

# Zonta Club of Porterville Newsletter

July 2021

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## Hello from Your new editor

Hello everyone. Valerie has stepped down as newsletter editor and is now our acting Recording Secretary. Thanks for all your hard work creating our newsletters! Additionally, Valerie maintains our club website and we want to thank her for all the hard work she puts into keeping it updated. Thank you, Valerie!

I am excited to be doing the newsletter again as I think it is another “glue” that holds our great club together for those who are unable to attend meetings on a regular basis. I wish you all knew just how phenomenal our club is in comparison to how other Zonta clubs maintain their membership numbers and make an impact through service projects.

And a reminder to committee chairs that monthly updates on your projects or upcoming events is really important to make this newsletter successful. So please, let me know what’s happening and I’ll be sure to update the members. Suggestions and ideas for changes to the newsletter are always welcome!

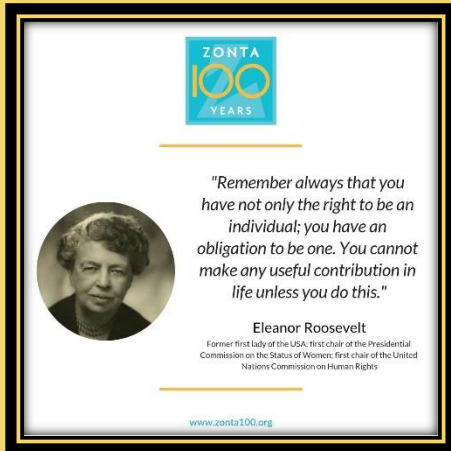
Hope you are all finding some way of surviving the heat and are enjoying a lovely summer.

Sincerely, Renay Sprague

# Social Media

*Submitted by Renay Sprague*

I would once again extend a great thank you to Karen Vanni who has been doing an amazing job working our Social Media sites on Instagram and Facebook. She is always up-to-date with club pictures and posts on so many subject matters pertaining to Zonta's mission and goals. Thanks again Karen!



# An Evening of Art and Wine

*Submitted by Sharon Pearson*

June 19, 2021 – Nuckols Ranch in Porterville – only a mere 105 warm degrees

The weather didn't appear to be a hindrance – and guests opened their wallets for raffle tickets and live auction bids. All in all, it appears the Porterville Zonta Foundation had a net income of close to \$26,000 – not bad for post-pandemic event! Thanks to the many hours of work our members have contributed to such a successful fundraiser!

After five months of preparatory meetings, dozens of letters and visits to potential sponsors, a couple of days helping Adonas Nuckols, the Zonta Club of Porterville's annual Evening of Art and Wine – was READY!

The champagne reception was followed by "doors" opening at 6 pm. The linen-draped tables were adorned with chairs veiled in matching covers and a burgundy sash tie. Two artists, Sue Marcotte and Andrea Culver were ready to share/sell their beautiful artwork. Nine stunningly-wrapped baskets were won by lucky guests. Davey DJ prepped the crowd for a wonderful evening and led the live auction. Randall and Susie Carroll offered wine from their private collection and Tim Vanni, subbing for Kevin Smith of Fresno State, along with five additional Zontians poured lots of locally-donated wines. Six food stations were bursting with club members' usual assortment of heavy hors d'oeuvres (presented in individual elegant single-serving containers), all served by our eager members. Of course, Gail Nuckols and her crew were busy prepping in the kitchen and Bob Nuckols had his tri-tip sandwiches ready to serve. The guests arrived – and arrived – and arrived and soon a few additional tables and chairs were set up.

Thanks to all Zonta members, their spouses, their grandchildren and all our guests and sponsors. We are truly honored to be a part of Porterville, supporting local and international projects. And now on to our next Evening of Art & Wine event to be held on March 5, 2022! Be sure to thank our sponsors, wine donors, and support these businesses as you shop locally!

## July, Aug, Sept Membership Anniversaries

Aubrey Boland	1 year
Bonnie Boyd	1 year
Mary Culver	1 year
Lisa Noel	1 year
Amy McCarville	2 years
Kiran Sandhu	6 years
Norma Verduzco	6 years
Giovanna Depaoli	27 years
Esther Figueroa	30 years
Brenda Martin	30 years
Renay Sprague	30 years
Gail Nuckols	32 years
Denise Marchant	43 years

## July, Aug, Sept Birthdays

### JULY

Susie Carroll

### AUGUST

Mary Culver

Valerie Simonich

Lawana Tate

### SEPTEMBER

Erin Betts

Janie Dignam

Susan Hartman

Donna Sue Keeley

Lisa Noel

Ela Pandya

## New Fundraiser – Paint & Wine

Save the date – October 8<sup>th</sup> – for a painting class at the Nuckols Ranch that includes wine! Sounds like a lot of fun!



## Congratulations Lawanna!

*As reported in the Porterville Recorder*

Lawana Tate has been chosen to fill the vacant seat on the Porterville City Council.

Porterville Mayor Monte Reyes appointed Tate to the position on Thursday. He had the authority to appoint Tate to the council according to the provisions in Section 16 of the Porterville City Charter.

Tate fills the District 1 seat left vacant by the resignation of Daniel Penalzoa. Tate will serve out the rest of Penalzoa's term and would be up for reelection in the November, 2022 general election.

Tate will be sworn into office and take her seat at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 20.



We are saddened to announce that Dianne Miller, our dear friend and former member of our club, recently lost her husband of 58 years. If you would like to send her a card her address is:

7654 Derringer Point  
Colorado Spring, CO  
80923

Her email address is:  
Jacobmiller\_1999@  
yahoo.com

Zonta Club of Porterville  
Annual International Program

*A Focus on Zonta International  
While Making Zonta  
"Personal" to You*

Presented by our own Ela Pandya  
Ela is a member of the Zonta International Advocacy Committee  
and has just returned home from the  
North America Zonta InterDistrict Meeting in Cincinnati



Tues, July 27, 2021  
Westwood Village Mobile Home Park  
5:30pm  
Catered Chicken & Beef taco bar  
\$18 per person

Please join us for a fun and exciting evening of  
Zonta updates, food, fun & friendship  
rsvp by July 23rd to Mickie Manning



**WE WILL CLOSE THE GENDER GAP  
IN EDUCATION**  
Every additional year of primary  
school increases girls' eventual wages  
by 10-20 percent.



**WE SAY NO TO VIOLENCE  
AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS**  
About 2 in 3 women have experienced  
physical and/or sexual violence from an  
intimate partner.

## Please correct your club directory for Sept dates

August 30<sup>th</sup> – Zoom Board Meeting 5:00

Sept 14<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting Noon

Sept 28<sup>th</sup> – Program Meeting – TBA

Details below in Dates to Remember

DISTRICT 9  
CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 1-3, 2021

COSTA MESA, CA

[District 9 Conference  
\(d9conference.org\)](http://d9conference.org)

This is a great opportunity to learn more about Zonta and meet members from other clubs. You will be so glad you did!

Please look into it soon as we will be voting on our 2<sup>nd</sup> delegate (President Giovana is our 1<sup>st</sup>) at the August business meeting.

The club pays for delegates costs:  
Registration fee  
(includes meetings & meals)  
½ hotel room  
and travel

PLEASE CHECK IT OUT!

## Dates to Remember

- **July 27, 2021 – Tuesday Program Meeting**  
**Westwood Mobile Home Park 5:30**  
**Rsvp Mickie by July 23rd**
- **August 2, 2021 - Monday - Board Meeting**  
**(Zoom) at 5 p.m.**
- **August 10, 2021 - Business Meeting - at 12 p.m.**  
**at Fugazzi's (Porterville). Reservations**  
**required. Contact Mickie Manning by August**  
**3rd. 361-3329**
- **August 24, 2021 - Program Meeting – To be**  
**announced.**
- **August 30, 2021 – Sept Board Meeting**  
**(Zoom) at 5 pm**
- **Sept 14, 2021 - Business Meeting - at 12 p.m. at**  
**Fugazzi's (Porterville). Reservations required.**  
**Contact Mickie Manning by Sept 7th. 361-3329**
- **Sept 28, 2021 – Program Meeting – TBA**
- **October 1-3, 2021 – Zonta District 9 Conference**  
**Westin South Coast Plaza**  
**Costa Mesa, CA**



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