



# WOMEN WASH ROCK

AWARDS LUNCHEON  
IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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**weVENTURE™** ZONTA CLUB  
OF MELBOURNE  
*at Florida Institute of Technology*

## ZONTA YELLOW ROSE NOMINEES

### Deborah Buza

*Administrator, Brevard Regional  
Hyperbaric Center and Southern  
Aeromedical Institute*

"Deborah quietly donates her time, incredible culinary

skills and service to many of Brevard's nonprofits. She joined Zonta and became the driving force behind our service project, The Sue M. Pridmore Center, a temporary residence for homeless women and children, which is part of the Salvation Army. She excels at donating her culinary delights to nonprofit fundraisers so they can raise money to continue improving the lives of women and children. She inspires me to do more in service to my community."

*Nominated by Claire Ellis*



### Stacia Glavas

*President/CEO, Brevard Rescue  
Mission*

"Following a 2006 personal experience of helping a local homeless woman with

children become self-sufficient through encouragement, practical support and community involvement, Stacia founded the nonprofit organization Brevard Rescue Mission in 2009 to help similar families. Stacia is driven to ensure the integrity of BRM's work and seeks the expertise of professional community leaders. Through Stacia's steadfast commitment and unwavering dedication to lovingly transform the lives of local homeless mothers and children, the devastating cycle of poverty and homelessness can be ended."

*Nominated by Shari Hoover*



### Libby Donoghue

*Executive Director, 211 Brevard*

"Libby has served as executive director of 2-1-1 Brevard for 30 years. Under her leadership, the agency grew from a volunteer-based crisis line into the first 2-1-1 call center in Florida and the seventh in the United States. With Libby's support and direction, 2-1-1 Brevard is a leader in a new coalition known as the Brevard Veterans Resource Network and employs a Gulf War combat veteran to offer support to veterans and related callers. Libby works longer hours than anyone on staff and is dedicated to high standards in stewardship of dollars and quality service."



*—Belinda Stewart*

*Nominated by Belinda Stewart*

### Kim Straehla

*Executive Director,  
The Haven For Children  
ALSO NOMINATED FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP*

"Social workers from across the state seek out The Haven for children

in their care because of its reputation for quality care and successful outcomes. We on the board of the Haven know that our success has been driven by Kim's leadership. She manages with a demand for excellence and commitment to training, while at the same time serving as a mother figure, full of love and patience to the children who call The Haven home. Kim and her staff have had the pleasure of serving thousands of infants, children and teens who are victims of child abuse and neglect."

*—Kathryn Rudloff*

*Nominated by Kathryn Rudloff*





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MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Over 31,000 Zontians from 65 countries envision a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights, and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, every woman is literate and has access to education, health care, legal and economic resources on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

The Zonta Club of Melbourne, chartered in 1983 as a member of Zonta International, honors that vision through support of The Sue M. Pridmore Center for Homeless Women and Children, Women's Center of Brevard, and by leading in the fight against human trafficking and violence against women in Brevard. The club also provides scholarships to young women pursuing careers in business and public service. Additionally, the club provides the Zonta/Meehan scholarship to weVENTURE at Florida Institute of Technology and has established the Zonta/Yellow Dog Café Culinary scholarship.

### THE ZONTA YELLOW ROSE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Susan Kiley, M.S., LMHC, Director of Programs at The Women's Center in Brevard County**

"Several years ago, Susan helped lead the charge to grow awareness for the plight of human trafficking victims, educating others about human services available to those in this situation. While working with Zonta Club of Melbourne, she was instrumental in bringing *Trade*, Kevin Kline's movie about human trafficking, which only opened in a limited release in the United States, to Brevard County. She is a constant presence in this community and has her pulse on what is needed to help women become self-sufficient." —*Martha J. Young*



*Nominated by Martha J. Young*

### The Zonta Rose

Since 1999, the Zonta Rose has served as the symbol of Zonta Rose Day, which coincides with International Women's Day on March 8. It was introduced in 1984 as a living symbol of Zonta International. The renowned England-based nursery Harkness Roses cultivated the flower.

Each year in honor of Zonta Rose Day, Zontians all over the world present a yellow rose to men and women who have honored Zonta's vision by helping women achieve their full potential.

The lovely yellow bloom of the Zonta Rose can be seen in the forecourt of Australia's National Parliament in Canberra and at Balespännerparken in Gothenburg, Sweden, and in gardens, memorial plantings, schools, hospitals and homes for the elderly around the globe.

