

ZONTA CLUB OF SYRACUSE

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings my sisters.
Hoping you're enjoying this beautiful fall weather (my favorite time of year)! As we gather together these remaining months of 2025, let's make this a time of goals, effectiveness and results.

In keeping with our Organization's Mission: "Zonta International members advocate for women's and girls' rights and believe in making the world a better place. We do this through our many local and international service projects and by being a credible and visible voice for gender equity."

Let's support women and children:

Locally by supporting the programs and team at Girl's Inc/YWCA on Douglas St in Syracuse (financially and volunteering)
Locally by supporting our Scholarship/Grant program (financially and recruiting candidates)

Internationally through supporting both Zonta International and it's identified programs (Ending Child Marriage, Ending Gender Based Violence & Expanding Access to Education)

Internationally through supporting Gender Equal Climate Action

I look forward to all your creativity leading us to be our most effective and successful club/selves.

Thank you for your continued support.

Maureen Fogarty, President



ZONTA VISION



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**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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CURRENT EVENTS

Dinner Meeting

@ The Retreat

Thursday,

**September 25th,
2025**

BIRTHDAYS

- **SUSAN OHLSEN - 9/3**
- **DEBBIE VECCHIO - 9/11**

ANNIVERSARIES

- Elaine Skibitski - 31 years
- Cindy Abess - 2 years
- Dodie Murphy - 2 years
- Amy DeJohn - 2 years

Please consider attending this event. Our international representative from New Zealand will be presenting on Zonta's International vision for the biennial



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Congratulations Zonta ladies!

Syracuse Women Magazine

**Congratulations to both
Lisa Rigge and Toni Ritter
on 2nd place at the
Member Golf
Tournament @
Tuscarora Golf Club.**



**A HUGE Congratulations to
our Syracuse Zonta Member,
Jean Edminister on making
the cover of the September
2025 issue of the Syracuse
Women Magazine. We are so
incredibly proud of you Jean
and the many community
projects you are involved in.
You are such an inspiration
to us all.**



Donation from Dewitt Chick-Fil-A

**Jean attended the Dewitt Chick-Fil-A
grand opening as a member of the OEC.
She was able to obtain 40 pairs of socks
from a representative of Chick-Fil-A and
donated them to our Zonta Club so that
we can provide them to those in need.**





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Zonta International Updates

In 2025, UNICEF's budget (from governments) has been cut by 75%! Fortunately, Zonta continues to fund a UNICEF program called Laaha, which is an online tool for women and girls around the world to learn about their bodies and relationships. It's an attempt to provide information about staying healthy and safe. Here's a link to the tool; take a look at it. I think is really well done:

<https://www.unicef.org/digital-impact/laaha>



UNEP Plastics Treaty meeting in August 2025 didn't achieve the hoped-for outcome - a treaty to reduce the production of plastics and increase plastic recycling. During this past July, Zonta District 3 hosted a webinar about problems with plastics; the slides from this presentation are attached here:



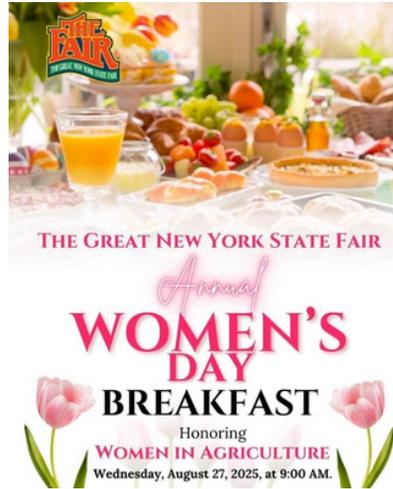
Intercontinental Think Tank - September 2025

Sign Up on Zonta International's event page to participate in the Intercontinental Think Tank. This month's topic is plastic.



Women's Day Breakfast @ NY State Fair - August 2025

Many members of the Syracuse Zonta Club attended the Annual Women's Day Breakfast @ the NY State Fair on August 27th, 2025. The breakfast honored many women in agriculture. The event, which featured the second annual Women in Agriculture Awards, highlighted the diverse achievements of female farmers, scientists, business owners, and community organizers who shape the future of the industry and are vital to its strength and success. event



September Member Spotlight



Jean is an active member of many organizations besides Zonta Club of Syracuse. She is currently secretary of Syracuse Sounds of Music Association and is on the board of the Everson Museum Member Council. Members of these organizations act as ambassadors for Syracuse Orchestra and The Everson Museum of Art. Encore Thrift Shop is an affiliate of Syracuse Sounds of Music Association. Jean is also a Director on the Onondaga East Commerce Board and co-chairs many of their committees.

Jean can often be seen taking photos around town to spread the word about how great the Town of Manlius is! She often surprises friends with photos.

Jean enjoys her membership with Zonta Club of Syracuse which was featured in the December Syracuse Women Magazine. Zonta members help women locally and globally through service and advocacy. Jean enjoys the monthly dinner meetings at The Retreat.

When not at a meeting, Jean can be found enjoying dinners at Cavalry Club or golfing at a local course. Her hobbies include photography and collecting different items at auctions and garage sales. She enjoys theater and live concerts.

She was recognized in June 2022 with the Oswego State Alumni Community Service Award. She was also selected Social Member of the Year at Cavalry Club in 2023.



**It's NOT
TOO LATE!
TAKE YOUR
PHOTOS
NOW!!**

**Autumn Project
(From UN
Climate
Committee)**

Syracuse Zonta club is starting a creative 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 September Meeting



**Photo From
UNEP Monthly
Newsletter**



Dinner Meetings

On **Thursday, September 25th, 2025** we will host our Semi-Annual Business meeting. We will discuss the our Audit, Fundraising plans for the 2025-2026 year, committee assignments and more.



Thursday, September 25th, 2025

@ The Retreat

5:30pm Social Hour, 6pm Dinner

\$27 per person (includes dinner, coffee, tea, soda or water)

Apple Walnut Blue Cheese Salad

Fresh romaine lettuce topped with granny smith wedges, glazed walnuts and crumbly blue cheese with cucumbers, red onion, chic peas, and sweet roasted red peppers.

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

Fried or Broiled Haddock

Batter fried or broiled with lemon, butter, white wine and garlic

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, September 19th, 2025