



Zonta Club *Milwaukee*

April 2015

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www.zontamilwaukee.org

Wednesday, April 22nd, 2015

Annual Club and Foundation Meeting

Join us for our Annual meeting to learn what transpired over the past year and what is in store for 2015-2016. Come hear reports from standing committees as well as the Foundation. We will also be voting on our 2015-2016 slate of officers for the Club. Your attendance is needed to ensure we meet our obligations for the Foundation and Club and to celebrate the hard work and achievements over the past year.

Please bring a copy of the updated bylaws that will be voted on.

Meal Choices: Regular Meal – Stuffed Pepper Salad
Vegetarian Option – Pasta Primavera

Italian Community Center (I.C.C.), 631 E. Chicago
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

5:30 PM - Social

6:00 PM - Dinner

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](mailto:h Ludwig@sbl-law.org) with the cancellation of
your standing reservation or any call-in reservation by 9:00
am on Monday, April 20th, 2015.

President's Message...

Greetings Milwaukee Zontians;

Spring has sprung!!... so the Weather man says. Spring is a special time; a time of renewal. It's a time for new situations and new phases to begin in life...especially for our young girls and young women. Many of them will be moving on to middle school, high school, get their first summer job for college, etc. The season is also ripe for romantic, summer relationships, from "puppy love" to "going steady".

This is also an opportune time for us, as Zontians, to talk with young girls and women including, but not limited to our daughters, granddaughters, god-daughters, younger sisters, cousins and nieces about the subtlety of emotional, psychological and physical domestic abuse.

We know that what can appear as smothering, isolating attention can lead to controlling behavior; what seems like innocent critiquing can lead to belittling, hurtful words, that withholding approval or affection can challenge ones self-esteem and self-worth. This kind of behavior and the acceptance or tolerance of it can be the forerunners of abuse.

Let's counsel our young girls and young women to have confidence in themselves. Of course, we want them to consider the opinions of those important in their lives, but when any negativity becomes constant, non-ending and hurtful, they need to know it might be time to step back and assess the relationship or the situation.

Our biennial theme is "Conviction, Commitment and Courage"...and we believe in it as it relates to women the world over...the best place to promote it is with women around us!

- Donna KW



Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2015

The dinner meeting was called to order by President Donna Kahl-Wilkerson at 6:15 p m.

Missy Creevy distributed a prayer that was provided by Donna Conant, which we read together.

Barbara Wyatt Sibley introduced speaker, Janine Geske: Justice Geske graduated from Beloit College with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Masters of Arts in Teaching and received her J.D. from Marquette University Law School. At Marquette University Law School the Restorative Justice Initiative (RJI) was created in 2004 under the leadership of Janine Geske, distinguished professor of law and former justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, to help support victims and communities in the process of healing from the effects of crime. With Professor Geske's retirement from the full-time faculty in 2014, the RJI has been combined with the Law School's other academic programs. Marquette University offers a 1 credit course working with the Green Bay Prison Restorative Justice Program, which includes the participation of students in a three-day restorative justice program for inmates. Janine Geske directs the Restorative Justice Clinic and teaches restorative justice; facilitating victim-offender dialogues in crimes of severe violence, and designing restorative justice processes.

Zonta members learned from the speaker the three key components addressed as part of Restorative Justice - What is the harm? Who was harmed? How can the harm be repaired? We learned that the "Victim" also has three parts - the victim or survivor of the harm, the community, and the offender. Restorative Justice often answers the questions of what happened in the last minutes of life - bringing some resolution and clarity to those harmed. The practice of Restorative Justice is intense and deeply personal - life changing for all participants.

Advocacy Committee: Diane Lindsley brought up the Safe Harbor Bill. A "Safe Harbor Bill" urges the Legislature to enact the Safe Harbor for sexually exploited children. Despite the fact that children under the age of 17 cannot consent to sex, children as young as 11 and 12 are routinely charged and incarcerated for prostitution. The goal is to stop treating exploited children like criminals and provide them with services and safe houses - not jail cells. Zontians were given the opportunity to contact their representatives to support this kind of legislation.

International Women's Conference, Diane Lindsley. There were seven Zonta Club of Milwaukee members at the event. The Zonta Club of Milwaukee panels which Joni Reese set up were informative and looked wonderful. We displayed our banner, and distributed information about the upcoming Fashion Show.

Zonta Fashion Show, Joni Reese and Carol Cline, Zonta preparations are going well, and moving forward in a timely manner. Lynne Oehlke requested help with raffles, set up and clean up. April 4, 2015 is the deadline for wine donations.

Scholarship Programs, Missy Creevy, reported that applications are in for the Young Women in Public /affairs, and a decision will be made next Wednesday, March 25, 2015. We have one applicant from Green Bay, as we are the closest club. Please help bring in applications for the scholarship, women in STEM and Women in Business. The information is on the Web. Please spread the word. the application due date is June 15, 2015.

Treasurer Report, Diane Lindsley reported that the finances are in order. This year membership dues and fees total \$170.00. Make checks payable to the Zonta Club of Milwaukee. To avoid late fees, dues will be required no later than April 22, 2015, which is the April meeting date. There will be an opportunity to charge yours dues, however, that will only be possible at the Zonta Fashion Show, April 18, 2015.

Membership, Pam Knackert The gathering in May will be held at Susan's.

Meeting Minutes Continued...

The nominations for offices, which will be voted on at next month's meeting are as follows: Joann Comodore, Club Board, Karen LeSage, Club Board, Lauren Ward, Club Board, Joni Reese, Foundation Board, Pam Knackert, Treasurer of Foundation Board, (extended three years), and Lynne Oehlke, Foundation Board.

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee April Meeting will concentrate on Club Board and Foundation Board reports, approving the officers, and presenting and passing the updated bylaws.

Zonta Club of Milwaukee Z Club Report: Victoria Frazier and Joann Comodore are working on the possibility of creating a Z Club, connecting Zonta with the the young high school women from Milwaukee School of the Arts. Milwaukee School of the Arts is connected with the younger children at the Neu-Life Program. Victoria and Joann have had a meeting with the Principal of the Milwaukee School of the Arts, who is interested and supportive of the venture. There is a young woman, from Milwaukee School of the Arts, who has experience working with young people and groups, willing to be one of the mentors. Victoria and Joann are going to contact Suzanne Leeke for further information on forming Z Clubs. The proposal will be brought to the Club for approval and then the proper documents will be submitted. The hope is to begin a group by the summer, with the approval of the Milwaukee Club of Milwaukee. The question was brought up for vote whether the preparation work needed to start a Z Club should continue with the results being brought to the whole club for the April Meeting.. Donna Conant moved to have Victoria Frazier and Joann Comodore continue steps necessary to create a Z Club. Seconded by Lori Peterson; the vote passed and was unanimous. The final information will be brought back to the Zonta Club of Milwaukee for final approval.

Announcements: Donna Kahl-Wilkerson, Conference: District 7, Minneapolis for the North American Inter-District Meeting, June 12 - 14, 2015. There is an Early Bird Registration of \$195, if one registers by April 1, 2015, and rooms are \$99. Contact person is Barbara Thorsen at bithorsen5@gmail.com
President, Donna Kahl-Wilkerson, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted: Judith Lehman, Recording Secretary



Service Corner

ART SHOW/FUNDRAISER -- MAY 16

This year's Art Show and Luncheon theme is "I Can Be Anything".

The **ARTREACH** paintings produced by boys and girls in the human trafficking awareness program (not for sale) will be displayed in an area called "I Can Be An Advocate for Others" during the event. Of course, paintings and rain barrels will be available in the silent auction.

This year, the silent auction will also include Neu-Life "experiences" that highlight important aspects of their program: a meal catered by the youth cooks with food grown in the Neu-Life gardens, a private art class or birthday painting party taught by Neu-Life student artists, perhaps a visit/consultation by the gardening crew or a workout with the boys' basketball team.

Show your support for Neu-Life's art programming and come take a look at the **ARTREACH** paintings with messages about human trafficking, sponsored by the Zonta Club of Milwaukee and its Foundation! And maybe bring home an original!



**I CAN BE
ANYTHING:**
A YOUTH **ART SHOW & LUNCHEON**

NEU-LIFE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT TRACY HRAJNOHA
THRAJNOHA@GMAIL.COM
312.371.7612

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH
11 AM – 1 PM
2014 W NORTH AVE

Delanie Reese
April 5th

Cindy Talkovic
April 19th



Membership Corner

A Prospective Member Reception is set for Wednesday, May 6 from 5:30 to 7 pm at Susan Koepsell's Glendale Lakes condo community room. See attached invite.

Please invite anyone you think might be interested in learning more about Zonta. It could be a relative, co worker, friend or perhaps someone attending the fashion show with you. If you can't attend the reception yourself but have someone interested in attending let the membership committee know and we will make them feel welcomed.

If you are attending and would be willing to be on the program or willing to bring an appetizer please let Pam or Kim know, otherwise we may ask you.

By Pam Knackert

Meet Our Member Connie Thoma



International Service Projects, particularly those in Africa, drew Connie Thoma to join Zonta in 2006. Since that time Connie has served on the Milwaukee Club Board and been consistently active on the Fashion Show Committee. Currently she is also serving as Corresponding Secretary for Milwaukee's Zonta Foundation.

A Wisconsin "lifer," Connie was born in Hartford, Wisconsin and raised at Freiss Lake, the fourth of eleven children. She has lived most of her life in the Richfield, Wisconsin area, except for brief stay in Milwaukee from 1966-1982 when she moved back to Richfield where she still resides.

Connie worked at Briggs and Stratton for 35 years and while there she enrolled in an architecture class at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, laying the foundation for her avocation in retirement. She initially served as a city tour guide and now is employed as a Public Service Ambassador in downtown Milwaukee, helping tourists and citizens with information about and related to the city. It is a fun, part-time job that she thoroughly enjoys.

During her free time, Connie enjoys spending time with her family, which includes four adult children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren (with another little girl due in July.) Her other interests include travel, cards, dominos and genealogy.

Meet Our Member Sheryl Dean



Sheryl received her Masters and Bachelors of Social Work from the School of Social Welfare at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She is also a Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor, Independent Clinical Supervisor and Advanced Practice Social Worker. She has a variety of professional experience in the human service field including administrative, managerial, research, counseling and case management areas. Her main areas of practice have included working in the Substance Use Disorder arena as a counselor, case manager and supervisor. Ms. Dean is currently a Corrections Field Supervisor with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. Most recently, Sheryl was acknowledged by UW-Milwaukee as Outstanding Adjunct Instructor for the year 2014.

Sheryl is active on several boards at her church. She is Assistant Director of Children's Church, Sunday School Superintendent and Usher.

Sheryl is the proud mother of 2 children. Technical Sergeant Tiffany Cox (age 33), who actively serves in the United States Air Force and is stationed at Joint Base Langley-Eustis located in Hampton, VA and Cedric Burt (age 30) who works as a sterile processor and lives on the Island of Oahu, Hawaii.

Meet Our Member Demy Anfang



Demy received her Master's degree in Counseling at San Francisco State University. Upon completion of her studies, she returned to Manila Philippines where she was originally from.

Demy worked for the Philippine Department of Education and was instrumental in setting up a training program for teachers of the blind. The goal was to integrate blind students in the Public School. Funding was received from the American Foundation for the Blind.

Demy also worked as a counselor for the Department of Veterans Affairs, Manila Office, where she met her husband who was then the Chief Attorney at Veterans Affairs.

Demy and her husband (Ralph) moved to Wisconsin in 1970. Ralph was born and raised in West Allis, WI. Demy worked for Goodwill Industries and helped set up the Agency's Intake and Placement offices.

Demy did not stay very long in the work force but instead concentrated mainly in raising her children. She re-entered the workforce after her children graduated from high school. She has Two children – Michael, a lawyer in Kansas City, and Lisa who worked as a marketing executive and is now a stay at home mom. She lives in Birmingham MI with her husband and 3 children.

Demy loves to travel, the travel industry field appealed to her, she is a Travel Designer – specializing in travel to Australia, New Zealand, the South Pacific and Asia. She visits these destinations yearly to keep up to date with current developments. She has also traveled extensively in Europe. She also enjoys visiting galleries and museums.

Demy has spent many years volunteering and continues to do so. When she was in the Parish Council at St. John Vianney Parish, she helped set up a monthly Coffee Social Program, which is an on going activity at the Parish.

Meet Our Member Joyce McCrary-Brown



Joyce is a true Wisconsinite, born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is one of 7 children (4 sisters & two brothers).

Joyce has a strong love of family. In 1974 she was blessed with the birth of her daughter, LaShonda. LaShonda blessed her with her grandson Duane Wilson. Duane attends Marquette University and plays on the Marquette basketball team. Grandmother Brag Corner: Duane has been selected to the Big East Conference, six man, all-rookie team. In 2014 Joyce was blessed once again with her great grandson Kobe, who is her heart.

Joyce career path consist of working with Milwaukee County in various capacities and retired as a trainer for Income Maintenance Programs (food share, medical and child care) in 2006.

Joyce worked for UW-Oshkosh CCDET as a contracted employee, for two years, training new workers/seasoned workers in Income Maintenance Programs within Southeastern Wisconsin; She is currently employed by the State of Wisconsin as a Senior – Human Service Program Coordinator. Joyce is also a mentor/trainer for Income Maintenance Specialist for Milwaukee Enrollment Services (MILES).

Joyce is a member of St Matthew Christian Methodist Church in Milwaukee, where she serves as a Missionary Leader for the Cynthia Rush Alexander Circle, an usher, choir member, member of the Board of Evangelism, and Christian Board of Education. She is also a Red Cross f.a.s.t. member and a Doula.

Joyce always enjoys shopping and relaxing at home.

You Are Invited To The...

**Zonta Club of Milwaukee
Prospective Member Reception
Wednesday, May 6, 2015
5:30 p.m. socializing
(light hors d'oeuvres will be served)
6:00 to 7:00 p.m. program**

At Glendale Lakes condo community room

1600 W. Green Tree Rd

You can take I-43 to Good Hope Rd exit, west to River Rd, River Rd south which turns into Green Tree, watch for entrance to condo complex on north side (we'll try to have a flag) and park in lot - complex is between Milwaukee River Parkway and Green Bay Rd just west of Kletzsch Park. Enter building under awning and someone will be there to let you in or directions will be posted or call 262-309-3927. Take elevator up to 2nd floor community room.

RSVP to Pam Knackert at pmknackert@gmail.com or
262-784-7613 by Saturday, May 2

Come learn more about Zonta International and the Zonta Club of Milwaukee, an organization whose mission is to improve the status of women locally and worldwide through service & advocacy . There will be time for questions and answers.

For more information about Zonta & the Zonta Club of Milwaukee
visit www.zonta.org and www.zontamilwaukee.org

Zonta Club Dues for Fiscal Year June 2015-May 2016

The past year has been a successful one for the Zonta Club of Milwaukee. Our membership has grown from 39 to 45. Recent advocacy efforts focused on the *Zonta Says No* campaign and anti-human trafficking training at Neu-Life. Children at Neu-Life also received backpacks and Christmas gifts, and our member participation at Career Day, Art Fair, and Girls on the Run. Our 2014 fundraiser was a great financial and outreach success. Our dinner meetings have featured outstanding speakers as well as club brainstorming. We know you enjoy the Newsletter, Facebook & Twitter communications produced by the PR Committee. Lastly, the Club awarded five scholarships to exceptional young women.

We're sure you will want to continue to be part of these efforts to improve the lives of women and girls through service and advocacy.

Dues and fees total \$170.00. Make checks payable to the Zonta Club of Milwaukee. To avoid late fees and member reinstatement charges, your check must be received no later than April 22, 2015, which is our April meeting date.

Dues are as follows:	Zonta International	\$83
	Zonta District 6	\$27
	Milwaukee Club	\$60
	TOTAL by April 22, 2015	\$170

There are several ways to pay your dues:

1. At the Club meetings (by check) – March 18 and April 22.
2. At the Fashion Show (by check or charge) – April 18.
3. By mail before April 22, 2015. 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 after the April 22, 2015 deadline, you will be charged a late fee of \$15. If you need additional information for corporate reimbursement, please speak with Donna Kahl-Wilkerson or myself by April 1, 2015 .

Slate of Officers for the 2015 Election

Proposed for election in April, 2015 are the individuals listed below as “New”:

Proposed New Board Directors:

Joann Comodore (2015-2017)

Karen LeSage (2015-2017)

Laureen Ward (2015-2017)

Club Board – Continuing Club Officers:

Donna Kahl-Wilkerson – President (2014-2016)

Carol Cline – President Elect (2014-2016)

Victoria Frazier – Vice President (2014-2016)

Diane Lindsley – Treasurer (2014-2016)

Judith Lehman – Secretary (2014-2016)

Club Board – Continuing Directors:

Barbara Fitzgerald (2014-2016)

Helen Ludwig (2014-2016)

Elizabeth Stull (2014-2016)

Zonta Foundation Board–Proposed New Directors:

[The Foundation Board elects its own officers.]

Pam Knackert (2015-2018)

Lynne Oehlke (2015-2018)

Joni Reese (2015-2018)

Continuing Foundation Board Directors:

Jackie Beaudry (2014-2017)

Susan Koepsell (2014-2017)

Lori Peterson (2014-2017)

Christine Todd (2013-2016)

Missy Creevy (2013-2016)

Connie Thoma (2013-2016)

Reported by the Nominating Committee:

Diane Lindsley, Helen Ludwig, and Joni Reese

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 the remaining 2015 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

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.

MAJOR RAMP CLOSURES AHEAD

*Make sure
your visitors know this
if they are coming
from the south or
north on
45*

As part of the Zoo Interchange project, the following
ramp closures will be in effect beginning
early March 2015:

- I-894/US 45 North to I-94 West system ramp **until late 2015**
- I-94 West to I-894/US 45 South system ramp **until late 2017**

**ZOO
interchange**

SEE THE FLIP SIDE FOR ALTERNATE ROUTES

I-894/US 45 NORTH TO I-94 WEST ALTERNATE ROUTES

LOCAL ALTERNATE ROUTES:

- I-894/US 45 North to Greenfield Avenue west to WIS 100 north to I-94 West
- I-894/US 45 North to Watertown Plank Road west to WIS 100 south to I-94 West

REGIONAL ALTERNATE ROUTES:

- I-43/I-94 North to I-94 West
- I-43 South/I-894 West to I-43 South to Moorland Road north to I-94 West

I-94 WEST TO I-894 WEST

LOCAL ALTERNATE ROUTE (MARCH 2015 - LATE SPRING 2015)

- I-94 West to WIS 100 south to Greenfield Avenue east to I-894/US 45

LOCAL ALTERNATE ROUTE (LATE SPRING 2015 - LATE 2017)

- I-94 West to 84th Street south to Greenfield Avenue west to I-894/US 45
- I-94 West to Miller Park Way south to Lincoln Avenue west to Beloit Road south/west to I-894/US 45

REGIONAL ALTERNATE ROUTE

- I-43/I-94 South to I-894 West/I-43 South to I-894/US 45



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION VISIT THE PROJECT AT:



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zooicteam@gmail.com



zoointerchange.wi.gov

AS YOU DRIVE THE ZOO INTERCHANGE THERE ARE MANY NEW FEATURES. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR GPS MAY NOT YET INCLUDE THE NEW ROADWAY PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION CLOSURES. SO WATCH YOUR SPEED AND

Save the Dates

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

4/22/15

5/27/15

6/2015 TBD

Other Important 2015 Area 2 and District 6 Dates

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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