

# The Albany Zontian

## September 2024 Newsletter

### September Membership Meeting

**Date: Wednesday, 11, 2024**  
**Time: 5:30 p.m. – Social Hour**  
**6:00 p.m. - Dinner**  
**Place: Martel’s at Capitol Hills**  
**65 O’Neil Rd., Albany, NY**

**ADVANCE Reservations are REQUIRED!**  
**This includes all guests as well!**

**RSVP By: Thursday, September 5.**  
**To: Erin Apostol by text to 518 441-3014**  
**or [esagreen@aol.com](mailto:esagreen@aol.com)**

If you know you are unable to attend, please let me know so I’m not waiting for a response. Thanks!

**Dinner Cost (including tax & tip) ..... \$28.00**

#### Dinner choices:

- Ruben sandwich, corned beef or Turkey
- Classic burger, with or w/o cheese
- Grilled Chicken Club Sandwich

These come with French fries

#### Also available:

- Quesadilla - either chicken or Veggie
- California chicken salad with orange segments, walnuts, cheddar cheese, honey mustard dressing.

Coffee/Tea  
Cookie tray

**\*\* Please pay by check or exact change – it’s greatly appreciated \*\***

**PLEASE NOTE:** Late cancellations and no-shows means you, and ZONTA, are responsible for the cost of that dinner. You may make arrangements for a friend to pick up your dinner if you’re unable to attend.

### Presidents’ Letter

We hope you had a wonderful summer. We look forward to a fall filled with service and learning. We had a very productive planning meeting, and hopefully, we will be looking to do some new and interesting activities.

We have some committee vacancies, including on the Leadership Award (former YWPA) selection committee and the Jane M. Klausman (Business Award) selection committee. Please let us know if you have any questions or are interested.

Looking forward to seeing all in September!

Yours in sisterhood,

Charlotte and Edye



### *Birthday Greetings*

September	
26	Rita Cousino

**Best Wishes to our Birthday Zontian!**

### Committee Help

Carol Tomlin is the only person signed up for the Fund Raising Committee. As was explained before, this Committee is not expected to come up with all the ideas and do the planning, but is where anyone with ideas can go to, and run by the idea and planning thoughts. The committee will assist the person with working out the details of how the idea could become reality, so to speak. We’ve been told by the Finance Committee how important it is for us to be doing fund raisers for our fiscal future. We need to work together on, and with, this Committee.

Once the Committee Listing is finalized, a copy will be sent to everyone.

Edye & Charlotte

### Memorial Service

We will hold our annual ecumenical memorial service for deceased members and relatives on Wednesday, September 11 at Martel's Restaurant prior to our member meeting.

The service starts at 5:00 and is normally about one half hour. If you have a relative that has passed away this past year please let me know soon to include the information in our booklet.

This is a beautiful way to remember those members and honor our loved ones.

Carol Tomlin

### Fundraising



I have our passes for this event, and will bring them to our September meeting.

If you are interested in selling them at Bosco's, please let me know and I will try to set up an opportunity for us to sell them.

Patricia Polan

### Advocacy Corner

As Zontians we are called to advocate for women & children. This fall, on the back of the ballot, voters have the opportunity to vote for the New York State ERA.

The state's Constitution currently bans discrimination based on race, color, creed or religion.

The proposed amendment would add ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes and reproductive health care and autonomy.

We will have postcards available for members to send to encourage people to support this amendment.

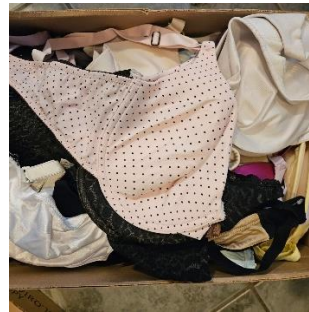
Patricia

### Service



### Bras Donations

Our club collected 116 new and gently used bras for the homeless women that Bracycle supports.



Thank You,

Charlotte

### Other service projects:

Zonta Club of Albany's year is off to a great start. We provided boxes of school supplies to Capital City Rescue Mission's Backpack Program. Supplies were delivered in early August and some members dropped off items directly to CCRM. Backpacks will be ready for distribution to students in the community at the end of August. Good job everyone.

Zonta is continuing to support the women at Schuyler Inn with menstrual products. We are continuing to work with Kim and Melissa Deal on this project. We supply funds to purchase items that are delivered as needed.

We have been invited to a barbecue on the Rooftop at CCRM's Women's Shelter on Thursday, September 12 at 5:30. The rain date will be Tuesday, September 17. The Shelter is located at 115 Grand St., Albany 12202. On-street parking is available. RSVP to me via text (518-229-3841) or email (nina\_motta@msn.com) by September 2.

Nina

**From the Editor:** Articles for the October 2024 newsletter are due by September 18. Please send information to Louise McColgin at [louisemccolgin@gmail.com](mailto:louisemccolgin@gmail.com) or 9 Casey Court, Albany, NY 12205.

## **Albany Zonta Club**

### **Board Officers:**

**Co-Presidents:** Edye Benson & Charlotte Lebron

**Vice President:** Carol Makowski

**Treasurer:** Dona Parker

### **Directors:**

**Assie Bishop (2024-2025)**

**Susan Sendzicki (2024-2026)**

## **Zonta Mission**

**Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. 2015**

