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EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Zonta Club *Milwaukee*

Dec. 2015

Date: 12/16/15

Time: 5:30pm

2015/2016
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Zonta Club of Milwaukee Christmas Party

**Northwest Family
Activity & Events Center**
4104 W Good Hope Rd

Reservations to: Lori Peterson at
Phone: 262-370-9540
E-mail: lorapeterson@wi.rr.com

Reservation Deadline,
Monday, December 14th

Zonta Club of Milwaukee Annual Christmas Party Events

- Most Unusual Sweater Contest
- White Elephant game. Members are asked to bring a \$5 or white elephant gift to exchange.
- Buffet meal catered by Kerrent Events. (\$30)

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Bring Your Own Wine
if you like



President's Message...

Greetings Milwaukee Zontians;

Once again we installed three dynamic women at last month's meeting and we're looking forward to install more at our January 2016 meeting! We enjoyed another inspirational speaker in the person of Dana World Patterson. She spoke of her experiences working in post trafficked women, advocating for them, empowering them and encouraging them as they start their new journey in life. We were also honored with art work from Neu-Life's Art Project that addresses Human Trafficking. The painting are vividly expressive and given from the victim's point of view. The Advocacy Committee plans on including the artwork, some way, in our "16 days of Advocacy" which started November 25th.

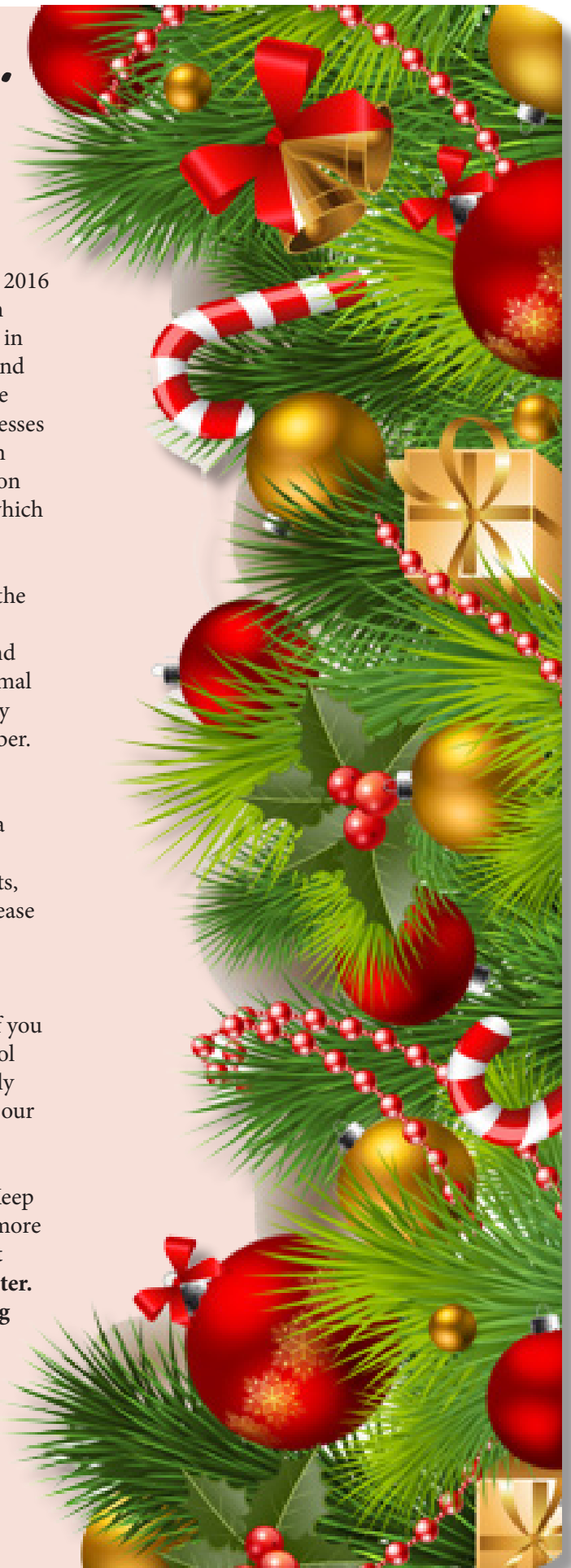
I was proud to deliver **1,491** newborn pampers from our club to the Stork's Nest located in St. Joseph's hospital. The Stork's Nest is connected to an independent Women's clinic that provides pre and post natal care for new under-aged mothers, who may have minimal and/or no family support. I gave out 6 of our cards with advocacy ribbons on them, asking the staff to wear them until mid-December.

We have been asked to support the "Dress for Success" effort in February at Alverno College for women who have bravely taken a new life path. This is another opportunity to support women by providing gently used work attire. All articles from blouses to suits, skirts to slacks, sweaters to jackets will be greatly appreciated. Please bring your clothing donation to the social as well.

Our Christmas Social will be at Northwest Family Center on 12/16/15 @ 6pm. The address is 4104 West Good Hope Road. If you haven't turned in your gift(s) for Gwen Jackson Elementary School yet, please bring them to the social. We are going to have an "Ugly Christmas Sweater" contest...it's going to be a riot! We will have our White Elephant gift swap, too...fun, fun fun!

Remember: Our Annual Fashion Luncheon is April 9, 2016. Keep developing your guest list! This is an important fundraiser...the more we sell tickets, the more work we can do in our community! **Next Club Meeting: January 27, 2016 at the Italian Community Center.** **Happy Birthday members who will celebrate their "day" during December!!**

-Donna KW



Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2015

President, Donna Kahl-Wilkerson convened the meeting, guests were welcomed, and thanks were given to Neu-Life for the Art Reach Program display.

Neu-Life Community Development shared a display of powerful paintings created by nearly 80 Neu-Life youth for the Art Reach Program. "The Art Reach Program is a Human Trafficking/Sex Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Education Program that encourages the students to put what they learned into collaborative art piece. The students (middle school and high school) work together on the messages that they want their painting to convey about the very dangerous world of sex trafficking/human trafficking." The hope is to bring awareness, watch for the warning signs of someone being in trouble, and have the courage to help. This art work will be displayed at the City Hall through December 4, 2015.

Barbara Wyatt-Sibley introduced our speaker, Dana World Paterson, who gave an informative, timely presentation about enhancing etiquette and building positive self images for women, information about Foundations for Freedom, a 501 c3 organization, and statistics and facts about human trafficking in Wisconsin, which includes all 72 counties. The work is to not decrease human trafficking, but rather to STOP human trafficking. The slogan is See Something, Say something, Do something." "In It to Win It"

President, Donna Kahl-Wilkerson presented the agenda which Victoria Frazier moved, and Lynne Oehlke seconded that the agenda be approved, which it was.

Installation of new members: Pam Knackert facilitated the Installation Ceremony and Zonta members welcomed Martha de La Rosa, Ellen Burgermeister and Montez Ashley as our new members.

Reports from committees are as follows:

Correspondence: None reported.

Finance Committee: Diane Lindsley reported the accounts are reconciled and the CD has been moved to Waterstone Bank.

Advocacy Committees: Donna Neal: Girls On the Run was successful and fun for all with a beautiful day as a bonus. The names of the children at Neu-Life have been distributed with the Neu-Life party to be on December 17, 2015. The Neu-Life Art Presentation will be at City Hall during our Sixteen Days of Advocacy.

Membership Committee: Pam Knackert; After welcoming our new members the Zonta Club of Milwaukee stands at 51 members.

PR Committee: Joni Reese requested someone to take over the producing of the Newsletter, as her daughter has graduated from college this year, and is pursuing her career goals. Krista Betts enthusiastically offered to take over, and will move forward with Joni Reese's help. Thank you Krista! December 1, 2015, is the deadline for information to be submitted.

Program Committee: Barbara Wyatt Sibley announced that the Zonta Holiday gathering will be December 16, 2015, at the North West Family Center, 4104 West Good Hope Road. The refreshments will be catered at a nominal cost, and we will bring "white elephant" gifts to share. There will be a contest for the "Ugly Christmas Sweater." In January the Area Director will be our program speaker.

Scholarship Committee: We will continue to assist gathering "business formal" clothes for Kosovka Spreco's project. The collection will end February 4, 2015, and the event will be February 11, 2015. The Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship search will begin in January. Please spread awareness to possible candidates. The other two scholarships will be posted in March; more information to come.

Fashion Show Committee: Lynne Oehlke reported that the date will be April 9, 2016. Please begin working on your tables of ten guests, and it would be wonderful if you would like to create a basket for the auction.

Z Club Committee: Victoria Frazier reported that the establishment of the Milwaukee Z Club is moving forward, and they will be completing the paper work with Zonta soon.

Special Projects: Donna Kahl-Wilkerson collected the offerings of diapers for the Stork's Nest. Our next mini project will be to collect new or gently used water bottles for the young people at Neu-Life.

Area Workshop: Donna Kahl-Wilkerson: The Area Director, Lori Hanewold, will be our January Program speaker.

Meeting Adjourned: by Donna Kahl-Wilkerson

Respectfully submitted: Judith Lehman, Recording Secretary

Future Meeting Dates

Board

Club

N/A	12/16/15
1/12/16	1/27/16
2/9	2/24
3/8	3/23
4/12	4/27
5/10	5/25
6/14	6/15

2016 Fashion Show

Mark your 2016 calendars for Saturday, April 9, 2016 at the Marriott Milwaukee West, Pewaukee, 10:30 A.M. Our theme: "Empowering Women & Girls for 90 Years."

We want to ensure another successful event and ask all members to get your list of guests for your table. Why not use the Christmas certificate sent to you for those special people in your life, or that person who has everything. Maria will again be creating electronic replies. Save the Date will be out soon.

Returns from sponsors are coming in. Pam will accept raffle and silent auction items at our Christmas Get-Together, and future club meetings. If you have made contacts, let Pam or me know for follow-up.

Diane is our expert on invitations and getting those in order, menus are being selected to include special needs for guests. Keep that in mind for future invitation replies.

Lori would welcome your expertise to share in presenting our history over the 90 years, a wine pull is being coordinated by Deb Koller and Karen Smith. Connie Thoma will be overseeing our decorations. Table centerpieces will be a single yellow Zonta rose.

"Fashion Through The Decades" will be presented by Goodwill, to emphasize Zonta Club's 90 year history, a great peek back at the fashions of our Mothers, Grandmothers and ancestors. Some of our Zonta members have seen their presentations and come highly recommended.

We are open to your ideas, so do not hesitate to contact us. It is one annual fundraiser and it takes the club's participation at 100%.

- Chris Todd

**Empowering Women & Girls
for 90 Years**

Number: _____

Gift Certificate

This certificate entitles: _____

to: **Be my guest for ZONTA Fashion Show & Luncheon, April 9, 2016**

Marriott Milwaukee West (Waukesha/Pewaukee)

Invitation given by: _____

Expires: **April 9, 2016**

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Jaqueline Beaudry
December 29th

Susan Koepsell
December 29th

Morgan Hill-Laverne
December 7th

Pam Knackert
December 3rd

Donna Neal
December 5th



Membership Committee

Again, I'd like to welcome those new members whom we installed at our November meeting. In November we installed Montez Ashley, Ellen Burgermeister and Martha de La Rosa.

Please feel free to invite any prospective members to the December 16th holiday get together. It will be a great time for them to meet other members.

Joann Comodore and Joyce McCrary will continue to ask for pictures and bios for new members in the upcoming months and continue to get our other members that we haven't gotten yet for publication in the newsletters.

Gloria Jones has agreed to be our "Membership Corner" person. If you have any bits of news about yourself and want to keep us up to date on what's happening with you let Gloria know and she'll have a little update in the newsletter each month. Who knows she may even ask you.

Also any seasoned member who has not offered to be a mentor for new members, if you are interested please let Pam know.

-Pam Knackert

Service Corner

We love to see the children of Neu-Life filled with joy as they unwrap their special Zonta holiday gifts. This year we have 73 children for our annual gift drive, and all are accounted for. If you haven't already, please wrap or bag your gift with the child's profile and ID number on the gift.

While your generosity is greatly appreciated, please keep gift amounts limited to around \$25. We must have all gifts by December 16.

We will be collecting gifts at the December 16 Zonta holiday party or you can arrange an earlier drop-off or pick-up with:

Cheryl Nowak - 414-840-4446:
House: 21975 W. Oak Park Dr., New Berlin
Work: We Energies, 333 W. Everett, Milwaukee

Janet Kloser
Southside pick up, please call 414-207-3750

Joni Reese - (262) 995-4838
Downtown drop-off (Assurant Health) or Muskego

The party will be held at the Gwen T. Jackson Elementary School on Thursday, December 17. Festivities will begin at 3:30 PM and the gifts will be passed out to the kids at around 5:00. Many parents will be there for the celebration which usually includes performances of songs, poetry, and snacks.



In the spirit of holiday giving, as well as in keeping with the IRS incentive to make tax-deductible contributions before year end, please consider making a donation to ZONTA Foundation, Inc. of the ZONTA Club of Milwaukee.

Your donations will be used to empower women and girls in the Greater Milwaukee area through charitable gifts, educational programs, foundation grants and scholarships.

Any amount is appreciated, but we invite you to consider giving at either of these two, milestone-marking levels:

\$90 to help kick off our Club's 90th year of service and advocacy

\$60 to kick off our Foundation's 60th year of charitable funding

Just make your check payable to ZONTA Foundation, Inc. and bring it to the December meeting, or mail it directly to:

Pam Knackert – Foundation Treasurer
15125 W. Fenway Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151

Thank you for your consideration.

Meet Our Member Sandy Goldman



Sandy grew up in West Bend, WI, the daughter of Don and Fran Mertens (father Don -police officer, mother Fran - nurse). She is one of 5 children. Although her parents are now deceased, the siblings remain very close and see each other often. She is the proud aunt of 5 nieces and 1 nephew that she loves to spoil!

Sandy has been married 12 years to her husband, Mike (police officer). Their children have 4 paws (2 adorable Bichon-Poodles, Dillon and Molly). They are small, white, snugly and VERY spoiled.

Sandy always knew she wanted to be a nurse and pursued a bachelor's degree in nursing at UW-Oshkosh. She also loved teaching/ mentoring; her career has followed these two paths.

Sandy worked at Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-St Joseph for 19 years. She began her career as a nurse; then coordinated educational activities and eventually became the Director of Educational at that location. During her tenure at St. Joseph's, she was charged with the oversight of the accreditation of Magnet status (a prestigious award and honor that reflects high quality patient care), as well as, completed her Master's Degree in Organizational Management through the University of Phoenix.

Sandy later accepted the Director of Education for the integrated health care system with ProHealth Care in Waukesha County. She worked at ProHealth Care for 5 years.

Sandy has continued her commitment to lifelong learning. Through out her career she obtained the ANCC certification in Nursing Professional Development, Master Trainer-TeamSteps, and Certified Trainers in Meyers Briggs and Crucial Conversations.

In September 2015, Sandy started a new adventure at Aurora Health Care, as Director of Education in the Medical Group (Ambulatory) division, leading a team of clinical educators who are focused on prevention of illness and continued growth and development.

In addition to being passionate about the ongoing development of staff and leaders, she is an avid Green Bay Packer backer, love to travel, read and volunteer!

Meet Our Member Ashley Montez



Montez has served as the Equal Employment Specialist and Student Career Experience Coordinator for almost five years. Prior to her current position, she was the Regional Grants & Agreements Coordinator for the USDA Forest Service. Her federal career started 15 years ago with USDOL Employment and Training Administration, where as a Federal Project Officer, she managed multi-million dollar grants for workforce development activities, awarded to state and local governments, universities, profit and non-profit organizations, and other entities.

Prior to entering Federal Service Montez's twelve year career history was quite diverse. Her program management and coordination skills evolved from her work as Director of Community and Workforce Education at the third largest community college system in Houston, Texas. This position also developed her greatest love of working within the community where she developed unique partnerships and served on several committees with schools and community based organizations. She developed a love for touching and improving the lives of people early in her career.

Montez is a proud alumnus of two historically black universities, Lincoln University, Missouri where she received a B.S. in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology, and Prairie View A&M University with a M.A. in Counseling.

She continues to touch the lives of people through community involvement whenever she isn't on work related travel. In 2008, she accomplished her childhood dream and traveled to Ghana West Africa on a mission trip. Montez a native of Gary, Indiana, has lived in Milwaukee for the past 11 years with her husband. She enjoys participating in church activities, traveling, spending time with her family, and reading.

Meet Our Member Janet Kloser



One of six children, Janet Kloser grew up in Indiana and enjoys spending time with parents and family members around the country. She became a sports fan early on and her favorite teams are Notre Dame and any team in which a niece or nephew participates.

Janet earned a Bachelor's degree in Travel & Tourism from Ball State University in Indiana. Time spent studying in England, traveling in Europe, and as a member of a peace delegation to East Asia had profound impact on the person she is today.

Janet spent over 20 years in the hospitality field, mainly working for hotels. She stumbled upon her passion for learning and development and spent years as a Regional Director of Quality and Training working with 133 hotels from coast to coast. Being a road warrior became a way of life, and she spent little time at home in Phoenix, AZ.

She spun off to work as an Independent Master Trainer for Health Communications, training trainers across the country in the TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures) program. This led to work for the National Restaurant Association teaching alcohol service and intervention techniques for professional sporting venues. After moving to Wisconsin, it only took one time training the staff at Lambeau Field to get Packer fever.

Currently an instructor for MRA – The Management Association's Institute of Management, Janet's favorite topics for training are leadership, communication, and customer service.

She's a past president and very active in the local chapter of the Southeastern Wisconsin Association of Talent Development. She helps coordinate an emergency food pantry at St. Alphonsus Church, and is treasurer of their St. Vincent de Paul Society conference.

Janet's favorite role is vying for "Favorite Aunt" status with her four nieces and nephews. She enjoys pleasure travel, cultures, nature, live theater, reading, cooking, hiking, and spending time with friends and family. She recommends getaways to Glacier National Park and Yosemite National Park.