



Zonta Club of *Warren*

ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN WORLDWIDE...

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February/March *in review*

It has been a busy couple of months! Thank you to the YMCA for their fantastic presentation on the LIVESTRONG Program at our February meeting. Remember to share their info with others that can benefit from their resources. Our monthly raffle money was donated to the LIVESTRONG program in honor of Laura Ahl.



LUKY NUMBERS LUNCHEON ..ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

Thank you to everyone who helped organize and put on our biggest fundraiser of the year. A great time was once again had by all and we raised the funds needed to support our programs throughout the year.



BIRTHING KITS

On March 6, we put together 250 birthing kits that are on their way to Haiti thanks to the Peace Wesleyan Church in Falconer. Our March raffle money was donated to the church in honor of our monthly winner, Linda Falconer.



Upcoming Meeting

Presentation by CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)



**Thursday,
April 10 @ 5:30
Women's Club**

Contact Jean Denardi by Tuesday morning, April 8 to make your dinner reservation.
(jdenardi@nwbcorp.com or 814-706-3246)

Reminders:

- Please contact Phyllis Wright if you have any shoes to support the Zonta/Safe Place Shoe Project.
- Spring Workshop—April 12
- If you have any newsletter ideas, please contact Kim Johnson.
- If you have any community project ideas, submit to Melinda Johnson.

Are you getting your Zonta magazine?
Don't forget to register at www.zonta.org



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American's Silent Culture *Human Trafficking Part I*

This information is from Deputy Elizabeth Fides of Erie Co NY. – the speaker at International Women's Day on March.7th, sponsored by Jamestown Zonta, AAUW, and JCC. edit by Phyllis Wright.

The "Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2003" renews the government's commitment to identifying and assisting victims. It encourages state and local law enforcement agencies to participate in the detection in investigation of Domestic Sex Trafficking cases.

It is "American Silent Culture." Purchasing is done through internet, word of mouth, and local newspapers. It thrives because society looks at human traffic victims as prostitutes, and not as victims.

- 293,000 - American citizens are at risk becoming human traffic victims.

- 50% - victims classified as runaway youth living on the street
- 55% - approx. number of street girls who become entangled in prostitution networks
- 75% - girls entangled in prostitution networks controlled by a sex trafficker
- 12-14 - average age girls trafficked for sex are first victimized

It's a rich man's game on the poor!

Human trafficking is now the fastest growing criminal industry. It is the second largest income generating syndicate in the world, (second to the drugs and arms trade) generating \$101 billion annually.

You say we do not have that problem in our rural area? Not so. Stay tuned for Part II.

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Happy Birthday!

February

3-Anita Cohan
14- Mary Ann Zdarko
18- Vicki Stec
26- Danielle Munksgard
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March

9-Kim Johnson
17-Julu Jerman

