

The Albany Zontian

November 2024 Newsletter

November Membership Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Time: 5:30 p.m. – Social Hour

6:15 p.m. - Dinner

Place: Martel's at Capitol Hills 65 O'Neil Rd., Albany, NY

<u>ADVANCE</u> Reservations are <u>REQUIRED</u>! This includes all guests as well!

RSVP By: Thursday, November 5 To: Ann Lala by text to 518-461-5156 or annclala45@gmail.com

If you need your meal gluten free let us know.

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) \$40.00

Entrée choices: choose one when making your reservation

- Chicken Marsala
- Roasted Pork Tenderloin
- Cedar plank Grilled Salmon

Dinners come with: Garden salad; Coffee; Tea

** Please pay by <u>check or exact change – it's</u> greatly appreciated **

PLEASE NOTE: Late cancellations and no-shows means <u>you</u> are responsible for the cost of that dinner. Ask a friend to pick up your dinner if you're unable to attend.

Presidents' Letter

The October Zonta Membership dinner meeting was held at a new venue for us, the Avila Retirement Community, thanks to Lois Wilson. It turned out extremely well. The food was very good and the environment lovely.

Our program was speaker Cara Brogoch, from The Legal Project. She mainly discussed the civil legalities of domestic violence, along with a new legal concept of "coercive control". It's another form of domestic violence that, while not illegal, is very destructive to the victim and as such has to fall under Civil Law instead of Criminal. Some states have already passed laws concerning this issue. One of the major problems in New York State is the lack of civil courts and justices.

We will once again be doing our **Zonta Says No** bus wrap for November's Zonta International's "16 Days of Action Against Domestic Violence" campaign. So please be on the lookout for a downtown bus with the wrap, and take a picture if you can!

Also in November, we will be participating in Grassroot Givers' Month of Simple Giving. We will be working with the ladies of the Capital City Rescue Mission Women's Shelter to collect items that will go into 'bundles' for food pantries and homeless shelters. Nina Motta has more information on the next page. All members are encouraged to participate.

As you can see, November is going to be very busy. Besides various service projects, at the November meeting we will be learning about our adopted families and needed items. Carol Tomlin has offered to make pies to auction off at our meeting as well.

We look forward to seeing you on November 13 at Martel's. Please be sure to get your reservations and choices in as soon as possible after you get the newsletter.



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Charlotte and Edye



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Member Directory Change

Mary Frances Ford's email has changed. It is now <u>donaldpford51@gmail.com</u>.

Fundraising



Holiday Bulb Program

The holiday bulb program is now active. As always, you may forward the link to friends and family anywhere in the US for their orders. Bulbs are delivered directly to the orderer so you don't need to do anything besides send the link. Our Zonta Club receives 50% of the purchase price.

The link was emailed to everyone on Friday, October 18 by Louise.

Margie



My, Oh My, What A Pie!

At the November 13 meeting there will be a chance to win a pumpkin pie or an apple pie. Raffle tickets are \$2 each and the drawing will be held that evening. This is a great treat that can be frozen for Thanksgiving.

The pies are a \$20 value. If you won't be in attendance, and want to purchase a raffle ticket please contact me at <u>carolatomlin@yahoo.com</u>.

Carol Tomlin

Service





<u>Capital City Rescue</u> Mission Get Together Update



We are combining our October 17 get-together at Capital City Rescue Mission's Women's Program with our Grassroot Givers Service Project on November 7, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

As we did last year, we'll provide cake mixes, dish towels, bars of soap and washcloths to be wrapped and sent to Grassroot Givers to distribute to food pantries and homeless shelters.

The CCRM is located at 115 Grand St., Albany 12202.

Please RSVP by October 30 if you will join us. Text 518-229-3841 or nina_motta@msn.com.

Nina



Calendars

I want to remind everyone to please bring any 2025 calendars and greeting cards you receive in the mail to the November or December meetings. Postage stamps for the cards are optional.

The calendars and greeting cards will be donated to nursing homes, assisted-living and healthcare facilities, and such nonprofit organizations as Capital City Rescue Mission and The Next Step.



Carol Makowski

From the Editor: Articles for the December 2024 newsletter are due by <u>November 20</u>. Please send information to Louise McColgin at <u>louisemccolgin@gmail.com</u> or 9 Casey Court, Albany, NY 12205.

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