



# ZONTA AM

ZONTA CLUB OF AMHERST  
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DISTRICT #4



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Dear Zontians: Welcome to November with not only with leaves but also snow unfortunately!

First of all, **thank you** to all of you who donated to the Warm Clothing Project. I'm happy to report that the families received their donations this past Saturday and I'm sure were very appreciative! Also, **thank you** for your support with the Poinsettia Sale - the orders are in and we will get the delivery by Saturday, December 1st. Pick up will be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Amherst Youth Foundation on Sheridan Drive.

November is the most important advocacy month for Zonta. On November 25th, Zonta International recognizes the UN's International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. This is a day to create awareness of this on-going problem.

Here's a statistic from the UN website: **1 in 3 women and girls** experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime, most frequently by an intimate partner. Another one: **1 in 2 women** killed worldwide were killed by their partners or family in 2012; while **only 1 out of 20 men** were killed under similar circumstances.

This brings me to the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence and the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaigns. The kick off is **Sunday, November 25th**. On that day, the Zonta Club of Buffalo will be meeting at Niagara Square in downtown Buffalo at noon to mark the beginning of the campaign. They are asking for members of each of the Zonta clubs to join them. They also would like us to bring a banner to hold and be part of a photo that will be submitted to Zonta International. This is a great advocacy opportunity to take part in! **I will be there with our banner and I'm hoping a couple of you will join me!**

As part of the the Zonta Says NO campaign, Mackenzie Hafner from Journey's End, a refugee service agency located here in Buffalo, is invited to speak at our meeting this month. She will talk to us about the challenges refugees face when they leave their country to make their way here and the struggles they deal with once relocated. This is one of the organizations I mentioned that would appreciate some help, like the setting up of an apartment or perhaps conducting a donation drive.

Finally, November is an important time for us to remember to be thankful for all that we hold most dear. In that spirit, I recommend that at some point during your day with friends and family, you remember our blessing: *"...But remember too those who have had no food today; not with guilt that we have so much, but with the hope that through Zonta service, they too may come to share the same peace and harmony."*

Best wishes to you and your family for this Thanksgiving holiday. I look forward to seeing all of you on the 27th!

Regards, Robin



**Our next meeting is on Tues. November 27th, 2018 at Giancarlo's on Main St. Williamsville. Dinner is at 6pm and is \$25.**

Dinner choices include salad and choice of:

- a) eggplant parmesan or
- b) salmon or
- c) chicken Milanese. Dessert is cheesecake.

**Call Sherry ASAP with your dinner choice at 725-7798 or email Donna at DonnaCicero@gmail.com**



Is your gift card order ready? Bring it to next week's meeting and give it to Mary-Diana along with your check!

1. Go to <https://www.shopwithscrip.com>
2. Choose "Our Retailers" under the "Learn More" tab at the top
3. Click on the alphabet to browse by retailer name
4. Select your retailer and see what denominations they offer (generally \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100)
5. Complete the order form with your retailer and denomination
6. Choose as many retailers as you like!
7. Add up the totals at the end and make your check payable to Zonta Club of Amherst
8. Remember, you get what you pay for.

**The donation to Zonta comes from the retailer, NOT from your gift cards.**

9. Feel free to extend the offer to friends and family. The more orders the better!
10. Bring your order(s) to the November meeting or mail to Mary-Diana Pouli, 5 Deville Circle, Williamsville, NY 14221 PRIOR to November 27, 2018.  
**(All orders will be placed on November 28<sup>th</sup> to ensure they arrive before Christmas!)**

### 2018-19 Zonta of Amherst IMPORTANT DATES!

**November 27** - Dinner at Giancarlo's 6pm.

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

**January 8** - Executive Committee meeting - Northtown Center 7pm. All welcome.

**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 or alternative "event".

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

**March 26** - Dinner at Giancarlo's 6pm. Speaker is Amy Betros/Gospa Village Project

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

**April 23** - Service Project meeting. 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.

