

ZONTAGRAM



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April 2009



Patricia Latona with Woman of the Year, Janine Rose

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Dear Zontians,
It was a blustery, March-like day but the energy and camaraderie inside the Davenport Inn on Saturday, April 4 at the Spring Brunch and Fashion Show filled the air with warmth. Over 108 Zontians and their guests enjoyed a day filled with delicious food, exciting and unique auction items and the chance to meet and greet Janine Rose, News Anchor and Director for News 12 Westchester.

Ms. Rose was effusive in her remarks about the work of Zonta and commended members for all that we do. She detailed her illustrious career at News 12 Westchester paying special tribute to all who work with and for her, noting how important it is to recognize those who may not be on "center stage" but whose contributions and commitment are vital to the success of any business, team, or individual.

Suzanne Leslie, winner of the Young Woman in Public Affairs Award was charming and most appreciative of her award. Suzanne is a senior at Ossining High School. Her immediate goal is attend college to study biology and .

MONTHLY MEETING
April 21, 2009

J.C. Fogarty's
60 Kraft Avenue
Bronxville, NY

Members & Guests:
\$30.00
Cocktail 6:00
Dinner promptly at
6:45

BOARD MEETING
APRIL 21, 2009
5:30 PM

PROGRAM:
ANNUAL MEETING AND REPORTS

Call Doreen LaBlanc
if you are unable to attend

(914) 779-3475

Dues are Due!

**Not paid?
Bring 4/21
Thank You!**

realize her dream to become a Secondary Education Biology teacher.

A special thanks to those who generously donated auction items and those who LOVE TO SHOP.... we raised over \$4,500!!!!. THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

And to all Zonta Club Members who gave so much time and energy.. Bravo on a job well done!

Chair	Shirley Carter
Reservation	Nora Gorman
On site registration	Jamie Hubert, Connie Crump, Vera Voges
Program Journal	Patricia Latona
Models	Catherine Kocur, Karen Carroll, Vivienne Bartley, Connie Crump, Jamie Hubert, Shirley Carter, Katie Cotter, Patricia Latona
Commentator	Nora Gorman
Auction	Georgia LaBlanc (chair), Minna Elgart, Peggy Wines
Silent Auction	Alice Massa (chair), Ijeoma Nduka-Nwosu , Vivienne Bartley, Doreen LaBlanc, Tryness Mwale
50/50 Raffle	Shelia Sievertsen, (chair) Ijeoma Nduka-Nwosu, Louise Wekstein, Dawn Moe
Greeter	Catherine Kocur
Photography	Margaret Cortez, Karen Carroll
Publicity	Catherine Kocur
Table Decorations	Erin Spano, Katie Cotter, Ellen Manopoli



Models: Pat Latona, Shirley Carter, Catherin Kocur, Connie Crump, Karen Carroll, Katie Cotter, Jamie Hubert, Vivienne Bartley

DEAR ZONTA MEMBERS

At Meetings & All Events

Your input is appreciated
Your spirit is contagious
Your support is vital

**THANK YOU,
 FROM THE BOARD**

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

All **COMMITTEE CHAIRS** please bring your Annual Report to the Annual Meeting April 21, 2009. Plan to give a BRIEF Synopsis to the membership.

They will then be submitted to the District Governor, Ellen Karo and the District Chairs. The forms may be downloaded from the District Website. www.zontadistrict3.org.

Look under Resources. Any difficulty? Call Pat Latona, 914-548-2702 for a copy.

April 2009, National
Sexual Assault Awareness Month

A PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (excerpt)

Sexual assault scars the lives of millions in the United States. To increase awareness about this issue, prevent future crimes, and aid victims, this month we mark National Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Sexual assault is pervasive in the United States. Study after study has shown that this crime impacts people at all age levels and in every part of this Nation. One recent study found that 18 percent of women in this country have been raped in their lifetime. Victims need an array of services to heal from the trauma of sexual assault, including crisis intervention, 24-hour sexual assault hotlines, medical and criminal justice accompaniment, advocacy, and counseling. Victim service providers are essential to this effort and work tirelessly to help victims cope with the trauma of sexual assault and transition from "victim" to "survivor." Landmark legislation has helped fund these critical services. The Victims of Crime Act of 1984 established the Crime Victims Fund to fund services such as forensic sexual assault examinations and compensation claims for both adult and child victims. For example, since 1997, VOCA funding has supported the development of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) programs and multi-disciplinary Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART).

To make continued progress, my Administration supports efforts to help Americans better understand this issue I urge all Americans to respond to sexual assault by creating policies at work and school, by engaging in discussions with family and friends, and by making the prevention of sexual assault a priority in their communities.

BARACK OBAMA

**General Membership Meeting
April 21st**

**Special Viewing of This Thought-Provoking
Film.....Don't Miss It!!**



TRAFFICKED

Children as Sexual Slaves

Produced & directed by Luigi Acquisto, Film Australia

The trafficking of women and children for prostitution is a global problem. The United Nations estimates that more than one million children are forced into sexual slavery each year. This powerful documentary follows Chris Payne, a former police officer turned private investigator, as he investigates this shocking crime.

Haunted for a decade by the case of "Nikkie", a young Thai girl found working in a brothel in Sydney who was hastily deported, Payne wants to know what circumstances forced her into a brothel, and what became of her after she was returned to her own country. His search leads him back to Asia where he also meets the parents another Thai "sex slave" whose death in an immigration detention center made headlines. This powerful documentary provides disturbing insight into the international sex trade.

According to Carol Bellamy, President and CEO, World Learning "estimates of the numbers of trafficked persons worldwide range widely from the low end of 500,000 to the high end of 4 million a year. That margin of error in just counting the victims speaks volumes to the nature of the crime and the challenges we face in addressing it. What we do know for certain is that the majority of victims are female, most of them still children. As we all know, the already marginalized status of women in many societies puts them at greater risk to become affected by poverty and hardship, which in turn puts them at higher risk of being targeted by traffickers, who use false promises of jobs and educational opportunities to recruit their victims"

CALENDAR
Zonta Club of Westchester

Date	Meeting	Location	Program
Apr 21, 2009	Monthly	Fogarty's	Annual Meeting And Reports
May 19, 2009 Speaker,	Monthly	Fogarty's	Women's Health & Club Scholarship
Jun 23, 2009	Monthly	Fogarty's	Fun



SCHOLARSHIPS

Jane M. Klausman Women In Business Scholarships

If you know someone pursuing an undergraduate degree in business, please encourage them to apply. The application can be obtained from the web at www.zonta.org

The scholarship award is \$5,000 from Zonta International. Local clubs and the district can also offer an award.

College Scholarships

The Zonta Club of Westchester offers a \$1000 scholarship to an eligible undergraduate or graduate student studying in a Westchester college/university.

Applications are available at the General Membership Meetings or by calling Patricia Latona at 914-548-2702.

YWPA Award

Presented at the April 4 Annual Fund Raiser. The recipient was Suzanne Leslie from Ossining High School. She received a \$1,000 check, a Zonta yellow rose and a certificate.

President Announces New White House Council on Women and Girls

On March 11th, President Obama signed an executive order establishing a White House Council on Women and Girls. "The mission of the Council will be to provide a coordinated federal response to the challenges confronted by women and girls to ensure that all Cabinet and Cabinet-level agencies consider how their policies and programs impact women and families," according to a memo describing the Council's work. The President stated that he decided on a White House Council because he envisioned it as "a kind of interagency task force staffed with 24 Cabinet-level officials in an effort to make each agency consider the impact of regulations and laws on women and girls.

The focus, for its first year, will be in the areas of, improving women's economic security by ensuring that each of the agencies is working to directly improve the economic status of women, finding new ways to prevent violence against women, at home and abroad, and improving women's health care.



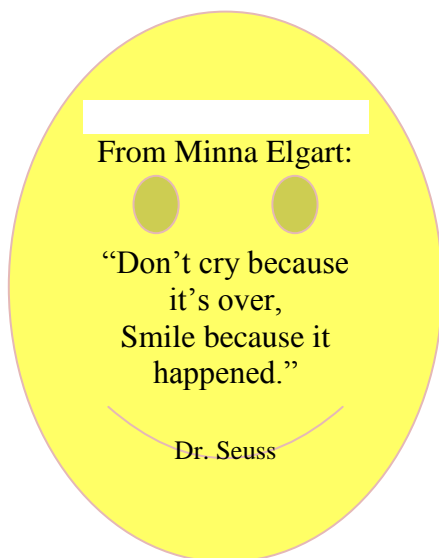
“NOTABLE WOMEN HONORED”

The first inductees of the Spirit of Women Archive were pictured in the Journal News on March 20, 2009. The archive was organized by the American Women of African Heritage and will be housed at Westchester Community College where the ceremony took place.

Lucille Gunning MD was one of the inductees and pictured in the news article. She is the former President and a member of the Zonta Club of New Rochelle.

The Spirit of Women Archive is dedicated to celebrating the accomplishments of Westchester’s black women, with the further aim of preserving their legacies and encouraging positive exchanges within the community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ZONTIAN LUCILLE GUNNING!



UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women

Dr. Yakin Erturk is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women. In a recent interview, Dr. Erturk discussed women’s rights as human rights. She said, “We refer to human rights as if they were confined to civil and political rights; ...the latter is generally seen as inspirational and the first one as the real thing. But we know from women’s lives that unless we have a holistic approach to women’s rights, whereby women can achieve economic independence or are at least empowered socially and politically, the rights they may read about in books do not reach them. The General Assembly, she said, has mandated the Statistical Commission to continue to emphasize violence against women. The thrust of this is to come up with a definition of violence against women along with a system of reporting and monitoring. Monitoring is something that states do not care to do as they are not eager to quantify these matters

She went on to say that violence is about the victims but CSW deals with more policy issues as they pertain to women’s empowerment. She sees the combination of the two, a more holistic approach, as an “acknowledgement ...to women’s rights issues.”

Ms. Erturk’s mandate has come to an end (she has been Special Rapporteur for 15 years). She leaves with the message that the mandate should not be simply to report findings, but that it should be a monitoring tool as well.

She has spoken with the UNIFEM Trust fund to see if the existing fund can be linked with her mandate so that when the Rapporteur leaves a country and makes recommendations, the fund can be directed toward realization of the Rapporteur’s recommendations.

{VDAY} 2009

The VAS Advisory Board, The Zonta Club of Westchester and Community Volunteers and Allies

Proudly Present

{ } The Vagina Monologues Westchester 2009

April 22nd, 2009
5:30 PM

Yonkers Riverfront Library
1 Larkin Center
Yonkers, New York

Performance is to benefit
Victims Assistance Services* & V-Day

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www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=60721286552

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!!!!

Advance Purchase	\$25
PLATINUM	\$75.00**
Students (w/ID)	\$15

Door Price No tickets will be sold at the door

Contact Rebecka for information: vdayw2009@yahoo.com
or 914-231-2581

Paypal account say's donation, please disregard this if you are buying the tickets - put in the total amount of the tickets you like to purchase and bring the receipt to the event (this will be your ticket).



Victims Assistance Services is a component of Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. VAS receives financial support from the federal government, New York State, The County of Westchester, The Community Fund of Bronxville, Eastchester, Tuckahoe and the generosity of numerous private contributors.



April Service Needs Comfort Kits

Toiletries - should be unopened individualized sizes...like the samples left in hotel bathrooms

- o Shampoo - Conditioner
- o Mouthwash - Lotion

Clothing Items - should be medium, large or extra large

- o Sweat shirts & Sweat pants
- o Underpants (preferably cotton) sizes 6-8

SWEATERS FOR CHILDREN AND GIFT CARDS FOR MY SISTER'S PLACE WILL BE GLADLY ACCEPTED.



Louise Wekstein – April 2
Minna Elgart – April 10
Antonia Gupta - April 20
Nora Gorman – April 23
Dawn Moe
Constance Crump – April 29