



# ZONTA AM

ZONTA CLUB OF AMHERST  
DISTRICT #4  
September 2014

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Dear Sisters,

Where did our summer go? It seems like just a few weeks ago we were having our fun “Old Board/New Board” dinner meeting in June - thank you again to the gracious Kay for opening your house to us. It’s always such a relaxing meal full of laughs!

Additionally, though small, our summer yard sale was a great success - thank you Shirley for helping to arrange that!

As the calendar turns to autumn, I am so looking forward to our 2014-14 Zonta year. We have speakers, fundraisers and projects that will challenge and inspire us. As a special goal this year and to honor those we are missing greatly, let’s spread the word about Zonta and bring in some new members. Invite that co-worker, that workout friend, even that relative to one of our dinners. We’ll talk more about this at the meeting but always be ready to reach out where you haven’t before.

“Zonta Says NO” continues as well. Finally others are beginning to hear the message to end violence against women. To that end, the Zonta Club of Buffalo is hosting a Community Forum on Domestic Violence on Saturday, Oct. 18th. It would be great to have a representative from our club go - please let me know if you are interested so I can send along your contact information.

Thank you to each and every one of you for making time to serve your community, for representing women and for being there for each other in Zonta fellowship.

Regards, Donna



## ZONTA INTERNATIONAL MISSION STATEMENT

*Zonta International is a global service organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women through service and advocacy*

## ZONTA CLUB OF AMHERST MISSION STATEMENT

*Create renewed enthusiasm in each member to enable the Zonta Club of Amherst to take on the cause of women’s health, participate in District and support International endeavors.*

The Sept. dinner meeting is at Giancarlo's on Tues. Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>.



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### 2014-15 Important Zonta of Amherst Dates!

September 23 - Dinner meeting - Giancarlo's - 6pm  
Speaker - Robin Erwin- Member history spotlight

October 14 - Board meeting - Northtown Gold Room - 7pm  
October 28 - Dinner meeting - Giancarlo's - 6pm  
Speaker: Dress for Success

November 11 - Board meeting - Northtown Gold Room - 7pm  
November 18 - Dinner meeting - Giancarlo's - 6pm  
Speaker - Empower Girls Buffalo  
November TBD - Poinsettia sale starts

December 9 - Holiday Party (at Sherry's) - 6pm

January 13 - Board meeting - Northtown Gold Room - 7pm  
January 21 - Golden Duck Fundraiser (possible)  
January 27 - Dinner meeting - BIRTHING KITS/PIZZA - 6:30pm

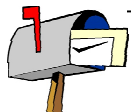
February 10 - Board meeting - Northtown Gold Room - 7pm  
February 24 - Dinner meeting - Giancarlo's - 6pm  
Speaker - TBD

March 10 - Board meeting - Northtown Gold Room - 7pm  
March TBD (22<sup>nd</sup> or 15th) - ComedySportz Fundraiser  
in lieu of dinner meeting

April 14 - Board meeting - Northtown Gold Room - 7pm  
April 28 - Dinner meeting - Giancarlo's - 6pm  
Speaker - TBD

May TBD - Wearhouse Accessorized Sale  
May 12 - Board meeting - Northtown Gold Room - 7pm  
May 26 - Dinner meeting - Giancarlo's - 6pm  
Our Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Installation of  
Officers/Scholarship Awarding

June 16 - Old Board/New Board meeting - 6pm.



If you would like to make a donation, or send Zonta related correspondence, you can reach the Zonta Club of Amherst NY at:  
Zonta of Amherst – President, 66 Mahogany Drive, Williamsville NY 14221

REMINDER: please put aside any professional woman's clothing as we will have a speaker in October from “**Dress for Success**”. They will take your used professional clothing and accessories, handbags, scarves and the like for woman in need. Please put those somewhere safe until we meet in October.



### **REPORTS FROM THE CONVENTION**

From Connie Deckert, Zonta Club of Kitchener-Waterloo  
ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT:

At the Zonta International Convention in Orlando in late June/early July advocacy received a great deal of attention. Getting more Clubs working on advocacy projects is one of the goals with this guideline: ‘All advocacy actions shall be in line with the strategic plan and shall have measurable impact’.

The ‘Zonta says No to Violence Against Women’ will once again be part of this Biennium with the goal of having more participation locally and nationally.

The speakers at the Convention were excellent. Improving the ‘status’ of women will take all of us working together. Did you know there are still 132 countries that discriminate against women while there are 100 where women have equality? There are 400 million women that are illiterate.

For more information on what took place at the Convention please visit the Zonta International website. [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding your Advocacy projects— together we can make a difference!

Thank you to Bonnie Botsford of the Zonta Club of Buffalo who represented Amherst at the Zonta Convention in Orlando, 2014. She helpfully reported that the home page of Zonta International, under “Convention” now has the new leaders and the new by-laws with revision, plus other details.

Bonnie wrote a short report about the sessions and elections and on the remarkable women running for the various offices, plus what it was like to be there at the convention itself. Thank you again Bonnie.