

Call to Conference



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Governor, District 1
2016-2018
Zonta International

Together WE can make a difference!

WELCOME to the 69th annual District 1 Official Fall Conference, "**Zonta: Making our Voices Heard.**"

The conference promises to offer a great weekend of fellowship, informative sessions and enjoyment for all while we continue to work toward our mission of a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. A sample of what we have planned:

- **State Representative Kay Kahn**, discussing the elimination of child marriages and improving treatment of incarcerated women.
- **UNICEF USA**, update from our 'Let Us Learn' partnership project in Madagascar.
- **Opioid Panel**, forum of accomplished panelists dedicated to helping those with Opioid addiction.
- **Soldier On** will discuss their efforts in serving the growing problem of Homeless Female Veterans
- **Kristen Von Ginhoven**, Director of WAM Theatre will share 'Where Art Meets Activism' leadership
- **District Service Initiative**, The Period Project
- **Break-outs** will be held to discuss the Zonta International Global Membership Campaign, and the Zonta Centennial Celebration.

I'm pleased to announce that our District 1 Liaison and Zonta International Vice President, **Sharon Langonbeck** will also be in attendance.

Each of us has an important role in our Zonta community and is vital to the life of our organization. Participate in the Zonta experience, **let your voice be heard** and share in the unity of belonging to an organization that empowers women through service and advocacy.

We look forward to seeing you in the Berkshires!

Yours in Zonta spirit,
Governor Joanne

The Period Project

For women living with homelessness or poverty, having a period is more than a hassle. It's a financial burden. Basic menstrual hygiene products are costly, especially for women struggling to support themselves and their families. Feminine products, like pads and tampons are considered "non-essential" by the U.S. federal government, so they are not covered by SNAP and WIC programs. What's more, women and teens who are homeless often lack consistent access to hygiene products or safe sanitary spaces.

Together, we can make a period a little easier for women and teens in need.

How Can You Help?

- Donate items to create monthly menstrual kits
- Donate \$ for the purchase of kit supplies
- Help assemble the kits at the Conference.

Donations need / kit items

- Sealed Boxes of Pads or Tampons
- Panty Liners
- Cleansing Wipes
- Hand Sanitizers and/or Soap
- New Pairs of Underwear (Any Size)

Please bring donation items with you to conference, or send your donations of funds with the registration form.



Quabog volunteers creating kits

help in the gathering of donations for this hands-on project at Fall Conference. Attendees will be provided with details on how to replicate this project on a club level.

Note: Collection Boxes for The Period Project are also being placed throughout Berkshire County to

Making Our
Voices Heard



Berkshire County, MA



ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 1
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

2017 Zonta International District 1 Conference

October 20-22, 2017

Berkshire Crown Plaza Hotel
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Hosted by Area II
The Zonta Club of Berkshire County

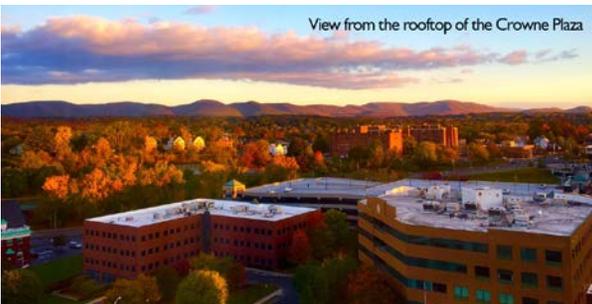


Please note: Registration includes all conference materials, Saturday continental breakfast, buffet lunch and dinner including entertainment and Sunday continental breakfast.



We are located in the westernmost part of Massachusetts. The closest airport is Albany, NY (ALB) 60 minutes or Hartford CT (BDL) 85 minutes.

View from the rooftop of the Crowne Plaza



We are excited to invite you to the Berkshires in the peak of our foliage season, and home to impressive natural, cultural & historic sights.

For the art lover, the hotel is situated across the street from the Berkshire Museum. A short car ride will take you to Hancock Shaker Village Interactive Museum, and within 30 minutes, you can explore MASS MoCA, the largest contemporary art center in the US, the Norman Rockwell Museum, and more!

Need a spa moment? Elle Day Spa is next door, or within 15 minutes, you'll find internationally recognized Kripalu, Canyon Ranch or Cranwell spas and resorts.

Within two blocks of the hotel you will find the historic Colonial Theater, built in 1903 and registered as a national treasure, offering performances. Down the street you'll find Gaslight playing on Barrington Stage and movies at the Beacon Cinema.

For nature and literature lovers, the distant view of Mount Greylock was the inspiration for Moby Dick. Drive up the mountain for beautiful vistas and at the top, Harry Potter fans will love to discover the inspirational home of Pottermore. Fall scenic views are amazing with walking paths from easy to strenuous to enjoy the outdoors.

Gastropubs, wine bars, Malaysian, Italian, Mexican, Spanish tapas, Organic, and Sushi are all within walking distance of the hotel ... including a few basic burger joints and cozy American basics. The hotel has its own restaurant too!

Conference Agenda Outline

Friday, October 20, 2017

- 6:00 p.m. Registration, Credentialing, Z Store
- 6:15 p.m. Conference First Timer's Reception
- 7:30 p.m. Opening Ceremony, Business Session I
- 9:30 p.m. Hospitality Suite, Meet the Candidates

Saturday, October 21, 2017

- 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 7:45 a.m. Registration / Credentialing
- 8:30 a.m. Opening Ceremonies: Business Session II
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Women In Leadership
- 11:45 p.m. Group Photo
- 12:15 p.m. Buffet & Keynote: Rep. Kay Kahn
- 1:30 p.m. Soldier On – Homeless Women Vets
- 2:00 p.m. Opioid Panel
- 3:00 p.m. Period Project / Optional Light Yoga
- 6:00 p.m. Governor's Reception / Auction
- 7:00 p.m. Banquet Dinner & Entertainment
- 9:30 p.m. Governor's Hospitality Suite

Sunday, October 22, 2017

- 7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. Memorial Service
- 8:30 a.m. Credentials
- 8:45 a.m. Business Session III
- 9:30 a.m. UNICEF Let Us Learn Madagascar
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Business Session III Resumes
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn

Meeting attire is business casual.
Dinner banquet is dressy.

2017 Registration

Zonta International District 1 Conference

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Club: _____

Attending as: Check all that apply Member

First Timer Delegate Alternate

District Officer Intl. Officer/Rep/Chair

Past Intl. Director Past District Governor

Dinner Selection:

Prime Rib Chicken Oscar (topped w/ Crab)

Pasta Primavera (Vegetarian) Guest Meal(s)

Special Dietary Request, if any _____

Fee: US\$150 (before 10/1) US\$160 (after 10/1)

1st timers receive \$50 rebate in mail after conference!

Guests: #___ Luncheon US\$30 #___ Dinner US\$50

Optional Project Donation: \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please Mail Checks Payable To
Zonta District 1 Conference to:
Mary Tyer Kelly
65 South Prospect Street
Lee, MA 01238

Hotel accommodations should be made directly with the Berkshire Crowne Plaza Hotel before 10/1/17 to secure the Zonta rate of \$129 per night, including parking, fitness center, pool, restaurant and Wi-Fi.

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