



# The Albany Zontian

## October 2026 Newsletter

October 14, 2026

### Dinner & Membership Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, October 14, 2026

**Time:** 5:30 p.m - Social hour

6:00 p.m. - Dinner

**Place:** Wolferts Roost Country Club,  
120 Van Rensselaer Blvd, Albany, NY

**ADVANCE Reservations are REQUIRED!**

**RSVP By:** Thursday, October 8.

**To:** Erin Apostol: Text 518 441-3014 or  
email [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) .... **48.00/person**

**To start:** Caesar salad

**Entrée choices:** RSVP with your choice

- **Chicken Reggiano** - Parmesan-breaded chicken breast topped with plum tomatoes and lemon basil butter
- **Grilled Vegetable Napoleon** - layered roasted red peppers, yellow squash and portobello mushrooms drizzled with a balsamic glaze (vegan)
- **Pesto Crusted Salmon** - served with blistered tomatoes

**Dessert:** Tres Leches; Coffee or tea

**\*\* 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.

**Program:** Two women from Capital City Rescue Mission

### President's Letter

Hello Zontians,

October is a busy month for our club. We want to thank Ellie von Wellsheim for her presentation on the MoonCatcher program. She is also coming on September 23 to do a hands-on-workshop for us and any friends that want to participate. She is an inspiration to all of us. The MoonCatcher program sends sanitary napkins that can be rewashed to young women in third world countries. This helps their young women to stay in school. Ellie also visits these countries and speaks with both young women and young men.

Congratulations Zonta Club of Albany members. We had lots of intrigue and humorous moments and a very successful silent auction during our luncheon at Wolferts Roost on September 19. The actors were very professional and we want to thank our author, Paul Lavin, and our actors and actresses: Thank you, Paul and Marjorie Lavin, Assie Bishop, Valencia Brown Counts, Christine Adsit, George Clifford, Mary Frances Ford and me who did a wonderful job performing our play. Thanks to Sheelah Malagrida who did a great job organizing our silent auction.

Thanks to Margaret Welch, Karen Jones and Erin Apostol who greeted our guests. Nice job Zonta Club of Albany.

The flower centerpieces were beautiful and everyone had a good time.

Thanks to all of those that attended We had almost 44 guests and we think we earned approximately \$1,700.

We will learn the details in our October Treasurer's report.

We need to have a committee chair for the next fundraiser that we may have in April. We are thinking about asking the Molly Brown lady to do another show. Let me know if you are willing.

In October we are planning to hold our annual memorial service at 5:00 p.m. at the restaurant. We will be honoring any deceased Zontians and family members who have passed away this year. The service is non-denominational and includes prayers and songs. If you have had a member of your family that has died since last October, 2025, please let me know soon.

There will be an online District 2 fall seminar on Zoom on Tuesday, October 19 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please register soon to be able to attend. This is a good way for new Zontians to hear about what other clubs are doing. We understand there will be changes in the District coming up in the future. If you didn't get the link please let me know.

October 11 is the International Day of the Girl. Think about ways we can celebrate this event.

Also in October Boscov's is having their Friends Helping Friends sale on October 21. If you would buy a coupon (\$5) that helps our club and gives the buyer lots of discounts at Boscov's. Patricia Polan is the chair of this committee and if you wish to buy coupons you can contact her at ppolan1@mc.com or call her at 518 256-5620. We will also have a sign-up sheet to ask volunteers to sell them at Boscov's on October 21.

At our October 14 meeting we will hear from two women from the Capital Cities Rescue Mission. Both Hombeline and Margarita have accomplished a great deal. You will be inspired by their stories. Thanks to Margaret Welch for coordinating this. CCRM is holding a fundraiser on October 29 at the Marriott. See the article that follows.

November 25-December 10 begins our 15 days of activism. We are hoping to share a service project

with another agency. If you have an idea, please let me know soon. For our November meeting we will take a picture of all of us and want to encourage you to wear orange. More pictures help us promote our club.

One sad piece of news is our long-time member, Lois Wilson, is moving to Massachusetts and can no longer be in our club. Her new address is: Lois Wilson, Brightview Senior Living, 21 Crescent St. - Apt. 348, Wakefield, MA 01880, Email: lwilson502@aol.com Cell Phone: 518-441-8589. Good luck Lois.

Carol A. Tomlin, President, Zonta Club of Albany

P.S. from Louise – Lois's new information will be in the 2026-27 member directories.



*Birthday Greetings to..*

| October |                |
|---------|----------------|
| 2       | Bridget Walsh  |
| 7       | Doreen LaBlanc |

**Best Wishes to our Birthday Zontians!**

### Fund Raising



Boscov's Friends

### Helping Friends

Our Zonta Club is participating again in this fundraising project. I have coupons for \$5 which provide 25% discounts on many items on Wednesday, October 21. The club keeps the \$5 profit. Zontians buy these coupons to use themselves or to give to friends & family.

If interested, club members can man a table in the store the day of the sale. We also can arrange for selling the coupons in the store prior to the sale date.

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Please contact me and let me know how many coupons you want. I will arrange to get them to you. Also let me know if you want to help at the store.

Patricia Polan  
Text: 518-256-5620

### Service



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

**Thursday October 29th @ 6:00pm**

**Admission: \$40.00**

**Please let me know your dinner selection by October 10<sup>th</sup>.**

- Stuffed Chicken, or
- Stuffed Portabello

Our online auction is also back. There will be something for everyone to bid on. Check out the online auction schedule below.

#### **ONLINE AUCTION SCHEDULE:**

**Preview Items: Wednesday, Oct 28 (Link to auction will be available)**  
**Bidding Begins: Thursday, Oct. 29- 9AM**  
**Bidding Ends: Saturday, October 31- 9PM**

Thank you,  
Margaret  
[Magjiwelch@gmail.com](mailto:Magjiwelch@gmail.com)  
[518-526-2750](tel:518-526-2750)



### **Calendars and Cards Again??**

For the past several years, I have collected calendars and greeting cards and delivered them to various nursing homes, assisted living homes, shelters, etc.

Starting this Fall, however, I will not be handling this activity. Unfortunately, my other commitments do not allow me adequate time to collect and deliver the growing number of donated calendars and cards.

I am hoping that another Zontian (perhaps one of our newer members) is willing to take over this project as the donations are always much appreciated by the recipients.

Carol Makowski

### **Albany Zonta Club**

#### **Board Officers:**

**President:** Carol Tomlin  
**Vice President:** Bridget Walsh  
**Treasurer:** Kathy Brousseau

#### **Directors:**

**Marjorie Lavin (2025-2027)**  
**Nina Motta (2026-2028)**

### **Zonta Mission**

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

