

Zonta Club of Milwaukee



Zonta Club of Milwaukee
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BULLETIN

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

International District 6 – Area 2
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Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Annual Club and Foundation Meeting Presented by Joni Reese, Club President and Helen Ludwig, Foundation Board President

Join us for our Annual meeting to learn what transpired over the past year and what is in store for 2013-2014. Come hear reports from standing committees as well as the Foundation. We will also be voting on our 2013-2014 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.

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

5:30 PM - Social

6:00 PM – Dinner

7:00 PM – Annual Club and Foundation Meeting

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

RESERVATIONS: Please call Helen Ludwig or e-mail her at hludwig@sbl-law.org with the cancellation of your standing reservation or any call-in reservation by 9:00 am on Monday, April 22, 2013. Dinner choice: chicken or vegetable stir fry. Both entrees include Carrot Cake for dessert. 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: Joni Reese
Membership Chair: Claudyne Whitaker
Bulletin Editor: Joann Henry*

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

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

2012/2013

Zonta Club of Milwaukee Officers

*Joni Reese, President
Donna Kahl-Wilkerson, President Elect
Barbara Fitzgerald, Vice-President
Elizabeth Stull, Treasurer
Victoria Frazier, Secretary*

*Camelia Clarke, Club Board
Carol Cline, Club Board
Lynne Oehlke, Club Board
Connie Thoma, Club Board
Kim Brinsko, Club Board*

Barbara Wyatt Sibley, Club Board

Milwaukee Zonta Foundation Board Officers

*Helen Ludwig, President
Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry, Vice-President
Pam Knackert, Treasurer
Dana Felton Reinhard, Recording Secretary
Judy Lehman, Corresponding Secretary*

*Susan Koepsell, Foundation Board
Laureen Ward, Foundation Board
Donna Neal, Foundation Board*

Beverly Conner, Foundation Board

President's Message.....

Dear Zontians:

Happy spring! I am optimistic that we will have the appropriate spring weather show up soon and end our dreary, cold and wet spell. I just keep telling myself, "April showers bring May flowers." This year I believe we deserve lots of flowers!

I was hoping to gain inspiration and topical information by attending the Spring Workshop this past weekend, but disappointingly, was unable to attend due to an urgent family medical issue. Approximately a quarter of our Club members attended the workshop, which is awesome! The feedback I received from those who attended was that it was very energizing and highly informative. The theme was Game On! Building Credibility and Visibility at the Local Level and Inspiring Others to Join Us.

This month, as we prepare for the Annual Meeting, I would like the Club members to reflect on the future: potential ideas for change, and/or things you want to remain constant. We did an exercise over a year ago and based on suggestions, made some changes and have engaged in a committed service relationship with Neu-Life. With our Annual Meeting this month, it is a good time to reflect on our past and prepare to create our future for the next year and beyond. Change is a good thing as long as we are moving in the right direction.

What goals do we have for next year? What are you interested in and how can you help? Advocacy? Service? PR? What recommendations do you have? The Club exists for the members, and the members are our keys to our success.

We CAN make a difference! Your involvement, leadership and participation is needed. Thank you for all you do, for women locally and around the world.

Joni Reese



March Club Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2013

5:30 pm Social Hour - 6:00 Dinner

Welcome, Introductions and Dinner:

The meeting was called to order by President Joni Reese at 6:00. Guests were introduced and welcomed. After the Zonta Blessing, dinner was served.

Speaker:

Kim Brinsko introduced the speaker for the evening, Carmen Pitre, a former Zontian. Ms. Pitre is the Executive Director at Sojourner Family Peace Center Greater Milwaukee. Sojourner Family Peace Center provides education, advocacy and resources to keep people safe. The shelter operates a 46-bed facility that has provided safety and support services to thousands of women. It also includes a 24-Hour Domestic Violence Hotline, Domestic Abuse Victim Advocates in the Milwaukee District Attorney's Office, and a Courthouse Advocacy and Restraining Order Clinic. Ms. Pitre provided the Club with data on domestic violence, domestic trafficking, and sexual assault.

She gave highlights of future plans for expansion and stated that the Center is looking forward to being the recipient of local, state and federal grants to assist them in the work

Installation

Tracy Anderson was installed and welcomed into the Zonta Club of Milwaukee.

Treasure Update

Treasurer, Elizabeth Stull, announced that the annual dues should be paid by April 24, 2013.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee

The 2013-2014 Slate of Officers was presented to the Club by the Nominating Committee and the President. Additional nominations were requested from the floor. The officers will be voted on at the April Annual Business meeting.

Service

Donna Neal provided invitations to Neu-Life's Annual Art Show on May 11, 2013 and asked the Club to save the date.

Membership

The next Prospective Members Reception will be held April 17, 2013 at Elizabeth Stull's home.

Program

Kim Brinsko announced that there will be no speaker in April because of the Club's Annual Business Meeting.

Scholarship:

A nominee has been selected for the Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship. She will attend the Club meeting in May.

Fashion Show:

Carol Cline thanked everyone for the teamwork that was demonstrated and all the behind the scene efforts to make the Fashion Show the success that it was. The location was very well received. Plans are underway to continue with the same venue for next year.

Advocacy

Diane Lindsley reported on the International Women's Day Event in Madison that was held on March 8, 2013, which was also Zonta Rose Day. Comments were made by Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry, Pam Knackert, and Karen Hunt who also attended.

Upcoming Meetings

Next Board meeting will be on April 9, 2013 at the ICC at 6:15

Next Club Meeting is on April 24, 2013 at the ICC

Upcoming Dates

Area 2 Spring Workshop on April 6, 2013 hosted by Janesville

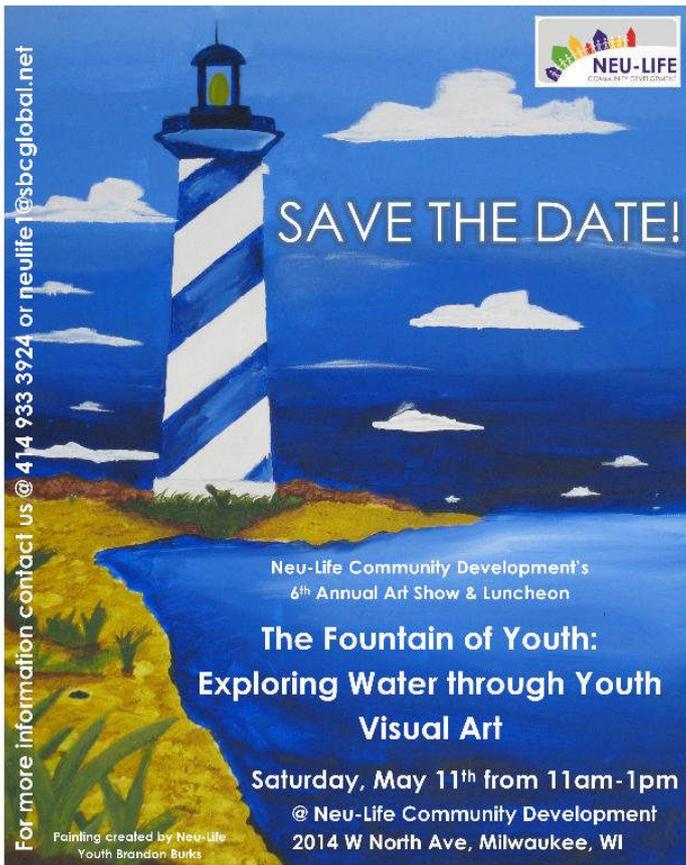
Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 by President Joni Reese.

Your Corner on SERVICE

By Donna Neal and Donna Kahl-Wilkerson, Service Co-Chairs

Mark your calendars for the **Annual Art Show Fundraiser** at Neu-Life May 11 and get your invitations out! Invitations were made available to members at last month's Club meeting, and there are more available for whoever wants them – just contact Donna Neal. The event will be really fun and the art works impressive. By the time you get this newsletter, you should also have received the invitation below in a format you can forward via email to friends and family. Please pass it on!



Featuring...

- Silent art action & other works for sale
- Entertainment by Neu-Life Youth
- Fresh local food provided by some of Milwaukee's favorite restaurants

Kindly RSVP by Friday, May 3rd to Jody Rhodes at 414 933 3924 or neulife1@sbcglobal.net

Girls on the Run (5K race/walk) has started up again! This was a fun and rewarding experience for Zontians who participated last fall. Please consider joining in and becoming a Running Buddy for a middle school girl!



Girls on the Run at Gwen T Jackson CLC Zonta "Running Buddy" Volunteer Opportunity

1.) Attend 2 practices to meet your running buddy-

Tues June 4th and Thurs June 6th: Running Buddies come to practice from 4:00 to 5:00 pm at Gwen T Jackson School, 2121 W Hadley Street, Milwaukee

- 2.) Fill out GOTR volunteer application (if you filled one out last season you do not have to do again)
- 3.) Register for the race online at www.gotr-milwaukee.org
(race registration available in May)
- 4.) **Sunday June 9th:** Girls on the Run 5K at Greenfield Park in West Allis

If you are interested in being a Running Buddy, please email Jody Rhodes and she will email you the volunteer application (if necessary). Thank you for your support!

Jody Cell Number: 588-1589

Jody Email: neulife1@sbcglobal.net

Service Calendar

Saturday, May 11	Annual Youth Art Show Fundraiser	Neu-Life, 2014 W. North Ave
Tuesday, June 4 and Thursday, June 6	Girls on the Run 5K Buddy Meeting and Practice	Gwen T. Jackson Elementary School, 2121 W. Hadley, 4-5 PM
Sunday, June 9	Girls on the Run 5K Run/Walk Race	Greenfield Park, West Allis, 10 AM
Summer 2013 (August delivery)	Back to School Backpack School Supply Collection	Neu-Life, 2014 W. North Ave, date and time TBD

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

Always Needed
Filler Paper
Notebooks
Regular Pencils
Mechanical Pencils
Back-to-School Wish List
Backpacks (small and large for elementary and high school)
Regular Pencils
Mechanical Pencils
Pencil Pouches/Cases
Pens (Blue or Black)
Crayons
Markers
Colored Pencils
Pencil Sharpeners (basic ones)
Notebooks (wide or narrow ruled)
Loose Leaf Paper
Glue Sticks
Regular Glue
Erasers (pencil top or regular)
Scissors (kid size and regular)

Membership Corner

By Pam Knackert

Don't forget the Prospective Member Reception for Wed. April 17th at Elizabeth Stull's at 5:30 pm. Invite anyone you think would be interested in learning more about Zonta.

Also invite any prospective members to the May 22 meeting at the Italian Community Center. Since our Zonta year starts June 1 it's a great time for someone to join.

Hope to see everyone at our Annual Business Meeting this month.

Prospective Member Reception

By Pam Knackert

The Zonta membership committee will be having another Prospective Member Reception on Wed. April 17 at 5:30 pm at Elizabeth Stull's home.

Please invite anyone you know that might be interested in learning more about Zonta.

Zonta Club of Milwaukee Meeting Schedule

Please mark your calendars for future Zonta Club of Milwaukee meetings as listed below.

The remainder of the meetings will be scheduled for the Italian Community Center, unless we opt out for another location. The schedule is:

April 24: Annual Club and Foundation Meeting

May 22: Eve Galanter with the Women's Network in Madison

June 26: Activity with Neu-Life

Other events:

April 23 – Lizzy's Place Luncheon and Silent Auction

Lissy's Place is the only transitional housing program in this area for single, homeless/abused women without children—and women formerly in foster care. For more information and to purchase tickets, please follow this link:

<http://www.myhomeyourhome.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/MHYH-2013-Invite-p2.pdf?>



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You are invited to the
**Zonta Club of Milwaukee
Prospective Member Reception
Wednesday, April 17, 2013
5:30 p.m. socializing
(Light hors d'oeuvres will be served)
6:00 to 7:00 p.m. program**
at
**Zonta Member
Elizabeth Stull's House
(1/2 block north of Oklahoma
Ave.)**

RSVP to Pam Knackert
by Saturday, April 13

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 visit our website at www.zontamilwaukee.org

2013 – 2014 Nomination Committee Report

By Sammi Krieger, Barbara Wyatt Sibley and Connie Thoma

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 Club Board:

President:

Joni Reese (2nd full 2-year term as President)

President-Elect:

Donna Kahl-Wilkerson (2nd full 2-year term as President-Elect)

Vice President:

Barbara Fitzgerald (2nd full 2-year term as Vice President)

Treasurer:

Elizabeth Stull (3rd of a 3-year term as Treasurer)

Secretary:

Victoria Frazier (3rd of a 3-year term as Secretary)

Directors (3):

Camelia Clark (2nd of a 2-year term as Director)

Carol Cline (2nd of a 2-year term as Director)

Lynne Oehlke (2nd of a 2-year term as Director)

Club Directors whose terms are over in 2013: Kim Brinsko, Barbara Wyatt Sibley, and Connie Thoma (Connie took over for Margaret Aboagy)

The proposed 2013 slate for the Club Board is:

New Directors (3): Nominations:

1. Maria Bellmann (1st of a 2-year term)
2. Judy DuSell (1st of a 2-year term)
3. Karen Hunt (1st of a 2-year term)

The Foundation Board:

Continuing on the Foundation Board are Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry, Pam Knackert, Dana Felton Reinhard, Judy Lehman, Susan Koepsell, and Beverly Conner.

Foundation Board Directors completing their terms are Helen Ludwig, Donna Neal and Laureen Ward.

The proposed 2013 slate for the Foundation Board is:

Directors : (3)

Christine Todd (1st of a 3-year term)

Connie Thoma (1st of a 3-year term)

Missy Creevy (1st of a 3-year term)

The 2014 Nominating Committee:

The proposed slate for the 2014 Nominating Committee is:

Helen Ludwig

Donna Conant

Diane Lindsley

New Domestic Violence Legislation

*By Diane Lindsley
Zonta District 6 Advocacy Chair*

With a couple of quick phone calls, you can make a huge difference by urging your state legislators to co-sponsor four bills to protect domestic violence victims.

LRB 558 (Reps. Jacque & Richards/Sen. Ellis) – This bill will allow victims and prosecutors to present evidence of abusers full pattern or violence and intimidation in trials for domestic abuse.

LRB 588 (Rep. Jacque/Sen. Petrowski) – This bill will help improve law enforcement's response to domestic violence by requiring referrals to domestic violence victim services and tracking situations in which officers do not arrest the perpetrator.

LRB 720 (Rep. Jacque/Sen. Petrowski) – This bill will make technical improvements and refinements to remove unnecessary barriers to victims and children obtaining protection.

LRB 1191 (Rep. Loudbeck/Sen. Harsdorf) - This bill allows victims to apply for restraining orders against out of state perpetrators who direct abuse at Wisconsinites or have caused victims to flee to Wisconsin.

National Partnership for Women & Families: For Equal Pay Day, new analysis shows unequal wages cost Wisconsin women more than \$8.3 billion in income each year

*By Diane Lindsley
Zonta District 6 Advocacy Chair*

A new analysis released for Equal Pay Day reveals that Wisconsin's gender-based wage gap is punishing the state's families and its economy. Women who are employed full time in Wisconsin are paid just 78 cents for every dollar paid to men, amounting to a yearly gap in wages of \$10,324. Collectively, this amounts to a loss of more than \$8.3 billion in income every year – money that could strengthen the state economy and provide critical support to the more than 229,000 Wisconsin households headed by women.

The analysis was conducted by the National Partnership for Women & Families, based on U.S. Census Bureau data. Details on Wisconsin's wage gap can be found here. The National Partnership also analyzed the wage gap in the country's 50 largest metropolitan areas, which includes the Milwaukee area.

According to the analysis, if the gap between men's and women's wages in Wisconsin were eliminated, each full-time working woman in the state could afford to pay for food for 1.7 more years, buy 2,700+ more gallons of gas, pay mortgage and utilities for seven more months or pay rent for 14 more months. These basic necessities would be particularly important for the 31 percent of Wisconsin's women-headed households currently below the poverty level.

The Paycheck Fairness Act would close loopholes in the Equal Pay Act, help to break harmful patterns of wage discrimination, and establish stronger workplace protections for women; it was reintroduced in Congress in January. President Obama has been a vocal supporter of the bill, calling on Congress to pass it in his State of the Union address in February.

<http://wispolitics.com/index.iml?Article=293986>



APRIL Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Demy Anfang

Cindy Talkovic



Zonta Club of Milwaukee



Zonta Foundation Inc.

Zonta Club Dues
For fiscal year June 2013- May 2014

2012 was a good year for The Zonta Club of Milwaukee! With the incredible support of its members and friends, the annual Fashion Show fund-raiser was a success and we raised approximately \$20,000 for the 2nd year in a row to fund our community and international efforts. We have a lot to be proud of - this is a great achievement and we could not have done it without you.

Additionally, we hosted the Area 2 Spring Workshop in March and the District 6 Fall Conference in October! This could not have happened without all of the great women who pulled together and dedicated their time and talents. Both events were extremely interesting and beneficial to those who attended. The entertainment provided by Neu-Life at the conference was a joy.

With the Club board's successful prospective members meetings and our excellent meeting speakers, we continue to attract and retain new members in the Club.

We are also extremely proud of the work the Foundation and Club Boards have jointly done in providing strategic direction and leadership to the Club. We have had many active service projects with Neu-Life this year: two Girls on the Run 5Ks, back-to-school backpacks, holiday sponsorship, and strategic planning efforts, just to name a few.

We look forward to another successful year as we continue to advance the status of women in our community and worldwide.

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 24, 2013 (Which is our April meeting date).

The dues are calculated as follows:

International Dues	\$83
District Dues	27
Milwaukee Club Dues	<u>60</u>
Total – <u>By April 24, 2013</u>	<u>\$170</u>

Thank you,
Joni Reese, President
Elizabeth Stull, Treasurer

There are several ways to pay your 2013 dues this year:

1. At the Club meetings (by check) – March 27 and April 24.
2. At the Fashion Show (by check or charge) – March 2.
3. By mail before April 24, 2013.

Mail your check to: Elizabeth Stull, 3049 S 39th St, Milwaukee, WI 53215

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 April 24, 2013 deadline, you will be charged a late fee of \$15. If you need additional information for corporate reimbursement, please speak with Joni or myself by April 1, 2013.