

ZONTA CLUB OF SYRACUSE

DISTRICT 2

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Fellow Zontians,
As our 24-25 membership year comes to a close, I want to take an opportunity to thank 2 individuals who have been instrumental in guiding me in my evolution as both a leader and a true member of this great international organization.

Kristin Thompson has been a quiet leader, with both great legal knowledge and a firm but soft approach. We needed that a few years back and she stepped up when we needed it most.

Sue Waterschoot has been a long-time member who reminds us of our deep and generous history in this community. She has accepted tough and time-consuming assignments in my time with the group.

Thank you both Kristin and Sue and thank you to all the members for your continued support as we begin a new membership year. We are clearly on the right track, embracing the organization's purpose and projects while doing so by "right sizing" the means of doing by our club's members and the community we live/serve in.

Thank you and see you June 26.

Maureen Fogarty



ZONTA VISION



ZONTA

CLUB OF SYRACUSE



**BUILD A BETTER WORLD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**

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.



2025-2026 OFFICERS

President - Maureen Fogarty
1st VP - Debbie Vecchio
Secretary - Julie March
Treasurer - Barbara Barnell

DIRECTORS

Amy DeJohn
Dodie Murphy
Jeannine Noll
Elaine Skibitski



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SUMMER

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CURRENT EVENTS

**Dinner Meeting @
The Retreat
Thursday, June 26th,
2025**

BIRTHDAYS

- **KRISTIN GREELEY**
- **THOMPSON - 6/29**
- **AMY DEJOHN - 6/30**
- **CINDY ABESS - 7/5**
- **SUSAN
WATERSCHOOT - 8/11**

ANNIVERSARIES

- **Jean Edminister
- 10 years (July)**
- **Lisa Rigge - 7
years (June)**

A HUGE thank you to Jillie Dogs. Jillie Dogs donated 20% of their sales and a little extra despite the fact he only made \$191 the night of our Harvey's Garden event. Please support him and his wonderful business! Read his story



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Updates from Spring Workshop!

Josef Ritter Memorial

From Zonta International: 2024 – 2026 Biennial Goals

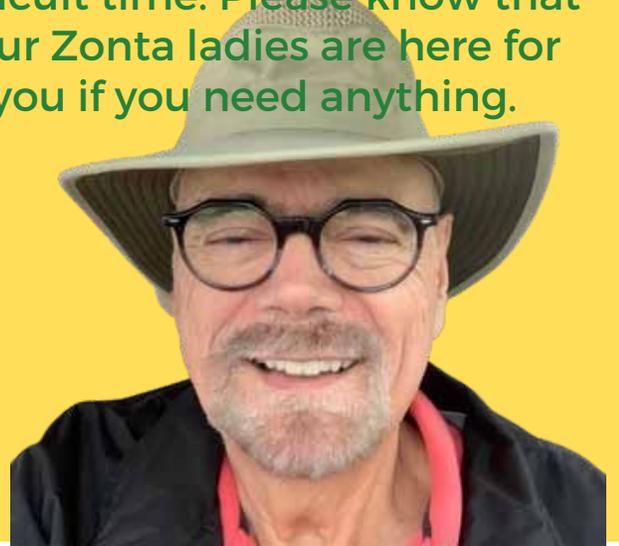
ZONTA'S FOUR FOCUS AREAS:

1. Eliminating Violence Against Women
2. Promoting Climate Justice
3. Supporting Women in Decision Making
4. Education Equality (this includes Ending Child Marriage)

Let's keep these in mind while we plan activities for the upcoming Zonta year. Zonta Int'l projects are centered around these four goals and is suggesting that club service and advocacy projects focus on one (or more) of these focus areas as well. These are aligned with the Zonta Mission of empowering



We are saddened of the news of the passing of Toni's husband, Josef on Thursday, June 5th, 2025. There will be a memorial service for him on Monday, June 30th at Fairchild and Meech funeral home from 4-6pm. His obituary will be in the paper on Sunday, June 22nd. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Toni during this difficult time. Please know that your Zonta ladies are here for you if you need anything.



New "Zonta Says No" Banner

Debbie was able to order a new sign for us using a great coupon from our magnets purchase to help get us more visibility at our events

Thank you, Debbie!



Harvey's Garden Fundraiser - June 2025

A big thank you to all our members who organized the event, volunteered to set up or sell tickets, donated items or entire baskets and helped assemble the 22 bountiful baskets! You were very generous! At least two guests, who regularly attend fundraisers, commented on the appearance and high quality of our raffle items! Thank you to many members who attended, bought tickets and brought guests. Many invited spouses, family and friends and it was great to see the many introductions and hugs. I was very proud to be a Zontian on that beautiful Monday evening!

The fundraising committee will share the final fundraising results at our meeting Thursday, June 26th.



Photo Credits to Jean Edminister. Awesome Job as always!!





Summer and Autumn Project (From UN Climate Committee)

Syracuse Zonta club is starting a creative Summer and Autumn Art Project. Other Zontians from around the world are already contributing and it's time **for us to join the fun!**

Step 1: Look over the images on the Zonta Says Now "Virtual Art Gallery" page.

<https://zontasaysnowvirtualartgallery.org/>

All of this lovely and touching artwork was created and photographed by our members and their families, and submitted to the ZI Zonta Says NOW International Think Tank. While most of the artwork relates to climate change, a few pieces are focused on other Zonta issues.

Step 2: Let's create our own virtual art gallery and post it on our Syracuse Club website. If we discover that we have real art talent, we can submit some art pieces to the ZI Virtual Art Gallery. (New artwork for the ZI Gallery will be uploaded in Feb. 2026), so we have time for our best effort. So pull out your cellphones and start taking pictures of nature/urban images that show the impacts of climate change. Or you can write a poem or draw or paint a picture. Label your artwork with whatever meaning the images reveals to you and, of course, put your name on it. Use the existing ZI Virtual Art Gallery as a guide.

Step 3: Send your artwork via email to Amy (adejohn630@gmail.com) to upload to our Syracuse Club website. From there we will all admire it and decide what we'd like to send to ZI.

We will discuss this more at our June dinner meeting!



**Photo From
UNEP Monthly
Newsletter**



Dinner Meetings

On Thursday, May 22nd, 2025 we hosted our Annual Scholarship dinner at The Retreat in Liverpool. What a beautiful night celebrating 4 amazing young women and all their accomplishments. Our winners are:

Women in Transition - Irielle Mwija - OCC
Edna B Davis - Gracie Henning - Liverpool
Jane M Coon - Alyssa Winter - West Genesee
Ursula - Pettengill - Arianna Leo - Charles W. Baker
Amelia Earhart - Ngan Nguye



Thursday, June 26th, 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, chick 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!!!

Please email/text or call your reservations to Elaine Skibitski at elaine.skibitski@gmail.com or 315-657-4075 by Friday, June 20th, 2025

June Dinner Meeting