism

1 December

World AIDS Day

2 December

International Day for the Abolition of Slavery/Suppression of the Traffic in Persons

10 December

International Human Rights Day



Minutes of Feb.3, 2016 (resched.from Jan.27)

Two Year Theme ó Broadening Horizons ó Strengthening Relationships

ATTENDEES: Janie DiSalvo, Marty Ditmeyer, Virginia McGee, Anne McGee, Virginia Nickich, Nancy Ramsay, Margo Sheridan, Charlotte Floyd, Jan Witt, Ellie Karro, Barbara Kirkland, Mary Walker, Mike Lynch, and Katey Comerford from GOTR (12 members, 2 guests)

Nancy Ramsay began the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Zonta Blessing, and introduced the guest speaker, Katy Comerford, Executive Director of Girls on the Run of NoVA. Ms. Comerford explained the purpose of GOTR is to support pre-adolescent girls as they realize their unique potential, strengths and confidence. She handed out some brochures about the organization and told us that GOTR is looking for volunteers for both administrative tasks, and to work on the planned Spring 5K run in May. There will be two locations this year, in Woodbridge and Ballston. More information about the organization and the volunteer needs can be found at their website, gotrnova.org

Virginia McGee gave the Secretary's report, explaining that since we have not had a meeting since Oct.28, the minutes of that meeting had been emailed to all members. With no edits or comments, those minutes were approved by all.

Ellie Karro, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. Our bank balance as of Feb.3, 2016 is \$14,902.33, but we still do not have a final figure of total sales and proceeds from of White House ornaments, so there may be some additional funds deposited. Responding to a member's suggestion, Ellie said that we do have enough in the account to pay out "some" of our budgeted donations earlier than usual, so Thank You letters from those organizations can be included in the club's Year End Reports (June 2016). We must still remember to keep enough balance in the account to pay for White House ornaments, ordered in July or August. Nancy Ramsay interjected that she has prepared a "Donor" form, for use when someone donates to our club. She distributed copies of it to all in attendance.

Janie DiSalvo, Service Committee Chair, gave the Service Report. Doorways "Dinner with Friends" is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, and it take 4-5 members to provide food and service there. Janie, Nancy, Mary Lou Fine and Virginia McGee have volunteered, and Janie will send out an email with the details.

Marty Ditmeyer, Membership Chair, reported that she has drafted a Membership Invite letter and updated the information sheets about our club and ZI. They have been emailed to members, and are also in the club Drop Box.

Pam Jackson, Ornament Chair, was not present, so there was no update on the final numbers of ornaments sold.



Margo Sheridan restated that we need to address the April 9, 2016 Wine Seminar now, explaining that she reviewed all of the things we do for the community, and it costs approximately \$300 per member to meet our goals. Since the Wine Seminar and the White House Ornament sales are our only Fundraisers, this is a huge undertaking, so it needs to be an "All Hands On Deck" event, with all members putting their hearts into it, and taking on the tasks. She passed around a Volunteer Sign Up Sheet, listing all the tasks involved, and will email it out for a RESPONSE by all club members.

Mike Lynch identified 2 friends (Sean & Warren) who have agreed to prepare 5-6 of the food items, in exchange for admission to the event. Margo suggested that we also "comp." admission for Louisa and Dave Gerber, who (as friends of the club) always take on a large number of tasks, going way Above & Beyond!

In discussion about the upcoming "wine-food pairing" meeting, Anne McGee suggested that someone ask Paula Pass to attend, because she could provide really good input. Margo Sheridan offered to contact her.

Discussion continued about the useful experience of renting a Van to transport and store the wines. Nancy Ramsay stated that Mary Lou Fine has offered the use of their van and in response to a question from Anne about the size, she said she will ask Mary Lou for more details, so we will know if it is sufficient for our purposes.

Someone stated that we each need to bring in "auction items" and Marty interjected that she has drafted a "letter of request" for club members to use in asking for donations from businesses they can approach. She also reminded us that we have a gmail address. Katey Comerford offered to donate a "gift bag" from GOTR.

Ellie Karro distributed event tickets to those who wanted them, and Anne McGee reminded us that previously we set a target number of tickets sold (e.g. 100 or 120), at which point club members would not have to buy tickets. Ellie Karro has arranged with Main Street Bank to activate the credit card process before our March meeting, so we can be sure that it works, thereby avoiding problems at the Wine Seminar

Virginia Nickich reported that we should have a scholarship recipient identified by Mary Mount within the next few weeks.

Looking beyond 2016, at the October 28th meeting, Nancy Ramsay had addressed the need for us to research possible other fund raising events that could possibly replace the Wine Seminar, putting together a "work group" to address the matter. Virginia McGee & Pam Jackson offered to be part of this work group, and Virginia Nickich added her name to the group at this Feb.3 meeting. The work group needs to present recommendations at the June Planning Retreat.

Nancy Ramsay designated Virginia McGee, Margo Sheridan and Marty Ditmeyer to serve on the Nominating Committee. She also reminded all members of their promise to "SERVE WHEN ASKED"

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 PM.
Minutes submitted by Virginia McGee

CARRY OVER ITEM from the September meeting still needs to be addressed.. The club needs to put some process in place to have a SECOND SIGNATORY on the club bank account. As it stands now, the treasurer is the only one who has the CLUB DEBIT CARD, and if she is unavailable, no one else can pay our bills. The September meeting was an example of that. The restaurant expects to be paid with ONE CARD, and members bring their checks made out to ZONTA CLUB OF ARLINGTON AREA. So Nancy Ramsay had to put the whole bill on her card, and wait until the checks clear the club account to be reimbursed. THERE NEEDS TO BE A BETTER WAY. Historically, our club always had the president as a second signatory



IDEAS...LET'S HEAR FROM YOU

What can you offer to move our Club forward and bring it to the next level of Great Service?

DO YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR FUNDRAISERS?

DO YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR FUN ACTIVITIES?

DO YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR IMPROVMENTS FOR OUR CLUB?

Send your ideas in an email to all members or to Virginia Nickich @ virginiaroseyoga@aol.com who will offer it for discussion at our business meeting.

Zonta volunteers served
"Doorways" Families.

Janie, Ellie, Virginia M,
Nancy and MaryLou.





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**ZONTA CLUB OF ARLINGTON AREA
 2015-2016 CALENDAR
 (Updated 2/21/2016)**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	NOTES
January 2016			
Service/Emphasis			
	Amelia Earhart celebration AFAC Donation		
Jan 20	Board of Directors	Metro 29 Diner (or Virtual) 4711 Lee Highway Arlington, VA 22207 Metro29diner.com	Let the president know if you would like to attend
Jan 27	Business Meeting: 6:30	OSTERIA DA NINO 2900 South Quincy Street Shirlington Village Arlington, VA 22206 osteriadaninova.com (703) 820-1128	Business Meeting Elect Nomination Committee
February 2016			
Service/Emphasis			
	Doorways Organize for Wine Seminar AFAC Donation		
Feb 11th	Doorways Dinner with Friends	Clarendon Methodist	Doorways Service Project Let Janie know if you will help
Feb 16 or 18	Board of Directors	Metro 29 Diner (or Virtual) 4711 Lee Highway Arlington, VA 22207 Metro29diner.com	Let the president know if you would like to attend
Feb 24	Business Meeting: 6:30	OSTERIA DA NINO 2900 South Quincy Street Shirlington Village Arlington, VA 22206 osteriadaninova.com (703) 820-1128	
March 2016			
Service/Emphasis			
	Prep for Wine Seminar		
Mar 8	International Women's Day March, NYC	New York City	Check (www.Zonta.org) International Advocacy website for updates
Mar 12	District 3, presence NYC UN Commission on the status of women (CSW59)	New York City	See District 3 Newsletter for detailed information
Mar 15 or 17	Board of Directors	Virtual Meeting	
Mar 23	Business Meeting: 6:30	OSTERIA DA NINO 2900 South Quincy Street Shirlington Village Arlington, VA 22206	Nominating Committee Presents Slate
April 2016			
	Wine Seminar	ALL HANDS ON DECK	



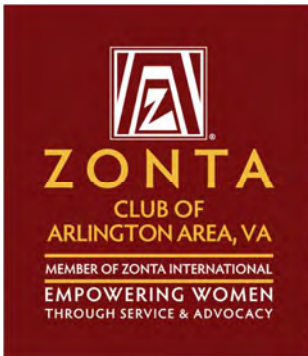
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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	NOTES
Apr 9	Wine Seminar	WIMSA, Arlington National Cemetery	ALL HANDS ON DECK
Apr 19 or 12	Board of Directors	Metro 29 Diner (or Virtual) 4711 Lee Highway Arlington, VA 22207 Metro29diner.com	
Apr 27	Business Meeting: 6:30 osteriadaninova.com	OSTERIA DA NINO 2900 South Quincy Street Shirlington Village Arlington, VA 22206 (703) 820-1128	Elections
May 2016			
Service	GOTR Race AFAC Donation		
May	Area 3 & 4 Workshop		
May 14 and 15??? Details to follow Girls on the Run 5K Spring Race	May (Saturday) 5K at Pfitzner Stadium Woodbridge, VA May (Sunday) 5K at Taste of Arlington Arlington, VA	Volunteers Needed Jana Lachmann Volunteer Coordinator volunteer@gotrnova.org	http://www.gotrnova.org/get-involved/volunteer
May 18 or 19	Board of Directors	Metro 29 Diner 4711 Lee Highway Arlington, VA 22207 Metro29diner.com	
May 25	Business Meeting: 6:30	OSTERIA DA NINO 2900 South Quincy Street Shirlington Village Arlington, VA 22206	Celebration/Scholarship Installation of new BOD
May	AFAC Spring Carnival		Fund raiser for AFAC
June 2016			
REPORTS DUE	Send your end of year reports to the President		
July 2016			
July 2-6, 2016	Zonta International Convention	Nice, FRANCE	
July?? (Saturday)	Summer Planning Retreat (after the Convention)	Location TBD Time 9 am-3 pm	Club achievement Reports are due to the president.



ZONTA CLUB OF ARLINGTON AREA INFORMATION



Officers and Directors 2015-16

President	Nancy Ramsay
Vice President	Karen Bibbins
Treasurer	Ellie Karro
Secretary	Virginia McGee
Director	Barbara Kirkland
Director	Linda Sudi
Director	Jan Witt



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Jan Witt Feb 20

Please share your birth month and day so we can celebrate with you and send it via email to:

Virginia Nickich

virginiaroseyoga@aol.com

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