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NEWSLETTER

February 2016

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2015-2016

Zonta Club of Milwaukee

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Zonta Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

**Speaker: Celia Jackson, Executive Director,
International and Intercultural Center,
Alverno College**

In honor of Black History Month, Celia Jackson will share some of her reflections on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King's "Great Revolution" speech, as she did on WUWM's "Lake Effect" program.

Dr. King's speech "Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution" was given just days before he was assassinated and still resonates today.

Also to celebrate Black History Month, members are encouraged to wear African attire for the meeting.

Italian Community Center (I.C.C.)

631 E Chicago, Milwaukee, WI 53202

Social: 5:30 pm; Dinner: 6:00 pm

Speaker and meeting to follow

Menu:

Salad
Chicken Tetrazzini with Angel Hair Pasta
or Eggplant Parmesan
Green Beans

Cost: \$30 per person, includes tax and tip

Reservations: Please email Lori Peterson at lorapeterson@wi.rr.com or leave a message at 262-370-9540. Your RSVP MUST be left by 9:00 am, Monday, February 22, 2016.

President's Message



Greetings, Milwaukee Zontians!

Welcome to Black History Month and Happy Valentine's Day!! Yes, this is the month of knowledge and love. Did you know: Leontyne Price, a Black diva, made her operatic debut with the Metropolitan Opera in 1961; in 1938 the first Black woman was elected to a state legislature; in 1926 Violette Nealy Anderson became the first Black woman to argue before the Supreme Court; Toni Morrison, Nobel Award winning author, was born on February 18, 1931; in 1988 Debi Thomas became the first African American to win a medal at the Winter Olympics; and Rosa Parks, civil rights activist, was born on February 4, 1913.

The Program committee has asked club members to wear some type of African dress or accessories to the club meeting in recognition and support of our sisters who are still struggling against old customs, ancient tribal laws, poor education, child marriages, female genital mutilation, domestic violence and unequal rights/opportunities.

Our mini project for this month is to bring clean, gently used water bottles for Neu Life's youth program participants here in Milwaukee. If you know of other mini-project opportunities for us to serve, please bring your suggestion to the club meeting.

Remember: Our annual Fashion Show Luncheon is April 9, 2016. This is our important fundraiser...the more we sell tickets, the more work we can do in our community!

We are still planning for an outstanding Area 2 Spring Workshop on April 23. The chairs have been designated, but like all our projects, this is a club event. Everyone will be called upon to ensure our hosting success...beat the rush and volunteer!

It's also time to decide if you're going to the Zonta Convention in Nice, France. Please consider doing so, if possible. The deadline for early registration is February 27.

On March 5 the Madison Club is having their annual Zonta Zing. Tickets are \$30. Please let me know if you plan to attend so transportation can be arranged.

Next Club Meeting: February 24, 2016, at the Italian Community Center. Happy Birthday to all members who will celebrate their "day" during February 2016!!

Donna KW, Club President

Meeting Minutes *for January 27, 2016*



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President Donna Kahl-Wilkerson convened the meeting and gave the blessing.

Area 2 Director Lori Hanewold presented an informative overview of Zonta Club, District, and International goals and accomplishments for 2015. She shared results from the Zonta International Member Satisfaction Survey and praised the Zonta Club of Milwaukee for meeting the goals of advocacy, service, mission, fellowship and PR. Hanewold mentioned our Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence Walk, the local coverage bringing Zonta into the news, and our activities with Neu-Life in working with the students to become aware of and understand the issues of human trafficking, including bringing a wider awareness to the community through their collaborative art.

Hanewold encouraged Zontians to explore the wider venue of Zonta by attending conferences to gather with other women from different clubs and check out the International accomplishments, as well as to become fully involved in the various activities.

The goal of increasing membership – a district-wide goal of a 5% increase (2 people per club per year) – is one that Zonta Club of Milwaukee was quite successful in meeting, and exceeding. Pam Knackert informed us that we received 18 new members and although we lost 5 members, it was an increase of 13.

Many upcoming events were mentioned such as the Zonta Club of Milwaukee Fashion Show, the Area 2 Spring Workshop, Advocacy Training, International Women's Day, Madison's Zonta Zing, the Janesville International Luncheon, Beloit's Tribute to Women, and the Fall Conference, October 7–9, which will be workshop oriented as it is not an election year. Also, the International Convention in France, for which the early registration deadline is coming up February 27, 2016, would be a wonderful event to attend. Thank you from all of us to Lori Hanewold for all her hard work as Area 2 Director.

President Donna Kahl-Wilkerson offered the Agenda for approval. It was moved by Donna Neal and seconded by Marge Holzbog. The members approved the agenda.

Committee Reports:

Correspondence: (none)

Finance: Diane Lindsley reported the club's assets and related information that our CD would be changed in February from PNC Bank to Landmark, where it will have an interest rate of 1.35% for 19 months.*

Service: Donna Neal reported that we served 70 children with our holiday gifts. This number has increased since last year by about 20 children. The children were delighted and made thank-you pins for us.

The Neu-Life ARTREACH program at the high school level will begin working on their individual artistic statements and then look for the synergy among them to work on collaborative art pieces. Zonta Club of Milwaukee had good news coverage from FOX News on the display at City Hall of the Neu-Life collaborative art, bringing stronger awareness to the community about the issue of human trafficking. The coverage has given Jody Rhodes opportunities to share the vision for Neu-Life and the ARTREACH program. This has been very well received and there is interest in highlighting this for a broader community response and involvement.

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This ARTREACH program was modeled after the Zonta program in Saratoga, Florida, so it is very exciting to have this interest expanding.

Representatives from 40 organizations are attending an event January 28, 2016, at 88.9 Radio Milwaukee in recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Month, and Jody Rhodes will again be speaking about the ARTREACH program. On February 5, 2016, the Racine Coalition Against Human Trafficking will have the student artwork on display.

It was approved to have the student work on display for the Zonta Area Workshop.

Membership: Pam Knackert shared that Verona Swanigan was not able to attend the meeting, so her installation as new member will hopefully be in February. We have 18 new members and we have lost 5 members during this biennium (2014-2016). There will be another prospective membership meeting after the Fashion Show in April. It is thought that our mentor program is an excellent way to get and keep new members involved, as is inviting new members to become part of a committee as soon as possible.

Advocacy: None

PR: (Joni Reese) Thank you to Krista Betts for doing a wonderful January newsletter! Thank you to Joni Reese for all her efforts and expertise in transforming our website, and to her and Diane Lindsley for updating our club history. By this printing, we will be accessing the new website from the same Zonta Club of Milwaukee URL (www.zontamilwaukee.org) that we have used in the past.

Program: Barbara Wyatt Sibley reminded us that February is Black History Month. Celia Jackson of Alverno College will present a reflection on a speech by Martin Luther King, Jr., called "Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution" and how it relates to today. If members have African attire, they are encouraged to wear it to the meeting.

In March we invite any member to wear green in celebration of Saint Patrick's Day. Elaine Maly, Vice President of Development and Operations for TimeSlips, will be our speaker and share with us how creative storytelling is used as a way to help people with dementia. April is our annual meeting so there will be no speaker. We will have our May meeting at the Sojourner Truth Family Peace Center, which will include a tour of their new facility.

Scholarship/Foundation: Missy Creevy reported that the Foundation Board has solicited, received and awarded the grants for 2015 dollars – \$15,000 to be distributed at the Fashion Show in April. There were 31 applicants, an increase over past years. The grants will go to the following programs, selected for their alignment with the goals and mission of Zonta:

- Neu-Life Community Resource Center for their Youth Non-violence Program
- Core/EI Centro for their Traumatic & Healing Program
- My Home/Your Home for their Lissy's Place independent living program
- Our Next Generation for their Phenomenal Ladies Program
- The Women's Center of Waukesha for their Empowerment Program

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Scholarship applications for the Young Women in Public Affairs are due March 15, 2016. Please encourage contacts you may have to apply or spread the word.

Thank you for the clothes donations for Kosovka Spreco's project.

Fashion Show: Pam Knackert distributed the invitations for the Fashion Show, April 9, 2016, which promises to be a wonderful time. The program is a piece of art in itself. Members are encouraged to bring a bottle of wine to donate for the wine pull. Seventy-five lovely reusable bags have been donated by Debra Koller, which will make the occasion festive. Baskets for the raffle are welcome, as are donations for the silent auction. Donna Neal will send a reference to fundraising information called "Circle of Influence," which is a great way to think about approaching people to become involved.

Z Club: Victoria Frazier. No news this month.

Old Business:

Announcement: Circle of Women, a program of the YWCA, is the largest fundraiser luncheon in Milwaukee. There is a \$100-125 minimum donation. The date is April 27, 2016, at the Potawatomi Hotel.

Special Projects: President Donna Kahl-Wilkerson reminded us that our February mini project is to donate new or gently used water bottles for the young people at Neu-Life. Clothes for the Dress for Success for Less project at Alverno College were collected. Joni Reese will be making a list of mini projects with which applicants for the scholarships are interested in getting help.

Area Workshop: A subcommittee is needed for the Area Workshop, which will be April 23, 2016, at the MRA offices. This subcommittee will organize registration, publicity, set-up, etc., as needed. Elizabeth Stull will gather the subcommittee. We are reminded that this is a club effort. The Area directors need to meet by March 15, 2016, and the subcommittee will meet after that to finalize the plans by April 15, 2016.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: Helen Ludwig alerted us that half the Club Board and half the Foundation Board are due for elections in April, to be installed in May.

Pam Knackert offered to collect from anyone the \$30 for the Madison Zonta Zing Fundraiser, March 5, 2016, to send in with her own reservation. Carpooling is available, so please consider attending the event. It has been fun in the past.

* Diane Lindsley has since shared: "Some of you may have noticed in the *Journal-Sentinel* that Waterstone Bank is now offering the CD rate we missed before: 23 months at 1.40%. We'll need to discuss this at our next Board Meeting so that the decision will be in writing for both banks. We meet on Feb. 9th and the PNC CD matures on Feb. 10th. We then have a 7 day grace period to change banks."

Respectfully submitted: Judith Lehman, Recording Secretary



International Women's Day, March 8

Consider participating in these events in anticipation and celebration of **International Women's Day, Tuesday, March 8:**

<p>ADVOCACY TRAINING <i>Hosted by Zonta Club of Madison</i></p> <p>Saturday, February 27 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm Madison Memorial High School 201 S. Gammon Road Madison, WI</p>	<p>Participants will learn how to share their stories and how to relate those stories to legislative issues in order to better communicate with their elected officials and other women and advocate for their welfare. The event is a workshop format and is a great starter for those who may not feel comfortable talking one-on-one with their elected officials.</p> <p>Registration deadline: February 19, 2016. Contact Kathi Vos at kathiv@tds.net.</p>
<p>LEGISLATIVE VISITS: "LOBBY DAY" <i>Hosted by Zonta Club of Madison</i></p> <p>Tuesday, March 8 11:30 am – 3:00 pm Wisconsin State Capitol Room 328 NW Madison, WI</p>	<p>A number of us have attended this event in the past. It is a high-energy day starting with a brief meeting to discuss current legislative bills affecting women in Wisconsin, followed by scheduled meetings with your representative and state senator. This is a great opportunity to meet with the person who is elected to represent your voice through his or her vote on Wisconsin law.</p> <p>Registration deadline: February 19, 2016. Contact JoAnn Gruber-Hagen at joann.gruberhagen@gmail.com.</p>
<p>COMMUNITY CELEBRATION</p> <p>Saturday, March 12 5:00 pm Eagles Club 2109 Barton Drive (near Reindahl Park) Madison, WI</p>	<p>This event is in conjunction with the African Women's Association of Madison. The evening consists of a short program, a meal and a dance. Last year more than 20 African nations were represented with their traditional dress. The event drew over 250 women.</p> <p>Registration deadline: March 4, 2016. Contact Fatou Ceesay at Greatfatou@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Whether you decide to attend one, two or three of the events above, you'll pay just \$10 total. High school students attending the Legislative Visits event may attend for free but must register.</p>	
<p>TRIBUTE TO WOMEN LUNCHEON <i>Hosted by Zonta Club of Janesville</i></p> <p>Friday, March 18 Janesville, WI</p>	<p>Details forthcoming</p>

Fashion Show Update



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Let your heart dictate your passion in making our 90th year celebration the very best it can be.

April 9th is fast approaching and it is time to focus on our Fashion Show Fundraiser at the Marriott Milwaukee West.

Consider:

1. Choosing friends and family to fill a table of 10, or make a monetary donation.
2. Sending in your invitation reply card to Helen Ludwig, if it is ready, or bringing it to the February meeting. Make sure to select your entrée choice, dietary needs, and seating preferences, if any, and include a check for your reservations.
3. Donating a raffle or silent auction item. Give it to Pam Knackert at our next meeting.
4. Bringing a wine bottle(s), valued at at least \$10, to our next meeting. Hand it off to Deb Koller or Karen Smith.

Thanks to all who have signed up to volunteer on the day of our event. If you have not yet had that opportunity, see Coordinators Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry or Karen Smith at our February meeting. They will have a place for each of you to share your special talents and preferences.

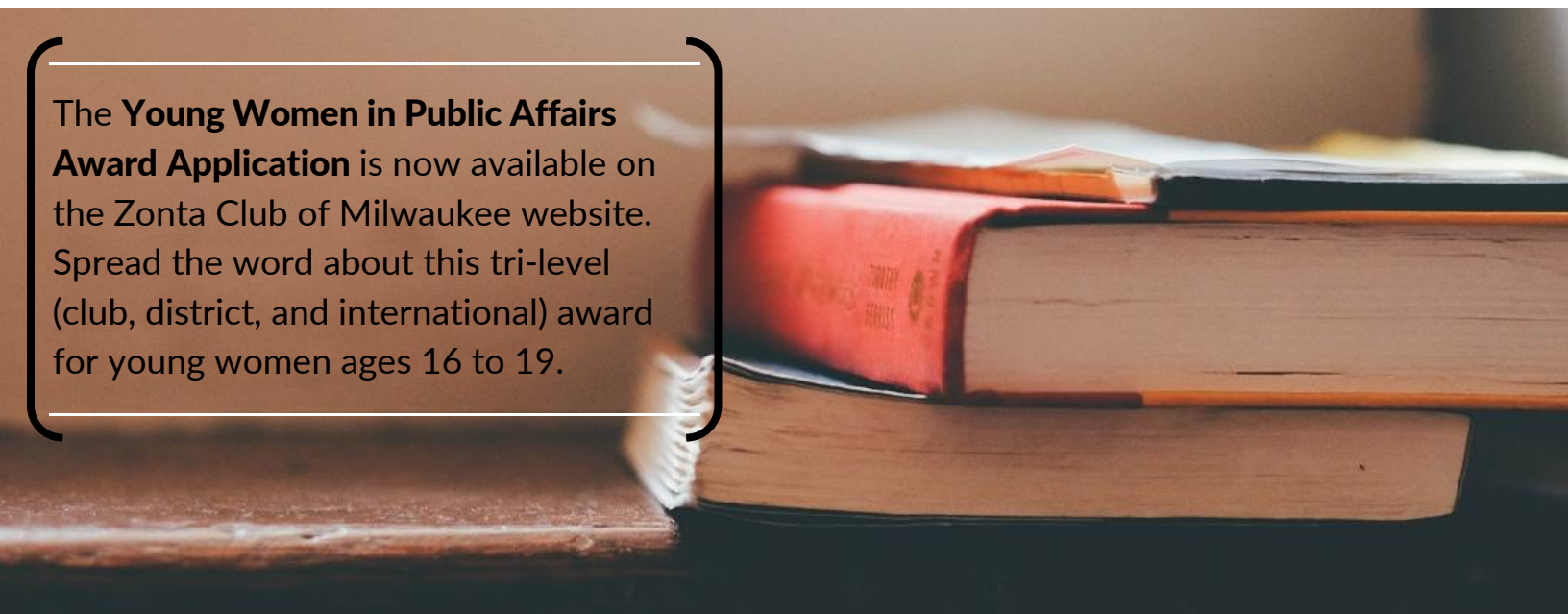
We look forward to having each of you represent Zonta Club of Milwaukee, enthusiastically, when we are celebrating “Empowering Women & Girls for Over 90 Years.”

You will also have the opportunity of paying your membership renewal by credit card on April 9th.

– Christine Todd

The **Young Women in Public Affairs Award Application** is now available on the Zonta Club of Milwaukee website. Spread the word about this tri-level (club, district, and international) award for young women ages 16 to 19.

Fashion Show
Saturday, April 9, 2016
10:30 am – 2:00 pm
Marriott Milwaukee West
Pewaukee, WI





SAVE THE DATE

— SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016 —

Fashion Show Fundraiser

10:30 AM - 2 PM

at the Marriott Milwaukee West

W231 N1600 Corporate Court • Pewaukee, Wisconsin

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee

CELEBRATES

Empowering Women & Girls

for **90** Years

Join us for a day of networking, food, fun and fashion as we celebrate the Zonta Club of Milwaukee's 90 years of Empowering Women & Girls

"Fashion Through the Decades",

a Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin, Inc. Vintage Fashion Show of women's clothing and accessories from the early 1900s through 1990s

\$60 per person

\$30 per ticket is tax deductible

Reservations Required

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO: <https://2016-zonta-fashion-show.eventbrite.com>



ARTREACH

The ARTREACH program is once again underway. Neu-Life high schoolers will likely produce three pieces of collaborative art in next couple months. Meanwhile, the eight paintings from past classes are in demand for public display. In the past few weeks they have been on display at the Greater Milwaukee Human Trafficking Task Force event on January 28 commemorating Human Trafficking Awareness Month and the Racine Human Trafficking Task Force's annual fundraiser on February 5. We are beginning to track the placements and people reached by these events and are identifying future program expansion opportunities for club consideration.

Recognition

Our Neu-Life service project was one of three projects submitted by District 6 to Zonta International for a service award. Way to go, club!

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run will take place again this spring. Watch for details. We'll need Running Buddies and cheerleaders.

— Donna Neal



Mini Project:

We are collecting new and gently used water bottles for Neu-Life.

Please bring your donations to the February 24 dinner meeting.

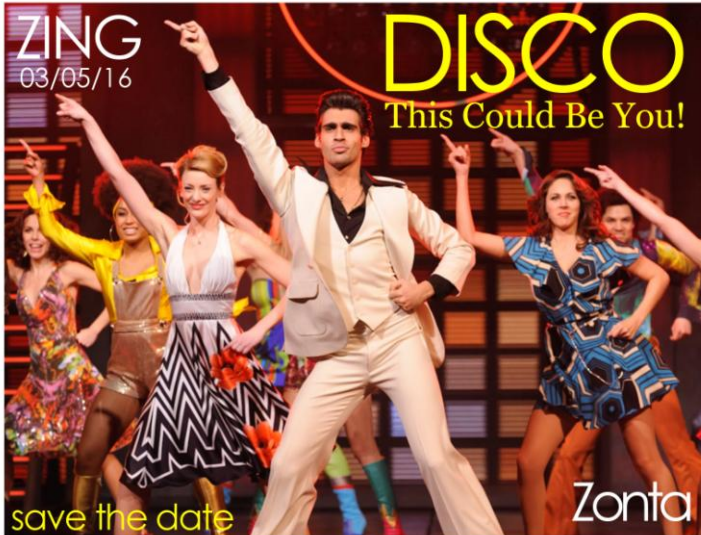
Fellowship Opportunity



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Interested in attending Madison's Zonta Zing?

Contact Tammy Hagen at
thcormd@aol.com
or purchase your ticket at
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-zonta-zing-tickets-19500797410>

10th Annual Zonta Zing 2016 Zonta Zing Goes Disco

A Fundraiser to benefit

Domestic Abuse Intervention Services, Project Respect & UNIDOS

Saturday, March 5, 2016

Turner Hall, Madison, WI

7:00 – 10:30 PM

Tickets: \$30

Information

Phone: 608-241-2440

www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-zonta-zing-tickets-19500797410

Help Us Reach a Milestone Fundraising Goal of \$100,000!

In the past 9 years, Zonta Club of Madison has raised \$90,000 to End Violence Against Women in Dane County. Help us reach our goal of \$100,000 in our 10th year at the Zonta Zing Fundraiser.

Featuring

MC: Amber Noggle, News Anchor – 27 WKOW

Jukebox Bandstand DJ

Dance Demo - Dance on Air

Delicious Appetizers

Gala Silent Auction & Raffle

Dress Disco - (Optional)



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Our New Website Is Live!



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As announced recently by email, we have a new website for the Zonta Club of Milwaukee! It can still be found at our existing address of www.zontamilwaukee.org. It has a similar look as the Zonta District 6 website and other clubs within Zonta District 6. We worked with the D6 website administrator and are using a technology that lets us update our own site and post events, pictures, etc.

I would like to thank all of the contributors for the initial content updates and look forward to keeping this site current through everyone's help.

From a first quarter 2016 perspective, the 2016 YWPA scholarship application and invites for the 2016 Fashion Show Luncheon fundraiser are currently posted and available for interested parties.

An email was also recently sent with the password to the Members Only section. Please visit the website and the Members Only section in the next week or two to submit your contact information for the Club Directory.

If you have updates, suggestions for changes, or find errors, please forward them to Joni Reese at tnjreese@wi.rr.com. As always, please take pictures of our events and continue sending those also!!! They can be used for updating Facebook, Twitter, the website, the display board or club communications.

Thanks!

– Joni Reese



Membership Committee



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Please feel free to invite any prospective members to the February 24th meeting. We will have a great speaker.

Our sympathy to Donna Neal on the passing of her mother, Jean. Jean attended several of our Fashion Shows and always looked forward to them.

Also, any seasoned member who has not offered to be a mentor for new members, if you are interested please let me know.

– Pam Knackert

Club Calendar

Board Meetings

March 8

April 12

May 10

June 14

Club Meetings

February 24

March 23

April 27

May 25

June 15

Fashion Show

Saturday, April 9

Area 2 Workshop

Saturday, April 23

Hosted by Zonta Club of Milwaukee

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 1
Nola Hitchcock-Cross

February 9
Connie Thoma

February 18
Janet Kloser

February 19
Karen Hunt

February 19
Helen Ludwig

February 23
Elizabeth Stull