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***Celebrating 100 Years of Service***  
***Exhibit Unveiling***

**February 13, 2020**

**6 pm**

**Joliet Area Historical Museum**



The Joliet Kiwanis Club was chartered April 2, 1920 with the mission of serving our local community.

In 1934, the Joliet club produced the first Kiwanis Show. The show helped identify Kiwanis in the community as well as raise funds for local charities and scholarships. The show was a Joliet tradition for more than 60 years.

In 1967, the Joliet Club began participation in the nationwide "Kiwanis Peanut Day" where members sell peanuts to the public. This continues to be the largest fundraiser for the Joliet club to assist community organizations.

Today, the Joliet Kiwanis supports numerous local community projects and organizations. In addition, the club offers a Young Children Priority One Program serving children 0-5 by providing books and reading to students in area pre-school programs and supports the Joliet Little Libraries. The club also sponsors an Aktion Club (for people with different abilities), and youth activities through Key Clubs at Joliet West and Joliet Central, and Builders Clubs at Hufford, Dirksen and Elwood Junior High Schools.



Early Zontians were the first generation of college-educated women, the first generation of North

American women to vote, and a part of the growing, though still comparatively small, legions of women entering the workforce. They gave a commitment to ensure equal rights for women and for improving women's lives.

Zonta's first club was chartered in Buffalo, New York on November 8, 1919. Membership grew rapidly. By 1920, a confederation of nine Zonta clubs had formed with 600 members. Permanent headquarters were established in Chicago on January 21, 1928.

Over the decades, Zonta International has grown into a leading global Organization worldwide through service and advocacy. There are now over 1200 clubs in 67 countries and nearly 30,000 members.

Zonta Club of the Joliet Area was chartered in 1973.

## Program

### Welcome

- Recognize Guests
- Acknowledge Sponsors

Catherine Y. Adamowski,  
Joliet Public Library

### Kiwanis/Zonta Video

### Impact Statements

Karla Guseman &  
Kristine Schlismann  
Joliet Township H.S.

### Presidential Messages

Helen Hester Ross, Zonta  
Vince Portlock, Kiwanis

### Toast

Denise Winfrey, Speaker  
Will County Board

### Ribbon Cutting

#### Kiwanis Honored Members

- Elmer Geissler
- Keith Peters
- Ralph Sherman, Sr.

#### Zonta Charter Members

- Carmela Castagna
- Diana Gilwa
- Patricia Miller, PHD

*- Adjourn to Exhibit on 3rd Floor-*

## The Exhibit

*Bringing together two service organizations to celebrate their history, their progress and the impact they have had locally and globally. Both Kiwanis and Zonta are focused on providing programs and support to shape today's youth into tomorrow's leaders. Thanks to those members who loaned some of their history to our displays and to all those who will view the exhibit. We are proud to share our progress with all of you.*

Kathy Hartong, Kate Kresek

Donna Zanzola

Kiwanis Club Archivists

Zonta Club Historian

Video Presentation—Catherine Adamowski