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# NEWSLETTER

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October 2016

Area 2 • District 6

**2016–2017**

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## Zonta Dinner Meeting

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Wednesday, October 26, 2016

**Gather for the good work of Zonta.** Hear from those who attended the district conference earlier this month and those who went to Nice for the International Convention. Help define our future partnerships – how we will continue to empower women and girls – with the Forward Committee. (See the committee's article on page 5.) Pick a Neu-Life student profile for holiday gift giving (optional). And as always, 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 with the Forward Committee)  
6:30 pm – Dinner  
7:00 pm – Business Meeting

(Note: If this schedule doesn't work out, we will return to the ICC format, where people will need to select their meal choice the weekend before the meeting and no-shows are charged for their meals.)

### Menu

Choice of Tenderloin Tips, Chicken Normandy, Baked Cod or Vegetarian. 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, October 23 at 9:00 pm, preferably by email ([lorapeterson@wi.rr.com](mailto: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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I am invigorated after attending a great District 6 Fall Conference. Our Club had 14 members in attendance. All of the feedback I received was very positive. Each of us learned new facts about our District and our International projects. The speakers were dynamic. Denise Barreto reminded us that “we need to tell our own story” and, in doing so, we need to be real, be relevant, and be repetitive. As Zontians, we are doing good work in our community and the world; however, we need to do a much better job of telling that story.

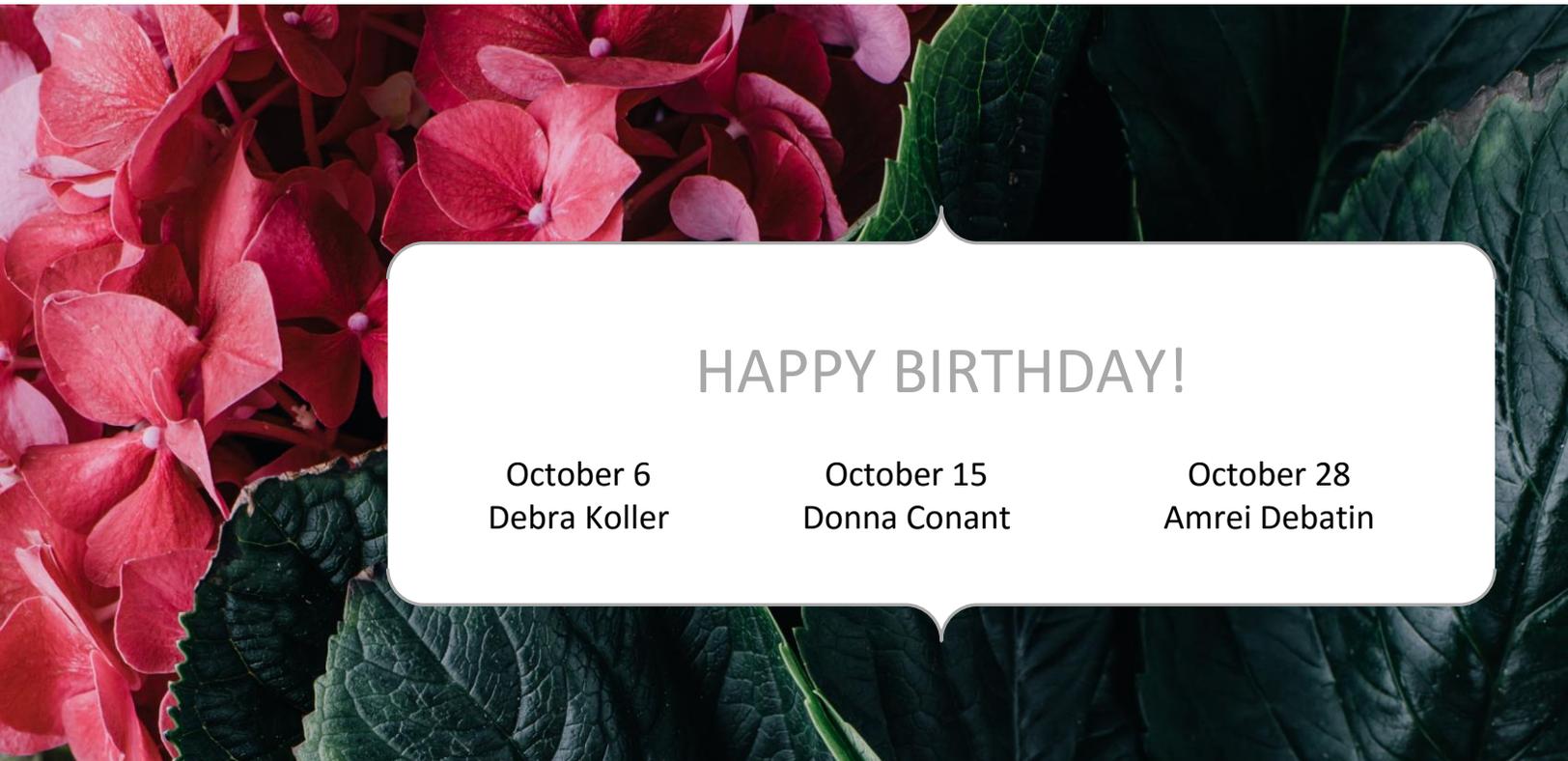
Cassandra Ma told us about the work ReClaim 13 is doing to prevent child human trafficking and help those girls that have been trafficked. She told us about the safe house that her organization has just opened for girls rescued from human trafficking. Agent Donald Suchy, U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement, spoke to us about the efforts of law enforcement in stopping human labor and sex trafficking. Individual Clubs, including ours, shared ideas for service and advocacy. Donna Neal shared information about the ARTREACH program and our collaboration with Neu-Life.

District Conference is a great opportunity to meet, network, and socialize with other Zontians. I encourage each of you to consider attending next year's conference to be held in Madison, October 13-15, 2017. Speak to some of our members who attended this year's conference. I know each of us took away something different from the event.

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.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our October meeting. We plan to use the meeting to help the Forward Committee determine where it should be looking to find our next service commitment.

– Helen Ludwig



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October 6  
Debra Koller

October 15  
Donna Conant

October 28  
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## Meeting Minutes *for September 28, 2016*

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Helen Ludwig, President, called the meeting to order. Two guests were in attendance along with our scholarship winners and their families.

**Finance Committee:** Change made to June minutes to reflect a 1.25% interest rate on the CD. Current balance of \$12,485.88 in the checking account and \$5,010.37 in the CD at Waterstone Bank.

**Advocacy Committee:** La Toya Sykes and Donna Neal reported on the second annual Silent Walk that was held September 26, 2016. Neu-Life joined us again for the walk which was very much appreciated. Unfortunately, Mayor Barrett and Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton were not able to attend due to a budget meeting. Many thanks to the committee members who worked to line up speakers, logistics, flags and names. It was suggested we consider asking other organizations with like-minded missions to join us next year.

Krista reminded us that we have the 16 Days of Activism coming up at the end of November.

**Fashion Show Committee:** Date is April 1, 2017, with first planning meeting following the September 28 club meeting.

**Membership Committee:** First meeting will be Monday, October 17, at Panera Bread (Mayfair Mall) at 6:00 pm. It is likely we will have a new member installed at the October meeting. We received a certificate at the Zonta International Convention for installing 16 or more new members in the 2014-2016 biennium.

**Program Committee:** New venue at Alioto's. Suggestions for speakers should be sent to Lori Peterson.

**Public Relations Committee:** Silent Walk photos have been published on Facebook along with a video of Barbara Wyatt Sibley reading the names. Zonta International Convention pictures are also on Facebook.

**Scholarship Committee:** Scholarship recipients will be honored tonight. Next meeting on October 4, at Stone Creek Coffee on 5<sup>th</sup> St (by Amtrak station) to work on the next round of scholarships.

**Service Committee:** Helen suggested we should have one overall coordinator to help Donna Neal; the person does not necessarily need to be involved in everything. Donna Neal reported that Sandy Goldmann and Janet Kloser will chair the holiday gift drive for Neu-Life. Profiles will be available at the October meeting.

**United Nations Representative:** Marge Holzbog was not able to attend the meeting. Helen suggested it would be nice to do a Zonta minute on an International Club to learn what they are doing. Deb Koller volunteered to do so.

**Z Club:** Joann reported that the new school year has started. They had the Z Club presentation at the school and about 40 girls attended. An advisor was also appointed from the school.

**Forward Committee:** Montez Ashley and Ellen Burgermeister have agreed to co-chair the committee. The committee will be focusing over the next several months on reviewing our existing Service partnership with Neu-Life as well as reviewing objectives and criteria for the next service partnership. We have committed to

## Meeting Minutes *for Sept. 28, 2016 (cont.)*

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Neu-Life through May of 2017. A post evaluation survey of the Neu-Life partnership will be sent out via email and a response is requested by October 11.

**Speaker:** Our speaker for the evening was Ms. Inshirah Farhoud, Vice President, Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition. She is a nurse practitioner at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and holds a BSN from Alverno College, a MSN from Marquette University, and a post master's from UW Madison.

The Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition was founded in 1994 with a mission "To empower Muslim women by providing them with the skills and training necessary for self-advocacy, leadership, and economic security. To advocate for Islam and Muslims by promoting an accurate understanding of the faith, to encourage dialogue amongst all people, to protect civil liberties, and to build relationships and coalitions that work for justice, harmony, peace, and understanding."

**Scholarships:** The scholarship committee honored three scholarship recipients.

Kelley Hickman, entrepreneur and student at Alverno College, was awarded the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship for \$1,000.

Autumn Hackbarth, commercial property manager and student at Wisconsin Lutheran College, was awarded a Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship for \$500.

Carla Echeveste, student at University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, was awarded the Women in STEM Scholarship for \$1,000.

**Neu-Life Art Room Mural:** Our club has been asked to help design a mural for the Neu-Life Art Room. Jody Rhodes facilitated a brainstorming session for mural ideas (content, look and feel). She will take these back and a mural artist will create a design that our club will later review. Club members are asked to help with the painting once the design is final (likely in October).

### **New Business:**

Joni Reese suggested that those donating to United Way through at-work opportunities consider selecting Zonta Foundation as the designated giving. The funds will go directly to our Milwaukee Foundation.

District 6 Fall Conference is October 7-9.

Next meeting is October 26 at Alioto's.

*Submitted by Karen Smith, Secretary*

# Forward Committee



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The Forward Committee is charged with identifying long-term service programs, defined as 3+ years, consistent with the mission of Zonta International. To accomplish this, the Forward Committee will lead club members in a multi-step process that will provide the necessary feedback and information needed for the club to collectively make decisions about future long-term service programs.

The steps are identified as the following:

**Step I** – Assessing our current partnership with Neu-Life to determine strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, sustainability, and consistency with our mission.

**Step II** – Reevaluating the criteria used to ensure that service projects we engage in are in alignment with our mission.

**Step III** – Gathering data through interviews and review of reports and briefing papers on issues relating to women and girls on both a national and local level. Members of the Forward Committee will be reaching out to community stakeholders to include elected officials to gain knowledge from their perspective. The goal here is to bring to light common themes and issues, learn about current initiatives where Zonta can lend support, and identify any new issues affecting women and girls. This information will be disseminated to club members in a format to be determined.

**Step IV** – Based on the information gathered in the aforementioned steps, the Forward Committee will facilitate the identification of new long-term service program(s)/partnership(s) by engaging all club members.

The final product will be an **Action Plan for the Club's Long-Term Service Program**.

We welcome all feedback from all club members as it is our goal to make this a successful and inclusive endeavor.

– Montez Ashley and Ellen Burgermeister, Co-chairs

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*The Forward Committee has already begun to tally the results of the Service Partnership Survey emailed to everyone following our September meeting. We need your responses to present a complete picture at our October club meeting. If you have not yet completed your survey, please do so now! Email your completed survey to Montez Ashley and Ellen Burgermeister.*

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## Club Calendar

### Club Meetings

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

### Board Meetings

Nov 8	Dec 13
Jan 10	Feb 14
Mar 14	April 11
May 9	June 13

## Save the Date

2017 Fashion Show  
Saturday, April 1, 2017

*\*May be subject to change*



# Neu-Life's Renovation Celebration!

Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1-3 pm

Ribbon Cutting & Dedication 1:30 pm

2014 W North Ave, Milwaukee, WI

RSVP by October 20<sup>th</sup>  
to Jody Rhodes,  
neulife1@sbcglobal.net



At long last, the renovations at Neu-Life are complete, including the new Art Room -- funded by the Zonta Club of Milwaukee Foundation's special \$10,000 grant to their capital project. Join Neu-Life in celebrating the renovations on October 22!

What you won't see at the celebration is the mural that we will be painting on the Art Room wall. Thank you for participating in the mural brainstorming session at last month's meeting. We look forward to receiving concepts from the artist -- and painting the wall later this fall!

The painting will be a hands-on opportunity for Club members to work with Neu-Life youth, likely on a Saturday. We will let you know the date as soon as it is set.

## Holiday Gift Drive

We will have youth profiles for Holiday Gift Giving available at the October meeting. If you have any questions or won't be at the meeting and would like a profile to be selected for you, please contact Sandy Goldmann or Janet Kloser, who are co-chairing the drive.



*by Marge Holzbog, UN Chair*

Sara Bean of the Zonta Club of Lebanon (Indiana) is the District 6 UN Chair. I had the opportunity to meet with her at the District 6 Fall Conference, and she shared with me her primary goals:

- Provide each club with regularly scheduled information on the activities and involvement of Zonta International at the United Nations

(Recall that Zonta International has “Consultative Status” with the UN, and therefore is able to receive information directly from the body as well as offer comment on issues on behalf of Zonta International through its attending representatives.)

- Keep clubs current on worldwide views
- Find ways to connect our UN involvement to local clubs
- Help each club find ways to support the International activities of Zonta

International service is an important part of Zonta’s mission. Our international service projects in Liberia and Madagascar as well as ZISVAW projects in Nepal and Niger are administered through branches of the UN such as UN Women, UNICEF, UNFPA, and the UN TRUST FUND TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN. Their staff and on-site connections are Zonta’s feet on the ground.

The Commission on the Status of Women will be meeting in New York City March 13–24, 2017. The priority theme will be “Women’s Economic Empowerment in the Changing World of Work.” Those attending the meeting will receive an excellent understanding of the Zonta/UN connection.

## A Current Reading Suggestion: “The Girl with Seven Names” by Hyeonseo Lee

As a child growing up in North Korea, Lee was one of millions trapped by the world’s most secretive and brutal communist regime. From the indoctrination she received in kindergarten to her forced service in the Socialist Youth League at the age of 14, the state controlled every aspect of her life. When the Great Famine struck in the 1990s and she witnessed the chaos, starvation and repression all around her, she began to doubt her longest held belief. Was her country, as she had always been told, “the best on the planet”? This is her biography.

Hyeonseo Lee lived in North Korea until her escape in 1997. In 2008, she moved to Seoul where she now lives and has recently graduated from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies. She now campaigns internationally for North Korean human rights and refugee issues, speaking all over the world, including at the UN and the Oslo Freedom Forum.

*(Summary from Libri, [www.libri.hu](http://www.libri.hu))*

# Scholarship Committee



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Congratulations again to our 2016 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship recipients, Kelley Hickman and Autumn Hackbarth, and our Women in STEM Scholarship recipient, Carla Echeveste.

The Scholarship Committee is already hard at work to make sure we effectively spread the word for our 2017 scholarships, starting with the Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

## Did You Know?

In 1938, Zonta International established the **Amelia Earhart Fellowship** to help increase the number of women in aerospace-related fields. Each year, Zonta International presents 35 awards in the amount of \$10,000.

We had the pleasure of meeting one of the 2016 Amelia Earhart Fellows at the District 6 Fall Conference: **Heather Wiest**, who is nearing completion of her graduate degree in Aerospace Engineering at Purdue University. Her research focuses on propulsion, and she has accepted a job at Blue Origin, to begin after her studies are completed.

If you know someone pursuing a graduate degree in an aerospace-related field, the deadline for the 2017 application is November 15. More information is available here: <http://www.zonta.org/Global-Impact/Education/Amelia-Earhart-Fellowship>

A promotional graphic for the Amelia Earhart Fellowship. It features a large teal banner at the top with the text "AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIP DEADLINE FOR 2017 FELLOWSHIP: 15 NOVEMBER 2016". Below the banner, there are three circular images: one of a woman in a cockpit, one of a woman working on an aircraft engine, and one of a woman in a lab coat. To the right is a large image of Amelia Earhart in her iconic aviator gear. At the bottom, there is a gold winged pilot emblem and the Zonta International logo. Text on the left says "Expanding opportunities for women in aerospace-related sciences and aerospace-related engineering" and text on the right says "Find application at foundation.zonta.org/AEFellowship".

**AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIP  
DEADLINE FOR 2017 FELLOWSHIP:  
15 NOVEMBER 2016**

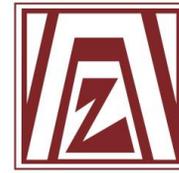
Expanding opportunities for women  
in aerospace-related sciences and  
aerospace-related engineering

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## Giving Tips

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### Giving to the Milwaukee Zonta Foundation Through United Way

Does your place of employment have a workplace giving campaign? If so, did you know that you can contribute your United Way campaign donation to our Zonta Club of Milwaukee Foundation? Yes, you can!

I have been doing this for a few years, and 100% of the funds come into the Foundation from the United Way. No administration fees are taken out. If you so choose, through the Foundation you can designate your money to the fund of your choice...service, scholarship and/or grants. In addition, if your company has a matching gifts program, you can fill out the request for a matching gift to be sent to the Zonta Club of Milwaukee Foundation.

I normally ask for 1/2 of the year's match around mid-year, and create a calendar event to request the 2nd half of the year's funds prior to the end of the calendar year.

The Foundation for the Zonta Club of Milwaukee is a 501(c)(3) organization and can be selected on the United Way online giving website. It is listed as "**Zonta Foundation Inc**" with a **tax number of 39-6044770** and an address of **New Berlin, WI** (Pam Knackert's city/state). Please talk to Pam or Joni if you have any questions.

– Submitted by Joni Reese

## 2017 Funding Application

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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.

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## Membership Corner

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The membership committee will be meeting Monday, October 17 at Panera at Mayfair at 6:00 pm to review responsibilities and make plans for the coming year. If you want to join the committee, please let Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry or Pam Knackert know and join us for our meeting.

At our October club meeting we won't have a speaker, but we will be discussing our Service Project/Partnership direction for the club. So if you have someone interested in joining that you think would benefit or enjoy this please invite them to the meeting. Otherwise provide their name to me and I can contact them.

– Pam Knackert

## Meet Our Members



### ANGELA DOYEL

Angela and her husband, William, recently celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary. They have a 90 lb. German Shepherd dog, Simon, whom they spoil rotten, and three nephews, Ben (7), Jack (3), and Loki (a 9-year-old Golden Retriever).

Angela was born and raised in Greendale, WI, by her two loving parents, Herb and Gail, along with sister, Hillary. She feels an overwhelming sense of gratitude for the compassion and drive that both parents instilled in their daughters, teaching them to be strong and independent women from early on.



Angela found a passion for backstage theatrical arts in high school and attended the Theatre School at DePaul University in Chicago, IL, where she earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Production Stage Management. During her time at DePaul, she interned on productions at Lincoln Center in New York City and at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago. She now uses her diverse skillset to come up with creative solutions in the fields of executive assisting, project management, and meeting & event planning.

Angela began her career at the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) where she held positions as Assistant Office Manager, Meeting Planner, and Executive Assistant over her five-year tenure. Most importantly, this is where she met her best friend, current Zonta member Krista Betts.

Angela and William moved back to Southeastern Wisconsin to be closer to their family and new nephew in 2010, after spending a decade together in Chicago. Angela began working as an Executive Assistant/Office Manager at Herzing University, where she remained for 3 years.

Angela currently works as the Officer, Strategic Performance Administrative Specialist at Johnson Financial Group, where she partners with Senior Leaders and Project Managers to advance the strategic initiatives of the company. She was recently awarded the "2016 Pillar of Strength" award for making significant improvements to the organization.

Angela is a lover of all things animal, especially dogs. And giraffes. And otters. She has a passion for learning about new technologies and the efficiencies they can create. She loves spending time with her family and friends. She also enjoys hanging out with her nephews, because they are pretty cool dudes.