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ZONTA CLUB OF SYRACUSE DISTRICT 2 AREA 2 CLUB 5

A MESSAGE FRROM OUR CO-PRESIDENTS

Good day Zontians from winterv Svracuse. I know many of you are traveling and when you read this. I am hoping you do so from some tropical, sunny and warm part of the world. As "spring" is truly on the horizon, I hope you feel more inclined to participate in the many group events we are having and other's events we are supporting. If you need a "refresh" as to what Zonta is all about and the many goals/missions of this organization, attending the District workshop in Castleton on the Hudson on May 17th is a great idea. Hoping to see you all on Thursday, April 24th at our regular meeting at the Retreat where our quest will be from the YWCA/Girls Inc., Thursday, May 22nd for our annual scholarship/award dinner at the Retreat and at Harvey's Beer Garden on Monday, June 2nd for our second annual "Cheers for Beers" fundraiser. Have a blessed Passover or Easter. Your co-presidents, **Kristin and Maureen**

ZONTA VISION

BUILD A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

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ZONTA INTERNATIONAL ENVISIONS A WORLD IN WHICH WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE RECOGNIZED AS HUMAN RIGHTS AND EVERY WOMAN IS ABLE TO ACHIEVE HER FULL POTENTIAL. IN SUCH A WORLD, WOMEN HAVE ACCESS TO ALL RESOURCES AND ARE REPRESENTED IN DECISION MAKING POSITIONS ON AN EQUAL BASIS WITH MEN. IN SUCH A WORLD, NO WOMAN LIVES IN FEAR OF VIOLENCE.



2024-2025 OFFICERS

Co-Presidents: Kristin Greeley & Maureen Fogarty 1st VP - Debbie Vecchio Secretary - Julie March Treasurer - Barbara Barnell

DIRECTORS

Amy DeJohn Jeannine Noll Elaine Skibitski Susan Waterschoot

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4/24/25 - Dinner Meeting @ the Retreat

5/17/25 - District 2 Spring Workshop

ANNIVERSARIES

None this month

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BIRTHDAYS

April 2025

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Used Sneaker Recycling Program

Last month, we shipped an almostfull bag of used sneakers to GotSneakers.com, a recycler in Florida that disassembles sneakers into reuseable materials. We have 2 pairs of sneakers waiting to send in our last bag of this sneaker drive. If you have any more used sneakers to recycle (no matter how bad the condition), please bring them in during our April dinner meeting. THIS WILL BE OUR LAST BAG.



DISTRICT 2 WORKSHOP

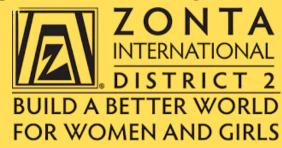
May 17th, 2025:

Comfort Inn & Suites in Castleton, NY (just south of Albany) Cost: \$65.00 includes breakfast and lunch

District 2 Workshop Agenda

7:30 - 8:30 Registration and Breakfast/Fundraising 8:30 - 9:00 Welcome, Introductions, and Recognitions 9:00 - 11:30 Poverty Simulation 11:30 - 12:00 Room Reset for Lunch and Afternoon Program 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch/Fundraising 1:00 - 1:10 Zonta Foundation 1:10 - 1:30 Core Value Presentation 1:30 - 1:40 Break/Fundraising 1:30 - 3:00 Demystifying Zonta Advocacy 3:00 - 3:30 Wrap Up and Farewell

Registration ends April 30th



WE NEED BASKETS AND GIFT CARDS!!

Our event at Harvey's Beer Garden is just over 2 months away and we need everyone's help making raffle baskets and soliticing gift cards to local businesses. The basket raffle is a great opportunity for us to earn ALOT of funds for our Syracuse Zonta Scholarship Foundation!! April 2025

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Zonta Club of Syracuse By-Laws

Board of Directors

Attention All Members:

Check your email dated April 10th, 2025 for the final copy of our Zonta Club of Syracuse By-Laws. Read them over before our April 24th meeting so we can vote on the. A HUGE thank you to **Susan Waterschoot** for all your hard work in preparing them.



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Congratulations to our 2025-2026 Board Members t

President - Maureen Fogarty VP - Deb Vecchio Board - Dodie Murphy Board - Amy DeJohn Board - Jeannine Noll Board - Elaine Skibitski Treasurer - Barb Barnell Secretary - Still tentative

> Thank you very much for your service and dedication to Kristin and Sue.

Newsletter Ideas?

Is there something else you would like to see in the newsletter? Member spotlight? Community events? Please email Amy DeJohn @ adejohn630@gmail.com with your ideas!

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2ND ANNUAL CHEERS FOR BEERS ZONTA CLUB OF SYRACUSE CHARITY EVENT MONDAY, JUNE 2ND, 2025

Join us for a night of beer and charity!

All proceeds benefit: Syracuse Zonta Foundation Monday, June 2nd, 2025 5pm–8pm Harvey's Garden Syracuse, NY

Food available for purchase from **Jillie Dogs & Hometown Pub** Basket Raffles and 50/50 tickets will be available for purchase



Must be 21+ to attend.





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Reducing Food Waste

As we all carefully watch the economic news coming out of Washington, I'm sure that most of us are wondering how to improve and secure our household financial situations. One planet-friendly and budget-friendly way right now is to "Waste Less" (per Sir David Attenborough). Reducing food waste is an effective way to save money and to be environmentally aware. Here's a short UN video of a guy in a kitchen cooking, but wasting a lot of food too! (when you click on this link, first X out of the small account question. Be sure to turn on the music. The speaking is some version of Arabic, but the message is very clear) UNEP West Asia | Reduce the waste in your own home and start by educating yourself on how to properly consume organic products with minimum waste along the... | Instagram

Ideas from the UN Environment Program UNEP) website

Changing a few habits can make a big difference:

1. Schedule a weekly 'Use It Up' Day or 'Use It Up' Meal to make the most of leftover ingredients

- 2. Designate a shelf in your fridge for 'Eat Me First' perishable foods.
- 3. Write a shopping list and avoid bulk promotions.
- 4. Measure portion sizes for rice, couscous and pasta.
- 5. Store food optimally and understand date labels.
- 6. Share leftovers with friends and neighbors or donate food, especially before going away and after holidays.

7. Grow your own fruits and vegetables to enjoy them at peak freshness. Preserve or donate surplus.

8. Help glean in your community, recovering edible landscape like tree fruits and nuts.

9. Compost any remaining food waste and inedible parts or ask your local government about food waste collections.

My personal experience: Inventory your canned goods. I found several that I had to use immediately, along with several that expired during COVID!! I must do better!



April 2025 Page 7 Dinner Meetings

Syracuse Zonta Club hosted our March Business meeting at the Retreat in Liverpool on March 28th, 2025.



April Dinner Meeting Thursday,April 24th, 2025 @ The Retreat 5:30pm Social Hour, 6pm Dinner \$27 per person (includes dinner, coffee, tea, soda or water

Tommy O'Brien's Strawberry Blue Salad

Mixed spring greens with fresh sliced strawberries, mandarin oranges, dried cranberries and a sweet balsamic vinaigrette, finished with crumbles of Maytag blue cheese and candied walnuts, served with a slice of grilled garlic bread

Sesame Ginger Salmon

Fresh mixed spring greens with a grilled fresh Atlantic salmon, diced tomatoes, red onion, sliced almonds, fresh goat cheese, golden raisins, broccoli florets, and mandarin oranges. Served with Asian Sesame Ginger dressing and a slice of garlic bread

Summer Shrimp Cobb Salad

Fresh iceberg lettuce, layered with diced cucumbers and tomatoes, eggs, blue cheese crumbles, chic peas, and cool bay shrimp. Served with garlic bread and your choice of dressing

Roast Beef Pretzelwich

Tender, warm roast beef served on soft pretzel sandwich bread with Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, red onion, horseradish mayo and whole grain mustard

Open Face Steak

A real "man-sized" steak on garlic bread, topped with onion rings and served with french fries

Chicken Quesadilla

Flour tortilla stuffed with marinated chicken, cheese, bacon, peppers and mushrooms, served with salsa and sour cream The Char Burger

Better known as the half-pounder with something extra! They're 8 ounces of our butcher's best ground beef, with or without cheese

PAYMENT is REQUIRED ONCE YOU MAKE A RESERVATION!!!

<u>Please email/text or call y</u>our reservations to Elaine Skibitski at <u>elaine.skibitski@gmail.com</u> or 315-657-4075 by Friday, April 18th, 2025