



**VOLUME 13    ISSUE 1    SEPTEMBER 2023**

Hello Fellow Zonta Members!

Are you READY!? Are you ready for a year full of fun and fellowship? Are you ready for a slew of service and advocacy? Are you ready for some personal enrichment and conversation? If you've answered YES to any or all of these – well – put your seatbelt on – we have LOTS on the horizon! Continue reading this issue of our newsletter and future ones to stay in the loop!

Other things that are right around the corner are the sights, sounds, and flavors of FALL. Which made me think of Pumpkins, Mums, and Scarecrows – just to name a few.

Did you know that Pumpkins symbolize many things including - but not limited to – Abundance and Transformation? Pumpkins also are said to stir our emotional and creative energies!

Mums are not only pretty and plentiful – they are said to symbolize Joy, Life, Friendship, and Longevity!

And Scarecrows – what can be said about Scarecrows? Scarecrows have been around a lot longer than we may have thought. The first known to history were made about 3,000 years ago by Egyptians to protect their wheat fields – especially along the Nile River. The first known usage of the word in English novels was in 1719 “Robinson Crusoe” written by Daniel Defoe. I, however, always think of the fictional character from The Wizard of Oz. And here's another fun fact – there is a Japanese village called Nagoro which has only 35 inhabitants but over 350 Scarecrows!

What have I learned from this seasonal research? That we should all raise a glass of spiced wine or pumpkin spice latte (whichever you prefer) to Joy, Life, Friendship, and Longevity – while having a little fun and being a little creative along the way!

Here's to us! Here's to Zonta! Here's to Fall!

Jennifer Bliss

**Thursday, September 14, lunch meeting at JDFC. Lunch is \$10**

# SUMMER SURPRISE

The Warren Zonta club Celebrated "Summer Surprise" on August 16.

Summer Surprise is organized by our program committee and is kept a secret till the day of the event. This year we experienced a wonderful evening learning how to decorate cakes and cupcakes. Our event was held at U-Take the Cake in Busti NY. Owner, Brenda Moran was awe-some.





# ZONTA LATTE



White Cane Coffee



## Schedule for Zonta Latte:

We meet the 4th Saturday of the month at 10 am at White Cane Coffee.

**September 23, 2023**

**October 28, 2023**

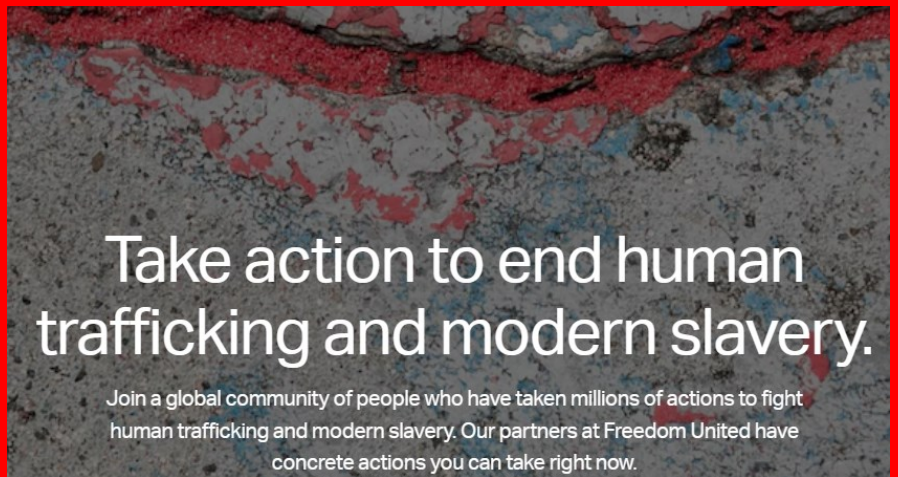
**November 25, 2023**

## August Zonta Latte



# RED SAND PROJECT

[Red Sand Project](#)



**Over 50 million victims of human trafficking and modern slavery globally.**

**There are 27.6 million people in situations of forced labor on any given day. Of those 27.6 million people, women and girls make up 11.8 million — more than 42%.**

**More than 3.3 million of all those in situations of forced labor are children.**

**An estimated 6.3 million people are in situations of forced commercial sexual exploitation at any point in time. Nearly four out of every five people trapped in these situations are girls or women.**

**An estimated 22 million people were living in situations of forced marriage on any given day in 2021. Over two-thirds of those forced to marry are female.**

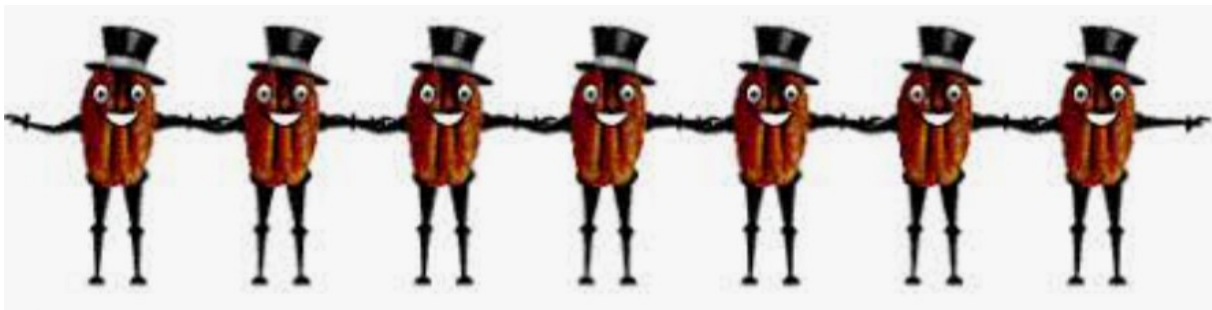
**This equates to an estimated 14.9 million women and girls.**

**Men and boys are also subjected to forced marriage.**

## ***ELEVATOR SPEECH***

***The Zonta Club of Warren honors empowers and advocates for women, both locally and globally, seeking to end domestic and gender-based violence, human trafficking and poverty through service and education programs.***

# PECANS, PECANS, PECANS



**PECAN ORDER FORMS WILL BE AVAILBLE AT OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING. \$14.00 A BAG (MUST BE PREPAID)**

**Our club has been selling pecans for many years. We were known as the Zonta club that sold pecans. A few years ago our club was going to stop selling pecans and so many members of the community were disappointed when they heard this. Here we are again with the Zonta Pecans. If you love pecan pie these are the pecans you want to get!!**



**May 2, 2024 is only 182 days away!**

**This may be the perfect time to take a look at all the summer sales that are going on. It's never too early to start thinking about our only fundraiser. We will have 250 tickets, which will be \$40.00 each.**

**If your not sure what LNL is please email me at [gypsymarina@hotmail.com](mailto:gypsymarina@hotmail.com)**

**More information will be coming in the following months!!!**





On Tuesday, September 29th we got together and shipped our last few boxes to Free the Girls. This shipment was 370 bras. We lost count throw-out the years, but we had shipped over 3,000 bras. Jennifer Bliss, is looking into I Support the Girls so that we can continue to help women. Take a look at the link below!

[About | I Support The Girls](#)



ZONTA  
SPIRIT

BE PREPARED PLAN  
AHEAD

**September 14:** Noon meeting – meal from Arbor House

Guest speaker Janice Durmis, Ambassador for D4 Zonta Foundation

Red Sand project: Zonta to Partner with CAC for this project

Date: **October 7<sup>th</sup>** at 9AM at the Healing Garden or pavilion at Crescent park if raining

Pecan order forms will be available and due in October. Pricing is the same as last year

**October 12:** Dinner – Pecan order is due

Program: Joanie from EMS and work with Ukraine project that we donated to at LNL

Possible new member induction

Service/Advocacy: 16 Days of Activism information and beginning to plan

Membership: Fellowship afternoon at Chapman State Park, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 1PM – a pavilion has been reserved, could take a walk, visit, play games, bring snacks and drinks, etc

**November 9:** If lunch maybe Career Center if dinner– Plaza

Program: recap of Conference and NADIAM

16 Days of Activism information, planning

Christmas Walk: Warren **Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>**, Youngsville **Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>**, and maybe Tidioute

Maybe a raffle for a book about trafficking

Possible movie night: Sound of Freedom

We have 34 orange bulbs

Maybe a pre event to make something– both fellowship, program, service

Discuss: Women Who Make a Difference and Community Grant nominations to be submitted by beginning of February to the board for a vote at the February meeting

LNL – gifts and sponsor reminder

Mother's gift to bring to the Christmas party

**December 14:** Christmas Party – Conewango club

Gift for Mothers

**January 11:** Noon – Career Center?

Reminder for nominations for Women Who Make a Difference and Community Grant

Program: Amelia Erhart

Women R Wonderful

**February 8:** Dinner – Plaza

Women R Wonderful February 10<sup>th</sup>

LNL

Vote for Women Who Make a Difference and Community Grant

Program: Zonta Spirit

**March:** March 2<sup>nd</sup> LNL

**March 14:** Lunch – Career Center or if Dinner ?

Women Who Make a Difference awards

LNL wrap up

Program: International Women's Day – End Child Marriage, Infant Mortality

Nominations for officers and board and nominating committee to Board by April meeting

**April 11:** Dinner –

Cable Hollow?

Vote on officers, board, nominating committee

Induction of new members

Program: Climate Change (Zonta says NOW)

**May 19:** Dinner - ?

Installation of Officers, board, nominating committee

Program to be decided: Maybe something related to leadership or about women

Judge Skerda suggested speaker

**June 13:** Lunch

Scholarship recipient or a program about education: NRPC or HiEd.