



# The Albany Zontian

## October 2024 Newsletter

### October Membership Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, October 9, 2024  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m. – Social Hour  
6:00 p.m. - Dinner  
**Place:** Avila Retirement Community, 100 White Pine Dr., Albany, NY (Lois W. lives here.)

**Directions:** This is on Washington Ave. Ext. It is the same turn as for Daughters of Sarah. Go past there and Avila will be on the left. There is a good size parking lot. Please go in the main entrance.

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

**RSVP By:** Thursday, October 3rd  
**To:** Ann Lala by text to 518 461-5156 or annclala45@gmail.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) ..... **\$40.00**

#### Entrée choices:

- **Cranberry Glazed Salmon** or
- **Chicken Francese**
- **choose one** when making your reservation

#### Dinners come with:

Beet & Arugula Salad with Balsamic Dressing  
Roasted Yukon Potatoes  
Asparagus (or a spaghetti squash?)  
Dinner Rolls  
Apple Pie or Cheesecake – choose that evening  
Coffee, Tea and Soft Drinks

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

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

### Presidents' Letter

It was wonderful to celebrate Kathy Brousseau at our September business meeting as one of the Zontians of the Year!

We are looking for committee members for the Young Women in Leadership Award formerly the YWPA.

Patricia Polan has the ERA postcards and the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends coupons so please reach out to her.

For questions on the virtual bulb/flower fundraiser please reach out to Margie Pass.

If you are interested in setting up some programming at the Albany Leadership Academy for Girls please contact Charlotte Lebron.

Can't wait to see you at the October Business meeting. Thanks for your commitment to women and girls.

Charlotte and Edye



### *Birthday Greetings*

October
2 Bridget Walsh
7 Doreen LaBlanc

**Best Wishes to our Birthday Zontians!**

### Fundraising



We have already sold \$400 of coupons! The coupons will be available at the next meeting.

We have tables at Boscov's on Friday October 4 and Saturday October 5 from 11-4. If you can help, please let me know.

Patricia Polan  
Text/call 518-256-5620

## Service



## Calendars

I want to remind everyone to please bring any 2025 calendars and greeting cards you receive in the mail to the October, 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

### **Capital City Rescue Mission Get Together is Rescheduled for Thursday, October 17**

Please join us for a get together at the Women's Shelter located at 115 Grand St, Albany 12202.

We were planning to have a rooftop barbecue but we will take it inside for October. The ladies are looking forward to getting together.

Please RSVP by October 9 to Nina: text 518-229-3831 or [nina\\_motta@msn.com](mailto:nina_motta@msn.com).

If you have a favorite apple recipe to share that will be appreciated .

Nina

## Advocacy Corner

### **NYS ERA Prop 1 (on the back of the ballot)**

Please contact me if you would like more postcards to encourage support of this proposition.

This proposal amends Article 1, Section 11 of the New York Constitution. Section 11 now protects against unequal treatment based on race, color, creed, and religion. The proposal will amend the act to also protect against unequal treatment based on ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, and pregnancy outcomes, as well as reproductive healthcare and autonomy. The amendment allows laws to prevent or undo past discrimination.

Patricia Polan  
Text/call 518-256-5620

**From the Editor:** Articles for the November 2024 newsletter are due by October 16. 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**



# CAPITAL CITY RESCUE MISSION

Giving Hope... Transforming Lives.

We hope you will join us for our annual fundraising dinner at  
the *Marriott Albany*, 189 Wolf Rd., Albany, NY 12205

**TUESDAY, OCT. 15 @ 6:00**

**Cost: \$40.00 per person**

## RESERVATIONS NECESSARY

You do NOT need to bring a ticket to the event. You will look for your pre-printed nametag at check-in.

Our online auction is also back by popular demand and there will be something for everyone to bid on. Check out the online auction schedule below.

## ONLINE AUCTION SCHEDULE:

*Preview Items:* Monday, October 14 (Link to auction will be available)

*Bidding Begins:* Tuesday, October 15 – 9:00 AM

*Bidding Ends:* Thursday, October 17 – 9:00 PM

*Please let me know your dinner selection by Oct 1st.*

*Pot Roast (gluten free)*

*or*

*Stuffed Portabello Mushroom (gluten free)*

Thank you,

Margaret Welch

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