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Zonta Club of Berkshire County Newsletter March/April 2010  
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**Message from our President:**

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**Members:**

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Millie Blum  
Kim Boland  
Judy Burbank  
Marge Caesar  
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Melissa Mazzeo  
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Mary O'Brien  
Debbie O'Neill  
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Carla Prendergast  
Pam Roberts  
Ellen Ruberto  
Patty Simonetta  
Janet Taylor  
Mary Tierney  
Cheryl Nolan-  
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Dear Berkshire Zontians,  
Spring is rearing its beautiful and bountiful head. It is also the time when we as Zontians see the fruits of our labor. This month and next we will be participating and meeting the women we are supporting thru our fundraising. Every year when I attend the scholarship award ceremonies I am amazed at the lives and goals of these women. Their focus and determination at such young ages is both exciting and encouraging. We often see and hear so much of the negative events, that it can be discouraging. However, these efforts bring us back to the reality and truth of human nature when presented with love, opportunities, and support. Be glad and thankful to be a part of such a wonderful group effort and please join us at these awards, be inspired and see for yourselves.

Patty



*Zonta Club of Berkshire County continues to make a monthly contribution to the Goodrich Foundation. Our donation sponsors the continuing education and living expenses of Alina who will be back to visit us at the May meeting! The reports of her progress represent our small part in helping one young woman shape her future. Here we see other young girls attending the school in Logar.*

**Zonta Events:** Don't forget the upcoming Spring Workshop on May 1st; registration forms have been sent to all club members via e-mail.

**Programs:** The March meeting featured Dorothy Mack of the Helen Berube Teen Parent Program. Her presentation was so inspiring that several of our club members have joined the board! Congratulations to Mary O'Brien, Judy Burbank and Patty Simonetta. They will be meeting monthly and will keep us informed with pertinent information. We will learn whether there are ways for our club to get involved with this worthy organization. This month we will be hearing from Ray Ross director of Big Brothers and Sisters. In May we anticipate our YWPA winner will attend our meeting along with Jayma Hall who will be on hand to install our new officers and directors for the upcoming Zonta year which begins June 1st. We also anticipate that our Afghanistan student Alina will be with us to update us on her activities. Our June meeting will be a wrap-up before summer break ending with our fun(d) raiser auction.

**Membership:** Membership chair Elaine Hunter announced that we will be welcoming a new member, Donna Rivers who will be installed at the April meeting. Elaine and her committee continue to meet and each month bring along information about Zonta so that our members—new and old will continue to learn about Zonta at all levels.

**Fundraising:** The last of the poinsettia monies have been received! We are now in good shape to fund the service projects and scholarships per our budget!

**Suit Yourself:** As you are aware, Zonta is one of the participants in the Suit Yourself (SYS) program. The program offers free workplace attire for men and women entering or reentering the workforce. Per a memo to our club, they are in immediate need of clothing in all sizes. Items must be current in style, in excellent condition and right now—spring and summer only. Items should be delivered on hangers, preferable covered and labeled clearly “Suit Yourself”. The address of the Christian Center is 193 Robbins Ave, in Pittsfield and they are open weekdays from 9-4. Right now the wish list for women: skirts, suits, pantsuits, blouses, dress slacks, along with shoes and handbags. For men: dress shirts, dress slacks, and dress shoes. We note that Patty Simonetta will replace Carla on this committee as Carla moves into her role as president of our Zonta club.

**Service:** The spring clothing drive will be Saturday May 8th from 9-noon. Details will be shared at the club meeting. See above to prepare for the upcoming clothing needs. Service co-chair, Anne Meczywor will share pertinent details. Karen Norton has been busy as the other half of the service leadership in the annual review of applicants for the various scholarships. The award has been made for the YWPA (Young Woman in Public Affairs). Our winner’s application has been forwarded on to the District. Applications are under review for the upcoming BCC scholarship. Girls Inc winner will also be announced soon.

For International Rose Day on March 8th—Our club voted to bestow Sally Goodrich with a Zonta yellow rose plant in recognition of all of her work in the Goodrich Foundation. Women are celebrated and acknowledged for their achievements in all areas of helping other women and children. President Patty sent Sally a note letting her know that a plant will be coming her way. We are thankful to have met her and learned of her huge efforts on behalf of young women in Afghanistan



**Nominating Committee:** At the April meeting the following slate of officers will be presented:

President: Carla Prendergast (2 year term); Vice President: Millie Blum (2 year term) Recording Secretary: Karen Norton with assistant Vicky Palardy (1 year term); Corresponding Secretary: Judy Burbank assisted by Marge Caesar (1 year); Treasurer: Toni Fontana with Jenn Kerwood Assistant (1 year terms) Past President: Patricia Simonetta (two years) **Directors:** Three year: Debbie Dwyer (through 2010) Two year: Mary O’Brien (term ending 2011) and Keye Hollister (term ending 2010) and one year Elaine Hunter. Not all directors need to be voted as some are already serving their prior elected term. Additionally, Patty Simonetta will take on the Suit Yourself liaison position.

**Zonta International:** Check out the new website unveiled recently! [Www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)

**Other Announcements:** Mary Tierney continues to collect toiletries so remember to bring them along to the monthly meetings! May 6th is the Girl’s Inc celebration evening held this year at the Berkshire Museum. Our \$1000 scholarship will be awarded that evening

**Birthdays:** Happy Belated March and April Birthdays to: March: Debbie O’Neill (10th), Judy Burbank (23rd), Keye Hollister(31st). April: Melissa Mazzeo(14th), Kim Boland(23rd), Mary O’Brien(25th)

**Next Meetings:** Club meeting May 10th at Patrick’s; Board on May 7th at 7:45 at Dottie’s