



Zonta District 11 Area 3

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Build a better world for women and girls.

Zonta District 11 - Area 3

includes Zonta Clubs of

**Boca Raton | Greater Deerfield Beach | Greater Miami | Key West | Marathon |
Miami Lakes | Nassau | New Providence | Tortola**

AREA 3 DIRECTOR'S CORNER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR AREA DIRECTOR

Remarks by Area 3 Director

LaToya Johnson, Area Director

Seasons Greetings Area 3 Members!

It is a pleasure to have been able to serve with you for another year. Thank you for the amazing work that you continue to do, especially around this time of year when so many need a helping hand from organizations like ours. From the wonderful reports provided in the newsletter, we can see that you are continuing your Club activities in your respective communities in the midst of work and other commitments!

We look forward to your continued support of Club's activities in your communities over the next few months. Your community needs you! Your Club needs you! Thank you for all that you do and for being the change we wish to see in our world!

Zonta International is committed to building a better world for women and girls. This better world will undoubtedly serve the women and girls in our families, our communities and all of our Zistas around the world. Our commitment to Zonta is a commitment to ourselves to be better and do better!

Wishing you and your family a happy, safe and Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Yours-in-Zonta,

LaToya Johnson

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

* 2023-4 *

Photo Highlights from District 11 Conference

The 72nd District 11 Conference was held in Orlando, Florida on October 14-15, 2023, and was attended by the majority of Area 3 clubs. Here are some of the photo highlights.



The Zonta Club of New Providence won the coveted Governor's Cup for Club of the Year. L to R: Area Director LaToya Johnson, Vice President Susan Demeritte, President Yvette Ingraham, Lt. Governor Maria Crowley.



Vice Area Director LaToya Johnson and Vice Area Director Marva Tittle-Smith pose with Area 3 Club presidents and members.

First row L to R:

1. Zonta Club of Miami Lakes, 2. Zonta Club of Tortola, 3. Zonta Club of Boca Raton

Second row L to R:

1. Zonta Club of Nassau; 2. Zonta Club of Marathon; 3. Zonta Club of Greater Miami

Third row L to R:

1. Zonta Club of New Providence; 2. Zonta Club of Greater Deerfield Beach; 3. AD LaToya receives award from Lt. Governor Maria Crowley

AROUND THE AREA

CLUB UPDATES, ACTIVITIES AND MILESTONES

Zonta Club of Boca Raton

Jane Adams, President

Raising Awareness of Key Issues

The Zonta Club of Boca Raton continues to raise awareness of important issues affecting women through its monthly newsletter. Topics in recent newsletters have included:

- Breast Cancer Awareness
- Domestic Violence Awareness
- Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

Boca Helping Hands

The Club continues to support the Boca Helping Hands initiative with donations of non-perishable food items to the pantry. During November, the club collected items for the Boca Helping Hands Thanksgiving Box Brigade.



Each box must contain:

- (1) - 6 oz. Stove Top Stuffing Mix
- (1) - 10.5 oz. Canned Cravy (no glass)
- (1) - 1.56 oz. Powdered Drink Mix
- (4) - 15 oz. Canned Vegetables
- (2) - 15 oz. Canned Fruit or Fruit Cocktail
- (2) - 4 oz. Instant Mashed Potatoes Mix
- (1) - 29 oz. Canned Yams
- (1) - 14 oz. Cranberry Sauce
- (1) - 21 oz. Canned Pie Filling
- (1) - 9" Ready-Made Graham Cracker Pie Crust (non-perishable)

If you'd prefer to donate the cost of a box, please visit BocaHelpingHands.org/Thanksgiving.



Zonta Club of Greater Deerfield Beach

Regina Vetto, President

Nonprofit/Civic Organization of the Year Award

The Zonta Club of Greater Deerfield Beach has been selected by the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce/Deerfield Beach Council as its 2023 Nonprofit/Civic Organization of the Year!

In their own words:

"This award is presented to a nonprofit or civic organization that displays commitment to making our community a better place to live through the development and support of local projects and/or programs. Your organization has made a significant contribution."

The Deerfield Beach Council's Community Heroes Awards will be presented at a luncheon at the Wyndham Deerfield Beach Resort on Friday, December 8th.



Club Strategic Plan

The Zonta Club of Greater Deerfield Beach's 5 year Strategic Plan includes Strategies, Tactics/Activities, Measures, Outcome/Timeline, and Impact regarding the "Zonta Says No to Domestic Violence" Campaign and "Human Trafficking Awareness" Campaign. This past year, the Club has had presentations at monthly meetings by local agencies with whom they have partnered and financially supported. This item will be on their newly developed website and the number of hits on this topic will be measured.

Club Membership

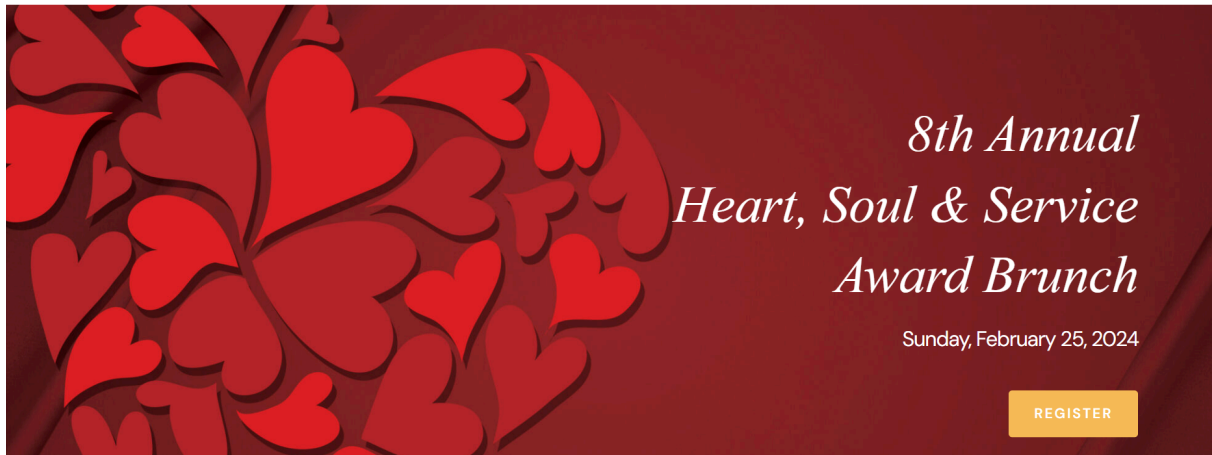
The Club has a total 30 members and hopes to reach 33 by the end of this fiscal year. The Club has also started discussions about sponsoring a Z and a Golden Z Club this year and has incorporated it into their Strategic Plan.

Z Boutique

The Club's "Z" Boutique, which offers new and lightly used clothing, shoes, and jewelry, continues to grow and provides funds for operational expenses.

8th Annual Brunch

Preparations for the Club's Annual Brunch, scheduled for February 25, 2024, has begun. Honorees have been chosen, invitations are being printed, and raffle prizes, financial donations, and excitement has begun.



Zonta Club of Greater Miami

Vickie Jackson, President

ZCGM at District 11 Conference

Club President, Vickie Jackson, represented the Zonta Club of Greater Miami at the District 11 Conference which was held in Orlando, Florida, October 14-15, 2023.



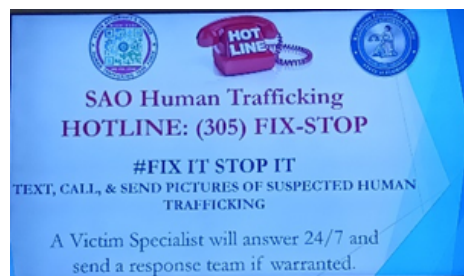
American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Walk

Zonta Club of Greater Miami raised funds for and participated in the American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Walk on October 28th, 2023. Nearly 10,000 Walkers came together at the Miami Marlins Stadium. Club members ran into a friend and a constant supporter: Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniela Levine Cava!



Town Hall Meeting

President Vickie Jackson and Susan Shedd Newbold represented ZCOGM at a town hall meeting which was facilitated by the Zonta Club of Miami Lakes on October 11, 2023. Speakers from Miami Dade County Police and the State Attorney's office informed the attendees about the prevalence of human trafficking in Miami-Dade County. There was also a personal testimony from a survivor. The club members walked away inspired to inform the public about this very important matter!



Stomp Out Sickle Cell

Zonta Club of Greater Miami donated funds to the 8th Annual Stomp Out Sickle Cell 5K Run/Walk in support of a young single mother of three (3) children who suffers from the disease, which commonly affects people of African, Mediterranean and Mid-Eastern descent. \$250 was donated for the cause.



Standing Against Human Trafficking

Zonta Club of Greater Miami created two informational displays on November 18, 2023 to inform the public about human trafficking, what it is, how prevalent it is, how to recognize it, how to report it, and how to get help. Handouts and informational postcards were made available for the general public. The displays will be on site from mid-November through the end of December. Special thanks to ZCOGM member and Miami-Dade County Public Library Manager, Michele Stiles, for facilitating the annual display over the years and for the use of the conference room for meetings!



Zonta Says No

Zonta Club of Greater Miami held the Zonta Says No Walkathon on December 2nd, 2023 at Wilbur Bell Park in Perrine, Florida. Approximately 30 people were in attendance. In addition to walking, attendees were given a short talk and written information regarding Human Trafficking by ZCOGM President and Past Chair of the Criminal Justice Committee for the Community Relations Board for Miami-Dade County, Vickie Jackson, and a Domestic Violence overview by ZCOGM member and Director of the SafeSpace South Domestic Violence Shelter for Miami-Dade County, Sonie Beliard. Funds were raised to fund scholarships and future service projects. High school volunteers earned

community service credit. Community Councilman Wilbur Bell, Zonta Immediate Past President, Angela Chin, of CORE Community Services, and Vickie Jackson of PollyCo Realty, Inc. sponsored the event.



Dress for Success

The Miami Dade College Senior Nursing Students are graduating in a competitive career in an oversaturated community. In the Nursing Leadership class, the students are being prepared to apply for jobs. Zonta Club of Greater Miami member, Theresa Peele, a retired Manager/Buyer at JC Penney, attended the class and shared her knowledge of business attire and taught students how to dress for success during interviews. She explained which clothes, shoes and accessories are appropriate for the big day, as well as business etiquette. The students were very attentive and asked many questions re: the interview, accepting the position, and orientation. Nursing Professor and ZCOGM member, Jamika-Hicks Johnson, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC, PNP-BC facilitated the presentation for graduating students.



Zonta Club of Miami Lakes

Marie Korenstein, President

October Club Updates

October was a busy month for our Zonta Club of Miami Lakes, with some of the highlights listed below.

Plans are underway for a Magnolia tree to be planted in the town to celebrate the Club's fortieth year anniversary in January. An engraved brick commemorating this will be placed under the tree to recognize the club.

Club members participated in the Pink Walk which is held every year by the Women's Breast and Heart Initiative to help fight Breast and Heart Disease in Women. Fifteen members participated in the walk.




The Club's big event this year was the Human Trafficking Seminar sponsored by the Zonta Club of Miami Lakes in conjunction with the Florida State Attorney's Office. The Human Trafficking Unit provides a very informative presentation on what is happening to girls in our communities. There were fifty people in attendance. Members collected items for the girls such as toiletries, clothes, gift cards, and other personal items. When the flier was circulated on social media the response to donate was over the top.

The Zonta Club of Miami Lakes in Conjunction with The Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, Human Trafficking Unit, Proudly present to you a discussion on:

Human Trafficking.

OCTOBER 11, 2023 - 6 P.M.
The Town of Miami Lakes Government Center
6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, FL 33014

FREE TO THE PUBLIC - REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED



Donated Gift Cards, Clothing and Toiletries will kindly be accepted to present to the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office Human Trafficking Unit.



November Club Updates

The Club participated in the Veteran's Day Parade held in the town of Miami Lakes. Members walked with the Club banner and gave out beads and candy to the children on the parade route, which was fun for all involved. During the parade the club was recognized for its achievements.



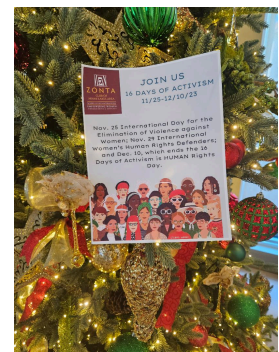
On November 14th the club received a Proclamation from the Town of Miami Lakes, signed by the Mayor, Manny Cid. The Club received this honor from the community for their outstanding work to improve the lives of women and girls.



The 16 days of Activism is being recognized by the Town of Miami Lakes and the community.

For the 16 days of activism the Club took the following action:

- Flyers placed in the Miami Lakes Library to educate people on stopping violence for women and children.
- Placing flyers in the Town of Miami Lakes City Hall where there is a lot of traffic there on a daily basis.
- Placing the Club's roller banner in a boutique owned by a member which is on Main Street another area highly known for a lot of foot traffic.
- The Club flier was emailed to each member asking them to send out five of the flyers to their friends and family to increase awareness.



Four Club members attended a meet and greet occasion for the newly appointed Vice Mayor, Miriam Yanes. This led to the Mayor inviting members to attend and inform the Vice Mayor about the club and their activities in the town. It was a very informative and positive experience for the members.



December Club Updates

In December the Zonta Club of Miami Lakes does not hold a general meeting, but they planned a social for December 2nd where everyone brings a dish. It's a good way for the new members to become familiar with all the members and it's always a lot of fun, dancing, and lots of wine.

The Club will have two events in December: each year they buy Christmas Stockings and fill them up with all kinds of goodies for PACE School for Girls (high school students). Also, a new member volunteers her time with Florida State University and its Young Parents Project. These are teen girls with babies or who are pregnant that have been entered into the Project by the Juvenile Court. The Club has been asked to donate gift cards for these young mothers and mothers to be.



Zonta Club of New Providence

Yvette Ingraham, President

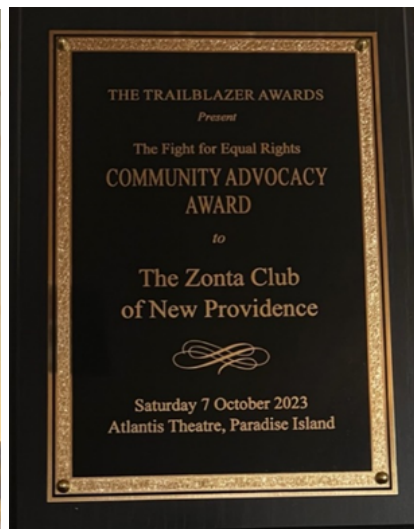
ZCNP Talks About Healthy Relationships

In a specially convened seminar for Grades 4, 5, and 6, members of the ZCNP addressed the Albury Sayles Primary School girls on “Healthy Relationships.” The young girls were told that a healthy relationship does not always mean happiness but that the association should be positive and mutually respectful overall. They were warned to be on the lookout for the traits of possessiveness, isolation, invasion of privacy, controlling, cruel or abusive behavior, threats of violence, property destruction, and ignoring, belittling, and pressuring behavior – all of which the presenters identified as signs of an unhealthy relationship.



ZCNP's Trailblazer Award

The ZCNP was recognized by a local organization for its outstanding work in the community and for advocating for equality and equal rights.



ZCNP President Pays Tribute to a Founding Member

President Yvette paid tribute to former Zontian and SOM, Winnifred “Winnie” Russell on behalf of the ZCNP members at her “Home Going Service” on Saturday, October 21, 2023. The late Winnifred Russell, along with Dr. Madlene Sawyer, were responsible for the formation of the club in 1997. Russell and Madlene transferred from the ZC of Nassau and sponsored, organized and mentored (SOM) the 31 chartered members of the new club. Winnie was also a charter member of the club.



ZCNP Wins Governor’s Cup

Members of the ZCNP attended the annual District 11 conference in Orlando. This is an event that club members look forward to as they get to see fellow Zontians (old friends) from other clubs and meet new Zontians. President Yvette Ingraham and Vice President Susan Demeritte were happy to represent the club, which had been nominated for the Governor’s Cup. It was a weekend of great presentations and a reminder of the importance of the work of Zonta. The conference culminated with an orange-themed banquet and the announcement that the club had won this year’s Governor’s Cup. Zontians Yvette and Susan were thrilled to accept the award on the club’s behalf. The ZCNP is grateful for the recognition of the hard work of its club members in executing the work of Zonta. This year’s award marks the second time that the club has won the Governor’s Cup.



ZCNP on the Bahamas at Sunrise Show

After winning the Governor's Cup at the District Conference in October, members of the ZCNP were invited to be guests on a local TV show, "The Bahamas at Sunrise." President Yvette Ingraham, Vice President, Susan Demeritte and Director, Cherise Archer represented the club and spoke about Zonta's work and the various projects that the club had done during the past year. Through this medium, they were able to bring greater awareness to Zonta's name and the importance of the work of building a better life for women and girls.



ZCNP Attends United Nations Day Church Service

On October 24th, Zontians from both Zonta clubs in The Bahamas attended a United Nations church service at Christ Church Cathedral to commemorate 78 years of the United Nations Charter Day and to pray for the healing of our nations. Marisa Mason-Smith represented the ZCNP and participated in the Mass by reading the scripture. The service was a time to reflect on the UN and the world, and to aspire for a world that Zontians want to see with a spirit of determination to heal divisions, repair relationships, and build peace, leaving no one behind.



PINK OCTOBER

The ZCNP held its first Pink Mammogram Party this October for members, friends of Zonta and the wider community, in partnership with a local medical facility, to promote the importance of early detection of breast cancer.

On the heels of alarmingly high cases of breast cancer in the country, ZCNP recognized the need to remove fear around the process of mammograms through sisterhood bonding and by encouraging inclusivity for all women to be involved. The club also funded 3D mammograms for women in the disabled community, including amputees and the visually and hearing impaired. The atmosphere was a supportive, jovial one, with women coming together to have a pink party, with games, discussions, and treats.



Meet & Greet

The Zonta Clubs of The Bahamas welcomed Zonta International Representative, Sandy Brown, and her husband to Nassau. The couple were celebrated by Zontians at a "Meet & Greet" at Margaritaville.



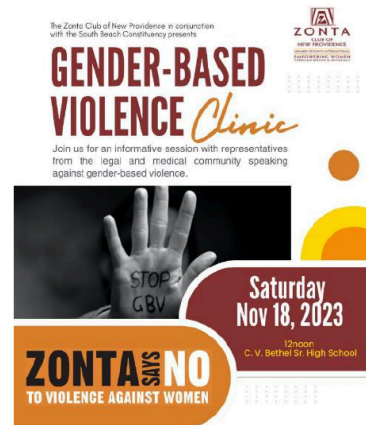
Zonta Says No activities

The Zonta Club of New Providence participated in several activities to mark the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence and the Zonta Says No campaign.



(L) President Yvette as guest speaker at a women's brunch, speaking on "Accelerating Equity, Equality and Empowerment of Women"

(R) ZCNP member pinning an orange ribbon on a Member of Parliament to bring awareness to Zonta's Say NO to Violence message



Club members at the Gender-based Violence clinic hosted by the club for members of the community.

Zonta Club of Tortola

Luce Hodge-Smith, President

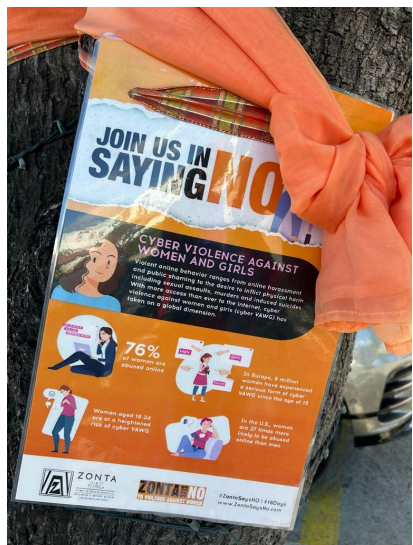
Zonta Says No - 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

Zonta Club of Tortola once again 'oranged' the British Virgin Islands (B.V.I.) as part of the global campaign: 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. Zonta Club of Tortola joined forces with local groups Unite BVI Foundation, Girl Up, F.E.M.A.L.E., WIN British Virgin Islands, the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force and others to participate in various activities on Tortola and Virgin Gorda. This included interviews with community leaders and a keynote address by special guest, Ms. Ronelle King, a Multi-Award-Winning Gender Rights Activist. Ms. King, who visited the B.V.I. from Barbados, founded Life In Leggings: Caribbean Alliance Against gender-based Violence to eradicate regional occurrences of gender-based violence.

The activities culminated in a march throughout the capital, Road Town on Saturday December 9th. While the Enis Adams Drum Corps led the way, various groups carried placards and banners and chanted "Say No to Violence against Women and Girls!". The public was encouraged to take a stand against gender-based Violence.

Throughout the 16 Days of Activism, Zontians could be seen hanging banners and decorating trees with orange bows and signs throughout Road Town. Zontians also shared Facebook posts with tips on how the public could support women and girls who suffer from gender-based violence. Radio ads illustrated the real-life conversations which take place regarding domestic and gender-based violence and let the community know where to seek help.





STAY IN THE KNOW

KEY DATES AND REMINDERS



On the Horizon

Zonta International President Ute Scholz and your convention team in Brisbane, Australia can't wait to see you on 27-30 June 2024!

Save the dates for the best Zonta International Convention rates! [Early Bird registration](#) opens in January and ends in March. Booking early for convention, accommodations and ticketed events is highly recommended. Watch for emails, the Zonta app, social media and the [convention website](#) for more information and book your [tours](#) and [accommodations](#) now.

Tell us your Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women action. Zonta members across the world are already sharing how they are [saying "NO" in their communities](#). [Share your story with us today](#), and it will be posted for the whole Zonta community to see on the [Zonta Says NO website](#) and [social media](#).



Zonta District 11 - Area 3

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