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## **FEBRUARY –MARCH, 2024**

### **MEMBERS OF ZCN PRESENT TO THE GIRLS OF PACE**

On 8<sup>th</sup> February, Director Michelle Forbes and Zontian Ronnesha Smith visited the girls of PACE School and presented on the topic of Financial Planning & Budgeting and Life Experiences as a Mother.





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## **COMMITTEE CHAIR RUTHANN ROLLE AND ADVOCACY MEMBER APPEAR ON BAHAMAS AT SUNRISE**

The United Nations Essay Competition was launched under the theme: Invest In Women, Accelerate Progress. The competition invited the students from Junior and Senior High to participate. Committee Chairperson Ruthann Rolle and Damara Dillet promoted the UN Essay Competition and the Say No To Violence Poster Competition on Bahamas At Sunrise.

Winners of both competitions to be announced on International Women's Day on March 8th.

See link courtesy of Bahamas@Sunrise

<https://vimeo.com/910520052/422fe2fb1d>



## **AQUINAS Z-CLUB INSTALLATION**

On February 9<sup>th</sup> The Z-Club of Aquinas College held its Board Installation; President Sonia Brown attended the installation ceremony.



## **ANTI-BULLYING TRAINING**

On February 29<sup>th</sup> President Sonia, Past President Patricia and Zontian Ronnesha participated in an Anti-bullying Training held by The Bahamas Crisis Centre at the J. Whitney Pinder





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Building, Collins Avenue. This anti-bullying training is a collaborative initiative geared toward eliminating violence in the schools.

### **WINNERS OF THE UN ESSAY AND POSTER COMPETITION ANNOUNCED**

In observance of International Women’s Day, the Zonta Club of Nassau (ZCN) invited Bahamian resident students between the ages of 14 – 17 years to enter its 25th United Nations Essay Competition under the theme "Invest In Women: Accelerate Progress".

Committee Chairperson, Ruthann Rolle and other members of ZCN at Harry C. Moore Library Auditorium, University of The Bahamas to announce the winners.

Congratulations! Asher Fawkes of Aquinas College who emerged as the winner of the essay competition, followed by Asleigh Forbes of St. Augustine’s and 3rd place finisher from Arthur’s Town Comprehensive School, Cat Island.



Asher Fawkes (Winner)



## **SAY NO TO VIOLENCE POSTER COMPETITION**

The Zonta Club of Nassau concluded in submissions for its highly anticipated Poster Competition on February 25<sup>th</sup>. The poster competition was launched as part of the global 16 Days of Activism- Say No To Violence Campaign.

Students from various Elementary, Junior and High Schools submitted entries of posters depicting healthy relationships. Entries were received in all three categories and were posted on Zonta Club of Nassau's Facebook page. The posters with the 'most likes' on facebook were announced during a ceremony held at Harry C. Moore Library, University of The Bahamas. President Sonia Brown and members of the Advocacy Committee, presented awards to the winners.

The winners were announced in the following categories:

- Elementary -1st place was Charles Cooper (St. Francis De Sales),
  - 2nd place Kian Duncombe – (St. Francis & Joseph's Catholic Primary School)
  - 3rd place - Noel Smith (Xavier's Lower School).

- Junior High Division - 1st place Aleece Bannister of Aquinas College Catholic Secondary School.
- **Senior High Division- 1st place Kailey Rolle (Aquinas College Catholic Secondary School)**
  - **2nd place to Omari Stewart (Genesis Academy)**
  - **3rd place to Eden Hepburn (Aquinas College Catholic Secondary School)**

Congratulations and special thanks to our participants, supporters, and sponsors who contributed to the success of the competition.



1st Place – Kaily Rolle (Aquinas)



2nd Place – Omari Stewart – Genesis Academy



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3rd Place Eden Hepburn (Aquinas)



2nd Place Kian Duncombe (St. Francis & St. Joseph's)



3<sup>rd</sup> Place Noel Smith (Xaviers Lower)

## ZONTA CLUB OF NASSAU & GOLDEN –Z COLLABORATES IN A SEMINAR

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, in honour of International Women's Day, The Golden Z Club in conjunction with the ZCN hosted a seminar under the theme: "Invest In Women, Accelerate Progress."

Speakers included Dr. Marion Bethel and our very own Zontian Damara Dillett!





## **CONFLICT RESOLUTION PRESENTATION TO STUDENTS**

Zontian Damara visited Xavier School and presented to the students on Conflict Resolution during the Annual Catholic Schools Week- January 28-February 3!



## **WE ARE FAMILY FUN, RUN, WALK & PUSH**

Zonta Club of Nassau launched its “We Are Family 5K Fun Run, Walk, Push”. The event is scheduled for Saturday 18th May beginning at 6:00pm; leaving Montague Foreshore to Armstrong Street and returning to the waterfront! The event is intended to engage the entire family; culminating with a Health Fair; providing the participants with the opportunity to obtain health screening of glucose and blood pressure levels.

Registration is ongoing. Click the link to register!





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<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfY7NBfmOr.../viewform...>

Adults-\$30

Groups of 10 or more- \$25

Children under age 13- \$10

### **ZCN CLUB MEETING & BOARD ELECTIONS**

On March 21<sup>st</sup> the members of ZCN met at Ichiban and held its clubs monthly meeting and Board Election. During the club meeting President Sonia awarded the following members for their contribution during the previous bi-annium:



Past President & 2023 Zotian Of The year Ruthann Rolle



Past Director & Current Vice President Dominique Thompson



During the meeting, board elections were held to decide on the new members who will lead the club during the 2024-2026 bi-ennium. Elections were led by the Nominations Committee Members, Zontian Ann Marie Bain, Charter Member Stephanie Unwala, Past President Patricia Francis and Zontian Camille Barnett.



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Presiding Officer Past President & Nomination Committee Member Patricia Francis



Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Nassau 2024-2026 New Board:

- President - Michelle Forbes
- Vice President - Dominique Thompson
- President Elect - Karoldann Darville
- Treasurer - Kenris Longley
- Secretary - Ronnesha Smith
- Directors - Detra Bethel, Rickell Curry, Nikechia Hall-Dennis, Jenniffer Braynen

### **HOT CROSS BUNS DISTRIBUTED TO SENIOR CITIZEN'S HOMES**

On Good Friday-March 29th, 2024, Zontian Ruthann Rolle, President Sonia and Director Michelle delivered twenty-four(24) dozen freshly baked delicious hot cross buns, on behalf of the ZCN, to various senior citizen homes in Nassau including: Mary Ingraham Home, Good Samaritan, A &A Comfort Care Centre, Persis Rodgers, Pat's Senior

Citizens, Twilight Home, Unity House, Quality Care formerly Demetrius Home and Nurse Naomi Christie Center!

