



**ZONTA**  
INTERNATIONAL  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

# Boca Bulletin

MARCH — 2021

## President's Message

Dear Boca Zontians and Friends,

We know that many organizations have been unable to directly aide all those in need of shelter from domestic violence, human trafficking, food insecurity and loss of jobs. With your support, Zonta Club of Boca Raton Area will continue our efforts to raise awareness and give financial support to our list of recognized local service organizations.

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, Zonta Rose Day and International Women's Day, gives us the opportunity to reflect on past achievements and honor the current efforts of champions for gender equality. Online contributions are welcome to the Zonta Foundation for Women as a tribute to an inspiring individual in your life. Please visit our site to DONATE now.

We are seeking outstanding women within our community who share our mission goals to join our club. We will be hosting our annual Meet & Greet on March 9<sup>th</sup>; please contact us for your invite to this free event.

March 9<sup>th</sup> is also the drawing date for our Raffle. We still have tickets available, so visit us online to purchase your ticket TODAY.

If you're unable to make our Meet & Greet, please consider joining us on March 17<sup>th</sup> for our monthly business dinner meeting. Our Social starts at 5:30PM followed by a 3-course meal during our business discussions. Please contact us to prepurchase your dinner ticket.

Unfortunately, due to the continued effects of COVID restrictions, we have decided to postpone our annual fundraiser to Saturday, January 29, 2022. Please mark your calendars and visit our webpage to R.S.V.P.

Thank you for all you do to support Zonta Club of Boca Raton Area,

*Shirix*

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mar 2—Zoom Board Meeting, 6:15 pm, email instructions will follow
- Mar 8—Zonta Rose Day and International Women's Day
- Mar 9—Meet & Greet membership event, Pavilion Grille, 6-8 pm, drawing for Money Tree Raffle Winners, too (see Pg 2)
- Mar 17—Business Meeting, Pavilion Grille, 5:30 social, 6 pm dinner
- Apr 6—Zoom Board Meeting, 6:15 pm, email instructions will follow
- Apr 21—Business Meeting, with elections, Pavilion Grille, 5:30 social, 6 pm dinner
- May 1—Area 3 Virtual Workshop, Free the Girls, details TBD
- May 4—Zoom Board Meeting, 6:15 pm, email instructions will follow
- May 19—Business Meeting with installation of board members, 5:30 social, 6 pm dinner

## 2022

- Jan 29, 2022—Annual Luncheon and Fundraiser (see page 3)

See Zonta International Information on Pages 5 & 6

Meet our local charities on Page 4

ZONTA CLUB OF BOCA RATON AREA  
P.O. BOX 3974  
BOCA RATON, FL 33427  
[HTTP://WWW.ZONTABOCARATON.ORG](http://WWW.ZONTABOCARATON.ORG)

President—**Shirin Weisman**  
Vice President—**Shelly Olkey**  
Treasurer—**Amy Robbins**  
Board of Directors  
**Cindy Felsten (2 yrs), Loretta Fink and Nancy Thompson (1 yr)**  
Recording Sec'y, Bus.—**Pat Cox**  
Recording Sec'y, Bd—**Jo Kuczenski**  
Corresponding Sec'y—**Cooky Duboff**

*Zonta Club of Boca Raton Area — Boca Raton, Florida  
District XI - Club No. 765 - Chartered - March 3, 1975  
A Member of Zonta International: 30,000 members in 66 countries  
working together to improve the lives of women and girls.*

**Another way our club can benefit with donations!**

We need your support. Contributions to **Zonta Club of Boca Raton Foundation** can be given through **Network for Good**, an online giving platform for donors. Go to [www.networkforgood.com](http://www.networkforgood.com), or use **Facebook** or **Google**, to make a contribution to our organization. Please consider starting an online contribution drive of your own to benefit our community service projects. **Network For Good** does all the hard work!

**MONEY TREE RAFFLE!**  
Tickets now available on the web.



**4 GREAT PRIZES!**  
Visit  
<http://www.zontabocaraton.org/>  
To buy your ticket!



**Happy Birthday!**

**Sharon Alfieri—Mar 2**  
**Cathy Hoffman—Mar 3**



**BOCA HELPING HANDS**

Boca Helping Hands is always in need of pantry items. Please bring food donations to any of our meetings. Diane Sawchuk will be happy to collect them and take them to the center. She is always happy to answer your questions about our work at BHH. In addition, if you can't get to a meeting, contact President Shirin Weisman for pick-up. Contact Diane at 561-477-0852, [dianesawchuk@comcast.net](mailto:dianesawchuk@comcast.net)

**Palm Beach Victim Services**  
Donations of children's books (ages 0-18), games, coloring books, crayons, markers, toys, etc., will be collected by Jane at all meetings.

**Butterfly House—Not Just Me Foundation**  
Unused small toiletries, grooming tools, blankets, and socks—for men and women.

**Zonta Club of Boca Raton Foundation, Inc.**  
**Invites You To A Luncheon**  
**Featuring Entertainment by**  
**IT Takes Two**  
**Benefitting The Women's Circle, Inc.,**  
**Not Just Me Foundation (Butterfly House),**  
**Zonta Club of Boca Raton Foundation Scholarship,**  
**& other Service Projects**

**Honoring Pilot, Yogini Modi**  
**Chairman of the Florida Goldcoast Chapter of 99's**



**January 29, 2022**  
**11:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Pavilion Grille**  
**301 Yamato Road, Boca Raton, FL**

**Ticket Price \$60.00**

**New  
Date!**



## Community Friends

**We are looking for donations of gift cards and items listed below for our raffle baskets. If you can donate or are interested in sponsoring a basket, please contact Shirin Weisman to arrange your donation recognition.**

- ◇ Sign up for a basket theme and work on donations
- ◇ We're considering doing a swag bag for each guest
- ◇ Table settings will include our memorabilia—like “Zonta Says No” bookmarks and our tri-fold Zonta flyer
- ◇ Forms are available on the web site—Save the Date, Donation Letter, Invitations, RSVP cards
- ◇ Don't forget our wine, liquor and scratch off lottery ticket baskets!
- ◇ Lots of gift certificates for spas, salons and restaurants
- ◇ **Other items needed for theme baskets**—beach, chocolate, car care, coffee, dog grooming, hurricane and Jan's looking for a book about Florida light houses!

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<https://www.facebook.com/>



**amazon**smile  
 You Shop. Amazon Gives.

Use this link every time you shop <https://smile.amazon.com/>  
 On your first visit, you'll select your charity—Zonta Club of Boca Raton Foundation. Then Amazon Smile will remember and our club will get a donation every time you shop!  
 It's that easy!

### **NEW**

Contact info for **Susan Ander**  
 Harbour's Edge  
 401 East Linton Blvd.  
 Delray Beach, FL 33483  
 Cell phone 956-454-4647  
 To make an appointment to visit



# The Women's Circle

912 SE 4th Street  
Boynton Beach, FL 33435

Office Hours:  
Monday thru Friday  
9 am to 4 pm

**Our Mission:**

Improving the lives of women in Palm Beach County since 2000! We provide the tools women need to realize their full potential and become better educated, employed, and leadership in the community. We meet women at their point of need and guide them towards self sufficiency, economic stability, job security, and leadership roles.

**Our Vision:**

All women have the ability to develop their potential and be all they can be, while effectively assimilating into culturally diverse communities.

**Our Values:**

- Respect for human dignity.
- Justice for all.
- Appreciation for different cultures.
- Awareness of the special importance of women in the family and in the community.
- Active development of each woman's potential for employment and leadership in her community.
- Belief in democracy and participation of persons in all areas that impact their lives.
- Appreciation for the spirituality of each person which nourishes their aspirations.

Email: [info@womenscircle.org](mailto:info@womenscircle.org)

## **PALM BEACH COUNTY VICTIM SERVICES CERTIFIED RAPE CRISIS CENTER**

**Serving Victims  
of Violent Crime**

**Toll Free Hotline  
1-866-891-7273**

**TTY  
561-355-1772**



**Vision  
Justice for all crime victims**

**Mission Statement  
With compassion and respect, we assist  
victims of sexual assault  
domestic violence, homicide,  
and other violent crimes through  
crisis response, advocacy, therapy, and  
community awareness.**

## **Not Just Me Foundation**

EMPOWERING  
SURVIVORS.  
EDUCATING  
COMMUNITIES.

[julie@notjustmefoundation.org](mailto:julie@notjustmefoundation.org)

### **Our Mission**

To prevent sexual assault through awareness and education and to help survivors reclaim their lives by giving them access to appropriately trained advocacy networks.



## **The Butterfly House**

at Wellington Regional Medical Center



**Victim Services & Rape Crisis Division**

**24/7 Hotline: (561) 833-7273**

## Honor an inspirational person in your life



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[More information at zonta.org/roседay](https://zonta.org/roседay)

## Join Zonta for the virtual Commission on the Status of Women


Like most events in the last year, the 65<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will be held virtually this year, 15-26 March 2021. While it is disappointing that we will not get to gather as a Zonta community at the United Nations in New York, the virtual CSW65 does give more Zontians the opportunity to participate in the CSW and the NGO CSW Forum.

### Why should you and/or your members consider participating?

CSW gives participants the opportunity to: have a voice in exploring solutions to myriad problems facing women of the world while learning more about the critical issues affecting women worldwide and networking with like-minded attendees from all over the globe.

In addition to the official meetings of the CSW, the NGO CSW Forum will also be virtual this year. You can find more information about the virtual forum and register at  <https://ngocsw.org/ngocsw65/>.

READ OUR STATEMENT



**Register online by  
22 February.**

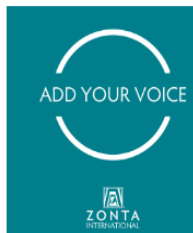
**Register**

## Add Your Voice Global Membership Campaign

The goal of the 2021 membership campaign is to recruit new members to help achieve our mission.

The intent is to offer a friendly competition amongst clubs based on club size divided into three tiers: large clubs, mid-size clubs, and small-scale clubs.

The campaign will run from 1 April –31 May 2021. More details will be shared this month.



## WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

Encouraging women to pursue education, career opportunities and leadership roles in information technology

**US\$8,000 to up to 20 innovative women from around the globe**

**DEADLINE: 15 OCTOBER 2021**

To apply, visit [zonta.org/womenintech](https://zonta.org/womenintech)



## New Member Welcome Webinar



**Next date: 18 March**

Do you have new members in your club? Invite them to join us for our Zonta International new member orientation webinar. Our first session is on 18th February and will continue monthly.

We will share the history of Zonta, the programs we support, and the resources available to members.

## Club YWPA applications due to districts 1 April

We have received inquiries regarding the deadline for the 2021 Young Women in Public Affairs Award applications. The deadline for the 2021 applications will not be extended. Clubs should submit applications to their Governor/Region Representative before 1 April and the district/region recipients' applications are to be submitted to Zonta International by 1 May.



Find more information and a link to the online application at  <http://www.zonta.org/YWPAAward>.

## Applications now open for Women in Technology Scholarships

Zonta International will award up to 20 scholarships of US\$8,000 each to women pursuing a degree in information technology. While applicants will apply directly to Zonta International, we encourage Zonta clubs to download the scholarship poster and social media images to promote the Women in Technology Scholarship in your local community and within your members' personal and professional networks.

Find more information and a link to the online application at  <http://www.zonta.org/womenintech>.

**Application deadline is 15 October 2021.**