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TUESDAY, MAY 28TH, DINNER MEETING

DINNER IS AT 6:00 P.M. SHARP IN THE
CONTINENTAL EXPRESS
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

LIZ SHOULD ALSO KNOW WHO IS PAYING FOR A
GUEST'S DINNER

YOU WILL BE BILLED \$35 FOR YOUR DINNER
IF YOU HAVE NOT CONTACTED LIZ BY
THURSDAY, MAY 23RD, 2019

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Annual General Meeting
Installation of the New Board



Dates to Remember

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

MAY DINNER MEETING—AGM
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019

JUNE SOCIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019

OTHER DATES TO NOTE:

D.4 CONFERENCE
BUFFALO, NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2019

BIRTHING KIT ASSEMBLY DAY
OCTOBER 5, 2019



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 4 — Margaret Good



May Dinner Meeting Reminder

Hamilton will mark its inaugural Menstrual Hygiene Day on May 28th with a gathering at Hamilton City Hall beginning at 10 a.m., featuring a keynote address by Councillor Maureen Wilson. United Way, which is running a Period Promise campaign in May to help end period poverty, will also mark Menstrual Hygiene Day in Gore Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nearly 1 in 4 Canadian women has struggled to buy period products for themselves, or their children.

In support of this initiative, please bring a feminine hygiene product to the meeting and we will donate the products to the United Way campaign.



May 2019 President's Report



Dear Zonta Sisters,

Mother's Day has just passed. Although it was not a sunny warm day here, it is a celebration honouring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of women in society. I hope all of you felt celebrated!

On the flipside, the news for the last few weeks has been full of remarks made by men, mostly politicians, that do not consider the rights of women as equal to those of men. The arguments go back and forth on social media and in the news and so it seems that we must ratchet up our influence on politicians and our advocacy for women and girls. Sadly gender disparity still exists and it affects many women and girls.

The findings in a recent IPSOS survey commissioned by Girl Guides of Canada, indicated that girls are still clustered in lower-paid "pink ghetto" jobs — for example babysitting, compared with yard work.

"While about 11 per cent of boys reported experiencing some form of sexual harassment or assault during their 2018 summer work, females appeared to be worse off. About 13 per cent of girls polled said they experienced some form of sexual harassment or assault at work, rising to 19 per cent among older teens and 23 per cent for girls from lower-income families.

The report offers advice for employers: scrutinize hiring practices to avoid bias, pay fairly and ensure the workplace is free of sexual harassment. Parents are urged to talk daughters about money and pay, encourage their girls to speak up at work, and support non-traditional choices.

It also urges girls to see their time as a valuable resource, to get comfortable talking about pay, and to know they have a right to feel safe at work." <https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/summer-gigs-canadian-girls-typically-earn-less-than-boys-survey-suggests>

I am attaching the email and information that was sent to the MPP Donna Skelly with regard to cGaming. It was also sent to MPP Andrea Horwath, MPP Paul Miller, MPP Monique Taylor and MPP Sandy Shaw. I have only received one response from Andrea Horwath, who wrote:

"New Democrats value the role that these centres play in supporting our local charities and believe that any modernization program should be rolled out responsibly and fairly.

Members of the Ontario NDP Caucus have already taken action on this issue by addressing it directly to the Minister of Finance, who oversees OLG and its programs. We will continue to actively press the government on this matter to ensure that our local bingo halls keep running, and no charities in Hamilton lose out on funding."

As a club we must continue to monitor laws and policies and their impact on women, participate in hearings and public meetings with local politicians and administrators, to raise awareness about significant issues still affecting women and girls in our local communities.

Yours in Zonta,

Karin

Empowering Women Through Service and Advocacy



Advocacy Committee

Our May dinner meeting will be the last dinner meeting to bring any new or gently bras for Free the Girls. This is a district focus to help reduce human trafficking and violence against women and girls. Bras can be given to Julie Kostal. We are reaching out to the community so please accept bras if you are approached. Drop off boxes are at the homes of Julie Kostal, Sandra Cronk, Judy Ambrose and Lena Marie . Please share with your friends and encourage bra donations.



In preparation for our Fall projects, please gather up any toiletries for hygiene kits or The Purse Project. We will look forward to accepting your items this fall. The Purse Project also needs new or gently used purses, socks, mitts and hats. Knitters and crocheters please consider making scarves and hats. Our hygiene kits and the Purse Project assist women in our community who need assistance with the basics of life.

Please make a special note in your calendar of Tuesday November 26. We will be kicking off our dinner meeting at Hamilton City Hall, where our “Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women” banner will be displayed with the Hamilton sign in orange. For dinner we will be at the YWCA ‘At the Table’. Please plan to join us to participate in the 16 Days of Activism.

Thank you,
Advocate by taking Action

Menstrual Awareness

Period Promise (running May 1st – 28th) is an initiative started with United Way Lower Mainland on the West Coast (www.periodpromise.ca). This initiative builds on Tampon Tuesday - a menstrual hygiene awareness and product drive that United Way and Labour Community Services across the country have been running for years. The Period Promise has grown from that, as a greater need has been recognized in our communities. United Ways are stepping up to bring even bigger, more impactful initiatives forward around menstrual equity. In 2018, the Hamilton organization FemCare with the help of Councillor Maureen Wilson and community supporters, brought forward a motion for the City to begin providing free menstrual products. There is momentum in the community.

Period Promise includes a large product drive during the month of May. We’ll also be screening the Oscar-winning documentary “Period, End of Sentence.” at both Playhouse Cinema (Hamilton) and Film.ca (Oakville) to raise awareness. The product drive will culminate on May 28th, International Menstrual Hygiene Day at the Summer Promenade festival at Gore Park. We will be building the word PERIOD. out of the product and inviting the media, community agencies and corporate supporters – anyone can attend. Please do so if you have time to attend before our dinner meeting.



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 starts at 6:45 Friday and Sunday nights**

Friday, June 14th, 2019

Karen Dawson
Sandra Cronk
Sharon Haas
Irene Polidori
Nancy Zilvytis
Anita Isaac

Sunday, June 23rd, 2019

Marlene Balsdon
Wayne Balsdon
Phyllis Deptuck
Jelaine Foster

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www.zonta.org

District 4 Website:

www.zontadistrict4.org

Zonta Club of Hamilton 1:

www.zontahamilton1.ca

For information, please email:
contactus@zontahamilton1.ca



Janice Ormond—Hamilton Out of the Cold Program



Robyn Dmytrow—United Way Halton & Hamilton

IF YOU CAN HELP OUT AT BINGO

Please contact **PHYLLIS DEPTUCK** [905-387-1485](tel:905-387-1485) Spare—Sheila Creighton

Attached to this Newsletter

- **April Dinner Meeting Minutes**
- **May 2018 AGM Draft Minutes**
- **Bingo c-Gaming Letter to MPP D. Skelly**



Meghan Graham—Special Needs Resource Centre



Debbie Logel Butler
Cancer Assistance Program



Alyssa Nicole Di Paolo
YWPA Award Recipient

Date	Event	Details/Location	Contact
Friday, May 17	BINGO	5:00pm Princess Bingo 300 Fennell Avenue East	Phyllis Deptuck 905-387-1485 phyllis.deptuck@sympatico.ca
Sunday, May 19	BINGO	5:00pm Princess Bingo 300 Fennell Avenue East	Phyllis Deptuck 905-387-1485 phyllis.deptuck@sympatico.ca
Tuesday, May 28	Dinner Meeting-AGM	Liuna Station 360 James St N, Hamilton, ON L8L 1H5	Liz Newman 905-627-4292 enewman6@bell.net
Tuesday, June 4	Board Meeting	Fortino's Party Room 1579 Main Street West Hamilton	Karin Eckart 905-527-2957 kareck@gmail.com
Friday, June 14	BINGO	5:00pm Princess Bingo 300 Fennell Avenue East	Phyllis Deptuck 905-387-1485 phyllis.deptuck@sympatico.ca
Sunday, June 23	BINGO	5:00pm Princess Bingo 300 Fennell Avenue East	Phyllis Deptuck 905-387-1485 phyllis.deptuck@sympatico.ca
Tuesday, June 25	Dinner Meeting Social	Location Still to be Determined	
Tuesday, September 3	Board Meeting	Fortino's Party Room 1579 Main Street West Hamilton	Karin Eckart 905-527-2957 kareck@gmail.com
Tuesday, September 24	Dinner Meeting	Liuna Station 360 James St N, Hamilton, ON L8L 1H5	Liz Newman 905-627-4292 enewman6@bell.net
September 27-29	District 4 Conference	HYATT REGENCY BUFFALO / HO- TEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER, 2 FOUNTAIN PLAZA, BUFFALO, NY 14202, USA	https://zontadistrict4.org/district- events/d4-conference-event-page/
October 5	Birthing Kit Assembly Day	Chedoke Presbyterian Church 865 Mohawk Rd W, Hamilton, ON L9C 7B9	Karen Dawson 905-679-9132 karenmdawson@gmail.com