

ZONTA CLUB OF SYRACUSE

DISTRICT 2

AREA 2

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings my sisters.

We are officially in the season of Fall and the last quarter of the calendar year. As we do, we have the benefit of hindsight and foresight for our local club/organization.

I'm seeing where our committees are already identifying areas were streamlining and early action will help ease the facilitation of our organization's future programs. Scholarship team is looking at past practices (thus hindsight) and working on improving them (with foresight)!

Let's be sure to support those outside organizations that are responsible locally for the programs that Zonta stands for; preventing violence against women and children and ensuring young women are provided educational and program support in our own community.

YWCA-Spirit of American Women Fundraising Gala \$100pp

This event will be held on **Saturday, November 8th** from **5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m** at **Bellevue Country Club**

[Spirit of American Women – YWCA of Syracuse and Onondaga County, Inc. | Advocating for Equity.](#)

Additionally, Caitlyn Copfer the Chief Development Officer for the YWCA/Girls Inc will be joining us at our October 23 meeting to provide an annual update of all that has happened and will happen since her last visit.

Looking forward to seeing some of you at the District Conference in Vernon this weekend and hopefully all of you at our next meeting.

Thank you for your continued support.

Maureen Fogarty, President



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



HALLOWEEN

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CURRENT EVENTS

Dinner Meeting

@ The Retreat

Thursday,

**October 23rd,
2025**

BIRTHDAYS

- **TERRY LAVALLE - 10/4**
- **DODIE MURPHY - 10/19**
- **TONI RITTER - 10/28**

ANNIVERSARIES

- **Candace Edwards - 35 years**
- **Debbie Vecchio - 16 years**



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Pettengill Fund Donation!

We are donating money to an organization, which is a 501c3, that aligns with Zonta's mission. The funds will come from the Pettengill Fund.

Please submit your recommendation for a 501c3 to receive these funds and why you believe they should be a recipient of this donation.

Please submit your suggestion to me by October 20th. The board will review the recommendations and decide on the recipient at the November board meeting.

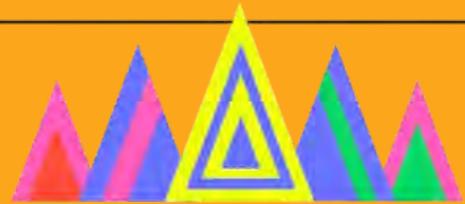
Please respond to me only with questions
Jeannine



Tree @ Everson Festival of Trees

Syracuse Zonta Club has agreed to make a Christmas tree to donate to the Everson Annual Festival of Trees. The club would appreciate any donations of decorations and ideas to help decorate it. This will be a great opportunity for our Club to get recognition and exposure.

Festival
of Trees & Light



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Thanks again to 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

Zonta in Madagascar: Empowering Women, Changing Lives

Join us for an online event

October 20, 2025

Your choice: 8:00 AM Central Time or 5:00 PM Central Time

The Zonta Club of Madagascar cordially invites you to attend
A Video Journey Featuring Leaders, Members and Impactful Projects
Register to attend live or receive the recording.

- Learn More
- Connect
- Free-Will donation
- Register here:
<https://bit.ly/4oaGuiC>



Register



October Member Spotlight



Siobhan O'Hora



Siobhan O'Hora has been an active member of Zonta Club of Syracuse since May 2015. Siobhan is a former Past President, Vice-President and served on the Zonta Club Board for many years. She was also District 2 Advocacy Chair. Siobhan is very active in her community and has been a Past President of the Syracuse Federation of Women's Club, Past Facilitator of Dining for Women (Skaneateles branch), Leader of Women's Ministries at her church, member of Women Transcending Boundaries and ushering for the REV (Merry Go Round Playhouse) for fifteen years. Siobhan is currently retired, but worked as a school administrator and a school improvement specialist. In her free time Siobhan enjoys reading, traveling, Instagram, Yelp Elite, socializing with friends, hiking, museums, concerts, and attending plays.

She joined Zonta of Syracuse because she finds it important to advocate for Women and Girls worldwide and we are so fortunate to have her as a part of our Club.





**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 our October Meeting - WE NEED MORE ENTRIES!



**Photo From
UNEP Monthly
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Dinner Meetings

On **Thursday, September 25th, 2025** we **HOSTED** our Semi-Annual Business meeting. at The Retreat in Liverpool. We had a great meeting collaborating and discussing our vision for the new year.



Thursday, October 23rd, 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, October 17th, 2025