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NEWSLETTER

March 2017

Area 2 • District 6

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to Krista Betts.**

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www.zontamilwaukee.org**

Zonta Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Speaker: Donnelle Hauser, Chief Program Officer, Lad Lake Centers

Lad Lake is a residential care center guiding at-risk youth and families on the path toward independence and achievement. Whether it's support for foster kids, mentors for troubled youth, or a safe-haven for exploited and abused girls, Lad Lake counselors cultivate stability and self-reliance for more than 1,100 youth and their families every year.

Our speaker, Donnelle Hauser, will talk about the Lad Lake Commercial Sex Trafficking program.

Alioto's Restaurant

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

5:30 pm – Social
6:00 pm – Salad and Speaker
6:30 pm – Entrée
7:00 pm – Business Meeting

Menu

Choice of Tenderloin Tips, Lemon Caper Chicken, 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, March 19 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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Greetings, Fellow Zontians.

By now all of you should have heard of Susan Koepsell's unexpected death. We will miss her commitment to service and Zonta, along with her quick smile and uplifting spirit. Please keep her family and friends in your thoughts during this difficult time. Her family has requested, in lieu of flowers, that donations be made in her name to Zonta International, World Wildlife, or Heifer International. I hope many of you are able to attend the memorial service scheduled for March 18.

Our club continues to be busy with service and advocacy. On Saturday, March 18, we will begin painting our mural in the Zonta Club of Milwaukee Art Room at Neu-Life. Donna Neal has also arranged for ARTREACH 2.0 training to be conducted that morning. If you are unable to attend on the 18th but wish to participate in the training, there will be a second training date scheduled in the near future.

Our annual Fashion Show fundraiser is scheduled for April 1. As you hear over and over again, this is our primary fundraiser. The money we raise supports both our local and international giving. In order to succeed, member participation is required. We need our membership to sell tickets to friends and family, work on the day of the show, and contribute to the raffles, silent auction and wine pull.

Finally, I've attached another message from President Sonja stressing the importance of remaining non-partisan and non-sectarian in all Zonta activities. We live in a divisive time; however, when representing Zonta, we need to refrain from expressing our political opinions. Advocacy should be directed to a particular subject, not spokesperson. When working for Zonta, we have the unified goal of providing service and advocacy to improve the lives of women and girls worldwide, regardless of our individual political affiliations.

I sincerely hope all of you are able to participate in the upcoming events. The strength of our club is directly related to the participation of our members.

– Helen Ludwig



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Angela Doyel
March 12

Gloria Jones
March 13

Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry
March 30



March 2017

Zonta International, politics and political parties

We Zontians contribute to shaping our societies via service and advocacy. To be effective advocates for human rights and fulfill our mission to empower women worldwide, we must actively engage in the political process.

Bearing this in mind, however, Zonta International, its districts and clubs SHALL BE nonpartisan and nonsectarian (Zonta International Bylaws, Article III, Section 1, Policy)

“Nonpartisan” means “not influenced by, affiliated with, or supporting the interest or policies of any person or party”.

We may express ourselves and become involved in principles and public issues having a bearing on our Objects¹ but never be influenced by, affiliated with, or support the interests or policies of any person or party.

Supporting our mission, we request **ALL** political parties to:

- respect women’s human rights and
- propose and implement legislation that improves the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women.

We do this by writing to legislators of all political parties focusing on the *subject* and not on the *spokesperson* for a specific change.

Individual Zontians may support or oppose political parties or candidates only as private citizens.

Yours sincerely,

Sonja Hönig Schough
President Chairman

Maria José Landeira Oestergaard
International Advocacy Committee

¹ The Objects of Zonta International shall be: (a) To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local level through service and advocacy. (b) To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of members. (c) To promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. (d) To be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programs, and to provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations and the world.

Meeting Minutes *for February 22, 2017*



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Helen Ludwig, President, called the meeting to order.

Chris Todd read the blessing.

Carmen Pitre, Executive Director of Sojourner Family Peace Center, was our guest speaker for the evening. Carmen shared how bringing the dream of the Family Peace Center to reality took place. The Family Peace Center is a fully funded facility.

Treasurer's Report: As of January month-end the checking balance was \$10,986.67 and the CD balance was \$5,034.57. The annual dues letter will be arriving to members. Payment is requested by May 1 so it can be turned into district by June 1. Revised bylaws have been reviewed by District and approved. Club members are asked to read them over so that we can vote on them accordingly at the March meeting.

Advocacy: Sign-up time has passed for advocacy training hosted by the Madison club.

Fashion Show Fundraiser: Reservations are due March 18; currently 8 reservations have been made. Club members are asked to try and fill a table of 10.

Membership: A prospective member event will be held May 3 in Glendale.* If you know people that are interested, please encourage them to attend.

Programs: The speakers for March and May have been arranged. April will be a business meeting.

PR: All fashion show information is on the website and on our Facebook page. Please forward to your friends for publicity and attendance. Joni Reese will forward to Tammy Hagen to put on the district website.

Scholarships: We have received several references for the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) scholarship and have good interest.

Service: ARTREACH 2.0 training is March 18, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm along with the mural painting.

Foundation: Last month we notified the award winners and they have been invited to the fashion show.

Z Club: The Z Club charter presentation will be Wednesday, March 29, 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Milwaukee High School of the Arts. Support will be solicited from the community, politicians and local leaders. We would like to see as many Club members there as possible. Chris Todd has provided a gavel and block that will be presented to the club.

New Business: We need to nominate our nominating committee this evening so they can be voted on in April at our business meeting. Lori Peterson, Barbara Wyatt Sibley, and Donna Kahl-Wilkerson were nominated. Pam Knackert motioned to approve; Joni Reese seconded. Club approved.

At the joint board meeting (Club and Foundation), consideration of a second fundraiser was discussed. The concept being considered is a "fundraiser in a box" that is a women's film festival. A club in St. Charles, Illinois,

Meeting Minutes *for Feb. 22, 2017 (cont.)*



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has been doing this for several years and would be a good club with which to discuss it. Volunteers are requested if we are interested in considering this fundraiser. Donna Conant and Deb Koller will do some research on the opportunity.

Announcements:

Next meeting is March 22, at Alioto's

Spring Workshop is April 8 in Beloit.

Zonta Zing (Madison Club fundraiser) is next weekend.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Karen Smith, Secretary

**The location of the prospective member reception is now TBD.*

Membership

The Club activity schedule provides various upcoming opportunities to invite and engage prospective members. Let's invite prospective members to our:

- **March 22** monthly club meeting
- **April 1** Annual Fashion Show
- **May 3** Prospective Member Reception

– Joann Harris

March 2017

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

Mar 22	April 26
May 24	June 28*

Board Meetings

April 11	May 9
June 13	

Fashion Show Fundraiser

Saturday, April 1
Marriott Milwaukee West
Pewaukee, WI

Area 2 Spring Workshop

Saturday, April 8
Beloit, WI

Prospective Member Event

Wednesday, May 3

**May be subject to change*



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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

Join us at Neu-Life on Saturday, March 18, any time between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm, to paint the mural in the art room.

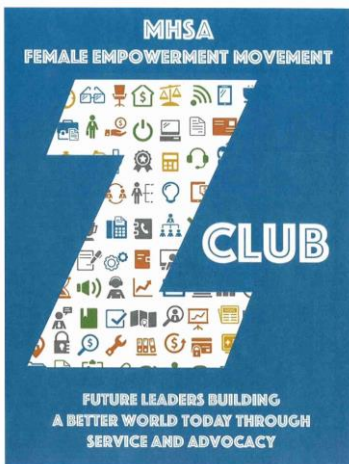
Neu-Life Community Development
2014 W North Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53205

A reminder: Artistic talent is not required. The painting will be reminiscent of old-fashioned “paint-by-number,” using modern technology.

– Donna Neal



Z Club



The time is near. Mark your calendars!

Our MHSA – Female Empowerment Movement Z Club Charter Presentation Ceremony is **Wednesday, March 29 at 5:30 pm.**

The ceremony will take place at Milwaukee High School of the Arts, 2300 W Highland Ave.

Contact Joann Harris-Comodore or Victoria Frazier if you are planning to attend.

“MOVING FORWARD”

– Joann Harris-Comodore and Victoria Frazier, Z Club Committee Co-chairs



ARTREACH in the Community

In 2017, the Neu-Life/Zonta partnership will take the ARTREACH program on the road to build community awareness of the seriousness of sex trafficking in Milwaukee – and to inspire action to help prevent it.



Training for Zonta volunteers on spreading the word about the ARTREACH program and the facts of human trafficking is scheduled at Neu-Life on Saturday morning, March 18.

On Monday, February 27, the ARTREACH paintings were displayed at Safe Start's 3rd Annual Teen Dating Violence Awareness Conference at Gateway Technical College in Racine. Thank you, Joyce McCrary, for representing Zonta and Neu-Life and bringing the paintings to the conference. Joyce received her training a little early to help out in this effort. Just ask her how much fun she had!

We will also display paintings at a Human Trafficking Forum jointly sponsored by Hope Run Kenosha, Aurora Medical Center, and Journey Church, to be held at Journey Church in Kenosha on Friday, March 17. Last year, 300 people attended this event.

– Donna Neal

Fellowship Corner

Please keep Christine Todd in your thoughts. We hope her elbow is healing well, and prayers go out to her and her husband, Rocky, as he deals with cancer.

If any of you have any info you want to share with the rest of the club, email it to me for inclusion in the newsletter. Thank you in advance for sharing your milestones and life events with the rest of the club.

– Gloria J. Jones, Fellowship Reporter

Area 2 Spring Workshop



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Saturday, April 8, 2017

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Domenico's Restaurant

547 E Grand Avenue, Beloit, WI

Hosted by Zonta Club of Beloit

RSVP Correction:

Please mail registration and payment by **April 3**.

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Keynote: "Creating a Publicity Plan"

*Danielle Letenyey, Advertising & Content Manager,
Sive for Women Magazine*

Breakout Sessions

-BREAK-

Results of Breakout Groups

Club Sharing

-LUNCH-

Leadership and ZI Updates

Governor Tamara Hagen

Membership Updates

Lt. Governor Elaine

-BREAK-

Foundation Updates

Foundation Ambassador Donna Neal

ZI Advocacy Policy

District 6 Advocacy Chair Gail Zalewski

District 6 Conference Planning

Wrap-Up

Adjournment

AREA 2 SPRING WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Beloit, WI | Saturday, April 8, 2017

Name

Address

Current Club

Club/District Positions Currently Held

E-Mail Address

Phone Number(s)

Is this your first Zonta Workshop?

Number of years as a Zontian?

Special dietary restrictions?

Please enclose \$45 fee payable to:
Zonta Club of Beloit
(Fee includes breakfast, lunch, and materials.)

Mail Registration and Payment by April 3 to:
Zonta Club of Beloit
c/o Marcy Reedy
807 Holiday Drive | Beloit, WI 53511

Area 2 Spring Workshop



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Keynote Speaker: Danielle Letenyei

Danielle Letenyei has worked in almost every aspect of media available. Danielle spent the first half of her career as a reporter and editor. She also taught herself the basics of layout and design, enabling her to start and run her own weekly newspaper, *The Evansville Citizen*, in Evansville, Wisconsin between 1998 and 2001. During its publication, the *Citizen* received numerous awards from the Wisconsin Newspaper Association.

In 2005, Danielle decided to switch gears and start a career in media advertising. Over the next 10 years, she gained experience in selling all types of media marketing including print, radio, television, cable, digital and direct mail.

Today, Danielle is excited to use her combined experience in editorial and advertising in her role as Advertising and Content Manager for *Five For Women* magazine, the Stateline's premiere women's magazine.

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 March meeting.

The bylaws are attached as a separate document.

Fashion Show Committee



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2017 Fashion Show Fundraiser

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Marriott Milwaukee West
Pewaukee, WI

The 2017 annual fundraiser fashion show luncheon is only a few weeks away!

Please send in your RSVPs by March 18 or register at the Eventbrite link below – and follow up with your friends and family!

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

If you haven't volunteered yet for the "day of" activities, please contact Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry, who is coordinating. Every member should volunteer for at least one activity.

– Joni Reese

Local Beneficiaries of Our Fundraising

The following local agencies will be presented with grants at the fashion show, based on funds raised at last year's show. Join us in honoring these agencies and raising funds for future grants.

Broadscope Disability Services	\$2,000
Core/EL Centro	\$3,000
Neu-Life Community Development	\$3,000
Pearls for Teen Girls Inc.	\$5,000
The Women's Center	\$3,000

Each year, we present two-thirds of the fundraiser revenues to local agencies. The other one-third is donated to Zonta International Foundation to support international efforts to empower women and girls.

United Nations Committee



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Zonta International has a proud history of supporting women's issues worldwide through its partnership with many United Nations Agencies.

Since 1923, Zonta International has provided **\$15.5 million** (USD) benefiting women in 37 countries. Since 2000, ZISVAW (Zonta International Strategies to End Violence Against Women) has provided more than **\$5.5 million** (USD) benefitting women in 42 countries.

UN Agencies with which Zonta has worked:

- INSTRAW UN International Research & Training Institute for Advancement of Women
- UNICEF UN Children's Fund
- UNFPA UN Population Fund
- UNIDO UN Industrial Development Organization
- UNIFEM UN Development Fund for Women (now UN Women)
- UNESCO UN Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization
- UN WOMEN UN Entity for Gender Equalization & the Empowerment of Women

Point of Interest Around the Zonta World: Bangladesh

- Zonta International UNIFEM Project 1992–1994 in India, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh worked to reduce damage caused by pesticides by training 500 women in correct pesticide use.
- The Zonta Club of Greater Dhaka, Bangladesh was reinstated with 32 members in the 2012–2014 biennium.

A Shopping Tip Regarding Bangladesh:

Basha Boutique // Our Kantha from Bangladesh

I encourage you to check the website dignify.org. Basha Boutique markets kantha quilts and blankets that are of premium quality, ethically made, and fair traded. They are made from 6 layers of vintage saris, with straight and consistent hand stitching and edges that are finished and clean.

These kantha textile products are made at Basha Boutique headquarters in the Mirpur District of Dhaka, Bangladesh. Each textile piece has a tag with the name of the artisan. The women who make these textile items were previously living on the street or working in sex work or equally vulnerable situations of such risk.

Child labor, human trafficking, child marriage, homelessness, underpaid labor and sexual exploitation are key risks for many women in Bangladesh. And, it is a known fact that once embroiled in prostitution, there is little or no chance of leaving. "This is what Basha is changing, one textile piece at a time."

You can read each artisan's story (even send a note) on the firm's website.

– Marge Holzbog

In Memoriam



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SUSAN KOEPESELL

On Saturday, February 25, the Zonta Club of Milwaukee lost a valued member, Susan Koepsell, to a sudden heart attack.

Susan was a Milwaukee native who joined Zonta in December of 2010, after being invited to the fashion show that year by a friend. The mission and worldwide reach of the organization was particularly important to her.

Susan and her ex-husband started Koepsell's Popcorn Wagons in 1973; the red wagons are a familiar sight around town. Susan's affiliation with the business ended in 1983 when they divorced.

Susan spent the majority of her life in Milwaukee, except for an 8-year stint in Seattle from 1987 to 1995. She moved there after visiting the Pacific Northwest on vacation and falling in love with the area. She had every intention of staying, but came back to Milwaukee to take care of her ailing mother and to help her settle her affairs. Family and friends here kept her from returning to Seattle.

Susan graduated from Cardinal Stritch University and spent her working career in the field of accounting. She worked for companies in investments, commercial real estate, not for profits and ended her career at Cardinal Stritch at the end of 2012 after working there for 12 years.

Susan's favorite pastime was travelling. Her trips included Egypt, the United Kingdom, Ireland, a Mediterranean cruise, an Adriatic cruise, a Danube river cruise and Oman. She visited Abu Dhabi, in the United Arab Emirates, five times, and had also visited Jamaica, the Bahamas, Mexico and Canada.

Susan was "Auntie Susan" to her sister's four children.



Memorial Details

Saturday, March 18

Krause Funeral Home
7001 W Brown Deer Rd
Brown Deer, WI 53223

Visitation: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Service (non-religious): 3:00 pm

Light appetizers served during visitation