



Zonta Club of Westchester President's Report 2008-2009

We inducted 5 new members. All club members were designated as Ambassadors, encouraging them to recruit new members. Each received information folders including newly designed Business cards. The Club Brochure was also re-designed.

Presentations were offered at monthly Membership meeting, each aligned to a theme. For example:

- September, International Day of Peace, the speaker highlighted her work at a Peace conference in Vietnam
- October, Domestic Violence Month, the ED of a shelter, presented a chilling account of domestic violence
- February, Black History Month, a board member's presentation offered a fascinating look at President, Barack Obama.
- March, the UN Rep from "Trickle Up" spoke of its work helping people to step up from poverty.
- At April's Annual Meeting we showed a film on Sex Trafficking
- May's meeting presented volunteers from "Healing the Children", who travel the globe providing free surgery to children

We were highlighted repeatedly the week of April 4th on **Channel 12 News Westchester**. Janine Rose, the TV's News Director and Host, was honored as our Woman of the Year at the Spring Fundraiser.

The RAVE Walk raised over \$1800 for a local Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program. The Holiday Auction raised over \$800. Approximately \$5000 was raised at the Spring luncheon. Three thousand five hundred (\$3500) was raised from 50/50 raffles, donations and sale items.

At holiday time we adopted a family from a Shelter and purchased items they requested. One thousand dollars (\$1000) was given to EJ Charities, a Nigerian mission, run by a club member. For Int'l Women's Day members donated \$185 in gift cards; given to a Shelter. Comfort Kits for a domestic violence agency and knitted items for Afghanistan children were also collected.

We awarded a \$1000 Young Woman in Public Affairs Award and a \$1000 College Scholarship.

We co-sponsored with VAS the Vagina Monologues a play which raises awareness about violence against women. A board member was one of the actors.

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District 3 Fall Conference
October 2-4, 2009, Alexandria, Virginia