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NEWSLETTER

December 2016

Area 2 • District 6

2016-2017

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to Krista Betts.**

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Zonta Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Happy Holiday Season to Us!

We will have games and are again asking everyone to bring a small gift (no more than \$5 value and/or a "white elephant") to trade with other members. There will be other games and we will have time to visit and share holiday wishes with each other. Please wear holiday colors – the most astonishing outfit will also get a prize.

Alioto's Restaurant

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

5:30 pm – Social
6:15 pm – Salad and Dinner
7:00 pm – Games and Festivities

Menu

Choice of Chicken Parmesan, Baked Cod or Pasta Primavera. All include salad, sherbet and beverages.

The entrée choice will be made when you arrive for the meeting.

Cost is \$30 per member

RSVP

Please contact Lori Peterson by Sunday, December 11 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.

President's Message



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Winter is upon us and the holidays are quickly approaching.

Thank you to all who are participating in the Holiday Gift Drive for the Neu-Life children. Please make arrangements to get your gifts to Janet Kloser or Sandy Goldmann if you are not able to bring them to the December meeting. We do not want any of the children left out.

Thank you to all who posted pictures to Facebook during the 16 Days of Activism. If you are reading this before December 11, it is not too late to either post a picture or to send one to Krista Betts for posting. We are hopeful that our message will have been seen by more people this year. A special thank you to Christine Todd for arranging the event at the Harley-Davidson Museum and to Krista Betts for sending out the electronic invitation.

I am pleased to report that the documentation required to form our new Z Club has been forwarded to Zonta International. We are hoping to have the charter information back in the next few weeks. The committee and Z Club will then schedule the charter ceremony. Hopefully, many of our members will be able to attend. Our entire Club will need to commit to support the Z Club.

Once again, I am renewing my plea to each of you to become involved and active on at least one committee. If you need help to determine which committee best fuels your passion, please talk to me. At the November meeting, I circulated a list of the committee members and requested that it be updated. The Board will be discussing the results and reaching out to members who have yet to commit to participating.

Please note that because of the holidays, we have decided to move the club meeting to Wednesday, December 14 at Alioto's. The plan is to have a fun, social event, so any business will be kept to a minimum. Jody Rhodes will also be joining us to share the progress on our mural at Neu-Life. Hope to see you at the party!

– Helen Ludwig

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Pamela Knackert
December 3

Donna Neal
December 5

Jackie Beaudry
December 29

Susan Koepsell
December 29



Meeting Minutes *for November 16, 2016*



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Helen Ludwig, President, called the meeting to order.

Zonta Minute: Deb Koller shared information on an app created by a Zonta club. This Chinese-language application is called First Action Moment (1AM) and is used to signal domestic violence. It was launched in March and has had 600 downloads since.

Mini Service Project: The November mini service project is for Feeding America Food Pantry. Canned good and monetary donations were made by our Zonta club members.

Finance: No report.

Advocacy: Krista shared that the **16 Days of Activism** for the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign will run from November 25 through December 10. Notecards and ribbons were handed out to club members. Please remember to take pictures with your “Zonta Says NO” signs provided last month and either post on Facebook (tagging our club) or send to Krista. Please consider your connections and known groups. We want to be sure to tag the individuals in order to reach a broader audience. The 25th of each month is Orange Day. We are looking for ideas to make things orange, consideration for the Marquette Interchange, buildings, domes, etc. If you have a contact for any of these, please reach out to them directly or pass the information along to Krista.

Fashion Show: Planning is underway. This year’s theme will be Bloom Beyond Boundaries – Empowering Women and Girls. The Fashion Show will take place on April 1. Pam will be sending out an electronic “save the date.” Talbots will be our Fashion Show “fashions” vendor; Joni will be lining up 10 models. Any club members that model are asked to also work the Fashion Show in some manner. Please consider donating raffle baskets, hosting a table, or donating toward the wine pull. Rather than contribute bottles of wine, we are asking members to make a monetary donation (includes a drawing for a \$25 Panera gift card), which allows us to purchase wine in bulk.

Membership: We celebrated many anniversaries. Congratulations to: Maggie Aboagye – 35 years, Christine Todd – 30 years, Barbara Wyatt-Sibley – 30 years, Donna Neal – 25 years, Lynne Oehlke – 10 years, Connie Thoma – 10 years, Judy Lehman – 5 years, Susan Koepsell – 5 years.

New Member Orientation will be January 17 for members who have joined in the last three years. A prospective member event will likely be held May 3.

Public Relations: If you have pictures from Girls on the Run, please get them to Joni. Scholarship information has been updated on our website. Krista has done a great job with the newsletter. December newsletter deadline will be December 2 due to the club meeting being on the 14th.

Scholarship: Next meeting is December 6. Committee is reaching out to high schools about the YWPA scholarship.

Meeting Minutes *for Nov. 16, 2016 (cont.)*



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Service: If you have service project ideas, let Joni Reese know. Tonight we collected 38 gifts for Neu-Life. We need to commit to all gifts getting to Neu-Life so no child is forgotten. The December club meeting will include discussion about the Neu-Life Art Room mural. Painting of the mural will be in Jan/Feb.

UN: The November newsletter included recommended reading that can help us have a better understanding of cultures and issues facing women in those cultures.

Z Club: 21 girls have signed up! Great news, Joann Comodore! The form is ready for signature to register for a Z Club charter. The Z Club will require support from our entire club to be successful.

Forward: 30 completed surveys have now been received. The information on the most recent surveys is consistent with the others we have received. The committee is researching reports and conducting interviews to understand the greatest challenges and where we can make the most impact. The committee will remember to keep racial relations front and center. Let the Forward Committee know if you know of partnerships they should be considering.

Old Business:

- We are asking each member of our club to be active, participating in at least one area
- Conflict of Interest Waivers are requested to be returned to Karen Smith
- Thank you to those who participated in Girls on the Run
- December 15 is the cutoff for Foundation grant applications

New Business:

- Club Goal Discussion – captured on club goals form

Next meeting is December 14 at Alioto's.

Respectfully Submitted by Karen Smith, Secretary



Thanks to St. Matthew CME Church's Youth Group for participating in our 16 Days of Activism and sharing their support for Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women. For more photos from the campaign, go to page 7.

Membership Committee



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The New Member Orientation for members joining since January 2014 is scheduled for January 17, 2017. The orientation will be held at Susan Koepsell's Condo Community Room (1600 W. Green Tree Rd) starting at 5:30 pm with a light supper. The membership committee will be soliciting club members to present. Please let Pam or Cheryl know that you are planning to attend.

If you have someone interested in joining Zonta, please invite them to our holiday get-together; it's a good time to get to meet other members on a more casual level. Also, since half-year dues start in December, now's the time to get people interested to make the most of it.

— Joann Harris-Comodore

Holiday Gifts for Neu-Life Students

Don't forget to bring your gifts to the December club meeting/party. If you can't make the party, please make arrangements with Janet Kloser or Sandy Goldmann to hand off the gifts. Gifts can also be dropped off at Neu-Life by prior arrangement with Jody Rhodes. The gift giving will be held on Thursday, December 22 at the Gwen T Jackson Elementary site.

As a reminder: If you order gifts online at AmazonSmile.com, you may choose Zonta Foundation Inc in New Berlin to receive a percentage.

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

Dec 14	Jan 25
Feb 22	Mar 22
April 26	May 24
June 28*	

Board Meetings

Jan 10	Feb 7
Mar 14	April 11
May 9	June 13

New Member Orientation

Jan 17, 2017

Save the Date

2017 Fashion Show
Saturday, April 1, 2017

**May be subject to change*

Neu-Life Art Mural



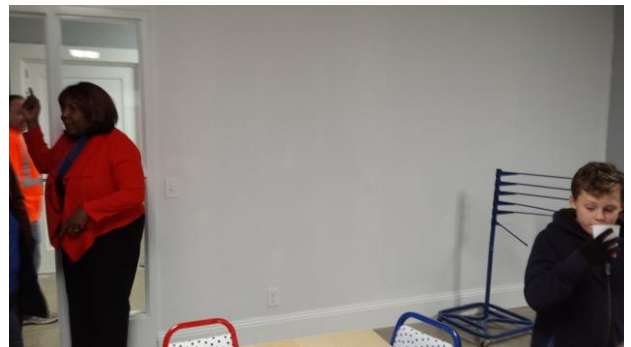
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At the December holiday gathering, we will discuss and provide feedback on the proposed mural for the Zonta Art Room wall in the renovated Neu-Life main site. The mural draft for comment is below. Jody Rhodes will lead the discussion. Come with any ideas!



From the responses to the member survey on our service activities, it is clear that the club wants to continue with ARTREACH. If you are interested in joining a joint Neu-Life/Zonta Club of Milwaukee planning team, please let Jody Rhodes and Donna Neal know. We will likely be meeting next in early January.

The Neu-Life Art Room wall where we will paint the mural.



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Mini Service Project Update



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To support Wisconsin families in need of food and basic necessities during the upcoming holiday season, we held a food drive at our November meeting. We were able to donate \$200 and several bags of food to Feeding America of Eastern Wisconsin. **Thank you to all who donated!**

– Joni Reese



16 Days of Activism

Thanks to everyone who shared photos for the 16 Days of Activism so far. If you haven't yet, you still have time: The 16 Days end on **December 10 – Human Rights Day** – but we need to spread the message that **Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women** year-round. Add your voice!



Thanks, Neu-Life!



Year-End Giving: Foundation



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Dear Members of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee,

The year 2016 is quickly coming to a close. As you plan your year-end giving would you please consider the Zonta Foundation, Inc. – our club's foundation? Your tax deductible donation can be designated for the area of your choosing: scholarships, service project(s) or general fund.

Our club provides three scholarships each year: the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship, the Young Women in Public Affairs Award and the Women in STEM Scholarship.

The service project for the last few years has been the Neu-Life backpack program. The 2017 service project(s) will be decided by the members with the Forward Committee in the next several months.

Checks should be made out to the Zonta Foundation, Inc. and sent to Pam Knackert, Treasurer, Zonta Foundation, Inc., 15125 W. Fenway Dr., New Berlin, WI 53151 by December 31, 2016.

Also, a reminder that all applications from agencies for Zonta Foundation, Inc. funding are due on December 15. If you have any agency you provided the application to, just remind them that it's due.

– Jackie Beaudry, President, Zonta Foundation, Inc.

Zonta International Foundation Giving

Keep Zonta International Foundation (ZIF) in mind for your end-of-year giving too.

ZIF supports three great international scholarship/award programs (Women in Business, Young Women in Public Affairs, and the Amelia Earhart Fellowship) and four terrific service and advocacy projects in Liberia, Madagascar, Niger, and Nepal. Visit <https://foundation.zonta.org/> to read all about them. There's also a [new video on the Madagascar project](#).

ZIF does so much great work, and every dollar you donate goes to projects and programs. District 6 is aiming to increase the number of individual contributors to ZIF by at least 10% this biennium – so make a gift of any size to help the effort. You can also make your gift in someone's honor or memory.

It's easy to donate online: <https://foundation.zonta.org/Your-Support/Donation-Forms/Individual-Donation-Form>



Zonta's Contribution to Sustainable Change

There is much work to be done to ensure that the UN Sustainable Goals (SDGs), and specifically Goal No. 5, are achieved by 2030. We must urge our elected and appointed leaders to commit to gender equality and women's empowerment as a critical requirement for sustainable development globally, as well as locally.

Zonta International has suggested actions that can be discussed regarding each club and district's contribution to ensuring the 2030 agenda goals can be achieved. One of the suggestions for action seems a perfect fit for our Milwaukee club to further pursue in conjunction with our Neu-Life Community Development project:

- Partner with local law enforcement to address gender-based violence issues, such as domestic violence and human trafficking in the local community.

Zonta International has made other suggestions which could be considered as we select further local service activities:

- Partner with community leaders to conduct a community-based awareness raising campaign to educate the broader community about the SDGs and the importance of Goal No. 5.
- Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership.
- Petition elected and appointed government officials to support or draft legislation to achieve gender equality.
- Conduct training on the SDGs and Goal No. 5 for local law enforcement, lawyers and schools.
- Urge employers and companies in the community to adopt the Women's Empowerment Principles in their business practices.

Suggested Reading: "Montserrado Stories" by Ophelia S. Lewis

Ms. Lewis provides her readers with a collection of short stories (her second collection) illustrating real life challenges within great story lines. "Montserrado Stories" brings Liberia's cultural rhythms to the reader through stories such as "Sweet Mother" where a real-life challenge and the fate of two strangers collide – one a rape victim of the war with no desire for improving her life and a thirty-some year old African American who is losing his life to cancer. What each character has to offer is priceless but also brings the reader into contact with the cultural rhythm of Liberia.

– Marge Holzbog, UN Chair

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 5

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Read more about the goal here:

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdg5>



Zonta International recognizes a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to empowering women worldwide.



ONE APPLICATION, THREE OPPORTUNITIES:

CLUB:

\$1,000 Award from Zonta Club of Milwaukee. One applicant from each club recommended for district/region award.

DISTRICT:

\$1,000 Award.

One recipient per district/region (32 total) receives \$1,000 and is submitted to be considered for international award.

INTERNATIONAL:

\$4,000 Award.

10 district/region award recipients receive an additional \$4,000 international award.

DEADLINE:

Applications must be received by the applicant's local Zonta club's published deadline. To locate a Zonta club near you and download an application, please visit: foundation.zonta.org/YWPAaward

CLUB DEADLINE:

March 15, 2017

Download the application at
www.zontamilwaukee.org

APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:

zcscholarship@zontamilwaukee.org

Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Fashion Show News



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The committee is diligently working to prepare for our annual fundraiser fashion show luncheon being held on April 1st, 2017. This is our annual fundraising event. To award grants and scholarships at the level we as members desire, it is essential that all Club members participate by filling a table of 8 - 10 guests and by donating time, talent and connections.

The event will be held at the Marriott Milwaukee West in Waukesha/Pewaukee and Talbots is our clothing vendor.

The Eventbrite link has been set up for online reservations and can be found here:

<https://2017-zonta-fashion-show.eventbrite.com>

How can you help? Let us count the ways!

1. **Volunteer for the “day of” activities!** Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry and Christine Todd are coordinating the schedule/jobs and we would like every member to volunteer for one or more activities if possible.
2. **Donate a silent auction or raffle gift basket valued at approximately \$100.** Contribute individually or join others to contribute and collaborate. Pam Knackert will be collecting.
3. **Donate money for the wine pull.** This year we are buying the wine in bulk and the bottles will be presented in beautiful Scout bags again. The committee is asking for \$20 or anything that you would like to contribute. Deb Koller is collecting the money and each contributor can enter a drawing for a \$25 Panera gift card.
4. **Solicit silent auction or raffle items from businesses** (restaurants, stores, services) that you frequently shop. Pam recently sent the information to club members via email, along with the documents to provide to the vendors. All items can be given to Pam Knackert.
5. **Ask one of your outgoing friends to be a model!** What a great way to invite a new guest to the fundraiser. We want to encourage a diverse set of real women. If you have a candidate model, please let Joni Reese know.
6. **Start telling your friends and family about the event and make sure they are putting the date on their calendars.** Another idea is to give a gift certificate as a present for the holidays. Certificates are included on the following page.

— Joni Reese



Happy Holidays

Number: _____

This certificate entitles: _____

to: Be my guest for ZONTA Fashion Show & Luncheon, April 1st, 2017
Marriott Milwaukee West (Waukesha/Pewaukee)

Invitation given by: _____ Expires: April 1st, 2017

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