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ZONTA CLUB OF AMHERST
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DISTRICT #4



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Hello Zontians!

Welcome to December! Thank you once again to all who contributed both to our poinsettia sale and our Scrip gift card sale. As you know, all the proceeds go toward our scholarship award to be given out this May. Thank you especially to Kenneth Henry Sons, Inc. for the beautiful poinsettias this year!

We will likely announce another club Scrip gift card order deadline sometime in the spring, but you may request gift cards at any time during the year through Mary-Diana.

I had the pleasure to participate in the Zonta Club of Buffalo's revealing of the centennial flag on the UN's International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, November 25th (see photograph below). This was also day one of the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women 16 days of Activism culminating on December 10th, UN's Human Rights Day.

Many clubs in our district participated in events marking the beginning of the campaign. Some clubs have an event or action every day. Take a moment and see the efforts of these clubs to bring attention to this year's campaign – it's all in our district emails, facebook sites and online. This link will take you to a daily info sheet from our District 4 website on violence against women statistics and advocacy: <https://mailchi.mp/6b9e082381f5/16-days-of-activism-days-3-and-1724757?e=500abca384>

I encourage you to pay more attention to the efforts of our international organization and think about how you can step up your game and make a difference!

Party Time! Sherry Baiocco has graciously opened her home again to us for a lovely holiday dinner on December 11th at 6pm. The cost for the dinner is \$25. I also have it on good authority that Audrey's apple pie will make an appearance! **Please RSVP to Sherry or Donna as soon as possible so they have an accurate count for dinner!**

I look forward to a fun evening together with all of you on the 11th!

- Robin



Our next meeting is on Tues. December 11th at Sherry's house (335 Maple Road).
Dinner is at 6pm and is \$25.

Call Sherry ASAP so she knows you are coming at 725-7798
or email Donna at DonnaCicero@gmail.com



Monumental women

Of the 106 public statues in Buffalo, only a few depict women, including *Spirit of Womanhood*, which is along the Scajaquada, and a plaque for the Joan Fuzak Memorial Garden at the Erie Basin Marina.

That's about to change. The Erie County Commission on the Status of Women and the Monumental Women of WNY Committee have announced a new program to highlight the achievements of Western New York women. Monumental Women of WNY will recognize trailblazing women of WNY through the placement of a series of public monuments and plaques that will highlight the "hidden history" of women in our public life and help to raise awareness of the many contributions that women have made to our region.

"We are hoping to have the first three monuments completed by 2020 to mark the 100th anniversary of the women's suffrage movement, and we invite the public to be a part of this exciting project" says Karen King, executive director ECCSW.

The first monument recognizes Louise Bethune, the first professional woman architect in the United States, who includes Lafayette Hotel among her significant and enduring architectural achievements. The second monument recognizes civil rights leader Mary Talbert, a founder of the Niagara Movement that was a precursor to today's NAACP.

If you have an idea of which monumental woman should be recognized and celebrated, visit monumentalwomenwny.com.

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At our November meeting, we enjoyed hearing all about Journey's End Refugee Services from Mackenzie Hafner.

2018-19 Zonta of Amherst IMPORTANT DATES!

December 11 - No Exc. Com meeting. Holiday dinner at Sherry's

January 8 - Executive Committee meeting - Northtown Center 7pm.

January 22 - Birthing Kit Assembly at Amherst Youth Foundation.
Pizza dinner included; bring friends! 6:30 start.

February 12 - Executive Committee meeting - Northtown Center 7pm. All welcome.

February 26 - Dinner at Giancarlo's 6pm. Speaker from StitchBuffalo.org

March 12 - Executive Committee meeting - Northtown Center 7pm. All welcome.

March 26 - Service Project - P.A.T.H. Meal

April 9 - Executive Committee meeting - Northtown Center 7pm. All welcome.

April 23 - Dinner at Giancarlo's 6pm. Speaker is from the Gospa Village Project and Officer Elections.

May 14 - Executive Committee meeting - Northtown Center 7pm. All welcome.

May 28 - Dinner at Giancarlo's 6pm. Installation dinner and Scholarship Recognition; Lori Robinson guest speaker.

June 6 - Drop off yard sale items to Robin's

June 7 - Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser - Robin's house

June 11 - ALL MEMBERS Summer Potluck at Mary-Diana's, Time TBD

July 16 - NOTE NEW DATE - Williamsville Old Home Days parade - early evening, gather at South HS.

