

ZONTAGRAM

February 2006



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February is the month when Black History is celebrated, the month when many begin to contemplate SPRING, many discuss Ground-Hog Day and Valentines Day is recognized. Scholars have found records of Valentine notes that date from as early as the middle ages, how remarkable and romantic.

We as a club have actively and productively been involved in the pursuit of improving and making life in some way more pleasant and meaningful for others through our service projects. At this time I would like to say THANK YOU to each member who has been a viable part of this endeavor. Every member is very important. All of our club successes have been because of your collective efforts.

All of the money collected from the 50/50 raffle in December (\$44), and in January will be used for our Zonta Club of New Orleans Katrina project. Shelia Sievertsen was in charge of our 50/50 raffle for January where we collected \$140. Shelia was also directly in contact with the New Orleans Club officers who requested assistance in the form of monies to help them move forward with their service projects. We thank you Sheila. To date we have collected \$184 towards our Katrina project.
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MONTHLY MEETING

February 21, 2006

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

**Members and Guests \$30.00
Board Meeting 5:30
6:00 Cocktails 6:45 Dinner**

PROGRAM:

"Donating Life"

**Miriam S. Perez, NY Organ
Donor Network**

Please call **SHIRLEY CARTER**
699-0136 if you are not coming to the
meeting. **ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE
UNABLE TO ATTEND MUST CALL
ASAP (one week ahead if possible).**

The Northern Westchester Shelter-Adopt a family for Christmas project report was chaired by Karen Carroll who shopped for, wrapped and delivered the presents to the shelter for the two families we adopted. Out of a \$300 budget, Karen returned \$14.35 having purchased all of the family's gift requests. She also delivered the January Gift Certificates which were club donations for the Shelter. We thank you, Karen.

-continued (Shirley Carter)

The pajama program donations were received by Genevieve Piturro, founder and director of the program, who thanked us. Thank you again Betsy Biddle for undertaking such a substantial delivery.

The Nigeria project-Ejayes Charities Medical Mission was acknowledged by presenting its founder, Dr. Ijeoma Nduka Nwosu with a check for \$1000 which was allocated for the mission slated for late March into April 2006.

Members were asked to please bring in to the February meeting any items they may have available that can be useful to enhance the mission, i.e. Medical supplies, light weight clothing, shoes, used eyeglasses, etc.

Donna Estaba from the speakers Bureau of the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness was our Jan. speaker. Her talk was moving and I am sure touched ALL present on many levels. Thank you Donna for sharing your experiences and showing that with positive desire, faith and belief "Adversity" can be changed "Positively" and used to help others.

Visualizing is a mental process governed by the reasoning or conscious mind; Visioning is a spiritual process, governed by intuition, or the super conscious mind. May we each be granted the capacity for utilizing both. I look forward to seeing each of you at our February 21st meeting. So long until I see you.

-Shirley Carter-

January Program

Donna Estaba, from the Speakers' Bureau of the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing, shared a personal testimony on her experience with homelessness. She described the circumstances and predisposing factors which can be responsible and told of her personal struggle for recovery. She stressed the importance of family influence from early childhood on.

Included in the literature of the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing is an outline of the elements of their Education-Outreach program.

They ask that we help book their Speakers' Bureau presentations into our congregations, schools and other organizations. The phone # is 212-316-3171 for a speaker. We are asked to urge our local, state and congressional representatives to support measures designed to bring an end to conditions which foster homelessness.

We are further asked to help identify appropriate public policy initiatives. Donations always are welcome and are tax deductible. Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness
1047 Amsterdam Ave. NYC
NY 10025
212 316-3171

Minna Elgart
Status of Women
Committee

IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES FOR OUR CLUB

- 1- Zing- March 14th
Bronxville Library 5:30
- 2- Fashion Show April 8th
11am Davenport Club
New Rochelle
- 3- Board Meeting April
25th 5:30 Bronxville
Library

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE ZONTA INTERNATIONAL UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE and THE ZONTA CLUB OF NY

Invite you to join them at a dinner honoring Zonta International President Mary Ellen Bittner

Sat. . . . Feb 25th 2006
Beekman Tower Hotel
3 Mitchell Place
48th St. and 1st Ave.
Reception 6-7 PM
Dinner to Follow
COST: \$80

This event is a wonderful evening, sign up early!
To register: see Pres. Shirley Carter

Perspectives

**Submitted by
Minna Elgart**

Imagine the world as a global village of 100 people. Their nationalities and languages are as previously listing. What are their ages?

10 are children under 5
10 are children between 5-10
19 are between 10-19
16 are between 20-29
15 are between 30-39
11 are between 40-49
9 are between 50 and 59
6 are between 60-69
3 are between 70-79
1 is over 79

On the average, 1 person dies and 3 babies are born every year. A baby born in the village today can expect to live to age 3.

**Taken from the book
If the World were a Village by
David J Smith**

FOR AN
AFTERNOON OF
FASHION and
FLAIR

Join Wardrobe stylist

Margo Hasen as we preview

*The Doncaster and
Elana Collections for*

Spring 2006

Saturday February 25th, 2006

2-5 pm

at the Doncaster Showroom

145 West 57th Street

20th Floor Manhattan

Refreshments will be served

\$20.00 per person (guests
welcome)

To benefit the Zonta Club of
New York, payment for this
event can be included with
your check for the UN dinner

Questions of information
Contact Margo at
212-734-1476

www.doncaster.com
www.elanabytanner.com
to preview collections.

A note from Joy!

Please accept my apology
for not getting this
newsletter out sooner, I
was on vacation, I'm
looking forward to seeing
you on Tuesday, 2/21.
The next edition will be
sent around the 1st of
March.

Club Archives

The Zonta Club of
Westchester collection of
club history report
continues with a listing of
the collection of items in
Box number 3:

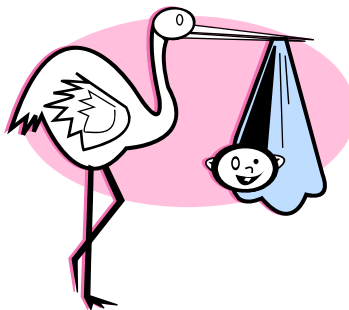
News clippings from 1931-
1979

The first news item was
"Mt. Vernon Presents-
Zonta, An Active
Women's Organization" a
brief account of Zonta,
officers, meetings, and
purpose.

The index to this archival
box is 21 pages in length.
It is clear that the
newspaper was reporting
on many more local events
and topics than they do at
the present time.

Submitted by
Georgia LaBlanc

Look for contents of Box
#4 in the next Zontagram



**Congratulations to
Georgia La Blanc
She is now a
grandmother to twin
boys born Jan. 12th.
Paul and Anthony
LaBlanc, welcome!**

Happy Birthday



Feb. 2 – Georgia LaBlanc

Feb 22 – Hermantide Hubert

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Jackie Shapiro
212 -750-4499
To register: see Pres.
Shirley Carter

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Zonta Brunch and Fashion Show
April 8, 2006

April 8th will be here before you know it. Here is a suggested list of activities you can do now:

1. Start putting your list together of invited guests. Make sure they save the date. Flyers will be out in January.
2. Remember that we will need items for the Chinese Auction, as well as the silent auction. Start collecting items now. We'd like each member to bring at least two (2) items to the February meeting.
3. If you happen to be dining at your favorite restaurant in the coming weeks, ask the owner if he/she would like to donate a dinner certificate for the silent auction.
4. Do you know a merchant that would like to place an ad in the journal? Start planting the seed now. Before the end of January you may have several ads ready to go.

Have you signed up to participate on the 8th? Here is the list:

Table decorations – Ellen Manopoli
 Reservations – Jamie Hubert
 Program/Journal – Georgia LaBlanc
 Models:

Vicky Grella	Karen Carroll
Margaret Cortez	Catherine Kocur
Pat Latona	Lavinia Morales
Jamie Hubert	Hermie Hubert
Shirley Carter	D Harken

Commentator – Nora Gorman
 Chinese Auction – Vicky Grella, Georgia LaBlanc, Peggy Wines, Minna Elgart

Silent Auction – Doreen LaBlanc, Karen Carroll, Alice Massa
 50/50 Raffle – Louise Wekstein, Jamie Hubert
 Greeter – Catherine Kocur
 Photography – Vera Voges

Together we can make this the best fundraiser ever.
 Thanks
 Jamie Hubert – Chairperson

ABUSED WOMEN WORLDWIDE SHARE HEALTH WOES

REPORTED IN LONDON – Women who are physically abused by a partner face a similar legacy of health problems whether they live in a modern city or a village in a developing country, the first global study on domestic violence has found.

In interviews with 24,000 women in 10 countries, researchers found that women experiencing sexual or physical abuse at the hands of their partners, are twice as likely as other women to suffer ill health – and the effect persists long after the violence has stopped.

The study, conducted by the World Health Organization and the London School of Medicine, is a landmark said the U.N. Commission for Human Rights.

“We don’t know, unless we have studies like this, how serious and pervasive violence by intimate partners really is,” said the U.N. Commission. “It tells

a story that unfortunately is universal. This is the most serious challenge to women’s health.”

Countries included were: Brazil, Ethiopia, Japan, Namibia, Peru, Samoa, Serbia and Montenegro, Thailand, Bangladesh and Tanzania. North America and Western Europe were not included because earlier studies had already examined the situation there.

In the WHO study, rates varied between 15% in Japan to 71% in Ethiopia who were victims of domestic violence in there lifetime. Previous research has found rates of about 20% in the United States and Sweden and 23% in Canada and Britain.

Studies are indeed very important but acting on violence is equally important.

Submitted by C. Kocur, Advocacy Chair