

## **Zontian of the Year – 2024**

As part of the Holiday Dinner program, the Past Presidents of the Zonta Club of Glens Falls presented the Annual Zontian of the Year award to Elizabeth Connolly. Elizabeth's joy and enthusiasm for new things can be contagious.

Like most of us, she grew up around grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. She learned the art of caring from her mother who cared for her elderly relatives.

Elizabeth played High School Basketball at Bishop Burke Central School and then at Fulton Montgomery College. She graduated from Our Lady of the Elms College with a degree in Social Work but discovered a passion for teaching children. After college, she married her husband, Tim and they raised 3 children. They moved to our area when Tim was hired by Fort Ann School District.

During her 25+ years of teaching she has been loved by her students.

Her father 4<sup>th</sup> District NY State Supreme Court Justice Carroll S. Walsh, Jr, passed away 12 years ago today at the wonderful age of 91. He was a tank commander stationed in Germany in World War II. Deep inside German Territory, Carroll and his comrades liberated a Death Train set to go to a concentration camp. With the help of her sister Sharon, one of her proudest accomplishments was assisting local author Matt Rozell who wrote the book: "A Train Near Magdeburg" describing the events of the liberated train.

The Zonta Club of Glens Falls is proud to have Elizabeth as Club Vice President.