



Zonta District 11 Area 3

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# Zonta District 11 Area 3 Newsletter

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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**

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## AREA 3 DIRECTOR'S CORNER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR AREA DIRECTOR

### Remarks by Area 3 Director

**LaToya Johnson, Area Director**

Happy New Year Area 3 Members!

We hope that you all brought in the New Year in great health and strength! Looking forward to a year of peace, happiness and prosperity for you all!

We are now into our final months of this biennium and as we can see from the updates provided in this newsletter, our Clubs continue to work as hard as ever in their communities. We are so grateful to you all for the amazing work that you continue to do!

It was agreed in our Area 3 Leadership Team meeting last month that we will hold our **Area 3 Workshop on Saturday, April 13th, 2024 in Deerfield Beach, Florida**. We are grateful for the support and assistance of the lovely Zisters of the Deerfield Beach Club who will be our hosts for the workshop this year! More information concerning the workshop will be provided in the upcoming weeks. We are looking forward to the full support and participation of the Area 3 Clubs!

Thank you for all that you do and for being the change we wish to see in our world!

We look forward to receiving updates of your Club's activities in your communities over the next few months. Your community needs you! Your Club needs you!

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!

Yours-in-Zonta,

LaToya Johnson

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## AROUND THE AREA

CLUB UPDATES, ACTIVITIES AND MILESTONES

# Zonta Club of Boca Raton

*Jane Adams, President*

### Club Luncheon and Fundraiser

The Zonta Club of Boca Raton began the year celebrating a successful fundraiser, held on January 20, 2024. Everyone attending enjoyed a delicious luncheon, wonderful entertainment, and a great basket raffle, while honoring a committed female pilot. Their guest entertainer Leiza Michaels presented “Timeless Award-Winning Tunes” and was enjoyed by all. Additionally, January being Amelia Earhart month, the Club had the privilege of honoring a local female pilot, Captain Christine Rupert, a pilot with American Airlines and an active member of the Florida Goldcoast 99’s for her commitment to aviation, especially as an inspiration to young girls and women, influencing them to consider aviation as a viable, interesting, and enjoyable career choice. Christine was recently awarded the 2023 “Amelia Earhart Award” from the Greater Miami Aviation Association for organizing the Women in Aviation Day event, hosted by American Airlines, and held in their hangar at Miami International Airport. During that event, the young girls were able to tour the aircraft, speak and hear from women in all departments of American Airlines, as well as outside organizations, about their jobs.

The luncheon was an afternoon of good food and entertainment, as well as a basket raffle and 50/50, while raising funds to assist recipients of Women’s Circle, the Not Just Me Foundation, and the Club’s Scholarship Fund.



Pictured is President Jane Adams, far left, many of the 99's members, including honoree Christine Rupert, far right, and talented entertainer Leiza Michaels, 2nd from left.

# Zonta Club of Key West

*Allison Kerr, President*

## Zonta Says No with Key West High Z-Club

On the 16th day of Zonta Says No, 16 Days of Activism Key West High School Z Club joined Zonta Club of Key West to take down orange ribbons that were tied around palm trees along South Roosevelt Boulevard. The 16th day (December 10) was also Human Rights Day. Zonta thanked everyone for participating in this initiative as we say NO to violence against women. Orange represents the 16 days of activism. Key West's local Z-Club is absolutely amazing!

A huge thank you and shout out to the President and members of the Z-Club:

- Sia Singh, Z-Club President
- Sisi Lopez DeLeon
- Nina Manvesa
- Alena Tralenko
- Teodora Lazic
- Lyla Holland
- Olivia Gibson
- Aiyana Gibbons
- Courtney Grabus
- Scarlet Niles
- Briana Nodal
- Ryleigh Harnish
- Chloe Blackwell
- Siena Wardlow
- Gianna Wardlow
- Celeste Loy
- Maribella Haubert



## Zonta Club of Key West Holiday Party





# Zonta Club of Miami Lakes

**Marie Korenstein, President**

## December Club Updates

The Zonta Club of Miami Lakes does not hold a general meeting, but they held a social on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, where everyone brought 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 held 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 donated gift cards for these young mothers and mothers to be.



## January Club Updates

On January 17<sup>th</sup> the Club hosted their first fundraiser for the year under a new event called “Women and Wine”.

It was very well attended. They had dinner at a local restaurant where they had good food and lots of wine, and so much fun. The attendees loved the gift raffle and the 50/50 raffle.



### Gift Basket Raffle Ticket Winners



### 50/20 Raffle

The Club's next event will be the celebration of Amelia Earhart on January 27<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be a luncheon with a presentation of a \$1,000.00 dollar scholarship to a deserving woman from Florida International University. The guest speaker will be Lt. Colonel Veronica Baez, a Navy pilot and currently working at United States Southern Command in Doral.





# Zonta Club of Nassau

**Sonia Brown, President**

## Say No to Violence Healthy Relationship Webinar

On December 4, 2023 Advocacy Committee Chair, Zontian Dr. Detra Bethel appeared on Bahamas At Sunrise along with Dr. Wendy Fernander, Clinical Psychologist to raise awareness on 16 days of Activism. The Zonta Clubs of The Bahamas collaborated and organized The Healthy Relationship Webinar.

Courtesy of Bahamas At Sunrise - See the link at:

<https://vimeo.com/891576430/655e3f163c?share=copy>



## New Member Installation and Luncheon

President Sonia Brown, the Board and members of the Zonta Club of Nassau hosted a Christmas Luncheon and New Members Induction Ceremony held at Green Parrot on Sunday 3rd December, 2023. Area 3 Director Latoya Johnson brought remarks on behalf of Zonta International and led the installation segment.

The Zonta Club of Nassau welcomed Damara Dillett, Nikechia Dennis-Hall and Rickell Curry as the newest members of the club!



## **Zontians hosted by the Zonta Club of Nassau**

On November 3, 2023 members of the Zonta Club of Nassau hosted Zonta International representative Sandy Venn-Brown and her husband Steve to a night of Bahamian hospitality; scrumptious cuisine, delicious treats and good conversation. (See photos below.)



Additionally, on November 5, 2023 Zontian Trish Monegon of the Zonta Club of Hamilton (Ontario, Canada) was hosted to lunch at the Green Parrot restaurant, East Bay Street during their visit to Nassau, The Bahamas. (See photos below.)



## **Zonta Club of New Providence**

***Yvette Ingraham, President***

### **Social Media Campaign Against Violence**

Zonta Club of New Providence's commitment to ending violence against women and promoting gender equality extended to the digital realm. In the latter part of 2023, the club launched a robust social media campaign against violence. The club released thought-provoking and powerful public service announcements (PSAs) across various social media platforms. These PSAs were aimed at raising awareness, sparking conversations, and encouraging collective action against all forms of violence.



## **Webinar on Child and Mental Health**

Recognizing the importance of mental health, especially for our youth, the Zonta Club of New Providence hosted a timely and informative webinar focused on "Your Child and Mental Health." This event aimed to equip teachers, aunts, grandparents, youth leaders, and anyone involved in the well-being of children with valuable insights on what to look out for and how to provide support. Presenters were Psychological Counselor Kavita Garikaparthi and members of the Royal Bahamas Police Force, School Policing division. Topics covered included:

- Identifying signs of mental health challenges in children.
- Strategies for promoting positive mental health.
- Resources available for seeking help and support.

## **Collaboration with the Salvation Army**

In the spirit of community service and collaboration, the Zonta Club of New Providence proudly partnered with the Salvation Army for a Christmas Good Turn. We provided the sides (peas-n-rice, macaroni and cheese, beets, and corn) to accompany the otherwise donated ham and turkey to feed 750 people, and we were there in person to dish up and distribute the food and to help with the distribution of grocery and toiletry bags. This collaborative effort exemplifies the club's commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of those in need during the holiday season. The Salvation Army staff were beyond grateful.



## **14th Annual Wine Dinner - "Bahamas Golden Jubilee"**

On December 2, the Zonta Club of New Providence hosted its much-anticipated 14th Annual Wine Dinner at Margaritaville. The celebration was held under the theme "Bahamas Golden Jubilee," marking a momentous occasion with elegance and festivity.

Members and guests gathered for a delightful evening while contributing to the club's ongoing projects and initiatives. The event featured fine wines, delightful cuisine, and live music by the world-famous Royal Bahamas Police Force Pop Band who set the stage for a fun and enchanting evening. The event also featured a silent auction and a raffle with unique items generously donated by local businesses and individuals.





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## 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.

**Deadline for the Zonta Says NOW Virtual Art Gallery has been extended.** Submit your paintings, poems, photographs, videos, sculptures, quilts, music, and songs **by Thursday, 29 February** at [www.zonta.org/ZontaSaysNOW](http://www.zonta.org/ZontaSaysNOW).

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](#).

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