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### ***TUESDAY, APRIL 26TH 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  
enewman6@bell.net  
BY THURSDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2016.**

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

#### **April Programme**

***Melissa Riewald,***

Director, Community Development & Impact

***Jeff Vallentin,***

CEO

**United Way of Burlington and Greater Hamilton**

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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*  
*RBG ROCK GARDEN*  
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!

**April 15 — Jelaine Foster; April 19 — Margaret Black**

## *Dinner Meeting Topic*

Our speakers are be Melissa Riewald, Director, Community Development & Impact and Jeff Vallentin, CEO of United Way of Burlington and Greater Hamilton. Accompanying them is Robyn Dmytrow, Director of Leadership Philanthropy.

The United Way Burlington & Greater Hamilton is undergoing some exciting changes to better understand and serve Burlington and Hamilton. As many know, United Way works to improve lives and build community by engaging individuals and mobilizing for collective action. Currently, the United Way BH is engaged in a community impact strategy project, called the *Road to Greater Impact* Strategy, to refine their work, better define their intended impact and begin a process of transition to a new, more impactful United Way to serve our future communities. United Way BH is currently conducting a comprehensive community engagement process and has asked the Zonta Club to be a part of it. United Way BH says this project is both exciting and challenging and it's going to take a community-wide effort to get it right.

Attached is a Background Discussion Paper provided by UWBH for Zontians to read prior to the meeting. You are encouraged to bring forward questions, suggestions and concerns. This will also provide Zonta with the opportunity to explore a template that will help us to decide how our fundraising dollars can make the most impact in the community.



## *April 2016 President's Report*



As I write this Spring is in the air, I hope! On April 16th we will welcome sister Zontians to the first 2016 Spring Workshop in District 4 and we expect there will be a good attendance and a worthwhile program for learning and sharing with each other. Thanks so much to my fellow committee members including Judy Lindsay, Karen Dawson, Jelaine Foster, and Linda Orme (Area Director).

The Finance Committee continues to meet monthly and is hard at work to improve our procedures and review ways to make our operations more cost effective – I have learned quite a bit by attending their meetings. The Fundraising Committee is also busy hosting Dinearounds and the Golf

Committee is reaching out to club members and the community at large to get ready for another spectacular event. Spring is always busy with so many preparations underway and we all need to participate in whatever way we can to make the events achievable.

We are sorry to learn that Maria-Lynn Komar has resigned from her membership. Denise Christopherson has had to step down from her Board Director position due to work obligations but will not be replaced as Director, given that her term will soon be over and we will soon be welcoming our new Board in May.

At the April meeting, I am looking forward to the speakers from the United Way who have asked for our input into their community consultations to help chart future directions. I invited Hamilton 2 members so that we can widen the number of women consulted by United Way. Our May meeting will soon be here and committee members continue to prepare our Annual Report for your review at the AGM.

Debbie and her program committee have announced what should be a great outing to the RBG for the June Social. I reached out to Hamilton 2 to participate in this as well.

Yours in Zonta,

Margaret

*Empowering Women Through Service and Advocacy*

## *June Social at the RBG Rock Gardens*

*June 28th, 2016*

As I write this, the temperatures are below freezing and there is snow in the forecast, but we all know that spring will come and flowers will bloom. Our June meeting will be a dinner and tour at the RBG newly revitalized Rock Garden. Attached is a brochure which outlines the dinner choices and tour preferences. Please return this form with payment to me, Debbie Field, as soon as possible and no later than June 7, 2016, as I need to confirm numbers with the RBG. Cheques can be dated for June 28, 2016. This should be a fun evening, so please invite friends to join you. You can use one form if you are inviting friends, indicating the numbers in the selection fields.

Debbie Field



## *Fundraising*

**Dine-Arounds** - Thanks to Karen Dawson who is hosting the next Dine-Around on May 14th, 2016 at her home, 263 Silver Birch Blvd., Mount Hope, ON. She will be having a Louisiana Shrimp Boil! Prepare to have fun, to dine on the best and with the best. Feel free to bring a bottle of wine or a hostess gift. and you will have a great time. Please rsvp to Marlene Balsdon - [905-528-8215](tel:905-528-8215) or email [Marlene.balsdon@sympatico.ca](mailto:Marlene.balsdon@sympatico.ca) to reserve your place at the table. Do not delay, respond as soon as possible. The funds raised go to the club.

**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](http://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](http://www.zonta.org). Thank you.

## *The Zonta Golf Classic 2016*



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

There are just two short months to go before the nineteenth annual Zonta Classic. We need everyone's help to make this a success.

**Wine Raffle** - Please bring a bottle or two of wine to the dinner meeting. We fill a pink wheelbarrow with bottles of wine and last year raised over \$2000.

**Silent Auction** - Last year we had some members downsizing, so we started a table of "previously loved" items. Do you have something at your home you could donate? Please bring it to the next dinner meeting (wrapped if it is breakable please). Can you donate a service - a barbecue for 4 or 6 guests, a dinner party, a boat ride? We are open to any ideas.

**Sponsors** - It is not too late to approach new sponsors or advertisers. Perhaps your accountant or banker, contractor, hair-dresser, real estate agent? You can let me know if you find this difficult and we can approach on your behalf. We also accept cash donations and a charitable receipt will be provided.

**Plan to attend** - Please sign up to golf for the day or just to come for dinner. A limousine ride is available for dinner guests. Sign-up sheets are available at every meeting. If you can volunteer for the day before you have dinner, that will also be appreciated.

The annual Zonta Classic has proven to be our club's biggest fundraiser. Thanks to everyone for your assistance.





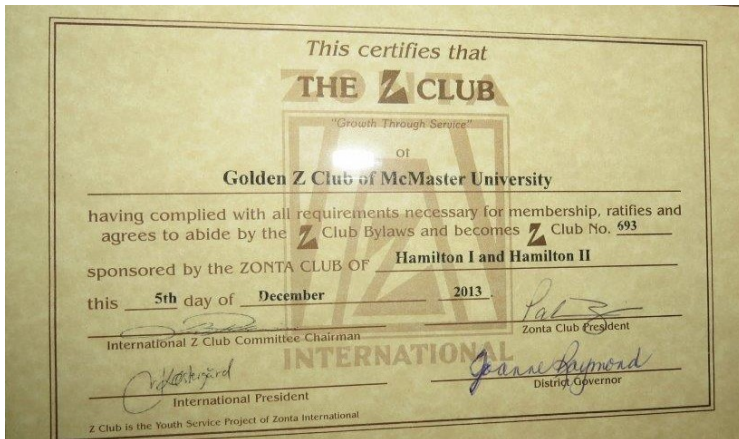
## *McMaster Golden Z Club Charter Presentation*

I am very excited to report that the charter certificate for the McMaster Golden Z club was presented to the members by Governor Joanne Raymond on March 30. The Golden Z club was able to get only a small room for the meeting so invitations to attend could not be extended to all club members. Thanks to Renate Davidson and Jelaine Foster for representing our club with me.

Shirley Ellison, District Z and Golden Z club chairman, gave good advice to the club about connecting with Zonta International and other Golden Z clubs. Lori Robinson, chairman of Z and Golden Z clubs for Zonta International, gave greetings and words of encouragement from Zonta International through a Skype call.

The outgoing President Salwa and incoming President Ana spoke with enthusiasm about the struggles in keeping the club going and plans for expanding the presence of the Golden Z club at McMaster. They feel fortunate that they are in one of the few clubs that has a connection with an outside service club to use as a resource for activities at McMaster.

Nancy Zylvitis





## *Advocacy*

Here in Ontario some new initiatives have been introduced for victims of sexual assault. Daiene Vernile, MPP for Kitchener-Centre chaired the hearings which were held across Ontario.

- ◆ A test program of four free hours of legal advice will be rolled out in Toronto, Ottawa and Thunder Bay. This is not court time but it will give victims an idea of what working through the justice system entails. Eventually it may be available in other centres.
- ◆ Right now breaking a lease in Ontario requires 60 days notice but victims or parents of child victims will be able to do this with 28 days notice if they need 'to move to insure their physical safety'.
- ◆ Last year an advertising campaign began which encouraged individuals to 'intervene when witnessing sexual harassment' and be aware 'that they had an obligation to intervene if they witnessed sexual violence'.
- ◆ All 'universities, colleges and private career colleges' will be asked to develop strategies regarding how they deal with sexual violence, incidents and complaints.
- ◆ Employers will now need to be more aware also as sexual harassment is being included in the definition of workplace harassment.

Connie Deckert, D4 Advocacy Co-Chair  
Zonta Club of Kitchener-Waterloo

[connie@conniedeckert.com](mailto:connie@conniedeckert.com)

## *Hygiene Kits*

We had a call from the Native Women's Emergency Shelter in March asking if we had any of our "wonderful toiletry bags" available. She wanted to have 50 of them, and right away if at all possible. Luckily Gertrud had a bit of time. She bought a few things, had some stock still at her house and so was able to make 15 of them, which she delivered the very next afternoon. They were thrilled!

However, now Gertrud is out of everything! For anyone travelling - we bring back the hotel size shampoo, soap, lotions and conditioners. We also need toothbrushes, toothpaste, facecloths, deodorants and other small toiletries. If you see something on sale, go ahead and pick it up, it will be used in the kits. Gertrud will store everything at her house so it can be brought to any Zonta meeting.

## *News Bits*

- ◇ The Finance Committee members who worked on dues, have agreed to go with the Board recommendation of an increase of \$10 per member, bringing the dues to \$185 per member and that for 2016/2017, the exchange difference will be absorbed by the administration reserves. This will be brought forward to the membership at the April dinner meeting for voting.
- ◇ Hamilton 1 is contributing a raffle basket at the upcoming District Spring Workshop of approximately \$50. Given the short time period we decided to purchase a basket from Denninger's. If members could contribute a loonie or toonie at the April 26th dinner meeting when you check in at the door, this will help to defray our costs. Our club has to break even with our workshop budget. Thanks very much for your support.
- ◇ Attached to this mailing is a poster from the Hamilton Youth Philharmonic Orchestra about upcoming events which celebrate women. It is worth noting that there are many women who are the volunteer coaches of the students in this orchestra.

## ***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, April 22nd, 2016**

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

### **Sunday, April 24th, 2016**

Joan Heels  
Phyllis Deptuck  
Marg Black  
Karin Eckart  
Sandra Cronk

### **Friday, May 20th, 2016**

Nancy Zilvytis  
Irene Polidori  
Phyllis Deptuck  
Sandra Cronk  
Karen Dawson

\_\_\_\_\_**Need 1**

### **Sunday, May 29th, 2016**

Jelaine Foster  
Diane Stogiannes  
Joan Heels  
Marlene Balsdon  
Wayne Balsdon  
Lori Mizzi

### **Friday, June 17th, 2016**

Anita Isaac  
Nancy Zilvytis  
Irene Polidori  
Phyllis Deptuck  
Karen Dawson  
Sylvia von Ellm

### **Sunday, June 19th, 2016**

Jelaine Foster  
Diane Stogiannes  
Marlene Balsdon  
Wayne Balsdon  
Phyllis Deptuck

### **Friday, July 15th, 2016**

Irene Polidori  
Phyllis Deptuck  
Sylvia von Ellm

\_\_\_\_\_**Need 3**

### **Sunday, June 24th, 2016**

Jelaine Foster  
Karin Eckart  
Marlene Balsdon  
Wayne Balsdon  
Phyllis Deptuck

**This monthly mailing includes the following attachments:**

- **March Dinner Minutes**
- **Nominating Committee Slate of Candidates**
- **United Way Background Discussion Paper**
- **Finance Committee Recommendations**
- **RBG Rock Garden Social Registration**

**Zonta International:**

[www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)

**District 4 Website:**

[www.zontadistrict4.org](http://www.zontadistrict4.org)

**Zonta Club of Hamilton 1:**

[www.zontahamilton1.ca](http://www.zontahamilton1.ca)

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**MOTHER'S DAY**

## *Mimosa Brunch*

**WITH THE HPYO**

**SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016**

**TWO SEATINGS: 11:00AM OR 1:00PM**

LIMITED TICKETS: \$40 Adult | \$35 Seniors/Student | at the door add \$5

Tickets: Eventbrite.ca | www.hpyo.com

email info@hpyo.com | phone 905.869.HPYO (4796)

**BOTH EVENTS:**  
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