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TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND DINNER MEETING REMINDERS

**DINNER IS AT 6:00 P.M. SHARP IN THE
CONTINENTAL EXPRESS BALLROOM
AT LIUNA STATION**

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, OR IF YOU ARE BRINGING
A GUEST, PLEASE ADVISE**

**LIZ NEWMAN AT 905-627-4292 OR
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BY THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH, 2016.**

**YOU WILL BE BILLED \$31 FOR YOUR DINNER
IF YOU HAVE NOT CONTACTED LIZ BY THAT DATE.**

March Programme

Kristel Bulthuis

Editor, Urbanicity Magazine and
Manager of Operations, Urbanicity Omnimedia

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Dates to Remember

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

APRIL DINNER MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2016

MAY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 24TH, 2016

JUNE DINNER MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2016

OTHER DATES TO NOTE:

*AREAS 1 & 2 SPRING WORKSHOPS HOSTED BY
HAMILTON 1*
SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH, 2016

ZONTA CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH, 2016

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL 63RD CONVENTION
JULY 2ND-6TH, 2016
NICE, FRANCE



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

March 17— Judi Harbottle-Park
March 26 — Sheila Creighton
March 29 — Maria-Lynn Komar; March 30 — Liz Newman



Dinner Meeting Speaker

Our speaker for March is **Kristel Bulthuis**, Editor, Urbanicity Magazine, and Manager of Operations, Urbanicity Omnimedia. www.urbanicity.ca. Urbanicity is a monthly newsmagazine in print and online, which explores ideas, issues, experiences and culture in Hamilton. Kristel is on the United Way Campaign Cabinet. In the December 2015 edition of Urbanicity. Kristel wrote in her Column From the Editor "... if we focused on building others up...if we...put our differences aside. We can choose to believe the best in people, support each other, and continue to make Hamilton the best city in which to live, work and play." She has a focus positive attitude and is a great ambassador for this city.



March 2016 President's Report



As we approach the end of winter, I am amazed at how mild these months have been, so helpful for travelling to various clubs and events when the weather cooperates but disappointing for those of you who enjoy winter sports and the cold. I note in the recent Zonta International newsletter that individual giving to the Zonta International Foundation is at 19.5 percent of our membership this biennium, compared to

15.5 percent this time last biennium. However, the US exchange rate has had an effect on the overall growth. Also in the newsletter was an update on one of the ZISVAW projects Voices against Violence where they are training trainers to prevent and reduce gender discrimination and violence against women and girls through non-formal education and youth engagement and leadership. The project is in 12 countries most recently in Zambia and Togo. You can go to the ZI website and see all the wonderful projects our dollars support. We will try and spend more time at meetings sharing updates on the work done internationally. <https://www.zonta.org/WhatWeDo/InternationalPrograms/ZISVAWProgram.aspx>.

Those of us who attended the YWCA Women of Distinction award dinner on March 10 were impressed with the distinguished nominees across all the categories and although Sylvia Kajjura and Renate Davidson were not selected, they were recognized for their accomplishments and we were justly proud of them.

Yours in Zonta,
Margaret

Empowering Women Through Service and Advocacy

Fundraising Update

Lunafest - We had a good turnout for our second Lunafest on February 19th. All attendees enjoyed the evening, and we hope to repeat this event each year. As we slowly build a steady audience, we can easily earn more money. This year we increased our profit to well over \$600 plus the \$300 USD we send to the Breast Cancer Fund in the United States. The Zoetic Theatre is a great venue for this, and it is nice to be able to support a local business. Thanks to everyone who attended and/or helped sell tickets.





Dine-Arounds - Thanks to Sandra who hosted a Dine-Around in February. Nine dinner guests contributed \$270 to Zonta plus had a great time! We hope you will plan to either host a Dine-Around or attend one. Gertrud Taunton is hosting in March and we are looking for hostesses for our remaining months. A Zonta member provides the meal and a glass of wine while guests - Zontians and friends - pay \$30 each to attend. The funds raised go to the club. Please contact Marlene Balsdon @ [905-528-8215](tel:905-528-8215), or Marlene.balsdon@sympatico.ca

Individual Contributions to Zonta International - At last check, about 30 % of our members had made a personal contribution to the Zonta International Foundation. It would be great to repeat our accomplishment of the last biennium, where every member in the club made a contribution. Although we haven't had a campaign to gather the funds, any amount is appreciated. You can donate online at zonta.org, or give a donation to Sylvia, and she will send it and ensure you and the club receive credit. All donations go to fund our important international service projects. You can see videos, updates and descriptions at www.zonta.org. Thank you.

The Zonta Golf Classic 2016



**Join us on June 8th, 2016 for
"An Adventure in the Caribbean!"**

We are just three months out now from this year's Zonta Classic and the committee is hard at work, but we need everyone's help!

- ◆ Wine Raffle - Please bring bottles of wine for the wine raffle to our dinner meeting. We will always have a box available to transport them. Last year we raised over \$2000 just from the wheelbarrow of wine.
- ◆ Silent Auction - Please also bring items you can donate, or have collected for the silent auction. We do need the donor sheet completed so we can ensure the donation is included in the program and the donor receives a thank you. If it is breakable, please bring it wrapped or boxed so it can be safely transported and stored. Consider donating a service we can auction off- can you donate a special meal for 6 or 8 people, or an event of some sort, a boat ride, maybe a cleaning service, an art lesson or baking for a special occasion. We do take gently used items- especially unique pieces, pottery etc. About half of the money we raise comes from the silent auction. (The remainder is from sponsors and the raffle).
- ◆ Attend - And please plan to attend. We will have sign-up sheets at each meeting, so please reserve June 8th and sign up to either golf or come to dinner! A limousine ride with a lively bunch is available for the dinner transportation.

Thanks to everyone for your help!



Women of Distinction Awards 2016



“The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size but in the depth of commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.”

De Anne Hales

Dear Zontian Sisters!

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to you for supporting us in our nomination this year for the YWCA Women of Distinction Awards. We feel extremely honoured to be included in such an amazing group of women and wanted to share with you a few photos taken by Sandra at the event, one with the Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Dr. Maroussia Hajdukowski-Ahmed.

Sylvia and Renate

Advocacy

As we approach International Women’s Day or Zonta Rose Day on March 8th there is much to be excited about regarding women’s equality but also much to do.

The World Economic Forum has published a ranking of 145 countries in regards to their accomplishments towards achieving Gender Equality. Iceland has ranked #1 for 7 consecutive years. Interestingly enough they ‘have had a female head of state for 20 of the past 50 years’. The country has ‘closed the educational gender gap and ranks first for political empowerment’.

The other countries in the Top Ten in order are as follows: Norway, Finland, Sweden, Ireland, Rwanda, Philippines, Switzerland, Slovenia and New Zealand. In a great number of these countries, more than 30% of their elected representatives are women. The United States and Canada both obtained the same rating and the US is in at #28 and Canada is at #30. For more information about the report please go to www.weforum.org.

Zonta Clubs throughout District 4 are holding a variety of International Women’s Day events in early March. Please attend as many as you can. In April our Area Workshops are being held in 3 locations—I urge you to attend to fully understand the work Zonta does throughout the District and Internationally!

Connie Deckert, D4 Co-Chair, Advocacy

B-I-N-G-O Schedule—Princess Bingo, 300 Fennell Avenue East

**Note: We have to be there no later than 5 p.m. to count cards.
Bingo is at 6:45 Friday and Sunday nights**

We would like some more Zontians to work BINGO.

IF YOU CAN HELP OUT,

PLEASE CONTACT PHYLLIS DEPTUCK [905-387-1485](tel:905-387-1485)

SPARE—Sharon Haas

Friday, March 25th, 2016

Jelaine Foster
Sharon Haas
Nancy Zilvytis
Julie Kostal
Karen Dawson
Sandra Cronk

Friday, April 22nd, 2016

Anita Isaac
Sharon Haas
Nancy Zilvytis
Irene Polidori
Phyllis Deptuck
Sandra Cronk

Friday, May 20th, 2016

Nancy Zilvytis
Irene Polidori
Phyllis Deptuck
Sandra Cronk
Karen Dawson
_____Need 1

Sunday, April 3rd, 2016

Jelaine Foster
Joan Heels
Karin Eckart
Phyllis Deptuck
_____Need 1

Sunday, April 24th, 2016

Joan Heels
Phyllis Deptuck
_____Need 3

Sunday, May 29th, 2016

Jelaine Foster
Diane Stogiannes
Joan Heels
Marlene Balsdon
Wayne Balsdon

Service Budget 2015-2016

Attached to this March Tel-O-Zonta is the Service Budget and the proposal for the use of Fran Colter's bequest. The Service Chairs will present these at the March 22nd Dinner Meeting and will be looking for approval of the members. Please review these and bring any questions and comments you have to the meeting.

This monthly mailing includes the following attachments:

- **February Dinner Minutes**
- **Service Committee Budget**
- **Proposal for Use of Fran Colter's Bequest**

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