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November 2016

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2016-2017 Zonta Club of Milwaukee

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Zonta Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Gather for the good work of Zonta.

We have had jam-packed business meetings this fall and that will continue this month. We will discuss our goals – as a club, a district and an international organization – and how we will continue to empower women and girls throughout the world.

As always, we will also enjoy the company of our Zonta community.

Alioto's Restaurant

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

5:30 pm – Social
6:00 pm – Salad and Speaker (Discussion of club business)
6:30 pm – Dinner
7:00 pm – Business Meeting

Menu

Choice of Sliced Roast Beef, Lemon Caper Chicken, Pasta Primavera or Baked Cod. 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, November 13 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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Happy Fall, Fellow Zontians!

As we head toward the holiday season, the Zonta Club of Milwaukee has many ways for each of you to be involved. The 16 Days of Activism begins on November 25. The Advocacy Committee handed out several varieties of banners to be used in our photo blitz. Please take pictures of friends, family, co-workers with the banners and send them to Krista Betts. Ask the people in the photos to tweet the photos on their Twitter feeds or post on their Facebook pages. If you know a small business owner who might be willing to have a photo with the banner posted on the business' Facebook page or Twitter feed, it could be positive publicity for them and for our cause. If you have a contact to help turn the area Orange on November 25, please contact the Advocacy Committee.

Our annual holiday Christmas gift drive for the children in the Neu-Life program has also begun. If you did not have an opportunity to pick up a child profile and wish to participate, please contact Janet Kloser. We are also having a mini-service project this month – a food drive for Feeding America or another food pantry. If you wish to participate, please bring in a non-perishable food donation or a check. As always, participation in these events is completely voluntary.

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.

Please note that because of the Thanksgiving holiday, we are meeting one week early this month. We plan to use the meeting to discuss our Club goals. I am anticipating an energized and productive meeting. Hope to see you there!

– Helen Ludwig



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November 15
Sandy Goldmann

Meeting Minutes *for October 26, 2016*



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Helen Ludwig, President, called the meeting to order.

Finance Committee: No report.

Forward Committee: Ellen Burgermeister presented the results of the survey. Good feedback was received with 25 completed surveys. Donna Conant shared the Virtuous Zonta Circle:

- Strong Service and Advocacy Projects
- Local/Community Impact
- PR, Recognition, Awareness, Interest
- Engage Current and Attract New Members

In general, most survey results indicated that they felt our existing relationship with Neu-Life met our partnership criteria and fit with Zonta mission and goals. Some interest was expressed in adding a new partner. Only one survey response felt Neu-Life was not a good fit.

Ad hoc discussion of ideas included:

- Ways to teach girls warning signs for molestation and rape, so they can learn to communicate
- Service projects that might be in different ZIP codes than those that have many community projects, to advance diversity
- Consider ways we can impact some of the issues we face as a city, better understand each other, and our communities; advance diversity in our own organization
- Become an example club of diversity in race, gender and age for the same cause
- Help Z Club to be wildly successful

Neu-Life: Jody Rhodes gave an overview of the Neu-Life holiday gift program. Members who want to participate should pick up a sheet at the club meeting. Girls on the Run will be Sunday, November 13, 9:00 am at Bayshore Mall. Zonta members are welcome to join and encourage.

Installation of New Member: Karen McCormick was installed by Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry.

Advocacy Committee: Krista Betts shared that the 16 Days of Activism will run from November 25 through December 10. We will continue to do Facebook posts from ZI, but also make things more personal by including photos of men and public figures holding signs in support of Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women. Signs were handed out for us to use when taking a picture to share on Facebook. Some options being pursued are the Marquette men's basketball team and public officials. Please consider your connections and known groups. We want to be sure to tag the individuals in order to reach a broader audience. If you are not comfortable with Facebook, email the picture to Krista.

The 25th of each month is Orange Day. We are looking for ideas to make things orange – consideration for the Marquette Interchange, buildings, The Domes, etc. Krista Betts will send a link to the UN information which can help add legitimacy when approaching an opportunity.

Meeting Minutes *for Oct. 26, 2016 (cont.)*



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Zonta Says No ribbons will be available at next month's meeting.

Fashion Show: Planning is underway. This year's theme will be "Bloom Beyond Boundaries – Empowering Women and Girls." The fashion show will take place April 1. All members are asked to take an active role as this is our only fundraiser. Rather than contribute bottles of wine, we are asking members to donate \$20 if able, to provide more consistent wines and obtain volume purchase pricing, without the headache of transporting wine to and from meetings. Talbots will be our Fashion Show "fashions" vendor.

Membership: January 17 there will be an orientation meeting for all members who have joined in the past three years, if interested. Prospective member meeting will be in May.

Program: Lori Peterson will send out a survey regarding the December meeting (scheduled for the 21st) to see if we would prefer to move to the 14th. The board suggested that we leave some meetings open rather than having a speaker to allow us to cover ZI programs, goal setting and other specifics related to our club. Club was in agreement.

Public Relations: Joni Reese reminded members to please update their information in the "members only" section of www.zontamilwaukee.org. Krista indicated the deadline for the November newsletter is November 4. Please have all materials to her by that date.

Scholarship: Krista shared that the committee is working on the Young Women in Public Affairs Award promotion, reviewing the list of schools to contact. The first outreach will be in December. We have adapted the Zonta International flier for the award. Information will be available on the website.

UN: Marge Holzbog will be bringing updates on Zonta International service projects to our club.

Z Club: Joann Comodore reported there were two meetings this month and we have an excited group of girls. The school we are working with is citywide and very diverse. Z Club Officers will be elected soon; we can then submit for our charter. Expenses for this year are being evaluated. The goal is to have 15 students; we have 11 signed up (four were not able to attend) and include grades 9-12. It was suggested we donate some of our parliamentary procedure books to the Z Club. We will consider inviting them to Spring Workshop and Fashion Show (to help). Z Club members may apply for the YWPA scholarship.

Old Business: Conflict of Interest Waivers are requested to be returned to Karen Smith.

New Business: Helen Ludwig will move forward with a proposed by-law change that allows for an August club meeting to better plan for the walk in September.

Next meeting is November 16 at Alioto's.

Submitted by Karen Smith, Secretary

Membership Committee



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Congratulations to our newest Zontian, Ms. Karen McCormick, installed on October 26, 2016.

A new member orientation is scheduled for January 17, 2017, to be hosted by Joann Comodore. This would be for members joining since January 2014.

The membership committee met at the Panera's at Mayfair on October 17. Responsibilities were discussed and the following roster of assignments implemented.

2016/2017 Zonta Membership Assignment Roster:

- Prospective Member Packet – Judy Lehman
- Membership Roster – Judy Lehman
- Prospective member follow-up (emails, calls, letters of invitation, classification...) – Pam Knackert & Kim Brinsko
- New member installation – Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry
- Mentor Program – Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry
- Member handbook – Karen Smith
- Member bios – Joann Comodore
- Committee newsletter – Joann Comodore
- Fellowship Information – Gloria Jones

– Joann Harris-Comodore

Holiday Gifts for Neu-Life Students

We are underway with our holiday gift collection for the students at Neu-Life. All of the student profiles have been selected.

If possible, please bring your gifts to the November 16 club meeting. 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.

If you would like someone else to do the shopping for your sponsored child, please notify Janet no later than November 11.

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

Nov 16	Dec 21*
Jan 25	Feb 22
Mar 22	April 26
May 24	June 28*

Board Meetings

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

16 Days of Activism

Nov 25 – Dec 10

Save the Date

2017 Fashion Show
Saturday, April 1, 2017

**May be subject to change*

Advocacy



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16 Days of Activism, November 25 to December 10

The 16 Days of Activism extend from the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women** on November 25 to **Human Rights Day** on December 10.

During this year's 16 Days, we want to highlight that violence against women is not a "women's issue" but a human rights issue by sharing photos of all those who stand with us in saying no to violence against women. Please have your friends, family, co-workers and connections – of any gender – take photos (or videos!) with one of our Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women signs. Hopefully we can engage public figures and prominent community members to increase recognition for this important issue.



zPost your pictures or videos to Facebook or Twitter, tagging the Zonta Club of Milwaukee, or send them to Krista Betts to be posted to the Club's Facebook page.

Orange Day, November 25

The UN has declared the 25th of each month to be "Orange Day" to help galvanize people to end violence against women. That includes November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the first day of the 16 Days of Activism.

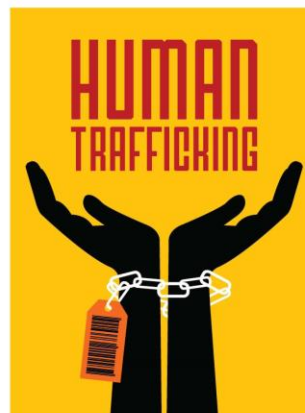
We want to turn the greater Milwaukee area orange on November 25 to draw attention to our campaign. If you have any contacts that can help us achieve this goal, please reach out to them and help us make Milwaukee part of this international effort!

Learn more about Orange Day at <http://endviolence.un.org/>.

Women's Fund of the Stateline Community Foundation and Beloit Public Library presents

Human Trafficking in America

with Wisconsin Humanities
Council presenter
Rachel Monaco-Wilcox



Learn about the myths and misconceptions around sex trafficking in Wisconsin, the situation in Wisconsin, and the LOTUS (Legal Options for Trafficked and Underserved Survivors) legal clinic.

**Thursday, November 17
from 12:15-1:15 p.m.**



The library program room is fitted with hearing loops.


beloit public library

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Service Committee



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Neu-Life Art Room

On October 22, Neu-Life celebrated the completion of renovations with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The new Art Room was funded by the Zonta Club of Milwaukee Foundation's special \$10,000 grant to their capital project.

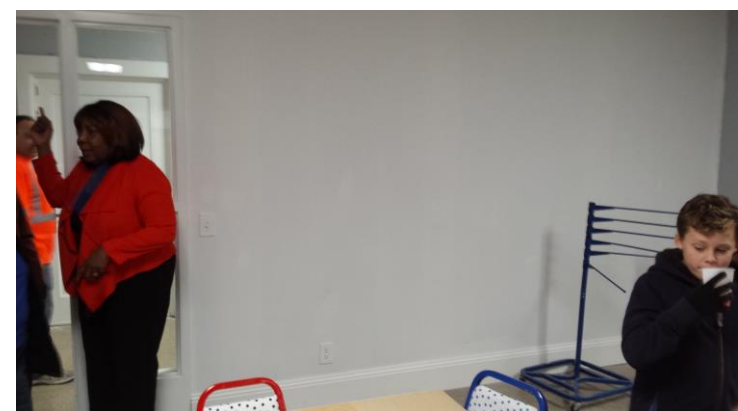
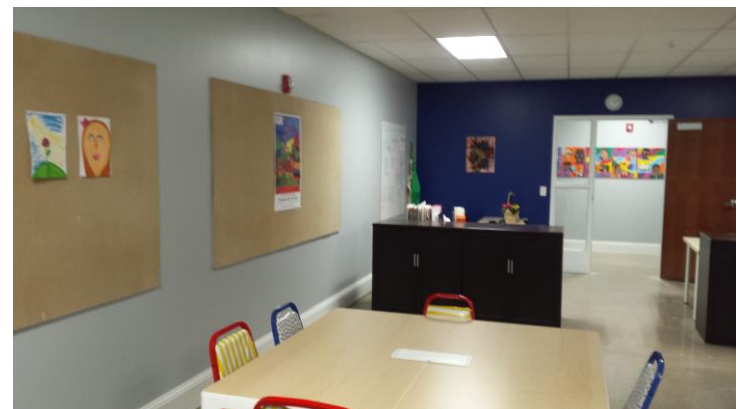
Our club will have the opportunity to work with Neu-Life youth to paint the mural on the Art Room wall. We will keep you up to date on the development of the mural concept and the date for the painting.



Zonta Foundation is recognized on one of the lower leaves of the Neu-Life tree (above).



Our club and sponsorship received an unexpected mention in the Milwaukee Signarama newsletter last month.



The Neu-Life Art Room, including the wall (bottom) where we will paint the mural.



2017 Funding Application

Your Zonta Club of Milwaukee Zonta Foundation, Inc. board has finalized the Funding Guidelines and Application for the 2017 funding grants. Applications are due by December 15, 2016, recipients will be chosen in January and awards will be given at the 2017 fashion show on April 1, 2017. The foundation will be distributing about \$15,000 to local non-profit agencies. If you know of a non-profit agency that has a program/project whose goal is to empower women and/or girls, you can provide them the application. If you have any questions, please let one of the foundation board members know.

November Mini Service Project

To support Wisconsin families that may be in need of food and basic necessities during the upcoming holiday season, we will be holding a food drive at our November meeting. If you would like to participate, please bring non-perishable food items or a check to be made out to the receiving organization.

Please do not bring anything in glass – most places will not accept glass due to the potential chips and breakage. Also, make sure the product is not beyond the expiration date.

Great ideas are:

- Canned goods, such as soup, fruit and vegetables
- Peanut butter
- Boxes/bags of pasta, rice, etc.
- Check donation

We were thinking of donating directly to Feeding America, "where for every dollar you donate, the Feeding America network of food banks secures and distributes 11 meals to people facing hunger" (www.feedingamerica.org).

However, if one of our members has a passion or personal interest in another Milwaukee-based food bank, please let me know and we can discuss and decide at the meeting. Two that I found online were:

- Interchange Food Pantry: <https://interchangefoodpantry.org/about/>
- Riverwest Food Pantry: <http://www.riverwestfoodpantry.org/about/#about-riverwest-food-pantry>

Also, if there is a member who would like to deliver the food (taking into account the food pantry's days/business hours for deliveries), please let me know.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and helping to address the hunger issues during this holiday season,

– Joni Reese



by Marge Holzbog, UN Chair

Zonta International service has been closely linked with the United Nations since Zonta expressed support for the fledgling UN in 1946. Since then, many international service projects have been partnerships with a UN agency where ZI provides funding and the UN agency provides/facilitates the on-the-ground hands-on work.

This biennium, one of our international service projects is in a partnership with UNICEF:

“Let Us Learn Madagascar, an Integrated Program for Adolescent Girls.”

Madagascar is an island country located off the east coast of Africa. The country gained independence in 1960 but has since struggled with lengthy political crises which have led to prolonged instability and detrimental impacts on the economy. As a result, today about 90 percent of Madagascar lives on less than two dollars per day, with children being particularly vulnerable.

The first phase of “Let Us Learn Madagascar,” initiated by UNICEF in 2011, successfully reached four regions; and now, building on this earlier success, our partnership project will help girls in two new regions – Androy and Anosy.

By 2018, our financial help is expected to result in:

- Training of 1,042 post primary teachers
- Catch-up classes provided for 600 students who have been out of school
- Conditional cash transfers for 1,000 low income families enabling their children to attend school
- Construction of four new schools with appropriate water and latrine facilities and proper school furniture, materials, and recreational spaces

With our support, UNICEF “Let Us Learn Madagascar” will be able to:

- Increase the transition rate from primary to junior secondary school
- Improve gender parity
- Increase the percentage of young adolescent mothers who stay in school
- Increase knowledge of child rights and protection services

A Current Reading Suggestion: “Voices from Madagascar” (2002), Edited by Jacques Bourgeacq and Liliane Ramaroso

Madagascar today enjoys a rich literary production in both French and Malagasy which was not been available outside the country due to the country’s political isolation resulting from its independence from France in the 1970s and its subsequent Marxist rule.

During these years, Malagasy writers had little hope their voices would be heard outside the island; but they continued to write, mainly short stories, poems, novels and plays. Although today a few Malagasy writers living outside the country have been published in France, the bulk of Malagasy francophone literature has remained unpublished and circulated mostly in manuscript form within the country.

“Voices of Madagascar” provides a wide selection of these unpublished manuscripts in both French and English providing the reader with interesting and informative cultural insights.



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

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KAREN McCORMICK

The Life Story

Now that I am in my silver years, my life focus has shifted from what I have done, to who I think I am. And that WHO is an artist and a writer. A kind of last chance, now or never, artist and rather reluctant writer to be more precise.

I have been making art since my first box of crayons; art making was a refuge for me growing up in an alcoholic home and it provided an avenue of expression for the struggles of a teenager. But I never considered myself good enough to be called an artist. So during my undergraduate work at UWM, I switched to education and then taught third grade.

Nevertheless, mid-life crisis drew me back to art and I completed a master's degree in art therapy at Lesley College in Boston. Most of my career, 19 years, was spent as an assistant professor in the graduate art therapy program at Mount Mary University. I learned so very much from my students. Every year confirmed and deepened my belief in the healing potential of art making.

I traveled to the west coast to study process painting with Michael Cassou and ran a studio where non-artists came to paint and reconnect with their intuition. I also have training in a SoulCollage process and occasionally run groups in the community for people interested in self-discovery.

Currently, I paint to lose myself and to explore the mystery of creation. Abstracts using acrylics allow me to practice being free and also to suffer the panic of being lost. Oil and cold wax provides the opportunity to relish the beauty of extraordinary color and texture. Some days I leave my studio in bliss; other days I am perplexed and confused. But always there is the brushing against the inherent beauty and wisdom of the creative process.

I write because I have a story to tell not because I love the process of writing. But the process is similar to painting; I get lost, confused, irritated and finally amazed and reassured. The insights and beauty are always waiting for me.

I am a wife, a mother of three children, and grandmother of two. I am fortunate enough to live on a small lake and spend the summer months, when I am not in my garden, swimming and kayaking. Bird watching and wandering in the woods are also favorite past times. All the seasons seem to be magnified by the rhythms of the lake and my garden teaches me patience, appreciation and above all trust.

