

Zonta Club of Hamilton I

Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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November 27th 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
DRILETT@COGECO.CA BY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND, 2012.**

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

November Program:

Poverty Issues

Deirdre Pike

Senior Planner with the Social Research Planning Council of Hamilton

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Communications Corner

Passwords on your Computer - I've found and installed a really good free program called LastPass. It manages all of your passwords on your computer and tablets. It is very secure and has great reviews (Google it). Even the premium version which will include your mobile devices is only \$12 per year. If you want some help with it, or have other questions, I would be happy to help you. I think it has simplified my computer experience!

Email or Newsletter Articles - Just a friendly reminder that if you want some information to go to all of our members, consider submitting it to our newsletter editor instead of circulating by email or making an announcement at the club meeting. That way all of our members receive the information.

District 4 E News - Last month (October) the Governor's newsletter was distributed in a new way. It was emailed individually to every Zontian in District 4 with an email address listed at Zonta International. Some of our members' emails bounced because ZI had incorrect information. About half of our members did not open it. I think for some it may have gone into Junk Mail. Please watch for the next issue next week. If you don't receive it, please check your junk folder. You can direct it to your inbox by adding @zontadistrict4.org to your Safe Senders List. If you really want to opt out of receiving it (after you have read it) you will have that choice. Zonta International also sends an E-Newsletter monthly, and it is sent on the last day of each month. If you have not been receiving it, your email address may be incorrect at ZI.

Sandra Cronk

UPCOMING DINNER MEETINGS:

NOVEMBER 27

DECEMBER 11

JANUARY 22

OTHER DATES TO NOTE:

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
NOVEMBER 25TH

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY
DECEMBER 10TH

85TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
MARCH 24TH, 2013

GOLF TOURNAMENT
JUNE 6TH, 2013

BIRTHING KIT ASSEMBLY DAY
SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2013

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...!

November 14 - Karen Dawson
November 27 - Phyllis Deptuck
November 30 - Joan Vineberg



November 2012 President's Report

Hello Zontians of Hamilton 1!

The fall is certainly passing quickly and I am very proud of the events that have taken place over the past few weeks that impact the status of women. Since our last newsletter, our club partnered with the YWCA in a successful Person's Day Breakfast on October 18th at Liuna Station. This event helps fulfill the Zonta International Biennium goal of increasing visibility and credibility. Thank you to the YWCA, the Zonta Club of Hamilton 2, the committee and all the volunteers for the event.



Zonta International celebrated its 93rd Birthday on November 8th. We currently have 30,000 members and 1200 clubs in 63 countries. Our club is actively planning our own 85th anniversary celebration on March 24th and our 16th annual golf tournament on June 6th to raise funds for breast cancer. Mark your calendars for both of these events please and make sure you do your best to attend and promote these events to your friends, colleagues and throughout the community.

Our communication committee has been busy keeping our website and Facebook page current with information about our own and other Zonta clubs. They have also added links to other news and organizations advocating for women of the world. If you have visited our Facebook page recently, you will know that October 11th has been designated the International Day of the Girl Child. This is a movement to

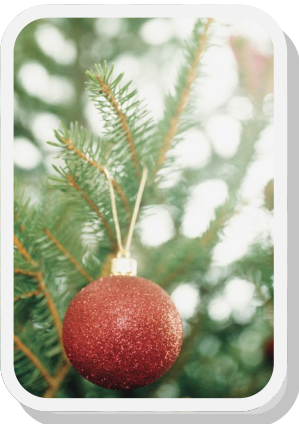
speak out against gender bias and advocate for girls' rights everywhere.

Many believe that women voters played a pivotal role in the outcome of the US Presidential Election on November 6th. Regardless of politics, there are now a record number of women who hold Senate seats. It was surprising to hear some very old topics like women's rights to control their own reproductive choices being argued once again. However, the more discussion about women's rights to health programs, wage equality and opportunities to obtain decision-making positions, the more likely we are to make progress. Although it seems that these are debates have been happening for decades, this discussion is still necessary and I encourage everyone to work towards making women's issues forefront in the minds of all voters and decision makers. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see a qualified woman lead the Liberal Party in Ontario?

I look forward to our upcoming dinner meeting in November where we will learn more about how we can advocate and impact the lives of women in our local community.

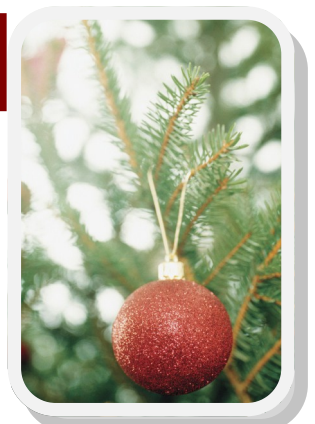
Yours in Zonta,

Sharon



Donations in Lieu of Christmas Cards

Donations in lieu of Christmas Cards can be made to the Service Trust. Bring a cheque payable to the Service Trust to the November or December meeting, give it to Debbie Field, our Treasurer, and you will receive a 2012 charitable receipt. The names of donors will be published in the January Tel-O-Zonta.



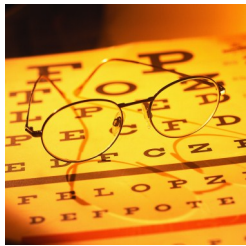
District Advocacy Committee -- 120

There are numerous issues in the news that warrant attention. In Ottawa the Parliamentary Budget Office is threatening to take the federal government to court to obtain information regarding budget cuts that are contained in an omnibus bill before the House. The bill does not specify the details of the cuts and the PBO feels that the Canadian public has a right to know.

In Ontario, Premier McGuinty has resigned and prorogued the Legislature until his party picks a new leader at the end of January. Opposition parties are incensed. All bills before the Legislature have to be re-introduced when the next session begins. As well, a Committee investigating the cancellation of the power plant in the Mississauga riding during the last provincial election has ceased its investigation. The cancellation cost Ontario taxpayers \$230 million.

Connie Deckert, D4 Advocacy Chair-Canada
Zonta Club of Kitchener-Waterloo
foreu@sympatico.ca

Service Committee



Eyeglass Collection

Zontians are asked to bring their old prescription glasses to our November Dinner meeting. These glasses will be donated to Medical Ministry International, located in Stoney Creek.

Eyeglass collections are assembled for MMI projects by determining prescriptions with an auto lensometer and entered into a computerized inventory system. Your glasses could be tagged for a little town in Central America or South America, Eastern Europe or Southern Asia. Volunteers are also needed to help sort eyeglasses and prepare them at the Stoney Creek warehouse. If you are interested in helping out, please call Leanne Ferris at (905) 524-3544.

Advocacy Committee

The attached template letter advocating a "living wage" is a word document that you can tweak any way you wish, in order to personalize it for your own use. As a committee our overall focus is on poverty and the current goal focusses on a "living wage". We hope to inspire you and actively engage you in challenging our government to address this issue.

At our November meeting Deirdre Pike is our speaker and she will give you ammunition to be able to speak eloquently on this issue. We are also asking you to bring food items to the meeting which we will donate to a food bank.

Here are two links for you to access the correct addresses of the MPs and MPPs for the "living wage" letter. Paper copies will also be available at the meeting for you to take, sign and mail.

[List of Ontario politicians Queen's Park e-mail addresses](#)

[Members of Parliament](#)

Thank you for your support

The Advocacy Committee

Thank-You



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June 29, 2012

Ms. Lillian Orban
Zonta Club of Hamilton
40 Pottruff Road South
Hamilton, ON
L8K 3Z8

Dear Ms. Orban:

Thank you so much for joining Parkview's staff and students as we celebrated our graduation. This is a joyous occasion as we share this rite of passage and reward the students for their hard work.

As the awards are a surprise to the students, to hear their comments and excitement after the graduation ceremonies is very rewarding. Receiving plaques and letters of recognition from the community enhances the day. Those who received monetary awards were most gratified.

We appreciate your kindness in donating the "Top Female Student Award".

We hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we did having you share it with us.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Mori".

Ms. A. Mori Chairperson
Graduation Committee

AM:mb

Fundraising

Calendar Fundraiser

Please bring back any unsold tickets from the Calendar lottery to the November meeting. Ticket sales have gone very well and we will redistribute to other Zontians if you have been unable to sell all of your tickets.

Entertainment Books

We have a small supply of Entertainment books for the Hamilton area. Each book is \$30 and if you only use two or three coupons, it pays for itself and the club receives a small commission. They will be available until mid-December.

Fudge Orders

Order your fudge from Phyllis for delivery at the December meeting. Cream or Chocolate at \$14.00 per can.

Poinsettias

We are selling poinsettias from Vermeer Wholesale Growers in Welland. The plants come in red, burgundy, white, and pink. The sizes are 6" pots for \$8.50 and 10" pots for \$20.00. We are also selling outside pots of winter greenery for \$30.00. Pictures of a poinsettia and the winter greenery pot are below. Vermeer has a long history and sells an amazing number of plants each season. Some club members wanted to get their poinsettias in November and so we are making a special trip to bring some of the plants back for the meeting in November. This will give the members a chance to see the caliber of the plants, the sizes and to see what the outdoor urns with greenery look like. The November meeting will be the last opportunity to order plants as I have to have the order into the nursery before midnight on the 27th. Vermeer's will deliver the remaining order of plants to Liuna for our Christmas dinner meeting on December 11.

Wine Raffle

Please remember to bring your wine contribution to the November meeting for the December Wine Raffle.





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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:
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Sunday, November 18, 2012

Joan Heels
 Marg Black
 Wayne Balsdon
 Marlene Balsdon
 Diane Stogiannes (Running)

Friday, December 7, 2012

Anita Isaac
 Nancy Goodhew
 Sylvia Von Ellm
 Ingrid Popaleni
 Elizabeth Embleton
 Phyllis Deptuck (Running)

Sunday, December 9, 2012

Joan Heels
 Sylvia Von Ellm
 Karin Eckart
 Phyllis Deptuck
 Alina Zilvytis (Running)

Friday, January 4, 2013

Ingrid Popaleni
 Marg Black
 Irene Polidori
 Sylvia von Ellm
 Sandra Cronk (Running)

Sunday, January 13, 2013

Kim Alvarado
 Marlene Balsdon
 Wayne Balsdon
 Irene Polidori
 Phyllis Deptuck (Running)

Friday, February 1, 2013

Jelaine Foster
 Marg Black
 Nancy Gooheew
 Ingrid Popaleni
 Irene Polidori (Running)

Sunday, February 3, 2013

Joan Heels
 Marlene Balsdon
 Wayne Balsdon
 Sylvia von Ellm
 Phyllis Deptuck (Running)

Friday, March 1, 2013

Elizabeth Embleton
 Nancy Gooheew
 Ingrid Popaleni
 _____ **Need 1**
 Sandra Cronk (Running)

Sunday, March 10, 2013

Jelaine Foster
 Sylvia von Ellm
 _____ **Need 2**
 Phyllis Deptuck (Running)

Friday, March 29, 2013

Alina Zylvytis
 Ingrid Popaleni
 Nancy Goodhew
 Elizabeth Embleton
 Sandra Cronk (Running)

Insert MP name and address

Date

Dear (insert local MP name)

I am writing to ask that you support and advocate for the families in our community that are unable to make a decent wage, a "living wage".

I have just made a contribution to my local food bank. In the 1980's food banks were created for a short term solution in Ontario to help those in need during hard economic times. This short term solution, 20 years later is now a part of our social services network.

As you probably know, many children in our community are growing up in poverty while their parents are both working full time. Growing up in poverty impacts all aspects of ones life such as health, education levels, and our community's future prosperity.

Subsisting on minimum wage of \$10.25/hour means making decisions between heating a home or buying food for the children. Economists have calculated a "living wage" in Hamilton to be \$14.95/hour. This is the wage that is needed to cover the basics such as food, shelter, clothing, transportation, and child care. It does not cover student loans, home ownership, retirement or education savings.

As our minimum wage is \$10.25/hour many families rely on food banks to fill the gaps so they can feed their families.

Ensuring that families make an appropriate "living wage" is good for our economy. It creates greater consumer spending power, increases spending in our local community, and increases civic participation. The literature in this area suggests that employers benefit from reduced absenteeism, decreased turnover rates, lower recruitment and training costs, with increased morale and productivity.

I ask that you work with the City of Hamilton and the province to establish a "living wage" for the members of our community.

Respectfully,