



The Albany Zontian

February 2018 Newsletter

Membership Lunch & Meeting

Date: Saturday, February 10, 2018
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Place: Gateway Diner
899 Central Ave, Albany, NY 12206

Directions: Next to Westgate Plaza; enter from Central Avenue

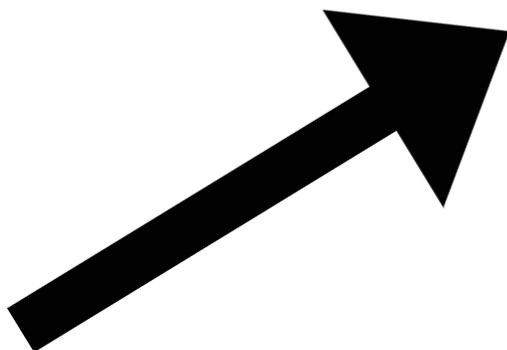
ADVANCE reservations are REQUIRED!

RSVP By: Friday, February 2
To: Carol Tomlin at
carolatomlin@yahoo.com

Late additions - call her at 518-475-1195

Lunch Cost – Order from menu; separate checks

See Patricia's comments in next column



From The President

Dear Zontians,

I hope that those of you that are in the Albany area have been able to keep warm and safe during this winter. I know that some of you have been fortunate enough to be in warmer areas and I hope you have been enjoying better weather. Thanks to Charlotte for arranging the January meeting. I am sorry I was not able to attend and I am sure it was worthwhile.

February's meeting will be on Saturday, February 10 at the Gateway Diner on Central Avenue in Albany. We were able to reserve the back room beginning at 11:00 a.m. You don't need to pay ahead—you will be ordering from the menu and you will receive your own separate check. Please let Carol Tomlin know that you plan to attend so that enough places are set. We will make use of this time to socialize and to brainstorm ideas for spring fundraising.

Meanwhile, I hope that you are reaching out to your friends and have invited them to attend the March Women Helping Women program. Reservations and payment for the March meeting will be accepted at the February meeting.

Sincerely,
Patricia

Board Meeting

The February Board Meeting will be by phone conference on Wednesday, February 7 at

7:00 p.m. If there's any issue that needs to be discussed, please let Patricia Polan know.



Birthday Greetings

February 2018	
1	Kathy Fuller
22	Carol Makowski
24	Nina Motta
24	Ann Wilkening

Best Wishes to our Birthday Zontians!!!



Women Helping Women

Next month will be a special Zonta program and we need the support of all of our Zontians to make it a success. On **March 14th**, at the **Fort Orange Club** (a new location), our **Women Helping Women dinner** will be held, beginning with a reception at 5:30 p.m. The Fort Orange Club has a parking lot and attendants will be available. Our reception and dinner will take place on the first floor of the Club in the West Main Lounge.

Our speaker for 2018 is the vivacious and dedicated **DAQUETTA JONES**, the Executive Director of the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc. Prior to managing the many services offered by the YWCA, Ms. Jones was associated with Unity House in Troy, Whitney Young, Jr. Health Services and Equinox, Inc. She has devoted her career to improving the services offered by nonprofit organizations in the Capital District. She received her undergraduate and Master degrees from The Sage Colleges and the Sage Graduate School.

The invitation and response card for this program are included as separate attachments with this newsletter and we ask that you copy the invitation/response and send it to your friends and colleagues.

There are three entrée choices. Send your reservations, entrée choices and checks to the Zonta Club of Albany, P.O. Box 5122, Albany, New York 12205.

As in past years, the Women Helping Women committee appreciates your support of our March programs. Please register early so we can give the F.O.C. an accurate dinner count. Thank you and hope to see you the evening of March 14th!

Vicki

Fund Raising

Spring Fundraiser Planning Committee Meeting: If you would like to be part of the Spring Fundraising Committee please contact Charlotte Lebron at charlottelebron@gmail.com. The first brainstorming meeting will be January 31st at 6:30 p.m. by conference call.

Charlotte Lebron

Service

SCHUYLER INN



Zontians Invited to Help with Book Distribution Programs

Zontians interested in sharing books with children whose families are homeless and who live at Schuyler Inn in Menands are invited to consider two options:

-- Organize a Zonta Schuyler Inn Book Distribution, or

-- Accept an invitation from Westminster Presbyterian Church member Gail Garrison to help her with Schuyler Inn Book Distribution Programs in January, February, and March. The tentative dates are:

Wednesday, January 24th

Wednesday, February 21st

Wednesday, March 21st

Gail writes, "We'd meet at 4:30 to set up the books and be on our way home by 6:00 p.m. I think 4-5 volunteers is the optimal number to have at each event." Gail and another Westminster member have committed to all of these dates, so not everyone has to volunteer for every date. If finances warrant, the Committee will look at distributing \$10 gift cards to each family attending a book distribution book.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Gail Garrison at ggarrison9@nycap.rr.com or 518-698-2300.

Lois



HOLIDAY GIFTS PROJECTS

See the Thank You received from Kimberly Green at The Next Step at the end of this newsletter.



CALENDARS

Thank you to so many who saved and gave me calendars which I delivered to St. Peter's Rehab and Nursing facility. We had so many that I made 3 trips of 50 each and one more

trip with some late ones. I received a lovely note from the lady there that I give them to.

We had over 150 this year. An all-time high. She told me that people were asking for the calendars at the beginning of December and I was a little bit later in delivering them.

Once again, thank you all so much. They are very appreciated for sure.

Judi

From the Editor–Zontian Newsletter. The **deadline for the March Zonta newsletter is Wednesday, February 21.** Please send information to Louise McColgin at louisemccolgin@gmail.com or 9 Casey Court, Albany, NY 12205.

Albany Zonta Club Board

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Residential Treatment for Women

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Transforming lives.

Kimberly Green, CASAC

Program Manager

January 15, 2018

*Ms. Doreen LaBlanc
Service Committee
Zonta Club of Albany
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Slingerlands, New York 12159*

Dear Service Committee and Zonta Club of Albany Members;

Thank you so much for your generous and thoughtful donation of lovely sweaters, Christmas stockings, and \$20 given to each of our residents in celebration of the holidays. They were so excited and grateful to see a stocking of their very own under the tree on Christmas morning, and they are getting very good use of the sweaters in this frigid weather! We are all so grateful for your ongoing and consistent friendship and support. Please know that as much as we appreciate the donations and the tangible gifts, we also are very grateful for your friendship and all the things you do for us during the year. The time and thought put into the Christmas gifts chosen, the love and hard work put into the brunch each year, and your annual donation are all acts of love that show the residents that there are generous people out in the world who are encouraging them to succeed. Your presence truly demonstrates that there are women out there who recognize the hard work they are doing in turning their lives around and who see their worth, regardless of their past. Thank you for so lovingly reinforcing the values and faith in humankind that we work so hard to instill in our ladies.

With my most sincere gratitude~

Kimberly Green, Program Manager