



ZONTA

CLUB OF UTICA

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

November 2025

President's Message



Dear Zontians,

Three of us attended the Zonta District Conference at Vernon Downs October 17 – 19, and I'm very happy to report that Dianne DiMeo was elected to be our next District 2 Lt. Governor. She is currently serving as our Area 2 Director. It was wonderful to see Zontians from all around the District and to meet our Zonta International Board Liaison, Souella Cumming, from the Zonta Club of Wellington, New Zealand. Our "It's a Utica Thing" raffle basket was a hit at the conference Zonta Store and brought in over \$300. We participated in a service project packing bags of personal items and notes of encouragement for local domestic violence shelters, raised money for the Zonta Foundation that funds International service projects, advocacy, and scholarships, and learned more about the upcoming International Convention that will be held in Vancouver, Canada next July.



**Zonta: Women
Helping Women.**

President:
Claudia Jasinski

Vice President:
Colleen Noga

Secretary:
Dianne DiMeo

Treasurer:
Patricia Rugari

2025-2027

Pamela Allen

Lisa Bronk

Catherine DiBernardo

2024-2026

Janice Fiore

Jennifer Yanowitz

Nominating Committee:

Bea Allison

Joan Gallimo

Carla Percia

As we approach another holiday season we have so many things we are grateful for, but we know there is a lot going on in the world that is affecting women and girls. Whether it is promoting the “Zonta Says No to Domestic Violence” campaign during the 16 Days of Activism or participating in other Zonta advocacy activities; working on service projects to help women in our local community; putting together baskets, soliciting sponsors, and selling tickets for our Champagne Brunch to raise funds for education awards; or inviting friends to join our club and expand the impact we can make, together we are Building a Better World for Women and Girls.

Thank you to each of you for making our Zonta Club successful and a special thank you to the Board and Committee Chairs who make it all possible.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Claudia



Souella Cumming, our Zonta International Liaison, presenting at the conference



Our raffle basket at the Zonta Store



Service project bags for domestic violence shelters

Zonta Brunch

Our 31st Annual Champagne Brunch will be held on **Sunday, April 19th** at Hart's Hill. We have posted the change of date on our Facebook page so people don't think they missed it. We will send out another Save the Date in January.

Ticket prices will remain \$40 and we will sell tables of 10 for \$350.

We need to start soliciting sponsorships and ads. We discussed having 3 levels of sponsorship a \$1,000 level (8 Tickets to the Brunch and a full page digital ad), a \$500 level (4 tickets to the Brunch and a half page digital ad) and a \$250 level (2 tickets to the Brunch and a half page digital Ad.) A possible theme will be Honoring/Recognizing Women. We will firm that up at our next brunch meeting.

We also decided to go back to "Celebrity Waitress/Waiters". Hopefully their presence will bring in more guests for the Brunch. We are in the process of developing a list. It will be sent out to members.

Once again we are asking members to solicit and/or donate 2 baskets with a minimum value of \$50 each. Please let Marianne or Kathi know the theme of your baskets.

The next **Brunch Meeting** is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, **October 12th** at 5:30 at **Barnes & Noble**.



Congratulations

At the District Fall Conference our own **Dianne DiMeo** was voted in as **District 2 Lt. Governor Elect** for the 2026-2028 biennium. She is currently our Area 2 Director. Congratulations, Dianne!! We are so proud of you and thankful for all you do for Zonta.



Service News

At our October meeting, members collected personal hygiene items to support the Women's Fund period project. This is our second year contributing to their project.



Zonta Says No to Violence

During the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence, our club will post information on social media. International has suggested focusing on digital abuse. Individual members will share "Just Say No" messages on their personal social media accounts. Members also will wear orange to our November membership meeting.

Member News

Wishing Marianne Reynolds a speedy recovery from her hip replacement surgery.

Sending good wishes to our Zonta sister Jeanette Greene. We are thinking of you and miss you.





Lisa Bronk	September 18	Janice Fiore	December 1
Claudia Jasinski	September 22	Patricia Rugari	January 8
Marianne Reynolds	October 14	Catherine Maziarz	January 11
Jennifer Yanowitz	November 8	Cassandra Sheets	January 31





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Minutes of the October Membership Meeting

Date: Oct 15, 2025

Time: 5:45 pm Location: Utica University

Members in Attendance: Pam Allen, Cathy DiBernardo, Dianne DiMeo, Jan Fiore, Joan Gallimo, Claudia Jaskinski, Cathi Maziarz, Joyce Nebush, Colleen Noga, Carla Percia, Marianne Reynolds, Trish Rugari, Kathy Rushton, Julienne Smrcka, Lisa Stewart, Jennifer Yanowitz

Item	Discussion	Action
Call to Order		Meeting called to order 6:35 pm
Minutes -	Minutes of Sept 17, 2025 meeting were presented	Moved – Carla Seconded – Julienne Approved by all in attendance, with corrections
Treasurer Report	Trish presented the Treasurer’s Report for period ending Sept 30, 2025 Service charge on Savings account will be refunded	Filed for audit
Correspondence	Dianne read email received by Jeannette Greene regarding her current life challenges.	Cards passed around for Jeannette & Bea
Membership	Colleen brought 2 prospective members to the meeting.	
Roster & Newsletter	Carla putting together newsletter to be distributed in November	
Attendance & Hospitality		Desserts are set for Nov (Pam & Lisa) and December (Colleen & Kathy R)
Finance	Doing a “It’s a Utica Thing” basket raffle at District conference Reminded members of Clynk for deposit bottle returns and of Village Basement Consignment shop with Zonta account.	
District 2	Being held this weekend. Attending: Claudia, Colleen, Dianne	
Program	November – SUNYPOLY Women’s Engineering Students scheduled to attend to discuss service collaboration options.	
Service Report	Committee met prior to dinner meeting. Have \$5000 budget for 2025-26	Lisa to reach out to OnPoint for College and Evelyn’s House to determine needs they may have. Perhaps have speakers at future meeting to describe programming.
Advocacy/Status of Women	16 Days of Activism is Nov 25- Dec 10. International has suggested focusing on digital abuse	Members to wear orange to meeting for photo

United Nations/ International	October 11 – International Day of the Girl. We submitted photo to Zonta International of our donation in the spring to the Women’s Fund for period project. Discussed UN’s Committee on Status of Women (CSW) being held in March.	Julienne to share info on registration options as they are released.
Golden Z	Students have not been as engaged this semester.	Anticipate that next semester may have more success .
Brunch – April 19, 2026	<p>Marianne & Carla reviewed discussions from brunch meeting held in September: tickets to remain @ \$40.</p> <p>Discussed: Sponsorships – start now! Celebrity Servers – ask soon Branding – need a “tag line”? Honoring/Recognizing Women – identify Baskets – 2/member Silent Auction – probably not do, but maybe raffle special items?</p> <p>Carla & Marianne to schedule follow-up brunch meeting</p>	<p>Sponsorship: Dianne to update flyer and send out for comment</p> <p>Servers: Marianne/Carla to send out idea list, asking members to identify who they could ask</p> <p>Branding Ideas: Women Helping Women, Breaking the Glass Ceiling, Empowering Women</p> <p>Honoring/Recognizing: connect the recipient(s) accomplishments to one of the program areas of Zonta International (Ending Gender-Based Violence, Education Equality, Climate Justice, Women in Decision-Making)</p> <p>Baskets – members to let Marianne or Kathy R know how many baskets they will commit to; need to assure variety of themes</p>
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm	Moved – Colleen Seconded – Jennifer

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne DiMeo

Zonta Club of Utica						
Treasurer's Report - Sept 2025						
Checking			Savings			
	Date	Transaction	Amount	Date	Transaction	Total Savings
BALANCE	08/31/25		1,901.44	08/31/25		\$2,006.64
RECEIPTS						
Total Deposits			\$0.00	\$2,006.64		
EXPENSES						
	09/25/25	Membership Dinner	\$332.98	09/30/25	Service Charge	\$20.00
Total Expenses			\$332.98	\$20.00		
BALANCE	09/30/25		\$1,568.46	09/30/25		\$1,986.64
Checking + Savings	\$3,555.10					
Checking, Savings, Invest &	\$57,494.88					
			Credit Card			
			Date	Transaction	Charged	Paid
			1-Sep	Balance		0
AMERICAN FUNDS			6/30/2025	9/30/2025		
Income Fund of Amer	15,906.21		16,503.37	no transactions		
New Economy Fund	14,968.95		16,304.12	30-Sep	Balance	0
Cap World Growth	17,369.33		18,399.69			
TOTAL	48,244.49		51,207.18			
			Certificate of Deposit			
			Date	Description	Interest	Balance
Gain (Loss)						2725.19
			9/8/2025	Interest	7.41	2732.60
Investment change over Fiscal Year						
6/1/2025	\$45,801.38					
9/30/2025	\$51,207.18					
Change	\$5,405.80					
<i>Respectfully Submitted: Patricia Rugari, Treasurer</i>						