

Zonta Club of Milwaukee

 Zonta Club of Milwaukee
Member of Zonta International
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

BULLETIN

International District 6 – Area 2
Chartered: January 8, 1926

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

Program: Annual Meeting

*Presented by Laurie Ward, Foundation President and
Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry, Club President*

Join us for our Annual Meeting to learn what transpired over the course of last year and the goals for 2011-12. Come hear reports from the various standing committees as well as the Foundation and be recognized for a job well done. We will also be voting on the slate of officers for 2011-2013 and voting on the By-laws for our Club. Your attendance is needed to ensure we meet our obligations as a Club and Foundation and to salute each other for all the hard work over the past year.

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

5:30 PM - Social

6:00 PM – Dinner

7:00 PM – Annual Meeting

Cost: \$30 per person, includes tax and tip

RESERVATIONS: *Please call Helen Ludwig or e-mail her with your reservation by 9:00 am on Monday, April 25, 2011. Once reservations have been made, you will be billed for each reservation.*

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The Zonta Club of Milwaukee is club #39, located in District 6 (Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana). The Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, September through June, for networking, dinner, program and business meeting.

President: Cheryl Lucas DeBerry

Membership Co-Chairs:

Claudyne Whitaker

Marianne Zapall

Bulletin Editor: Joann Henry

Newsletter deadline for articles is the 10th day of each month.

*For more information on Zonta, visit
www.zontadistrict6.org*

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Zonta Club of Milwaukee Officers

Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry, President

Karen Coy-Romano, President Elect

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Nellie Kendrick, Club Board

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Pam Knackert, Club Board

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Claudyne Whitaker, Foundation Board

Donna Conant, Foundation Board

Sandra Miller, Foundation Board

Donna Kahl-Wilkerson, Foundation Board

Linda Hext, Foundation Board

Presidents Message.....

Dear Sister Zontians:

The Spring Workshop was held in Stevens Point, WI this past weekend with the theme: "The Dynamic Duo Service and Advocacy. We were warmly welcomed by Gail Zalewski of the Stevens Point Club along with our Area 2 Director Sylvia Armstrong. An International Foundation update was provided by Sally Bean, District 6 International Foundation Ambassador who provided us with insights on the Zonta International fundraising goals as well as an overview of ZI and ZISVAW projects. She highlighted information on a new project this biennium - Acid Burns Violence in Cambodia, Nepal and Uganda sharing power points and detailed descriptions of the violence as evidenced first hand by some women.. Hearing their stories was both heart wrenching and heartwarming to know that we can and do make a difference in the lives of women worldwide.

The Club Presidents provided information on service and advocacy projects their respective Clubs were involved in and the successes of those projects. Our luncheon speaker was Mickey Beil, Legislative Lobbyist for Wisconsin. She provided valuable resources on the most effective ways to communicate with your legislators and the 10 commandments of lobbying.

We then were engaged in a lively workshop presented by Tammy Hagen and Joann Gruber-Hagen from the Zonta Club of Madison on the distinctions between service and advocacy or to determine if there really is one. Table groups were assigned to pick an issue and using a grid select advocacy actions that could be taken on the selected issue as well as service actions. The groups reported out and several good ideas surfaced that could be implemented in our respective Clubs.

The highlight of the workshop for me was the presentation by District 6 Governor Yvonne Chalfant on 13 ways to inspire change. She showed a DVD which accompanied book entitled **Change is Good...You Go First** by Mac Anderson and Tom Feltenstein. The 13 ways are:

1. Change what needs changing, not what's easy
2. Re-recruit your best people
3. Forget for success
4. It all starts with belief
5. Focus on your strengths
6. Remove barriers
7. Simplify your message

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President's Message Cont'd

8. Let your actions speak
9. Celebrate success
10. Measure results
11. Set the stage for innovation
12. Stand with them, not above them
13. Reinforce, reinforce, reinforce

Watch for more information on the 13 ways to inspire change in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

A wise person once told me, "the only people who like change are babies." Ask yourself is that how you view change?

Remember "change is a gift, new paths are forged, right paths are created for the right reason". Let's embrace the concept of change so we can continue to make the Zonta Club of Milwaukee an organization that is recognized and revered for advancing the status of women not only in our community but worldwide.

Cheryl

Membership Corner

By Marianne Zapall

The membership committee asks for everyone's help in making 2011-2012 another successful year. We are happy to report that we acquired 6 new members: Victoria Frazier, Linda Hext, Susan Koepsell, Judith Lehman, Joni Reese and Cindy Talkovic and reinstated 2 past members Kate Kaiser and Arlyce Vogel. The Club's current membership is at 40 (noting the sad loss of one of our members, Shirley Bell).

The spring fashion show for 2011 was a complete success and now the membership committee moves on to its membership reception. The reception will be held at Sammie Lou Krieger's home on Wednesday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m. Thank you, Sammie, for hosting this event for us. An electronic copy of the invitation will be emailed to all members, in addition to the bulletin. Guests from the fashion show that inquired about receiving additional information about Zonta will be invited. If anyone would like an invitation sent, please contact me as soon as possible to get an invitation sent out on a timely basis.

Members Update

By Claudyne Whitaker

Aaah APRIL!

Welcome to the month of April where April Showers bring FASHIONS IN BLOOM, May flowers, green grass, planted veggies, bunnies, Easter eggs, chocolate and SPRING!!! HAPPY EASTER.

Hats off to another SUCCESSFUL and profitable fundraiser from FASHIONS IN BLOOM. Stay tuned for a complete report from the Fashion Show Committee. Many thanks to ALL participants who worked together to make this year's show a REALITY. Your time, effort, talent and cooperation were most appreciated. Isn't it amazing how TEAMWORK can = SUCCESS?

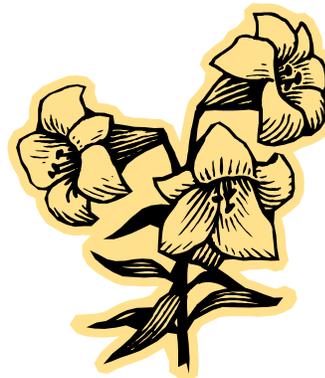
Prayers, best wishes and healing are being requested for Diana Bradford Cannon who is at Trinity Rehabilitation Center on Dean Road. She fell and broke both legs and both ankles and has been at the Center for six weeks and is expected to remain there for another four while she learns to walk again. She will appreciate your support and love and as a result, I know we can make healing

HAPPEN for her.

Best Wishes to all April Birthday Zontians. Enjoy the blessing and have a healthy year!

Thought this was an interesting quote from Ice-T when asked about his children: "I've been your age, you've never been mine-----pay attention". Might be good advice to share with youngsters we know when loving advising them.

CHOOSE TO LIVE A LIFE THAT MATTERS.



Zonta Fashion Show

By Co-Chairs, Pam Knackert and Laurie Ward

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thanks to all who supported the fashion show this year with your presence and/or donations. Special thanks to our committee for their hard work and to members, friends and family who helped the day of. It was a successful event with over 260 attendees.

We raised over \$20,000 for Zonta International (1/3) and local service projects (2/3). Coldwater Creek provided the clothes and our very own Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry did the commentary (great job Cheryl!). Everyone seemed to enjoy the event and we hope to have a date set for next year's in the near future. If you'd like to help out on next year's fashion show committee please contact Pam.



You are invited to the

Zonta Club of Milwaukee
Prospective Member Reception
Wednesday, May 11, 2011
5:30 p.m. socializing
(light hors d'oeuvres will be served)
6:00 to 7:00 p.m. program

At
Zonta Member
Sammie Lou Krieger's House

RSVP to Pam Knackert by Saturday, May 7

Come learn more about
Zonta International and the
Zonta Club of Milwaukee, a service organization
whose mission is to improve the status of women
locally and worldwide. 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 of Milwaukee 2011-13 Nominating Committee Report

Nominating Committee: Christine Todd, Chair, Donna Kahl-Willkerson, Marianne Zapall

According to Club By-Laws, Article VIII Nominating Committee, the duties of the Nominating Committee are as follows:

SECTION 2. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to nominate one (1) or more members for each office or directorship to be filled at the annual election. No name shall be presented unless the nominee has consented to serve if elected.

SECTION 3. Report of the Committee. The Nominating Committee shall report the slate of officers and directors at the March business meeting prior to the Election Meeting unless otherwise directed by the Club.
Additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained.

The proposed slate for the Club Board is:

President	Karen Coy-Romano (1 st full 2-year term as President)
President-Elect	Cheryl Lucas DeBerry (2-year term as President-Elect)
Vice President	Joni Reese (1 st full 2-year term as Vice President)
Treasurer	Elizabeth Stull (1 st full 2-year term as Treasurer)
Secretary	Victoria Frazier (1 st full 2-year term as Secretary)
Directors (3)	Margaret Aboagye – (1 st full 2-year term as Director) Kim Brinsko - (1 st full 2-year term as Director) Barbara Wyatt Sibley (1st full 2-year term as Director)

Club Directors continuing their terms are Demy Anfang (2012), Barbara Fitzgerald (2012) and Nellie Kendrick (2012)

The proposed slate for the Foundation Board is:

Directors : (3)	Donna Kahl-Willkerson (2 nd 3-year term) Donna Conant – (1st full 3-year term) Susan Koepsell (1st 3-year term)
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Foundation Board Directors continuing their terms are Claudyne Whittaker (2012), and Linda Hext (2012)

North American Inter-District Meeting

By Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry

Plan now to attend the 5th North American Inter-District Meeting June 3-5, 2011 in Reno. The IDM pulls together Zontians from the 13 districts in North America for a weekend of learning and connections. Members of the ZI Board, including ZI President Dianne Curtis will be there. This time we are offered learning tracks for Advocacy, Membership, Leadership, and Public Relations.

Registration cost until May 1 is \$175 and rooms at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa are \$109. We need to get club members there to help us grow in these four key areas. This will be a great Zonta weekend getaway!

Please consider attending.



This article is in the latest issue of *Milwaukee Magazine*. It's in a section entitled "Super Seniors" by Arlene Becker featuring our own Aileen Rockjordan from Zonta Club of Milwaukee.



85+

**AILEEN
ROCKJORDAN**

Rockjordan has been to China five times. "I'm a history buff and love to read and travel," she says. She always reads about a place prior to going there. Why China? "I was enchanted by Marco Polo's trip to China." And she was also a delegate at the United Nations' World Conference on Women that was held in China in 1995. "I've seen much of it and still have friends there with whom I correspond by e-mail. I get a call from there once a week." Although she doesn't speak Mandarin, she understands it.

"I travel somewhere every year, sometimes twice a year," Rockjordan says. She has been to Korea and on a safari in

Botswana. In Thailand, she rode an elephant into the hills. In Tunisia, she rode camels. She hopes to go on another safari, "perhaps in Tanzania and Kenya."

Rockjordan has often been a trailblazer. During World War II, she got a job out of high school working as a timekeeper for the Brooklyn Navy Yard. She was one of only two women who were production welders. She also worked on the conning tower of the *USS Missouri* as a welder. Later, she attended Long Island University, where she was "the only woman and only minority in the business school," Rockjordan notes. She got a master's degree in business administration from New York University and broke the color barrier again when she was hired to work in executive positions for exclusive department stores and dress shops.

During the Korean War, Rockjordan lived in Japan for three years and worked as a civilian for the Air Force in special services. She set up tours of Japan and Korea for American military and U.N. personnel. She received a recognition award from Sweden's King Gustaf for her work with Swedish personnel.

Later in her life, Rockjordan became an academic. She got her master's degree and was for decades a tenured professor in social work at UWM. She's still a professor emeritus. She also taught at both UWM's and Marquette's extensions.

Rockjordan will admit only to being older than 85. Her motto is, "Life is to be lived. I don't feel you should sit and wait for the grim reaper."

Living alone in her condominium in Parkway Village on Milwaukee's far Northwest Side, she takes care of everything in her life – cooking, cleaning, shopping and then some. She loves to drive and still takes road trips alone. Last year, she drove alone to Wilton, Iowa, to meet a friend from Korea who was visiting America.

Rockjordan is a joiner. Until a few months ago, she served on the board and was the treasurer of the Parkway Village Association. She has also served on the board of the Wisconsin Condominium Association. Presently, she notes, "I'm a member of Zonta, an international association of business and professional women, and am active in the group." She's also a past president of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee.

Tall for a woman of her generation, Rockjordan is 5-foot-7 and stays in shape. She exercises at a health club two to three times a week. She's a nature-lover and walks five miles on the Oak Leaf Trail in nice weather. "I like things that are related to nature; when I travel, I will go to national parks."

Rockjordan has an active social life and friends of varied ages. She loves music and frequently goes to the ballet, opera and symphony.

Zonta Club of Milwaukee Dues

By Kim Brinsko

Zonta Club of Milwaukee
Zonta Foundation Inc.

Zonta Club Dues 2011-2012

It is that time of year when we reflect on the accomplishments of our current year and look ahead to the coming year. Our Club has much to be proud! We had the success of the G.A.L.S. tour and 7 members of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee represented us at the Convention 2010 in San Antonio. We have met our goal of 2010 to increase our membership and continue to retain our members. We held a successful membership meeting for prospective members. And look forward to our next meeting after the fashion show. We also have sad hearts as we remember the one we have lost unexpectedly, Shirley Bell and our honorary member Gordon Conant.

As we look forward to a new year we will be setting new goals and accomplishments for us in the upcoming year. Last year we raised over \$14,000 at our Spring Style Fashion show and are well on our way to make this year's event another successful fundraiser. We are continuing our commitment by supporting the following agencies in Milwaukee County Milwaukee Women's Center, St. Catherine Residence, HeartLove Place, Our Next Generation and CORE/ElCentro. Our scholarship initiatives have blossomed with 2 scholarships awarded last year (Jane M. Klausman Women in Business and the Young Women in Public Affairs). During this past year we have been working on mentoring programs including Women in Trades and Our Next Generation. And now as we look towards our new year, more than ever, we need your continual support of our Club. Please join us for another year as we continue to work to improve the status of women worldwide and within our local community.

Dues and fees total \$165.00. As voted and approved at International Conference there was an increase for International dues of \$15.00.

Make checks payable to the Zonta Club of Milwaukee. Our bylaws state that our dues payments are to be made by June 1, 2011.

To avoid late fees and member reinstatement charges, we must receive your check no later than May 1, 2011.

The dues are calculated as follows:

International Dues	\$83
District Dues	22
Milwaukee Club Dues	<u>60</u>

Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry, President

Total – **By May 1, 2011** **\$165**

Kim Brinsko, Treasurer

There are several ways to pay your 2011-2012 dues this year:

1. At the Club meetings (by check) – March 24 and April 23.
2. At the Fashion Show (by check or charge) – April 2.
3. By mail before May 1, 2011.

Mail your check to: Kim Brinsko 221 West Manor Circle Bayside, WI 53217

Please note any changes/additions for name, address, phone, fax, email, birthday on this dues letter.

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 May 1, 2011 deadline, you will be charged late fees. If you need additional information for corporate reimbursement, please speak with Cheryl or myself by April 31, 2011.

Upcoming Events ...

Club meetings will continue to be held at the Italian Community Center (ICC) on the fourth Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted.

April 27

May 25

June 22



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



APRIL

Demy Anfang