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NEWSLETTER

April 2017

Area 2 • District 6

2016-2017 Zonta Club of Milwaukee

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to Krista Betts.**

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Zonta Annual Meeting

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Join us for the Zonta Club of Milwaukee Annual Business Meeting. We will review reports from each committee and hold elections for boards members for next year. Please review the updated bylaws (sent out last month with the newsletter and again this month).

Alioto's Restaurant

3041 N. Mayfair Road (just south of Burleigh), Milwaukee

5:30 pm – Social

6:00 pm – Dinner; Business Meeting

Menu

Choice of Breaded Pork Tenderloin, Chicken Parmesan, Baked Cod, or Entrée Salad with Chicken Breast (salt and pepper seasoning only). All include salad, sherbet, coffee and water.

The entrée choice will be made when you arrive for the meeting. Cost is \$30 per member.

RSVP

Please contact Lori Peterson by Sunday, April 23 at 9:00 pm, preferably by email (lorapeterson@wi.rr.com) to make a reservation. Leave a message at 262-370-9540 if you must.

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President's Message



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Happy spring!!

Thank you to all who helped with our annual Fashion Show Fundraiser. Once again, we put on a spectacular event. I am looking forward to the committee's report regarding the funds that were raised. I want to personally thank the Fashion Show Committee co-chairs, Lynne Oehlke and Karen Smith, along with their committee. I also want to thank Pam Knackert who, as always, went above and beyond for our Club.

Our April meeting is our Annual Meeting. It is strictly a business meeting with no speaker. The Club and the Foundation will have annual reports prepared for the meeting. Electronic copies of the annual reports will be sent prior to the meeting. Only a few "hard" copies will be available. I encourage everyone to attend, learn and ask questions.

We have decided to look for a new location for our monthly dinner meetings starting in August 2017. If you have any suggestions for appropriate venues, please contact either Lori Peterson or me. Ideally, we are looking for a place with a central location and plenty of parking available.

If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about Zonta, please encourage her (or him) to attend our prospective membership event on May 3. Our best recruitment tool is our members. I appreciate you spreading the word about our Club and its mission.

I hope to see all of you at our meeting in April. In the meantime, enjoy the spring. May flowers are just around the corner.

– Helen Ludwig



Meeting Minutes *for March 22, 2017*



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Helen Ludwig, President, called the meeting to order.

Gloria Jones led the Blessing.

Treasurer's Report: As of February month-end, the checking balance was \$11,245.17 and the CD balance was \$5,034.57. The annual dues letter was sent to members with the March newsletter. Payment is requested by May 1 so it can be turned into district by June 1.

Nominating Committee: Three director positions are coming open on the Club Board and three on the Foundation Board. The committee has nominated the following:

For the Club Board: Marge Holzbog, Janet Kloser, and Regina Young-Ferguson

For the Foundation Board: Elizabeth Stull, Sandra Goldmann, and Gloria Jones

There were no nominations from the floor. Joni Reese moved to accept the slate as presented; Donna Neal seconded. Motion carried. Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting in April.

Fashion Show Fundraiser: Lori Peterson reported that we have 264 reservations to date, with more expected. Preliminary numbers have been provided to Marriott. We had 300 last year. The wine-pull gift card winner was Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry. Anyone who volunteered for Friday set-up, we will be there from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. There is an event Friday evening so we cannot be at the facility. Set-up will resume Saturday at 7:30 am.

Membership: The prospective member event on May 3 will be at the Northwest Family Center. Flyers will be at the Fashion Show on each table.

Program: We will not have a speaker at the April meeting; it will be our Annual Meeting.

PR: If you need pictures for your sections of the Annual Report, please let Joni Reese know. Jody Rhodes will be sending pictures from Saturday's painting day at the Neu-Life Art Room. Joni will be updating the display board for the Fashion Show.

Scholarship: The Young Women in Public Affairs Award deadline was March 15. We had 24 applications, with many very good applicants. A winner has been selected – a sophomore at the University School of Milwaukee, who started her own charity when she was 7. She will be invited to the May meeting.

The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business and the Women in STEM scholarship information will be promoted to schools next week.

Service: ARTREACH 2.0 had a community event installation last week in Kenosha. We have five people who are trained and can lead future events. Currently, no additional events are scheduled. A training event will be held on June 1 for staff of organizations like Neu-Life. Many thanks to those who helped with mural painting on Saturday. The Neu-Life 10th Annual Art Show Luncheon is Saturday, May 13.

Meeting Minutes for Mar. 22, 2017 (cont.)



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Z Club: The charter presentation will take place next week, March 29 at 5:30 pm. We have 20 girls in the Z Club.

Forward Committee: There is full agreement within the Club to continue with ARTREACH. The Club will also continue with backpacks and the career fair.

Areas considered for our new programs were discussed in small groups:

- **Mentoring Others** – Discussed who our audience is and what we are mentoring on. Niche area – once they get the job, how do they keep it (e.g., teamwork, setting realistic goals, work habits). Target Sojourner Family Peace Center, Neu-Life, Z Club and Next Generation.
- **Social Justice** – Poverty bleeds into everything else, and this could have Programming and Advocacy components. The desire is to be issue-based on our Advocacy at a political level. These efforts could be tied into work programs for Welfare to Work – some crossover with Mentoring. Discussed working with Alverno and Sojourner Family Peace Center as possibilities.
- **Race Relations and Justice** – Committee will develop a preliminary plan by May.
- **Youth Development** – Not discussed in small group. If you have an idea of an organization or program for this, please bring to the Forward Committee.

New Business:

Spring Workshop is April 8, 2017, in Beloit. RSVP is due Monday, April 3.

Club Annual Report – Please return your information to Karen Smith by March 31. The report will be presented at the April meeting (our Annual Meeting).

Bylaw Updates will be voted on at the April meeting. Please review in advance. They were sent out by Krista Betts along with the March newsletter.

Announcements:

Voting on the Annual Report, Bylaws and Slate of Officers will take place at the next meeting (the Annual Meeting), April 26 at Alioto's.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Karen Smith, Secretary

April 2017

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

April 26 May 24
June 28*

Board Meetings

May 9 June 13

Prospective Member Event

Wednesday, May 3

**May be subject to change*

Nominating Committee



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Report for the 2017 Election

Committee: Donna Kahl Wilkerson, Lori Peterson, Barbara Wyatt Sibley

The committee solicited members to fill open Club Board and Zonta Club of Milwaukee Foundation Board of Directors seats, to be elected in April 2017.

Club Board Nominations

Proposed 2017 slate for the Club Board Directors is:

New Directors (3): Marge Holzbog (1st year of a 2-year 2017–2019 term as Director)
Janet Kloser (1st year of a 2-year 2017–2019 term as Director)
Regina Young-Ferguson (1st year of a 2-year 2017–2019 term as Director)

Continuing Directors/Officers on the Club Board:

Directors/Officers (8): 2016–2018 term: Maria Bellmann, Krista Betts, Joann Comodore, Helen Ludwig, Diane Lindsley, Joyce McCrary, Karen Smith and La Toya Sykes

Club Directors completing terms in 2017: Donna Neal, Laureen Ward, Deb Koller

Foundation Board Nominations

Proposed 2017 slate for the Foundation Board is:

Directors (3): Sandra Goldmann (1st year of a 3-year 2017–2020 term)
Gloria Jones (1st year of a 3-year 2017–2020 term)
Elizabeth Stull (1st year of a 3-year 2017–2020 term)

Continuing Directors on the Foundation Board:

Directors (6): 2016–2019 term: Sheryl Dean, Victoria Frazier and Mary Staten
2015–2018 term: Pam Knackert, Lynne Oehlke and Joni Reese

Foundation Directors completing terms in 2017: Jackie Beaudry, Susan Koepsell and Lori Peterson

Membership



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The Prospective Member Reception will be **Wednesday, May 3** at the Northwest Family Activity & Events Center, located at 4034 W. Good Hope Rd., at 5:30 pm. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Please invite prospective members to the reception; if they are unable to attend the reception, invite them to our May club meeting. (The April meeting is our annual business meeting.)

Pam Knackert will be sending invites to all members with Fashion Show attendees (guests) who expressed an interest in joining (to inform them who they are). She will be sending an invite to the prospective members as well.

PLEASE follow up with each Fashion Show attendee who has expressed an interest.

– Joann Harris-Comodore

Z Club

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee is NOW the proud sponsor of the Milwaukee High School of the Arts – Female Empowerment Movement – Z Club. March 29, 2017, was the date of the MHSA FEM-Z Club Charter Presentation Ceremony.

MHSA FEM-Z Club received its charter, 18 girls were inducted, and four officers installed. The girls pledged their service, received membership pins and a yellow rose, and bonded with scarves of unity.

The MHSA FEM-Z Club was honored with:

- A proclamation from Mayor Tom Barrett, noting this was the first Zonta-sponsored Z Club in the Milwaukee Public School System
- District 6 Governor Tamara Hagen's presentation of the charter
- Induction/installation by District 6 Z Club Chair Susan Harmon

– Joann Harris-Comodore

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Joann Comodore
Neu-Life Community Development

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Diane Lindsley
Milwaukee County Parks (ret.)

Secretary

Karen Smith
Assurant Health

Directors:

Krista Betts
Waukesha Bearings Corporation

Debra Koller
School District of Waukesha

Joyce McCrary
State of Wisconsin (ret.)

Donna Neal
MillerCoors (ret.)

La Toya Sykes
Our Next Generation, Inc.

Laurie Ward
Chr. Hansen Inc.

Zonta Club Dues for Fiscal Year June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2018

Another successful year for the Club: We have 50 paid members; Advocacy efforts during the *Zonta Says No* campaign included a Walk downtown from City Hall; and Neu-Life continued to receive backpacks and Christmas gifts, Zonta member participation at Career Day, Art Fair, and Girls on the Run & ARTREACH. Our 2016 fundraiser was another great financial and outreach success. Our dinner meetings have featured outstanding speakers, addressing Zonta's issues. We know you enjoy the Newsletter, Facebook & Twitter communications produced by the PR Committee. The Club awarded three scholarships to exceptional young women. And- we have started a Z Club at Milwaukee High School of the Arts. We're sure you will want to **continue to be part of these efforts to empower women and girls through service and advocacy.**

Dues and fees total \$174.00. (There was a \$4 increase in the D6 Conference Assessment.) **Make checks payable to the Zonta Club of Milwaukee. PLEASE send me your payment by May 1** so I can submit it before the June 1st deadline for club submission. Paying after June 1st, creates a lot more paperwork for me. Zonta International eventually charges a late member reinstatement fee 45 days after June 1st.

Dues are as follows:	Zonta International	\$83
	Zonta District 6	\$31
	Milwaukee Club	\$60
	TOTAL by May 01, 2017	\$174

There are four ways to pay your dues:

1. **At the Club meetings (by check) – March 22 and April 26.**
2. **At the Fashion Show (by check or charge) – April 01.**
3. **At Spring Workshop – April 08**
4. **By mail by May 01. Mail your check to:**
Diane Lindsley 1340 E. Standish Place Bayside, WI 53217

Please note any changes/additions for name, address, phone, fax, email, birthday along with your payment.

Zonta membership **dues are not tax-deductible** as a charitable contribution, but may qualify as a business expense. Consult your tax advisor. If we do not receive your check on time, we cannot submit your name on the roster and Zonta International will not recognize you as a club member. If your check arrives 45 days after the June 1st, 2017 deadline, you will be charged a late fee of \$15.

Diane S. Lindsley, Club Treasurer

Service Committee



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Art Room Mural Painting

On March 18, Zontians, Neu-Life youth, and Neu-Life staff got together to paint the mural on the art room wall in Neu-Life's renovated facility. A terrific time was had by all!





Neu-Life Art Show

Neu-Life's 10th Annual Art Show Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 11. Please mark your calendars.

This year's theme is **Connect and Grow**. There are many spectacular works in production, and there will be several new types of creations available this year to celebrate the 10th anniversary.

If you haven't attended this event before, please try to make it. Youth help prepare the food, provide the entertainment and staff the event. We will also have all the ARTREACH paintings on display.

Mini-Service Opportunity

At last month's meeting, we had a moving presentation from Lad Lake Centers, which provides residential care and other support for exploited and abused girls. We learned that artwork to decorate the residential facility rooms and common areas is on their current wish list.

Let's make our service dollars do double duty: Attend the Neu-Life Art Show, buy a piece of art for youth at Lad Lake, and bring the piece to the May meeting!

Service Committee



Zonta International Service Project Recognition

The Zonta International Board has approved the guidelines for service project awards this biennium. Like last biennium, there are two award categories:

- Service projects that empower women and girls in general to achieve equal rights and to secure their access to all legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional resources; and
- Service projects focusing on prevention of violence against women and girls.

Consideration for service awards will be for service projects involving members providing direct hands-on service to women and girls. Fundraising projects are not service, they are tools to help clubs and districts implement their service projects.

A Zonta club may nominate up to two projects, one project in each category. Projects may be new projects this biennium or may have commenced in the past and still be ongoing this biennium. In fact, clubs are encouraged to submit continuing projects that were not awarded in the past. They must take into account the benefits they have given to women or girls in the local community and the visibility and credibility they have provided to Zonta.

– Donna Neal

Bylaws Update

Pam Knackert and Diane Lindsley have revised the Zonta Club of Milwaukee bylaws based on the bylaws template from Zonta International. Our original bylaw text had to be rearranged to follow the suggested format. The only substantial changes were the addition of a Z Club Committee with its responsibilities and the reference of a club meeting in August.

The revised bylaws have been reviewed by District 6 and approved. Club members are asked to read them over so that we can vote on them at the April meeting.

The bylaws, originally sent with the March newsletter, are attached as a separate document.

Invite Your Friends to Membership!



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You are invited to the

Zonta Club of Milwaukee
Prospective Member Reception
Wednesday, May 3, 2017
5:30 p.m. socializing
(light hors d'oeuvres will be served)
6:00 to 7:00 p.m. program

at

Northwest Family Activity & Events Center
4034 W. Good Hope Rd.
Milwaukee, WI

(Entrance to rear parking lot is just west of building and
building entrance is in back, off parking lot)

RSVP to Pam Knackert at pmknackert@gmail.com or
262-784-7613 by Saturday, April 29.

Come learn more about Zonta International and the
Zonta Club of Milwaukee, an organization whose
mission is to empower women locally and worldwide
through service & advocacy. There will be time for
questions and answers.

For more information about Zonta & the Zonta Club of Milwaukee visit
www.zonta.org and www.zontamilwaukee.org.



ARTREACH in the Community

In 2017, the Neu-Life/Zonta partnership is taking ARTREACH on the road to build community awareness of the seriousness of sex trafficking in Milwaukee – and to inspire action to help prevent it. Five Zontians have been trained in the procedures to

“take the art on the road,” and several others have expressed interest. **Training will be conducted after the April Club meeting for those who have not yet been trained (it takes just 10 to 15 minutes).**



We displayed paintings at the Journey Hope Human Trafficking Forum jointly sponsored by Hope Run Kenosha, Aurora Medical Center, and Journey Church, and held at Journey Church in Kenosha on Friday, March 17. The paintings and artist statements were displayed up front on center stage; 225 people were registered for the conference.

ARTREACH paintings have now been displayed at trafficking events in Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha in the first three months of the year – to 445 people. In addition, the paintings were on display at a youth bullying conference in February attended by 165 high school youth.

Upcoming Events

ARTREACH paintings will be on display at the 10th Annual Neu-Life Art Show Fundraiser on Saturday, May 11.

Donna Neal and Mary Staten of Zonta and Jasmine Bonds of Neu-Life will lead a workshop on ARTREACH at the annual WACYCP (Wisconsin Council of Youth and Child Care Professionals) Conference. We expect about 200 youth care workers to be exposed to the program, and 20-25 to participate in the 1½ hour workshop.

Did You Know?

Human trafficking is defined as the use of force, fraud, or coercion to recruit, harbor, transport, provision (supply), or obtain a person for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery. Humans are trafficked for sex or labor.

Most official reports estimate **21 million victims globally**, with some estimates as high as 27 million. Over half (55% or 11.5 MM) of trafficking victims are women and girls, and 26% are children (5.5 MM girls and boys). Sex trafficking represents 22% of victims or 4.5 million victims.

Human trafficking generates approximately \$150 billion per year globally, \$9.5 billion in U.S., making it **one of the top two international crimes** – second only to drugs. While “only” 22% of the victims come from sex trafficking, they represent fully 2/3 of the profits, or \$99 billion!

– Donna Neal

Fashion Show Committee



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The 2017 Fashion Show, held April 1 at the Marriott Milwaukee West, was a great success, netting roughly **\$25,570** to be gifted in support of women and girls through scholarships, grants and international service projects during the coming year. Fashions by Talbots were an audience pleaser as reflected in the surveys, completed by many of the 271 guests (down from the 290 reservations).

The room, lovely as usual, was enhanced with colorful daisy centerpieces, pictures of Zonta-sponsored services (brainchild of Connie Thoma and Laureen Ward) and flourless chocolate cake at each place setting. Thank you to all Club members for contributing to our success with your time, talents, recruitment of guests, and financial backing of the show.

The net funds raised was larger than in 2016, though reservations were slightly fewer.

– Lynne Oehlke



Clockwise, from top right: Models showing off Talbots fashions; Attendees at the luncheon; The presentation of grants to local agencies supporting women and girls.



UN Committee



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The Zonta International President for the 1994–1996 biennium was **'Folake Solanke, SAN**, from Ibadan, Nigeria – the first African Zonta International President.

In Solanke's biennium, Zonta's Agenda for Action was **Women's Health, Human Rights and World Harmony**.

Major biennium projects included:

- Zonta's partnership with UNIFEM & US Fund for UNICEF to provide some 275,000 women in Guatemala and Central America with tools and materials helping them connect with policy makers in their respective countries.
- Zonta's partnership in Senegal with UNIFEM to provide technical and technological support to four women's groups to improve techniques used in the production, processing and marketing of fruits, vegetables and fish products with a goal of promoting economic independence.



'Folake Solanke, SAN

A full historical listing of Zonta International service projects is available on the Zonta International Foundation website (<http://foundation.zonta.org/Our-Programs/International-Service-Program>). There is also an historical listing of ZISVAW projects (at <http://foundation.zonta.org/Our-Programs/ZISVAW-Program>) going back to 1998, when ZISVAW was created at the Zonta International Convention in Paris. ZISVAW's established goal is to improve education about, and increase awareness of, violence against women and children.

This Month's Suggested Reading

***Half of a Yellow Sun* by Nigerian author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**

This novel is based on Biafra's struggle to establish an independent republic in southwestern Nigeria during the late 1960s. The book entwines love and politics with an unexpected, yet very appropriate, touch of wit.

– *Marge Holzbog*