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Dear Members of the Westchester Club,

I am looking forward to this fall season with excitement. When I review the plans we put together in June, I realize that we are well on our way to putting them into action. The difference our club can make for those less fortunate is amazing.

At our September meeting I asked all our members to sign up for committees. Please make sure that you have done so. The involvement of all our members is imperative to successfully meeting our goals.

The District 3 conference was a great kick-off. What an exciting weekend we had in Maryland!!

Six members from our club attended the District 3 Conference. I hope we can infuse the energy and ideas we gathered at the conference into our activities this year. In keeping with the pirate's theme at conference, Georgia crafted a "Real Hidden Treasure Chest" (aka money tree) which raised almost \$500 for our club. What a great hint as to what is to come!



MONTHLY MEETING

October 18th 2011

Fogarty's

Members & Guests
\$30.00
Cocktails 6:30 pm

PROGRAM
"Human Trafficking"

Speaker: Ms. Sarah Porter, New York Human Trafficking Advocate

Unable to attend call
Jo-Ann Farenga
346-5654



Our Young Woman in Public Affairs scholarship winner was chosen as the District winner. We will be honoring her at our meetings this year and Lisa Frazier, the Governor of District 23 is hoping to attend, as well as Kathy Rau our Area 1 director.

The Westchester Club won 2 awards. The 1st Place United Nations Award and the 3rd place Status of Women Award. Thanks to all who participated in our club activities and a special thanks to those who wrote such thorough reports. So many of the clubs are doing so many wonderful things that it is truly an honor to be recognized. Please check the District 3 website to read the different clubs reports.

See you on October 18th if not sooner.

Sincerely,
Alice De Luise Massa
President
Zonta Club of Westchester

FELLOW ZONTIANS.....

Let's All Wear Purple!!!!

Purple is the color chosen to help spread awareness of domestic violence. New York State's Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence is working to "Shine the Light on Domestic Violence" by turning the State purple. This October you will be seeing purple everywhere: purple ribbons, purple clothing, and purple lights to name a few. Take a stand against domestic violence. For additional suggestions, visit New York State's Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence website.
www.opdv.state.ny.us/public_awareness

Dollar!! Dollar!! Dollar!!

*At our October meeting,
Jaime Hubert will be
running a Dollar/Dollar
auction for a money tree.
Please bring some dollar bills
so that you can join in the
fun!!!*



2011 CALENDAR

DATE	MEETING	LOCATION	PROGRAM
Aug 6, 2011	Board	Alice home	Planning Meeting
Sept 20, 2011	General 6:30 Board 5pm	Fogarty's	Policewoman in the Bronx
October 1, 2011	9am – 3pm	Alice's home	TAG SALE <i>FUNDRAISER</i>
Oct 18, 2011	General 6:30 Board 5pm	Fogarty's	Human Trafficking
Nov 15, 2011	General 6:30 Board 5pm	Fogarty's	<i>Club Auction</i>
*Dec 13, 2011	General 6:30 Board 5pm	*Member's home	Pot luck supper

Congratulations to fellow Zontian Karen Carroll for her fantastic work with the TV show *Law and Order: SVU*. Karen was the technical advisor for the hospital scenes on the episode entitled "Scorched Earth," which aired on September 21, 2011 on NBC. Didn't get a chance to watch? Don't fret! The full episode is available online at www.nbc.com.



Zonta International United Nations Committee

(excerpts from report submitted by MaryAnn Tarantulo, UN Committee Chair)

CEDAW Committee General Discussion

On July 18th, your UN representatives in New York attended the General Discussion of the CEDAW Committee which was centered on the problem of violence against women in conflict and post conflict areas. Zonta International joined many other NGOs in writing a statement deploring these acts of violence. The CEDAW Committee will consider all statements for the purpose of making a general recommendation. That should occur sometime in 2012.

The panel consisted of several high ranking UN officials. Ms. Wallstrom, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual violence in Conflict was decisive in her conviction that discrimination and violence against women is still rampant. She noted that peacekeepers who have committed violence against women have been sent home, but the home country does not always follow through with punishment, a situation that must end. "Name and shame the perpetrators," she said. Ms. Coomaraswamy, Special representative of the Secretary-General for children and Armed Conflict, spoke to the problem of education for girls. There must be, she said, emergency responses so that the lives of children are not disrupted beyond repair. Mr. Mendez spoke of rape as torture, a heinous act that degrades and subjugates the victim. Prosecution is essential. Ms. Neuwirth spoke of the stigma that is attached to the rape victim. Women must have the support of government and government officials. Reparations for women who have been stigmatized should be part of the peace (post-conflict) process. She also mentioned that police departments should recruit more women and perhaps have a woman stationed in police headquarters to deal with women's issues.

UN Women 2011-2012 Report -Progress of the World's Women In Pursuit of Justice

It was a great honor to be invited to the launch of the 2011-2012 Report, the first major UN Women report. The focus of the report, which is 164 pages long, is justice. In the foreword to the report, Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon writes, "Justice is central to the effort to help women become equal partners in decision-making and development. Without justice, women are disenfranchised, disempowered and denied their rightful place."

Human Trafficking: A Preview of our October Program

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery where people profit from the control and exploitation of others. As defined under U.S. federal law, victims of human trafficking include children involved in the sex trade, adults age 18 or over who are coerced or deceived into commercial sex acts, and anyone forced into different forms of "labor or services," such as domestic workers held in a home, or farm-workers forced to labor against their will. The factors that each of these situations have in common are elements of force, fraud, or coercion that are used to control people. Then, that control is tied to inducing someone into commercial sex acts, or labor or services. Numerous people in the field have summed up the concept of human trafficking as "compelled service." Every year, human traffickers generate billions of dollars in profits by victimizing millions of people around the world, and here in the United States. Human trafficking is considered to be one of the fastest growing criminal industries in the world.

Labor trafficking occurs in diverse contexts that encompass all forms of labor or services. Common places where forced labor has been found in the United States include domestic servitude and small-scale "mom and pop" labor operations, to more large-scale operations such as farms and factories. Sex trafficking includes commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC), as well as every instance where an adult is in the sex trade as the result of force, fraud, or coercion. Sex trafficking occurs within numerous venues in the broader sex industry, commonly found in street prostitution, online escort services, residential brothels, and brothels disguised as legitimate massage parlors.

Victims of human trafficking in the United States include U.S. citizens or foreign nationals, adults or minors, and men or women. Foreign-born victims in the U.S. may be either documented or undocumented. There is not a consistent type or profile of a trafficking victim. Based on U.S. federal law, trafficked persons in the U.S. can be men or women, adults or children, and foreign nationals or U.S. citizens. Some are well-educated, while others have no formal education. Some immigrant victims are currently in the U.S. legally, and others are undocumented. Some form of vulnerability tends to be the common thread amongst all different trafficking victims.

Learn more about human trafficking at www.polarisproject.org

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month!!

It's a diagnosis all women fear: breast cancer. In the United States, it is estimated that 1 out of every 8 women will become afflicted with this devastating and potentially deadly condition, but it can be successfully treated. Screening tests can find cancer early, when it's most treatable.

Ways to help lower your risk of breast cancer include the following:

1. Know your risk

- Talk to your family to learn about your family health history
- Talk to your provider about your personal risk of breast cancer

2. Get screened

- Ask your doctor which screening tests are right for you if you are at a higher risk
- Have a mammogram every year starting at age 40 if you are at average risk
- Have a clinical breast exam at least every 3 years starting at age 20, and every year starting at age 40

3. Know what is normal for you: See your health care provider if you notice any of these breast changes:

- Lump, hard knot or thickening inside the breast or underarm area
- Swelling, warmth, redness or darkening of the breast
- Change in the size or shape of the breast
- Dimpling or puckering of the skin
- Itchy, scaly sore or rash on the nipple
- Pulling in of your nipple or other parts of the breast
- Nipple discharge that starts suddenly
- New pain in one spot that doesn't go away

October Birthdays!

Christine Bolton: October 2

Shirley Carter: October 22

Doreen LeBlanc: October 7

Happy Happy Birthday!!