



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

# Boca Bulletin

## President's Message

Dear Boca Zontians and Friends,  
.. And the holidays are HERE!

I hope everyone was able to visit with family and friends and enjoy a great Thanksgiving celebration with your loved ones. November 25<sup>th</sup>, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, started our 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence and the **Zonta Says No** to Violence Against Women Campaign [www.zontasaysno.com](http://www.zontasaysno.com) Awareness is crucial in ending gender-based crimes. Please take action and help.

Our annual Holiday Social at Miller's Ale House, on Glades Road is Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> benefiting the USMC Reserves' **Toys for Tots Program** from 6-8pm. Miller's will be serving complimentary appetizers for those participating in the toy drive. We know the holidays are busy, please make time to share the holiday spirit and support making a child's holiday memories happy with the gift of a new, unwrapped item for ages 6mo to 18 years. We've learned that the older kids rarely receive gifts, and it is encouraged that we consider their age when buying.

Don't forget to secure your seat and seats for your guests for our major fundraiser. Come dressed for the roaring 1920's and ready to laugh and dance with entertainment by **It Takes Two**. More details can be found at [www.zontabocaraton.org](http://www.zontabocaraton.org) regarding ticket purchase and meal selection for our Gatsby Luncheon Fundraiser.

If you're unable to make the luncheon, please consider a donation in lieu.

I look forward to enjoying the evening with Zonta friends and the Marines. **Happy Hanukkah**, **Merry Christmas** and a very **Happy New Year** to All!

*Shirín*

**Be sure to check out our FB page for more fun and exciting events, projects, and information!**

DECEMBER — 2021

### MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dec 7—Zoom Board Meeting, 6:15 pm, email info will follow
- Dec 8—Toys for Tots Holiday Social, 6-8 pm, Miller's Ale House, Glades Rd, (see page 5)

### 2022

- Jan 4—Zoom Board Meeting, 6:15 pm, email info will follow
- Jan 15—Basket Wrapping at Diane Sawchuk, 10 am to Noon.
- Jan 19—Business Meeting, 5:30 social, 6 pm dinner, Pavilion Grille
- Jan 29—Annual Luncheon and Fundraiser (see page 3)
- Feb 1—Money Tree Raffle tickets go on sale
- Feb 8—Meet & Greet for potential new members, Pavilion Grille, 6-8 pm
- March 16—Business Meeting, 5:30 social, 6 pm dinner, Money Tree Raffle Drawing, Pavilion Grille
- Mar 20—New Florida Follies, mini-fundraiser (see page 5)

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 (1 yr), Loretta Fink (1 yr) and Nancy Thompson (2 yrs)**  
*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.*



**Zonta Club of Boca Raton Foundation, Inc.**  
**Invites You To A Luncheon Featuring Entertainment**  
 by  
**IT Takes Two**

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

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

**Ticket Price \$60.00**

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

**Benefitting The Women's Circle, Inc., Not Just Me Foundation (Butterfly House),  
 Zonta Club of Boca Raton Foundation Scholarship, & other Service Projects**

**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 which will include a spray hand sanitizer
- ◇ 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



December Birthdays  
 Alice Chick—25th



**Money Tree Raffle**  
**Drawing March 16**  
**At the meeting**  
**\$500 Cash**



# HTCPB

THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING COALITION OF THE PALM BEACHES

## Human Trafficking What You Need to Know



Presented by Palm Beach County Department of Public Safety, Division of Victim Services and the Human Trafficking Coalition of the Palm Beaches

• National Human Trafficking Hotline:  
**1-888-373-7888**

• Department of Children and Families  
Hotline for children under 18 years old:  
**1-800-96-ABUSE** (1-800-962-2873)



President Shirin Weisman introduces guest speaker Laura Cusack, President Palm Beach County Human Trafficking Coalition at our November 17th dinner meeting.

To see the entire powerful presentation, go to  
<https://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/victimservices/PDF/HT-Awareness-Presentation2017-PBCVS.pdf>

### Who Are the Victims?

#### General Vulnerabilities

- Poverty
- Lack of Education
- Poor Employment Opportunities
- Prior Childhood Abuse
- Homelessness
- Disability
- LGBTQ
- Foreign Born/No Permanent Residency

#### Vulnerable Youth

- Physically/Sexually Abused
- Neglected
- Abandoned
- Homeless
- LGBTQ
- Runaways
- Disabled
- History of Foster Care Involvement
- History of Juvenile Justice Involvement



# The Women's Circle

912 SE 4th Street  
Boynton Beach, FL 33435

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



## COVID-19 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

*Did you have a COVID-related financial impact that left you unable to pay your rent since April 2020?*

If so, you may be eligible for assistance to pay the rent that is owed to your landlord from the  
**CITY OF BOYNTON BEACH**

### CDBG-CV EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

In order to be eligible, you must:

- ♦ Be a resident of the City of Boynton Beach municipality and have a current lease or rent agreement,
- ♦ Have a household income that is less than the following income limits, based on family size:
 

1 Person	\$47,950	2 People	\$54,800
3 People	\$61,650	4 People	\$68,500
5 People	\$74,000	6 People	\$84,950

- ♦ Provide documentation of a COVID – related loss of income after March 2020:  
Examples include:

- Layoff or reduced work hours,
- Unpaid leave to take care of children due to school and daycare closure,
- Self-quarantine for 14 days resulting in loss of income,
- Other consequences of the virus that led to a reduction of income.

To receive assistance, you must apply to the Boynton Beach Faith Based CDC., Inc.

You can access the application and required forms to complete by:

- ♦ visiting the following link: <https://heartofboyntonassistance.org>, you can also print the application from that link and submit the printed copy with required documentation,
- ♦ requesting a paper copy of the application to be mailed, or emailed to you, by calling 561-752-0303
- ♦ you may pick up an application package at the offices located at 2191 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach, FL 33435

To submit the application and required documentation you may mail to our office or physically drop off the package to the office, or email to [sjohnson@boyntonbeachcdc.org](mailto:sjohnson@boyntonbeachcdc.org)

**BOYNTON BEACH FAITH-BASED CDC, INC. — 2191 N. SEACREST BLVD., BOYNTON BEACH, FL 33435**



## 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. 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 COUNTY VICTIM SERVICES CERTIFIED RAPE CRISIS CENTER



**Serving Victims  
of Violent Crime**

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

**TTY  
561-355-1772**

### 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.

## Not Just Me Foundation

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



**The  
Butterfly  
House**

at Wellington Regional Medical Center

Victim Services & Rape Crisis Division

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

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

Contact info for **Susan Ander**  
Banyan Place  
2950 NW 5th Ave  
Boca Raton, FL 33431  
Cell phone 956-454-4647





 MARINE CORPS RESERVE

**TOYS FOR TOTS**

**THE ZONTA CLUB OF BOCA RATON**  
**and**  
**MILLER'S ALE HOUSE**  
9244 Glades Road, Boca Raton  
Invite you to join us for a **Holiday Social**  
Wednesday, December 8, 2021  
from 6:00-8:00 pm



**Admission Fee: 1 NEW Unwrapped Toy**  
Light Appetizers compliments of Miller's Ale House  
- CASH BAR -

**THE**  
**NEW FLORIDA FOLLIES**

A Not-For-Profit Organization Dedicated to Helping Children  
We are the Older Generation taking care of the Younger Generation!

March 20, 2022, 2 pm,  
Spanish River High  
School.

This will be a  
**mini-fundraiser**,  
so invite your friends and  
family.

\$45 per ticket



### Sign up for text alerts

To get our advocacy alerts via text message, text **ZONTA** to 50457. Follow the instructions you receive to complete registration.



Since 1923, Zonta International has provided more than US\$46.3 million to empower women and girls and expand their access to education, health care, economic opportunities and safe living conditions. Through donations to the Zonta Foundation for Women, Zonta improves women's lives, their children's lives and the communities in which they live and work. Join us in making gender equality a reality for women and girls worldwide. 100 percent of all donations to the Zonta Foundation for Women go directly to program support. The administrative expenses of the Foundation are covered by a grant from Zonta International and interest income.

### Education

We are dedicated to achieving gender equality in education and support scholarships, fellowships and awards for women and girls.

### Mission in Action

We are a network of more than 1,100 Zonta clubs in 63 countries carrying out our Zonta mission and working to improve the lives of women and girls in their local communities.

### International Service

We are passionate about providing life-changing opportunities to empower women and girls and improve their health, provide better economic opportunities and prevent gender-based violence.

### Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women

We are committed to achieving a world free of violence against women and girls.

Please LIKE US on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/www.zontabocaraton.org>

Try a Facebook Fundraiser with Zonta Club of Boca Raton as the recipient of donations from friends. It's fast and easy.

### Facebook Personal Fundraisers

You may see suggestions for creating a nonprofit fundraiser on your birthday or other special event. Creating an online fundraiser to support Zonta Club of Boca Raton is quick and easy. When you start a nonprofit fundraiser on Facebook, 100% of the funds you raise go to our nonprofit.

On your computer, login to [Facebook](#).

In the promotion in your News Feed:

Type into the search bar to find us ZONTA CLUB OF BOCA RATON

Under "Let's start with the basics," enter:

The name of the nonprofit you're raising money for

How much you want to raise

The currency you want the donations to be in

The date you want the fundraiser to end

Click **Next**.

Under "Tell your story," enter: