



**Zonta Club of Greater Queens
President's Report
2008-2009**

Well, the Zonta Club of Greater Queens has had a "fab" year so far and another one to go! We had our 1st Annual Pancake Breakfast with profits to assist our NEW 501C3 account. Then came, "Dress for Success", Queens based helping women dress properly to get back into the workplace. Clothes and wears were also donated to the New York Asian Women's Shelter. We are deeply involved with the Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Survivors. Our fall garage sale raised funds ((\$600.00) to assist SAVI, (Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention) at Elmhurst Hospital. We send them at Holiday Time each year gift cards from a local food chain store. . ZCGQ endeavors to make hospitals safe in emergencies since so many women and girls have increased vulnerability to HIV/AIDS. At Holiday time we work with "AnySoldier.com" for overseas care packages of toiletries to be sent to our military women through Arizona Sun. Letters and cards are also sent to recovering soldiers. Naturally, in January is our GALA Amelia Earhart Event. And what an event it was, as usual, if I don't say so myself! Since the economy has taken a downward turn we, felt it best to go "low key" so I chose a local restaurant near Kennedy Airport. It turns out; Amelia Earhart flew right over the site on Crossbay Blvd many times from nearby Floyd Bennett Field! The luncheon was wonderful and we had 3 great speakers, Ms. Corine Lyons, Chief Pilot at Northeastern Airlines and former NYC police officer; Ms. Jennifer Baxmeyer, Director of Education at the Cradle of Aviation Museum and her docent, Susan Reiser. Raffles, raffles, raffles, with a trip to Floyd Bennett Field was the prizes. I notified the Aviation Airport Press and they did an article in their metro edition, which serves the 3 NY Airports and other newsletter publishers in and around the area (Time Ledger, Howard Beach Times, etc). I was privileged to be asked by Ms. Roxanne Nielsen, Zonta Club of New Rochelle, to speak on her radio show about jobs available for women in aviation since I work at the Federal Aviation Administration and just what is needed to "get started" in aviation . . . I was honored to do so and it was great fun! Next, another fundraisers with Original Women which aided in our ZI contribution. Our on going project is called "Soles4Souls" whereby at each dinner meeting we collect slightly worn shoes-pack them up and ship them over to needy folks in needy countries throughout the world from a distribution center in VA. At our " Women of Year Dinner" in March we honored 3 outstanding women for services to the community, NYS, Assemblywomen Ann Margaret Carozza and Ms. Catherine Nolan along with one of our own, Ms. Ann Jawin, receiving citations from the Office of the State Comptroller, Thomas Di Napoli and Mayor Bloomberg. April, a talk on "Women and Finances" from Ms. Gwendolyn Williams with a great question and answer session afterwards. And, in-between all this, our club has been working with the UN, World Health Day, ECPAT, NOW, the United Nations Association, Earth Day and the National Equal Pay Committee. Gee, for a small group we're pretty mighty.....May and June brought us new members and then winding down for our Spring break - catch you next year!

Respectfully submitted,

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