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For more information on Zonta Milwaukee, visit www.zontamilwaukee.org Wednesday, January 28th, 2015

Zonta Club of Milwaukee Dinner Meeting

Celebrating Amelia Earhart, Zonta Member

Speaker: Rose Dorcey is an instrument-rated private pilot, mother of two and grandmother of two. A current magazine writer and retired business owner, Rose serves as president of the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame, from which she'll draw stories for her presentation. She and her husband, John, reside in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

More info on Amelia Earhart: See page 3.

Meal Choices: Regular Meal – Stuffed Pork Chop & Banana Split Cake Vegetarian Option – Stuffed Green Pepper

Italian Community Center (I.C.C.), 631 E. Chicago Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 5:30 PM - Social 6:00 PM - Dinner 7:00 PM - Speaker

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

RESERVATIONS: Please call Helen Ludwig (414-321-0078, Extension 114) or email her at hludwig@sbl-law.org with the cancellation of your standingreservation or any call-in reservation by 9:00 am on Monday, January 26, 2015.

President's Message...

Greetings Milwaukee Zontians;

Here we are!!!...2015!! Another club year to commit ourselves to the advancement of women everywhere!! Our first meeting for this service year will be on January 28, 2015 at the Italian Community Center (ICC) at 6pm.

This month is Amelia Earhart Month. As we remember this esteemed woman, let's concentrate on her character. She was a focused and determined woman who did not allow others to dampen her spirit or her dreams. She was brave by confronting the double standards of her day; defying the prevailing role of women coming into the 20th century; subtly, but consistently exercising the resilient strength of women. These are attributes we want for all women in the world. Her love for people was shown through her work with people in dire circumstances, her hope for the future was shown through her adventurous spirit and love of flying and her example for women continues to speak for every woman, everywhere.

- Donna Kahl-Wilkerson



Amelia Earhart



January is when we celebrate Zonta Member Amelia Earhart, an American aviation pioneer and author. She was the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean and received the U.S.Distinguished Flying Cross for this record. She set many other records, wrote best-selling books about her flying experiences and was instrumental in the formation of The Ninety-Nines, an organization for female pilots. Earhart joined the faculty of the Purdue University aviation department in 1935 as a visiting faculty member to counsel women on careers and help inspire others with her love for aviation. She was also a member of the National Woman's Party, and an early supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment.

During an attempt to make a circumnavigational flight of the globe in 1937 in a Purdue-funded Lockheed Model 10 Electra, Earhart disappeared over the central Pacific Ocean near Howland Island. Fascination with her life, career and disappearance continues to this day.

In honor of Ms Earhart's passion for aviation, we will learn about Wisconsin aviators from a speaker from the Experimental Aviation Association.

There will also be an opportunity to send donations to the Amelia Earhart Fellowships Program, which was launched in 1938. Ellen Parks, then serving as Zonta International President, remembered, "At that time few women considered a career in aerospace engineering, yet not one voice of doubt was raised as to the success of such a scholarship."



Fashion Show Update

It's time to create and expand your guest list for the 2015 Zonta Fashion Show Fundraiser. Our annual event not only raises funds to support the work we do on behalf of women and girls, it raises awareness and opportunity for those in attendance to be involved in a very personal way.

YOU are the key. Your dedication is evident. Your passion is contagious.

Just a few ways to be involved: Invite friends, family, neighbors, and everyone you talk to. Fill a table (or more) Create a themed basket for the raffle Talk to your employer (past and present) about sponsorship Volunteer to assist with day-of activities

> Saturday, April 18, 2015 10:30 am - 2:00 pm Marriot West, Pewaukee, WI

Service Corner

Holiday Gift Drive

76 Neu-Life youth at the Gwen T Jackson Elementary School received holiday gifts from Milwaukee Zontians at their annual holiday celebration on December 17. Zonta received special recognition in the program and the 4-5 Zontians present received hugs and applause from children and their families. The program included several songs and poem readings from the youth.

Thanks to Cheryl Nowak and Joni Reese for coordinating the gift-giving and the delivery.

ARTREACH Pilot Program

We are piloting the ARTREACH program to educate youth about human sex trafficking. A dozen or so youth will collaborate to put ideas to canvas in January. We expect that we will have three or four paintings with anti-human trafficking messages to showcase by the end of February. We are aiming to have reception/event(s) to **showcase the artwork and raise community consciousness** about the dangers of human trafficking for our Milwaukee youth. First steps will be within Neu-Life's African History Month (February) and a Zonta meeting TBD.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Neal, Service Chair



Save the Dates

2014-2015 Club Meeting Dates - Normally the 4th Wednesday of the Month

1/28/15 2/25/15 3/18/15 3rd Wed due to facility scheduling 4/22/15 5/27/15 6/2015 TBD

Other Important 2015 Area 2 and District 6 Dates

March 7th: Zonta Zing – Madison March 13th: IWD – Janesville April 18th: Spring Fashion Show Fundraiser – Milwaukee April 25th: Area 2 Workshop - Madison April 28th: Tribute to Women – Beloit Oct 9-11th: 2015 Fall Conference

PR Communications Update

Please make sure all members have their correct email on Zonta.org. This is imperative as those emails are used for communication from ZI, and communication from District. A District 6 newsletter is forthcoming and the ZI email list will be used for distribution. Stay 'in the know' by making sure your email addresses are up to date. Club lists were distributed at Fall Conference that represent what is currently on file at ZI. Donna has a copy if you want to check!

The PR Communications Committee is an extension of the Club and all other committees!!! Aspects include supporting activities for Service, Advocacy, Membership, Fashion Show and other committees or activities that may need PR or communications efforts. Today we primarily focus on publishing the monthly newsletter, maintaining the Zonta Club of Milwaukee Website, Facebook, and most recently by adding a Twitter account. Please engage us to help you get your message out. Newsletter articles are due on the 7th of each month.



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Laureen Wood January 14th Judith Lehman January 24th Karen LeSage January 31st



Membership Corner

Thanks again to Nell and George Kendrick for hosting our club holiday get together. Fun, food and visiting were enjoyed by all.

We hope to install Deb Koller, a friend of Carol Cline's and Gloria Jones, Nell's friend at our January meeting.

Please invite any potential members you might have to our January meeting as we celebrate Amelia Earhart month.

Donna Kahl-Wilkerson and I will be attending an Area 2 Membership "Club Hall" meeting in Janesville on Sat. Jan 24, if anyone else in interested in joining us please let us know.

By Pam Knackert

Meet Our Member Pam Knackert



Pam joined Zonta in 1985 through Marge Holzbog with whom she worked at Miller at the time. She has been Club president and held other committee chair positions and served as District 6 treasurer for 4 years in the 90's.

Her business career entailed working in the marketing and marketing research areas at Rexnord, Miller Brewing and Schwarz Pharma and then she changed careers and worked at Pius XI High School in their development area before she retired.

She enjoys travelling with her friend Bruce, walking and reading. She has attended numerous Zonta conventions including Hong Kong and Hawaii.

Her current volunteer commitments besides Zonta are the New Berlin Food Pantry and a board position at the Milwaukee Catholic Home on the eastside.

She has an older sister, two older brothers and several nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews all over the country.

Meet Our Member Krista Betts



Krista Betts is a marketing specialist at Waukesha Bearings Corporation. She moved to Milwaukee last January from Chicago, where she spent six years at the National Parent Teacher Association as proofreader/copy editor and promotional writer/editor and three years at SmithBucklin coordinating marketing and communications for professional associations.

She has a Bachelor's in English and U.S. History from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, a Master's in English from Pennsylvania State University, and a persistent love of working with the English language.

She spends her free time reading, cooking, playing volleyball, crocheting, and watching a little too much television, particularly British crime dramas.



Cheryl has been referred to as a "vibrant presence", she is fun loving, comfortable to be with, and yet professional.

Cheryl has over 18 years of experience in the areas of human resources program development, leadership, customer service and diversity. She is an entrepreneur, owned and operated a successful training consultancy specializing in effective communication techniques and leadership skills. She has designed, developed, and facilitated training programs both nationally and internationally.

Cheryl received her Bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management from the University of Tennessee, and her Master's degree in adult education from Carroll College.

Cheryl joined Zonta in 2004, she joined because of the opportunity to help women around the world.

Cheryl membership affiliations include the American Society of Talent Development, Human Resource Association, and the Leaders Forum

Cheryl's enjoys reading, hanging out with her grandsons, and shopping (especially for shoes).

Meet Our Member Joann Harris-Comodore



Joann Harris-Comodore is married and the mother of one daughter. She is a "Zontian Nubie". She has been a member of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee for approximately 18 months. During this time, she has been busy increasing her knowledge and understanding of the Zonta International Club mission, structure, and service. Joann attended the Bi-Annual International Zontian conference held in Orlando, Florida in June and the Annual fall conference in Columbus, Indiana in October.

Joann joined Zonta because of its strong focus on service and advocacy for women.

Born in the (Delta) Mississippi, Joann moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin with her family in 1968. She received her education in Wisconsin, a Bachelor of Science from Mount Mary College in Business & Nutrition and her Master's in Business and Health Care Administration from UW-Madison.

Joann's background is in Healthcare, working for over 25 years with United Healthcare aka Unicare Health, Inc., providing administrative oversight to several area nursing homes, as Area Director and or Nursing Home Administrator.

In 1995, Joann left the corporate umbrella, and became self-employed. She established Residential Living Services, Inc., and began operating assistant living facilities offering assistant living residential alternatives to elderly and developmental disabled adults.

In 2000, Joann broadened her scope of service to include Neu-Life Community Development, Inc., a Not-for-Profit, afterschool youth program. Neu-Life has 3 sites and provides a variety of after school programs for youth between the ages of 3-20. Programming includes but is not limited to: Academic Enrichment, Life Skills, Community Action Projects, Youth Advocacy, Art Education, Service Learning & Entrepreneurship...

"We Care" is not only Residential Living Services & Neu-Life's motto but is the epitome of who Joann is! Joann takes great pride, pleasure and satisfaction in working with, caring for and developing individuals to their fullest potential.

2015 Scholarship Competitions

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee offers three college scholarship opportunities for young women and college students living in and/or attending accredited schools in southeastern Wisconsin including: Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ozaukee, Washington, Racine and Kenosha counties.

A brief overview of each of these scholarships is presented below with links to their respective applications.

Should you have any additional questions about these scholarships, please contact us at zontascholarships@wi.rr.com

Young Women in Public Affairs \$1,000 + \$1,000 + \$4,000

Aimed at pre-university or pre-college students (ages 16-19), this tri-level (club/district/international) scholarship competition was designed to encourage more young women to participate in Public Affairs and Political Life.

Applicants must show their active commitment to volunteerism, and provide evidence of their volunteer leadership achievements, as well as their dedication to advancing the status of women worldwide.

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee awards a \$1,000 scholarship and forwards the winner's application to Zonta District 6 for consideration in terms of an additional \$1,000 scholarship award.

The district winner's application is then sent on to Zonta International for consideration in terms of one of the ten \$4,000 international scholarship awards.

Complete applications are due on or before March 15, 2015.

JMK Women in Business

\$1,000 + \$1,000 + \$7,000

Women studying business at the undergraduate or master's level at an accredited college or university, who show outstanding potential in their chosen field of business, are eligible to compete in this tri-level (club/district/international) Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship competition.

Zonta Club of Milwaukee applicants must either be a Southeast Wisconsin Resident enrolled in any local or out-of-state accredited college or university, or be an Out-of-State Student attending an accredited college or university in the six-county greater Milwaukee metro area.

In addition, applicants must have achieved or surpassed "junior" status by June 15, 2015 to be eligible

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee awards a \$1,000 scholarship and forwards the winner's application to Zonta District 6 for consideration in terms of an additional \$1,000 scholarship award.

The district winner's application is then sent to Zonta International for consideration in terms of one of the twelve \$7,000 international scholarship awards.

Complete applications are due on or before June 15, 2015.

Women in Science/Technology/Engineering/Math \$1,000

Women majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) who show outstanding potential in their chosen field are eligible to apply for this \$1,000 scholarship offered by the Zonta Club of Milwaukee.

Applicants must have an outstanding academic record and demonstrate intent to complete their chosen program.

Applicants must either be a Southeast Wisconsin Resident enrolled in any local or out-of-state accredited college or university, or be an Out-of-State Student attending an accredited college or university in the six-county greater Milwaukee metro area.

In addition, applicants must have achieved or surpassed "junior" status by June 15, 2015 to be eligible.

Complete applications are due on or before June 15, 2015.