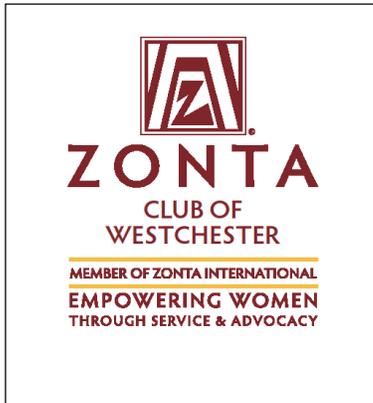


# ZONTAGRAM

ZONTA CLUB OF WESTCHESTER  
CONSTITUENT OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 3 AREA 1 ORGANIZED 1931

May  
2015



Annual Meeting

May 19<sup>th</sup>

6:30

Fogarty's

Restaurant

60 Kraft Avenue

Bronxville

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Dear Zontians,

Hope everyone is enjoying the final arrival of spring.

I want to thank everyone who attended and assisted with the District workshop. A special thanks goes to Pat Latona for all her hard work organizing the event and making a very informative presentation.

We had a beautiful day for our annual fund raiser. Thanks to Shirley Carter for once again chairing a successful afternoon. Shirley was also responsible for suggesting our Woman of the Year, Hazella Rollins-LaVar. Great choice!

Our May meeting will serve as our annual meeting. Reminder to board and committee chairs – remember to bring your annual reports so you can make a brief presentation.

In addition, we have a very impressive recipient for the Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship. We will also induct two new members, Laura Dunckley and Gigi Palmieri.

Everyone should have received the flyer from Pat Latona regarding the May 28<sup>th</sup> event. Please blast it to everyone you know.

See you on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Best,  
Jamie Hubert

## Save the Dates

- ✓ Annual Membership Meeting
  - May 19
- ✓ May 28- Domestic Violence Program at the Bronxville Public Library 6:30-8:30
- ✓ June 20 - Club Retreat at Alice Massa's home in Connecticut



### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

- ✓ Report summary presented at May Annual Meeting
- ✓ Full written reports due June 1<sup>st</sup>
- ✓ Achievement Reports submitted to District 3 by June 30<sup>th</sup>



Connie Peters  
Bernetta Uргуhaft

## ANNUAL MEETING

**ZONTA CLUB OF WESTCHESTER**  
May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### Your Presence is Requested

- ✓ Presentation of the 2015 Young Women in Public Affairs Award to Raina Kadavil ( see below for more about this remarkable young lady)
- ✓ Induction of two new Members: Laura Dunckley and Gigi Palmeiri
- ✓ An impressive summary of the club's outstanding activities this year as reported by committee chairpersons.

### YOUNG WOMAN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS 2015

This year, the Zonta Club of Westchester is proud to award Raina Kadavil the YWPA 2015 Award. Miss Kadavil, a senior at White Plains H.S., was chosen from 18 applicants by the YWPA committee members, Nora Gorman and Sheila Sievertsen.

Join us on May 19<sup>th</sup> in congratulating this remarkable young woman and hear her amazing accomplishments. Ms. Kadavil will receive an award of \$1000 and certificate. Her exemplary applications has been forwarded to Zonta District 3 for consideration of the YWPA award at the District level.

## World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development 21 May



In 2001, UNESCO adopted the [Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity](#) and in December 2002, the UN General Assembly, in its resolution [57/249](#), declared May 21 to be the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

The day provides us with an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the values of cultural diversity and to learn to live together better.

On 5 May 2014, the UN General Assembly held a day-long [debate](#) on “Culture and sustainable development in the post 2015 development agenda.” Speakers underscored through country level testimonies and global data how culture, in its manifold expressions ranging from cultural heritage to creative industries, from sustainable tourism to cultural infrastructure, drives and enables the social, environmental and economic pillars of sustainable development.

### Do One Thing for Diversity and Inclusion

In 2011, a grassroots campaign ‘Do One Thing For Diversity and Inclusion’, celebrating the annual World Day for Cultural Diversity was launched by [UNESCO](#) and the [UN Alliance of Civilizations](#). By encouraging people and organizations from around the world to take concrete action to support diversity, the campaign aims:

- To raise awareness worldwide about the importance of intercultural dialogue, diversity and inclusion.
- To build a world community of individuals committed to support diversity with real and every day-life gestures.
- To combat polarization and stereotypes to improve understanding and cooperation among people from different cultures.

The campaign works through a dedicated [Facebook page](#), serving as a platform for people around the world to share their experiences through posts and videos.

<http://www.un.org/en/events/culturaldiversityday/>



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Present

# “Breaking the Silence” Understanding Domestic Violence

*“Domestic violence is an epidemic affecting individuals in every community, regardless of age, economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality”*

**Thursday, May 28, 2015**

## SPEAKERS

**SHARENE ROIG**, MA, Ed.M. is Coordinator of Women & Girls Program at CONNECT & lead trainer at CONNECT’s Training Institute, facilitating Women’s & Girls’ Empowerment courses for professionals. Sharene will share the stories, experiences & her knowledge gleaned from 19 years working in the prevention of Intimate Domestic Violence counseling families, abusive partners, and survivors. CONNECT is an organization dedicated to the prevention & elimination of interpersonal violence.



April Hernandez-Castillo & Sharene Roig

**APRIL HERNANDEZ- CASTILLO**, a critically acclaimed actress and SAG nominee, is also a Survivor of Domestic Violence. From a position of power, April will present a passionate, compelling dramatization about her abusive situation. Don’t miss this opportunity to hear her amazing story!



## WHEN

**Thursday, May 28, 2015**

**6:30 to 8:30pm**

Light refreshments; Presentation; Q&A

**RSVP by Monday, May 25 - “Space Is Limited”**

**Registration is FREE. Program open to the Public**

**Send registration to Pat Latona [palatona27@gmail.com](mailto:palatona27@gmail.com)**

**Call 914-548-2702 for Information**

## WHERE

**Bronxville Library**

201 Pondfield Rd, Bronxville, NY 10708

**Mail registration to Patricia Latona, 109 North Broadway, R2, White Plains, NY 10603**



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MAY 28 Domestic Violence



Print Name(s) of additional registrant \_\_\_\_\_

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**JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT**

On April 22, 2015, the **Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act** (JVTA) unanimously passed in the US Senate by a vote of 99-0. At the heart of the bill is a change to federal criminal code that would make soliciting sex from a trafficking victim a crime tantamount to sex trafficking itself, even if a defendant doesn't know the individual was forced or coerced. The much-needed legislation expands law enforcement tools to target sex traffickers and creates a new fund to help victims. \$60 million USD has been allocated towards combat human trafficking and to provide funding for services for victims.

“This legislation sends a clear message to those who victimize children that we will prosecute you to the full extent of the law...By strengthening laws against buyers, we can take steps toward reducing demand and ensuring criminals are fully prosecuted. I’m pleased this has passed the Senate and will continue my efforts to make it law,” stated Senator Rob Portman.

The tens of thousands of women and girls that are sexually exploited everyday need protection! Hopefully the House of Representatives will quickly pass the JVTA so this important bill can be signed into law.

Below is a partial list of proposed laws, which were part of Governor Cuomo’s Women’s Equality Agenda that are under consideration, including their current status. Interested in what the laws do for New Yorkers? View descriptions here in, [“What Will the New, New York Women’s Equality Laws Do for You?”](#)

<b>Pregnancy Accommodation</b>	S.8 (Hannon); A.4272 (Gunther)	Awaiting Governor’s signature.
<b>Sexual Harassment</b>	S.2 (Valesky); A.5360 (Galef)	Awaiting Governor’s signature
<b>Equal Pay</b>	S.1 (Savino); A.6075 (Titus)	Awaiting Governor’s signature
<b>Human Trafficking</b>	S.7 (Lanza); A.506 (Paulin)	Awaiting Governor’s signature
<b>Order of Protection Violations</b>	S.5605 (Robach); A.6547-b (Weinstein)	Signed by Governor 11/13/13