

## **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sherri Cunningham Peter Memorial Women's Golf Tournament**

**July 24, 2017**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Sherri Cunningham Peter Memorial Women's Golf Tournament to be held, rain or shine, on Monday, July 24, 2017 at Highland Park Golf Club. Proceeds benefit fundraising efforts of the Zonta Club of Auburn to local community services, Domestic Violence Intervention Programs and the Susan G. Komen Cancer Organization. Registration for this tournament must take place by July 14, 2017. Registration forms and information can be obtained by contacting Sue Nagle at 315-253-4496 or e-mail: [sue-nagle@hotmail.com](mailto:sue-nagle@hotmail.com).

In addition to this fundraising event, the Zonta Club of Auburn is once again sponsoring a FREE Golf Camp for Girls in grades 7-10 at Highland Park Golf Club on August 1, 2 and 3 in memory of Sherri Peter Cunningham. Bob Steiner, Golf Pro at Highland Park Golf Club is generously donating his services and Highland Park Golf Club, the course. Space is limited. For questions or an application, please contact Dale Cunningham at 315-253-4124 or e-mail: [dalecunningham1@verizon.net](mailto:dalecunningham1@verizon.net).

If you are interested in learning more about Zonta, this summer would be a perfect time to check out the Zonta International website online. Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. The members of the Zonta Club of Auburn are always willing to answer questions about our organization and its mission. Membership applications for the Zonta Club of Auburn can be requested by calling Rita Loperfido at 315-515-0701 or e-mail: [RLoperfido@gmail.com](mailto:RLoperfido@gmail.com).

## **Taylor Green is Zonta Club of Auburn's 2017 Jane M. Klausman Award Recipient**

Jane M. Klausman was an Syracuse Club Zontian who was always interested in helping other women; especially young women, reach both their career and leadership potential. While she was alive, she realized that women still had a long way to go to achieve equality, especially in the workplace. She was a professional secretary at the Crouse Hinds Company starting in 1941, ending with her retirement in 1987. She was named International Secretary of the Year, in 1963, by Professional Secretaries International. After retiring, Jane founded and owned JMK Parliamentary Services. She wrote many easy to use parliamentary guides and resources. She served as the Zonta International Parliamentarian from 1990-1995 and was also the District 2 Parliamentarian when she passed away. The Klausman Scholarships were funded by a bequest, from Jane, of more than \$500,000.

The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship was established in 1998 to encourage undergraduate women to pursue a career and seek leadership positions in business related fields. Since its inception in 1998, Zonta has awarded 484 scholarships, totaling more than \$1.1 million, awarded to 366 women representing 54 countries (Zonta International website). This year, the Zonta Club of Auburn is proud to announce Taylor Green as its Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship winner for 2017. Taylor, an Auburn resident, is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Cayuga Community College.

The term “leader” aptly describes Taylor as she has organized fundraisers to benefit the March of Dimes and to assist students attending the Phi Beta Lambda National Conference. Phi Beta Lambda is the honor society for business majors at CCC and Taylor has served as its treasurer. Taylor will be competing against students from across the country in the areas of Accounting Principles and Community Service Projects at the Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California.

She has also shown leadership in the community by filling eggs annually for the Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt, creating ID's at the Masons' Club booth at the NYS Fair every Labor Day and by organizing multiple fundraisers to benefit dogs that assist America's veterans.

This fall, Taylor will be attending LeMoyne College as a transfer into the five – year program for accounting where she will graduate in the spring of 2020 with a B.S. in Accounting as well as a Master of Business Administration. Upon graduation, Taylor plans to take the exam to become a Certified Public Accountant. The Zonta Club of Auburn is honored to be able to acknowledge Taylor's accomplishments, as she is truly a deserving recipient of the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship.

## MAY 2017 NEWS – AUBURN CLUB BESTOWS AWARDS

It is very satisfying to be able to see the fruits of one's labor blossom and grow. The members of the Zonta Club of Auburn got to experience that feeling of accomplishment at our May meeting. This is the meeting where money raised through fundraising is given back to community by awarding grants to local organizations that help women and scholarships to deserving students.

The Jean M. Coon Humanitarian Award is a scholastic award open to high school juniors or seniors for outstanding community service. This award carries a \$1,000 stipend and this year's recipient is **Hannah Roman**, a senior attending Southern Cayuga High. Hannah is a member of the Genoa Volunteer Fire Department and is enrolled in a Certified First Responder Course she describes as two-thirds EMT with restrictions due to age. She also volunteers at the King Ferry Food Pantry and is the President of the Southern Cayuga Chapter of the Future Farmers of America. Hannah has used her position in this agriculturally based service organization to develop and promote a connection between the FFA and the King Ferry Food Pantry. Beginning with crop gleaning trips in the fall to pick leftover crops to donate, to working with indoor hydroponic and aquaponic systems in the winter to provide food for the food pantry, she also is helping bring life to "Garden in a Bucket" baskets to give to people who use the food pantry, thereby providing a way to help them grow their own vegetables. This natural relationship between the Food Pantry and FFA has resulted in more volunteers to work at the food pantry, more high quality, naturally grown produce for the pantry and an effort to feed those community members in need. If a humanitarian is defined as a person who cares about people and works to make other people's lives better, Hannah Roman fits the definition and is a worthy recipient of this scholarship/award.

The Young Women in Public Affairs Award is given for outstanding volunteerism, leadership achievement and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women. This scholarship/award also carries a \$1,000 stipend. This year's recipient is **Brooke Raymond**, a senior at Cato Meridian High School. Brooke is the Vice President of the class of 2017, Vice President of the National Honor Society and the Vice President of the Spanish Club. She is an AP Honors student who has earned enough credits to enter college as a sophomore. A member of the Track and Field and Cross Country teams, as a sophomore, Brooke received the Coaches Award for Dedication to Team and as a junior, Most Improved. Her accomplishments as a leader are many. Brooke is also an active member of her church youth group and a young woman of strong faith. She volunteers at the food pantry and pregnancy care center. In addition, she has raised money for missionaries traveling to different countries. She has also developed a keen cultural awareness through the foreign language classes she has taken at CCC. Her letters of recommendation refer to her as an advocate for others and a young lady with a strong moral compass, a champion for the underdog in life and someone who has boundless resolve to speak up for equality. Through volunteering at Congressman John Katko's office, Brooke has experienced how a political office functions and the workings of government and campaigns. She has been exposed to the challenges facing women in politics and the economic world. In her application, she addresses the issue of wage equality, the glass ceiling and our country's failure to elect a woman president. Brooke Raymond shows the leadership, volunteerism and political awareness of women's issues that makes her our 2017 Young Women in Public Affairs scholarship recipient.

## **LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS AWARDED**

The Zonta Club of Auburn presented \$3,200 in service grants to five local organizations that help women. Cyndi Demaria accepted a grant for the Auburn Rescue Mission's Family Transitions Housing Program. This money will be utilized to help women obtain appropriate attire for interviews and work, transportation and childcare.

Shannon Gillen accepted a grant for Child Care Solutions. This grant will be used to guide approximately 10-12 women, who are currently providing informal childcare, through the process of registering with NYS as a Family Child Care home business.

Bob Steigerwald accepted a grant for the Saints Peter and John Soup Kitchen. He thanked the Zontians and Z Club members who volunteer with set up, serve the meals and clean up. In its thirteen years of existence, the soup kitchen has never missed providing a hot nutritious meal for those in need, 70% of which are women and children.

Sue Van Epps accepted a grant for the Scat Van. This grant will be used to fix the vans so they can be kept on the road serving the women of Cayuga County and providing continuing independence for seniors.

Lori Piccolo accepted the final award on behalf of the Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency's Domestic Violence Intervention Program. This grant will be used to provide safety devices, bus passes, phone cards and to make improvements at the safe house which has seen a 300% increased use in the past seven years.

The Zonta Club of Auburn strives to improve the lives of women locally, nationally and internationally. We thank those in the community, who through their generous donations, support our fundraising efforts and help us achieve our mission and reach our goals.

## NOVEMBER 2016 BIRTHDAYS & PROGRAMS

Zonta International celebrated its 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Zontians locally, nationally and internationally work together to promote and advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. As we enter our 98<sup>th</sup> year of existence, much has been accomplished. However, much still needs to be done.

We, Americans, take for granted that healthy young women in the United States do not miss school nor are confined to their homes just because they experience a natural, normal, monthly physical cycle of being female. Feminine hygiene products are available at drugstores, supermarkets and even advertised on television. This is not the case in many African countries. A young, healthy woman in these countries loses more than eighty days of schooling a year because of lack of feminine hygiene products and is confined to her home during her cycle.

The members of the Zonta Club of Auburn support Days For Girls International, a 501(C)3 non profit organization, whose mission is to create a more dignified, free and educated world through access to lasting feminine hygiene solutions. Days For Girls is responsible for the creation and distribution of more than 300,000 reusable, sustainable feminine hygiene kits that have been distributed to girls in more than one hundred countries. The Zonta Club of Auburn, whether through monetary donation and/or donation of time or materials supports the vision of *Every girl. Everywhere. Period. By 2022*, as stated in the theme of Days For Girls.

Another program dedicated to improving lives in crisis is SAVAR. SAVAR, which stands for sexual assault victim advocacy resource, is an agency whose mission is to help empower survivors of sexual violence to regain a sense of control over their lives and to help them heal the trauma of abuse. Marla McGinn, an advocate and the Client Services Coordinator, spoke at our November meeting about SAVAR's program and the current critical need for volunteer advocates. After her presentation, several Zontians indicated their interest in SAVAR's forty hour training program to become a volunteer advocate. Through service and advocacy, darkness can be turned into light.

Birthday candles also sparkled for the Z-Club at Auburn High School. The start of this school year marked the start of their second year of existence. With their new banner proudly displayed at Auburn High School, the excitement about this club and the projects it supports continues to grow. The induction ceremony for new members of this club was held on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium of Auburn High School. Z-Club membership now stands at roughly ninety-five students. The Zonta Club of Auburn is excited and pleased to be able to encourage and support these new members in their endeavors. We look forward to future opportunities to work together with them to fulfill the mission and achieve the objectives of Zonta International.

While birthday candles may glow on top of a cake, there is nothing that compares to the warmth and glow of the holiday season and the spirit of giving it inspires. The Zonta Club of Auburn is also busy planning its December fundraiser dinner and auction and we encourage you to help us "Give the Glow." Holiday warmth and cheer will be abundant at the Springside Inn on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> as once again Auburn Zontians and Z-Club members work to make the holidays bright. Through raffles, silent and live auction bidding, money will be raised to support Zonta service projects with a portion of the money raised to be donated to five families where grandmothers are raising their grandchildren.

You can help "Give the Glow" Purchase a \$30 ticket, enjoy a delicious buffet dinner & generously support the evenings' events. If you represent a business, you can donate a product or service valued at \$200 or more for the live auction event. Call Barb Butler 252-7340 to make your auction donation and Bernie Oliver 253-4874 to make your dinner reservation. You can also contact any Auburn Zonta club member for information about the event. Be a part of the Auburn Zonta Club's holiday fundraising effort and experience the glow that comes from giving.

## **FEBRUARY, 2017 SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS AVAILABLE**

February is a time for hearts, flowers, Valentines and chocolate. February is also Hollywood award season with the Oscars honoring Hollywood's best. Zonta also honors its "best" through several available scholarship awards.

If you are a young woman, age 16-20, who is committed to volunteering, shows volunteer leadership achievement and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women, the Zonta Club of Auburn encourages you to fill out an application for the Young Women in Public Affairs Award. This award is presented annually and carries a \$1,000 stipend offered by the Zonta Club of Auburn.

The student selected for this award will be recognized locally at a club dinner. This local winner then qualifies for consideration at the district level and if selected, receives an additional \$1,000 stipend. From the district level winners, five are chosen to receive a final \$1,000 award from Zonta International.

Another award opportunity is the Jean M. Coon Humanitarian Award. This award established by District 2 in 1982 honors her many accomplishments and humanitarian efforts. The Zonta Club of Auburn, as part of District 2, offers this award given for outstanding community service. Applications are currently being solicited from area public, private and parochial schools. Nominees must be high school juniors or seniors of either gender. Academic achievement is not a factor in selecting a winner. A monetary award of \$1,000 is presented to the winning applicant at a special presentation dinner.

The final available award is the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship established to encourage women to enter careers and to seek leadership positions in business-related fields. This scholarship is available to any woman living and studying in a Zonta district/region who is at least in her second year of a college accredited undergraduate program in business up through her final year of a Master's program. Applicants must still be attending school to receive this award.

Application packets for the YWPA and Coon awards were mailed to area schools in January. Guidance counselors can provide interested students with the appropriate paperwork, due date information and mailing requirements. Additional information about any of these awards is available@ [www.zontadistrict2.org](http://www.zontadistrict2.org) along with the 2017 application for the Klausman scholarship.

## **FEBRUARY, 2017 – Z CLUB NEWS**

The Zonta Club of Auburn is thrilled to honor its own award winning Z Club. They are the third place recipients of the International Emma L. Conlon Award. As stated on the Zonta International website, “the Emma L. Conlon Service Award recognizes Z and Golden Z clubs whose projects and programs best express the ideals of Zonta International to empower women through local and international service and advocacy.”

The 2016 projects that earned the club its third place finish and a \$250 stipend to be used for future service projects include a school service component where members supplied and hand delivered baskets of baby supplies for first time teen mothers. The community service component featured “Fear Me Not” hand made stuffed animals. These animals were donated to local child advocacy programs to be embraced by children to take away their fears. Puppets were also created and given to local pre-schoolers to teach them about safety, secrets and their bodies. Z Club members turned pillowcases into dresses that were sent to little girls in Africa. The patterns for these dresses were passed from Z Club on to local Girl Scout troops so they could continue this international service outreach.

As Salena Nguyen, publicity chairperson of the Auburn Z Club states, “the goal for this year is to aim for the first place prize.” During the first half of the year, Z Club members participated in *Petal it Forward* and the *Purple Ribbon Campaign*. The purpose of the first campaign was to show appreciation toward others in a unique way. The second campaign was the club’s way to spread awareness about domestic violence in our community.

The Auburn Z Club continues to provide service in different ways as it reaches the halfway mark for the year. Around the holidays nearly sixty blankets were created, intended for local and international aid and distribution. When spring arrives, Z Club members will create a memorial butterfly garden outside Auburn High School in memory of and to honor the late (Z Club member) Chloe Calhoun. Also the club will hold a Spring Break Olympics for elementary school age children in the community on April 22. This free event will be held at Holland Stadium during the hours of 11am – 4pm.

The Auburn Z Club continues to promote good will in schools, the local community and on the international stage. The Zonta Club of Auburn is proud of the Z Club, its accomplishments and the efforts of its school advisor (Zonta member) Julie Liccion. Working together, the Zonta Club of Auburn and the Z Club continue to advance the status of women through service and advocacy.

Salena Nguyen, publicity chairperson of the Z Club, contributed to this article.