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February 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
DOROTHY RILETT AT 905-628-5985 OR
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, 2013.**

**YOU WILL BE BILLED FOR YOUR DINNER IF YOU HAVE NOT
CONTACTED DOROTHY BY THAT DATE.**

February Program:

Historic Restorations in Hamilton
Jeff Feswick

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85th Anniversary Celebration

When: Sunday, March 24, 2013, 11am to 3pm

Where: Hamilton Golf and Country Club, Ancaster, ON

We are very fortunate to have as our speaker, Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish whose topic will be "I Shall Not Hate: A Journey of Hope, Faith, Spirituality and Tolerance". Dr. Abuelaish will also be bringing his book entitled "I Shall Not Hate" for those who wish to purchase it and have it signed by him.

Please plan to attend this event to celebrate our club's eighty-five years of service in Hamilton and worldwide.

Hilda Dubé is organizing a basket for the auction at our 85th anniversary celebration. The basket is 13 by 18, and she is gathering items of Middle Eastern interest and provenance. So far she has coffee, olive oil and 4 pillowcases. More contributions from members would be appreciated. Please email Hilda at Hilda.Dube@jcc.hhsc.ca so that she can confirm that items are not duplicated and then bring your item(s) to our February meeting.

UPCOMING DINNER MEETINGS:

FEBRUARY 26, 2013

MARCH 26, 2013

APRIL 23, 2013

MAY 28, 2013

OTHER DATES TO NOTE:

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
MARCH 8TH, 2013

85TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
MARCH 24TH, 2013

GOLF TOURNAMENT
JUNE 6TH, 2013

BIRTHING KIT ASSEMBLY DAY
SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2013

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...!

February 1 — Marie Sharp; February 7 — Suhreta Kovac;
February 14 — Anita Isaac; February 17 — Maggie Hall;
February 19 — Denise Doyle;
February 27 — Margaret Bowman



February 2013 President's Report

Dear Members of Zonta Hamilton 1,

I hope that this newsletter is finding all of you healthy and well. I hope the recent snow storm did not cause too many problems for you. The winter seems to be passing by so quickly that before you know it we will be celebrating our 85th Anniversary together. I hope to see you and your friends at this great event. I can hardly wait to hear Dr. Izzeldin Abuellaish talk about his experiences and insights. Please sign up as soon as possible or at our February dinner meeting. It is March 24 and his talk is called "I Shall Not Hate: A Journey of Hope, Faith, Spirituality and Tolerance".

March 8 is International Women's Day and should be a special day for all of us Zontians. I work with women for the most part and each year, I make a point of talking to everyone on my team about March 8 and try to talk to them about their challenges and educate these ladies about what other women are struggling with and how they can help. It is a great opportunity to spread the word of what Zonta is all about. Some years I have given them each a yellow rose and last year I bought them each a recycled glass bracelet from Ghana like the ones we had at the golf tournament a few years ago. It is a great way to show I care about them, start up a conversation and help them learn about women's advocacy. This year I plan to buy them change purses made by women in El Salvador who are working to be self-sufficient and remove themselves from violence. I encourage you to continue any International Women's Day tradition you may have or start a new one. Here are some ideas that come to mind that you can do on International Women's day if you are not sure what to do. If you have any other ideas please share at our happy dollars in February.



Here is my top 10 list:

Go to Ottawa Street and see the Paint the Town yellow displays and hand out roses;
Read something on one of the Zonta websites or ZI annual report;
Call a woman that you haven't connected with lately;
Offer a helping hand to a woman who needs a bit of help;
Ask a friend to our 85th Anniversary Celebration;
Thank a woman who has been a positive influence in your life;
Make a donation to Zonta International;
Sign up for a Zonta Spring Workshop;
Write to our new premier Kathleen Wynne about a women's issue;
Be kind to yourself.

This March 8th, I will be working on doing one or two of these things, while I "Attempt, Advance, Attain"!

Yours in Zonta,
Sharon

Treasurer's Notes

Membership Dues

Annual membership dues will remain at \$175.00 for the 2013/14 year. Dues must be submitted no later than the May dinner meeting. Cheques, post-dated cheques, or installments will be accepted at any time. If you require an invoice, please email Debbie Field fieldandslote@sympatico.ca with your request.

Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for the Service Trust and Zonta Classic were given to members at the January Dinner meeting, or mailed by the end of January. If you have not received one, or have any questions, please email Debbie Field.



New Member—Denise Doyle



Denise has been the CEO of YWCA Hamilton for the last two years. She was attracted to the job by the opportunity to work with women and girls in our community. As a long-time activist in the women's movement, she was drawn to join Zonta because it has a similar mission and vision with the Y. Denise's experi-

ence with Zonta came from serving on the YWCA Board and our joint awarding of the Olga Cloke Bursary. She also credits Anita Isaac and Sylvia Kajiura with urging her to join Zonta and with mentoring her over the years.

Denise never thought she would end up being the CEO of a large organization. She began her career as a textile engineer graduating from one of the early programs at Mohawk College (involves art work, and colour matching for industry). This led her to be in a predominately male dominated industry where she experienced double standards in pay. She went on to work in private businesses, and later became a consultant in the worker's compensation/health and safety industry,

as a trainer in employment services, and later transitioned to consult with the non-profit sector. Her numerous volunteer activities took her to the YWCA where she sat on various committees and eventually at the governance level with the Board of Directors at the local and national level. Denise has had some wonderful experiences through international YWCA conferences (for example in Nairobi and Zurich), meeting other women throughout the world who struggle to retain or gain human rights – she sees how Canadian women can support those in other countries with our skills and resources.

Denise finds her greatest challenge is to get people to invest in women and girls. Governments and agencies tend to '*fund systems not solutions, and projects instead of programs*'. The YWCA's projects are vulnerable to cuts and therefore not sustainable. Denise highlighted a very successful program at the Y called "Be the One" which focuses on violence against women and while its ongoing funding is pending, they will need to stop the program this March.

Finally, for relaxation, Denise is an avid reader, and enjoys long walks. It gives her great joy to encourage more women to enter politics. She has worked on political campaigns over the years (for example, Andrea Horwath) and was one of the founders of *Elect More Women*, aimed at encouraging more diverse voices in politics and government.

Membership Matters

What do you like best about your membership in **Zonta**? Is it the fun and fellowship we enjoy at some of our special events? Is it being involved in providing service locally and internationally? Is it the opportunity to meet and learn from other **Zontians** at workshops, conferences and conventions? Whatever activities you most enjoy, there is someone you know who may want to participate in them too.

We all have a responsibility to keep our club vibrant and to help increase our membership. Share the **Zonta** message with others and invite interested individuals to a dinner meeting. The focus of the March dinner meeting will be on our Service Projects, so invite someone who might be interested in **Zonta** - that way they can hear about some of the local worthwhile projects we fund.

Application forms and brochures are available from the Membership committee at all dinner meetings.



Inter-City Events

On Thursday, March 7th, 2013, the Women of Halton Action Movement (WHAM) and the Zonta Club of Oakville are partnering to host an IWD event, "The Dinner Party", at the Oakville Conference and Banquet Centre. The key note speaker is Shae Invidiata, the Founder of [free-them], fighting to abolish human trafficking. This is a fundraiser for S.A.V.I.S, (Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Services) and C.S.A.W. (Canadians in Support of Afghan Women). Tickets are \$50.00 and they can be purchased through S.A.V.I.S. at 905-825-3622.

The Spring Workshop for Area 1 and 2 clubs is being hosted by the Owen Sound Club on Saturday, April 27th. Club members are also welcome at the workshops for the other Areas in the District. The programme will have the same theme but the speakers may be different. If you can't attend on the 27th of April, you could register for the April 6 one in Niagara Falls, NY or the April 6th one in Warren, PA. The theme is, "Look In - Reach Out". Costs and programmes are not yet available. Spring workshops are a great way for club members to learn more about Zonta outside of their own clubs.

There will be a Zonta International North American Inter-District Meeting in Niagara Falls, Canada from June 14 to 16th. The theme is, "Get on Board the New Zonta Express. Be the Change, the Zonta Change." Further information will be shared as it arrives.

The District 4 Conference will be held at the Westin Hotel in Pittsburgh on Sept. 28 /29, 2013. The theme is "Building Bridges in the City of Bridges". Fall District Conferences are held in years opposite to the Zonta International Convention. This is another great venue to experience Zonta at work on a larger scale. Our club will send delegates to represent us as this is where the District Board is elected for the upcoming Biennium.

Also for any members eager to travel further, there is a Greek Isles Zonta District 4 "Fun" Raiser Cruise to raise money for the Amelia Earhart Fellowship. It runs from Oct. 11th to 21st on the ship Legend of the Seas from Royal Caribbean. New **lower** prices range from \$1212.19 to \$1972.19 with a \$450 deposit required to hold your reservation and the balance is due by June 26, 2013. Further details are on the District 4 website <http://www.zontadistrict4.org/>

Fundraising

Fundraising will be selling flowers for both Easter and the Spring. For now we are going to concentrate on Easter. We are going to be offering the following choices for Easter flowers for you to purchase!

Easter Lilies 6"	\$ 9.00	Easter Lilies 10"	\$22.00
Spring Tulips 6"	\$ 7.50	Hyacinth 6"	\$ 7.50
Daffodils	\$ 7.50	Hydrangea 6"	\$16.00

Plants will be available for pickup at the meeting on March 26th. There will only be the one delivery date for the Easter Plants. Good Friday is March 29th so everyone should have them in plenty of time.

More news to follow on Spring hanging flowers and flats that we will be ordering later. The feedback from Christmas was very favorable and I know that Vermeer's will make sure that we get excellent plants again for Easter.

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Do you have something in your house you would like to sell? Would you like to donate the item to Zonta? Would you like to receive a tax receipt for your donation? If you answered yes to these questions, then please contact Dianne Moore or Sandra Cronk. No item is too large! We will place your item on Kijiji, sell it and arrange for the purchaser to pick up the item. You will get a tax receipt for the money received for your item while the proceeds will go to our fundraising coffers. For more information just speak to one of us.

This is an amazing internet site where you can buy and sell just about anything; where one person's junk is truly another's treasure.



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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.
PLEASE CONTACT PHYLLIS DEPTUCK IF YOU CAN HELP OUT [905-387-1485](tel:905-387-1485)

SPARE Sharon Haas

Zonta International:
www.zonta.org

District 4 Website:
www.zontadistrict4.org

Zonta Club of Hamilton 1:
www.zontahamilton1.ca

For information, please email:
contactus@zontahamilton1.ca



Friday, March 1, 2013

Jelaine Foster
Nancy Goodhew
Ingrid Popaleni
Karen Dawson
Sandra Cronk (Running)

Sunday, March 10, 2013

Jelaine Foster
Sylvia von Ellm
Renate Davidson
Karin Eckart
Phyllis Deptuck (Running)

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Friday, March 29, 2013

Alina Zylvytis
Ingrid Popaleni
Nancy Goodhew

Need 1
Sandra Cronk (Running)



COMING SOON

International Women's Day



9 March 2013

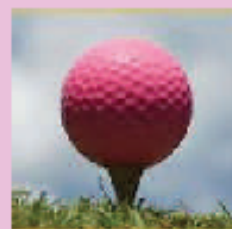
Save the Date

The 2013 Women of Distinction Awards, Thursday, May 9, 2013 - 5:30 pm, Carmen's Banquet Centre.
Our very own Anita Isaac has been nominated for this award, in the category "Lifetime Achievement".
Further details at our February dinner meeting.



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Sweet 16!



We are pleased to announce the date of our 16th annual women's only golf tournament to raise funds to fight breast cancer. It is **Thursday June 6th, 2013** at Copetown Woods Golf Course.

We are always welcoming golfers, dinner guests and sponsorships (hole sponsors, silent auction / goodie bag sponsors). If you would like to participate, please contact Diane Stogiannes (dstogiannes@cogeco.ca) or visit us online at www.zontahamilton1.ca.



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