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Zonta Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

Speaker: Donna Neal, Zonta International Foundation Ambassador, District 6

Our speaker for September is our own Donna Neal, in her role as Foundation Ambassador for District 6.

The Zonta International Foundation (ZIF) is the charitable arm of Zonta International, responsible for our international educational, service and anti-violence projects and programs. The Foundation Ambassador is a resource to the Governor and the link between the District and ZIF. She keeps the District informed through newsletter articles, presentations at District and Area meetings, and other speaking engagements on request. Each biennium the District Board establishes goals for the District in support of the ZIF goals, and the Ambassador tracks progress against the goals. The Ambassador's responsibilities also include promoting 1/3 giving from the clubs to ZIF and encouraging individual giving.

Donna had an informative and engaging presentation at the 2016 District 6 Conference and will present updates on the status of our International Service and ZISVAW projects to our club.

Mo's Irish Pub, 10842 W. Bluemound Road, Wauwatosa (northeast corner of Bluemound and Hwy 100)

5:30 pm – Social

6:00 pm – Dinner with speaker and meeting to follow

Menu: Each guest may choose one starter and one main course:

Starters – House Salad; Caesar Salad; Tomato Soup; or
Chicken Dumpling Soup

Main Course – Cobb Salad; Chicken Sandwich; Pub Burger; or
the Jackie Special

Choices will be made when you are at the table. Cost is \$30 per person. Please order any beverages through our servers.

RSVP: Please contact Lori Peterson by Sunday, September 24 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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Now that summer is over, it is time to re-focus and re-energize on our Zonta projects. As a continuing theme, if you have not already, please join a committee. I will have the sign-up sheets at our September meeting. Also, please remember to continue to track your volunteer hours and monetary/in-kind contributions. After discussion at our most recent board meeting, the consensus is that all contributions (money or time) spent doing service or advocacy volunteering, whether for Zonta or another like-minded organization, should be counted. I will be collecting the forms in the spring and forwarding them to our district for submission to Zonta International. The forms are intended to be anonymous. No one from our club will be tracking any individual member's time or dollar donations.

Fall conference will be held in Madison, Friday, October 13 through Sunday, October 15. Early registration ends on September 30. I am hoping many of you will be able to attend. It is a great opportunity to meet other Zontians from our district and learn more about other clubs' service and advocacy programs. Please let me know if you are unable to book a room. A couple of our members did reserve rooms and are now unable to attend, so we should be able to switch the reservations.

You all should have received an invitation to dine with Zonta International President Elect Susanne von Bassewitz on Wednesday, October 11. This is a unique opportunity to have one-on-one time with the ZI President Elect. If you are able to attend, please let Sally Bean know as soon as possible. Please email me if you are interested in carpooling to Madison.

Finally, please get the word out regarding our 3rd Annual Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Walk on Monday, October 2. The more people we have walking, the bigger our impact.

I hope to see all of you at our meeting at Mo's Irish Pub in Wauwatosa on September 27.

– Helen Ludwig



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September 15
Kim Brinsko

September 26
Barbara Wyatt Sibley

Meeting Minutes *for August 23, 2017*



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Helen Ludwig, President, called the meeting to order.

Jackie Beaudry read the invocation.

We had several guests attend our meeting: Sandra Miller, Barb Nelson, and our scholarship recipients, Anna Schreiber and Bianca Ruffolo, and their parents.

Guest speakers for the evening were Gerry Howze and Christy Miller from PEARLS for Teen Girls. PEARLS for Teen Girls was one of our Foundation grant recipients. This year they anticipate serving more than 1,900 girls.

Scholarship Presentation: Anna Schreiber was presented with the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business scholarship, and Bianca Ruffolo with the Women in STEM Scholarship. See your August newsletter for more information on each winner.

Treasurer's Report: Bank balance as of end of July: \$13,279.20; CD: \$5,067.51.

Zonta Minute: La Toya Sykes presented our Zonta minute. La Toya asked what club members would like to learn about Zonta International through the UN Committee. Over the next couple of weeks, please respond to Marge Holzbog and La Toya with your questions or if you have interest in participating in the UN Committee.

2018 Zonta International Convention, June 28 to July 3, is in Yokohama, Japan.

Fall Conference: Helen Ludwig and Karen Smith will serve as our club delegates. La Toya Sykes and Montez Ashley will serve as alternate delegates. We need two to three volunteers to help with greeting and registration at the conference, in addition to packet assembly on Friday and Saturday morning. We will also need volunteers to staff our table at the Zonta store, where we will sell Neu-Life notebooks, note cards and Zonta portfolios.

Advocacy: The Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Silent Walk will be October 2, 2017. Permit and route have been approved, and guest speakers have been arranged by Christine Todd and Jackie Beaudry. Please remember to send the "save the date" to your friends and encourage them to attend. The "save the date" was attached to your August newsletter.

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

September 27	October 25
November 29	December 20
January 24	February 28
March 28	April 25
May 23	June 27

Board Meetings

Club Board meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Silent Walk

October 2, 11:55 am to 1:00 pm
Meet at Milwaukee City Hall

District Conference

October 13-15
Madison, WI
<http://zontadistrict6.org/2017-fall-conference/>

Meeting Minutes for August 23, 2017 (cont.)



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During Women's Equality Week, there was a "thunderclap" for the Equal Rights Amendment. The amendment was ratified in 1972, but the bill had state ratification requirements which are not yet complete. (Read more here: <https://www.thunderclap.it/projects/59013-u-s-congress-hear-us-now>.) The August newsletter also included a legislation update: The Women, Peace and Security Act has passed the House and Senate. Women in our club had input into the bill. Women's Equality Day materials were provided to all members.

Fashion Show Fundraiser: If you have corporate contacts for donors, please contact Christine Todd. We will begin planning for the Fashion Show in September or October.

Membership: We have a new member to be installed in September.

Program: Our speaker for next month will be Donna Neal, speaking on Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation.

Public Relations: If you have information on the Walk, please get it to Elizabeth for publication.

Scholarships: Erica Lofton, our Young Women in Public Affairs recipient, won District and International awards as well. To attend the District Conference, Erica and her mother will need a ride; it was suggested that they take the Badger bus, as they will not arrive until Saturday. Our club would sponsor.

Service: Our next mini service project will be the collection of feminine care products—look for more information in the September newsletter.

Z Club: The club will resume at the Milwaukee High School of the Arts. Last week we learned the principal we worked with is no longer there, nor is the club advisor. The new principal is in favor of continuing. We will need to work to obtain a new advisor.

Announcements:

- September 27 – Next Club Meeting at Mo's Irish Pub
- October 2 – 3rd Annual Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Walk
- October 11 – Dinner with the Zonta International President Elect in Madison
- October 13-15 – Fall District Conference in Madison

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Karen Smith, Secretary

Z Club

School has resumed, and the MHSA FEM-Z Club girls are busy adjusting to new classes, new staff, and the many changes the new school year brings. FEM- Z Club is reportedly transitioning into the new year, excited and looking forward to moving forward with club projects and activities (as are we)!!!

*Submitted by
Joann Harris-Comodore*

Advocacy Committee



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Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women 3rd Annual Walk

Monday, October 2, 2017

11:55 am – 1:00 pm | Milwaukee City Hall

*Join us in a silent walk around the Milwaukee downtown area, beginning and ending at City Hall, for the purpose of remembering those in Wisconsin who have died this past year as a result of domestic violence.
Together, we can inspire community action.*



Sponsors

Join Us in Saying NO to Violence Against Women

The 3rd Annual Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Silent Walk is coming up soon:

Monday, October 2, 11:55 am to 1:00 pm.

Our 1-mile walk (see the map at right) will begin and end at Milwaukee City Hall, where we will also hear from several community leaders prior to the reading of the names of those who died in 2016 as a result of domestic violence. Those who cannot walk can show their support by joining us for the program at City Hall.



Confirmed speakers for the event include:

- District Attorney John Chisholm
- Judge Janine Geske
- Captain Aimee Obregon, Milwaukee Police Department Sensitive Crimes Division
- Tammie Xiong, City of Milwaukee Commission on Domestic Violence
- Carmen Pitre, Executive Director, Sojourner Family Peace Center

Please invite your friends, neighbors, family, coworkers and like-minded groups to join us on the walk. You can spread the word with our invitation letter, save the date, or [Facebook event](#).

When you join us for the walk, you are invited to wear your Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women T-shirts and ribbons. We'll have some ribbons available at the September club meeting.

UN Committee



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With the current international news about North Korea, I thought you might be interested in reading **Hyongseo Lee's *The Girl with Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story***. I have found it a very good and informative read.

As a child growing up in North Korea, Hyongseo 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 age 14, the state controlled every aspect of her life. When the Great Famine struck in the 1990s and she witnessed 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"?

In 1997, age 17, Hyongseo escaped North Korea for China. Her mother's first words over the telephone to her daughter were "don't come back." The reprisals for all of them would have been lethal.

In April 2014, Hyongseo testified at a special session of the United Nations Security Council specifically focused on North Korean human rights abuse.

– Marge Holzbog



2016-2018 Zonta International Foundation Giving Totals*



The amounts below represent the percentage each fund has received toward the 2016-2018 Biennial Goal.



International
Service Program

37%



ZISVAW
Program

30%



Amelia Earhart
Fellowship

33%



Jane M. Klausman
Women in Business
Scholarship

34%



Young Women
in Public Affairs
Award

57%

*Through 31 July 2017

Learn more about
our International
Service and
ZISVAW Programs
at the September
Club Meeting.



Program

- There are now **14 completed paintings**.
- Milwaukee High School of the Arts ran a summer program with a media-of-choice option. A couple of artworks need a few more weeks to be completed, but included is one **poetry/music video**.
- A one- to two-class **segment on human sex trafficking is being added to the Making Proud Choices** (pregnancy and STD prevention) curriculum. Neu-Life staff executed this program at five MPS schools to approximately 500 students last year. It includes basic education on human trafficking but no art portion.
- Neu-Life has added four Milwaukee College Prep campuses to its Making Proud Choices program. We expect to **reach an additional 480 7th and 8th graders** with the segment on human trafficking this school year. The Zonta ARTREACH Curriculum Committee will review and update the curriculum before it is next implemented in late October in two 45-minute sessions per student group.
- **Yell and Tell Enticement Unit** (piloted in summer 2016) was added for elementary-age students. Summer sessions were completed with Gwen T Jackson K3 through Grade 2 youth this summer.
- A **gap in programming for 4th, 5th and 6th graders** has been identified. We are looking for resources to help us bridge the gap in terms of both appropriate subject matter and learning methods.
- **Curriculum Committee** includes Mary Staten, Donna Neal and Karen McCormick (on deck).
- **ARTREACH Coordinating Committee** includes Jody Rhodes, Tracy Hrajnoja and others from Neu-Life, as well as Mary Staten and Donna Neal from Zonta. We expect to add a couple more Zontians in the coming months.



Before and After, Created by Neu-Life Youth, Fall 2014/Spring 2015



Placements

- **Placements Committee** has met and drafted a preliminary list of first-choice placements. We are identifying contacts and learning processes. City Hall and Milwaukee Public Library applications are underway. Potential options also include museums, churches, and other venues where we can reach youth or those who interact with youth in meaningful ways. The committee is meeting again to formalize a plan for scheduling exhibits.
- Placements Committee includes Montez Ashley, Marge Holzbog, Joyce McCrary, Regina Young-Ferguson, and Donna Neal.
- **Trained Road Crew** (ready and waiting for direction) includes Montez Ashley, Krista Betts, Amrei Debatin, Gloria Jones, Janet Kloser, Helen Ludwig, Joyce McCrary, Donna Neal, Lori Peterson, Joni Reese, Mary Staten, and Laureen Ward. (If I missed anyone, please let me know!)

Funding

Neu-Life has received a \$25,000 grant from the United Way to support Neu-Life's ARTREACH programming through June 30, 2018.

BIG NEWS!!!

Neu-Life applied for \$50,000 and received half. We are re-working the deliverables based on the funding but expect we will include:

- Salary and benefits to support a part-time staff member dedicated to ARTREACH
- Fees to bring in professional speakers to the program (e.g., survivors of human sex trafficking)
- Travel expenses for Road Crew and other public education efforts
- Program supplies, including supplies for taking the show on the road (e.g., easels)
- Printing/copy/media expenses to help produce the ARTREACH Toolkit, professional copies of the artworks for community displays, etc.
- Train-the-trainer expenses for moving the program beyond Neu-Life

Zonta Club of Milwaukee Foundation is funding ARTREACH programming this year for \$5,000. The report on how funds were used and the impact will be received by the Foundation Board in December.

If you have any thoughts or ideas regarding what's happening and what's planned, you can talk to me or any committee member. If you have any ideas of good places for exhibits and/or possible contacts to make exhibits happen, please contact me or anyone on the Placements Committee.

– Donna Neal, ARTREACH Chair

September Mini Service Project



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The Period Project

“You may think of your period as an annoyance but can you imagine not having pads/tampons every month? Did you know that feminine products are the least donated products to homeless shelters? Did you know that many girls in our schools do not have access to these necessities? For many women the implications of living without these necessary supplies are serious... it's the difference between attending school or work, between peace of mind and humiliation or between infection and health.”

– From <http://homelessperiodproject.org/>

Periods are a hassle to most women and girls, but it can also be a financial hardship or life-altering. To support the District 6 service project at our Fall Conference, we are asking our members to collect and bring in donations in support of The Period Project.

The request is for:

- Sealed boxes of pads or tampons
- Cleansing wipes
- Hand sanitizers
- Soap
- Panty liners
- New underwear

Please bring your donations to the September meeting or to Fall Conference if you are attending. Thank you for your generosity.

New Membership Committee

Congratulations to Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry and Kim Brinsko on their new roles as co-chairs of the New Membership Committee!

The New Membership Committee is grateful for the heartfelt work and service that Pam Knackert has rendered in the guidance and continual refining of the committee, and for her continued active and supportive membership.

Our 3rd annual Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Walk is October 2 and provides another great opportunity to introduce family, friends, and peers to Zonta. Encourage someone to join you in support of this call for action advocacy!

Submitted by Joann Harris-Comodore

Racial Justice



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Dear Zontians,

As you know, one of our focus points for this year is racial justice. We have an opportunity to take an initial step in learning more about the topic. The YWCA of Southeast Wisconsin is sponsoring A Night to Promote Racial Justice, featuring author and professor Dr. Michael Eric Dyson on December 6, 2017, at the Marcus Center for Performing Arts.

Below is the information from the YWCA.

– Montez Ashley

An Evening to Promote Racial Justice

December 6, 2017

Marcus Center for the Performing Arts

With Keynote Presenter:

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, a Detroit native, ordained Baptist minister, current Georgetown University sociology professor – former professor at Brown, North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Columbia, DePaul and University of Pennsylvania – has taken the nation by storm with the publication of his most recent book, *Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America*, an instant *New York Times* bestseller.

Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America will be available for sale at his book signing immediately following the event.

Registration for the Evening to Promote Racial Justice opens November 1 at www.ywcasew.org.

Hosted by YWCA of Southeast Wisconsin



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