



# Zonta Club *Milwaukee*

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Wednesday, June 18th, 2014  
*Zonta Club of Milwaukee  
Social Gathering*

**Ladies,**

**As we come to the end of our year and as some of you head to Florida for the Convention, our June meeting will be a social gathering.**

**This year, Lori Peterson has graciously offered her house in Pewaukee for the evening. Our dinner will be a pot luck.**

**The entertainment will be lawn games and engaging conversation by you and your fellow members.**

**A separate email will be sent out for directions to Lori's house and along with it will be the sign up sheet for the potluck. So bring your dish and sunscreen and have a great time.**

**See you there!**

Thank You  
Kim Brinsko

# *President's Message...*

## **Greetings Milwaukee Zontians**

My name is Donna Kahl Wilkerson and I have the honor as well as the privilege to serve as the Milwaukee Club President for 2014-2016. I thank all of you for placing your confidence in me and our new Club Board officers. We look forward to serving you.

## **Starting with a BANG!!**

If May 28th was any sign of how our tenure will be, it will be very fulfilling! We started off with awarding a very deserving high school student our Young Women in Public Affairs Award. This is a scholarship is awarded to female students who have maintained a level of academic excellence while giving back to their community through volunteer services. In addition to that they have demonstrated strong leadership skills/potential and have involved themselves in activities that foster the advancement of women. Although the Scholarship Committee identified two young women who met the criteria, one young lady, Helen Fetaw, has left for Germany to attend a special program. Thus, the scholarship was awarded to Alma Lopez.

Alma is an outstanding young woman whose grades were more than acceptable, her references were stellar and her answers to the required questions were well written, as well as compelling. Alma is graduating from Ronald Wilson Reagan College Preparatory High School. She will receive an International Baccalaureate Diploma. She held a high GPA – 3.7 at time of application that continually improved each year and is now a member of the National Honor Society.

Alma's school activities consisted of member of the Student Council, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council and she advocated for MPS student needs, especially in the areas of personal and media security. Alma is also active with the Youth United for Global Action & Awareness Leadership Summit. Here Students from around the world attend a One week program to discuss world issues such as Human Trafficking, Gender Inequality, Water Sanitation and Hygiene just to name a few topics. Alma even co-founded a chapter at her high school for youth that are seeking communicating & awareness.

In her community, Alma volunteers at Walker's Point Youth & Family Center as a Peer Volunteer in their Runaway Program that provides emergency shelter for troubled youths 11-17. She was so committed as a volunteer that she has earned paid position as Youth Program Assistant. She also serves as a translator for families who are not bi-lingual as yet, only speaking Spanish. Alma now recruits and trains Teen Volunteers, as well as plans social events. Alma still finds time for sports like Cross Country and Soccer. In addition to the Young Women in Public Affairs scholarship, our club's Scholarship committee was able to award a matching scholarship to Alma for her outstanding accomplishments thus far. Congratulations to Donna Conant, Missy Creevy and Elizabeth Stull for a great job in selecting Alma Lopez as a Zonta club of Milwaukee recipient.

If seeing and hearing about Alma was not enough to make us cry, Pam Knackert did a presentation to Neu-Life with a check from the Milwaukee Club Foundation. The check is for our donation to their capital gains effort for the renovation of their youth center building. With the donation we have secured naming rights for Zonta Club of Life. The donation was accepted by JoAnne Commodore, CEO of Neu-Life, Inc. Isn't all this exciting??!!

## A Summer Service Project

Although the Club usually enjoys the months of July and August free from meetings, this year we agreed to assist Neu-Life in their effort to have a week-long summer day camp for both their youth center and students of the Gwen T. Jackson Elementary school. The day that we have been asked to help with is August 14th. On that day we've been asked to provide career speakers, help with occupational tours, give mini-workshops on interviewing, career planning, etc. Neu-Life will also be holding the Back to School rally of which we have participated in yearly.

Please consider helping out. There will be something for everyone to do!!

## Look out...Orlando!

The Zonta International Conference is in Orlando, FLA this year and Milwaukee will be on tap! We have several delegates attending and we'll be returning with lots of information to help our club meet and continue International's efforts to address the needs of women.

We look forward to seeing you in September so we can share all the news!!

- Donna Kahl-Wilkerson

## *Save the Date*

**June 27th to July 1st - Zonta International Convention in Orlando, FL**



Don't ask what the world needs.  
Ask what makes you come alive, and to do it.  
Because what the world needs  
is people who come alive.  
-Howard Thurman

# *Meeting Minutes*

May 28, 2014

5:30 pm Social Hour - 6:00 Dinner

## **Welcome, Introductions and Dinner:**

The meeting was called to order by President Elect Donna Kahl-Wilkerson at 6:00. The guests were introduced. After the Zonta Blessings, dinner was served.

## **Speaker:**

The speaker was Staci O'Brien from the Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee.

## **Presentation of the YWPA Scholarship:**

The 2014 Young Woman in Public Affairs Scholarship was awarded to two recipients this year, Alma Lopez and Helen Fetwa. Each received \$1000. Alma Lopez attended the meeting and shared her goals and aspirations for the future.

## **Installations:**

2014-16 Officers and directors were installed for the Zonta Club Board.

2014-16 Directors were installed for the Zonta Foundation

## **Special Presentation:**

The Club presented a bouquet of yellow roses to Donna Conant in recognition and celebration of her District 6 Governor position.

The Zonta Foundation awarded \$10,000 to Neu-Life in response to their proposal for the Art Room.

## **Committee Reports:**

- Finance/Treasurers – Dues for 38 members were sent to Zonta International.
- Service - A summer business career day is being planned with Neu -Life in August.
- Program -The Club's June Social is scheduled for June 18, 2014 at Lori Peterson's home at 6:00pm.
- Fashion Show – The Zonta Club of Milwaukee's 2015 Fashion Show is scheduled for April 18 or 25, 2015 at the Marriot -West. The Committee is looking for new co-chairs.

## **Announcements:**

- Zonta Foundation will provide the Back- to-School backpacks for Neu- Life.
- Newsletter Articles should be submitted by the 7th of each month.
- There will be no meetings in July and August.

## **Upcoming Meetings:**

Club Board Meeting June 10, 2014

Club June Social Meeting June 18, 2014

**Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm**

# *Service Corner*

## **News & Updates!**

Opportunities for hands-on service continue through the summer.

### **CAREER WEEK and BACK-TO-SCHOOL CELEBRATION**

The Neu-Life Career Week is scheduled for August 11-14 and will culminate in the Back-to-School Celebration on AUGUST 14. Contact Donna Kahl-Wilkerson or Cheryl Lucas DeBerry with any questions or ideas about Career Week participation. You can sign up to with them or with Jody directly, but please copy them on any communication with her.

### **Neu-Life Community Development's *Career Fair and Back to School Celebration***

Thursday August 14th 2014

1:00 to 3:00 pm

Main Site, 2014 W North Avenue, Milwaukee (side door entrance)

THREE ways Zontians can get involved:

- 1.) Help us celebrate "Career Week" (August 11th-14th) by coming in to speak to the youth about your career, the things that make your career special, share any interactive things you have. Specific ages and group sizes can be arranged.
- 2.) Be a Career "Booth" at our Career Fair- it would entail volunteering from 12:30 pm (for set up) until 3:00 pm on Thursday August 14th. Small groups of youth (aged 3 to 17) will visit your table/booth and learn about your career. Feel free to give away any information or goodies that might get the kids excited about your career.
- 3.) Have a great place that would make a great "Careers Week" Fieldtrip for the youth? We would love to take groups of youth to a special career place, if they would allow a visit/tour. We would like to do these trips the week of August 11th to celebrate the week. Specific ages and group sizes can be arranged.

If you are interested in volunteering to help in any of these opportunities, please contact  
Neu-Life Director, Jody Rhodes:  
Email: [neulife1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:neulife1@sbcglobal.net)  
Phone: (414) 933-3924

# *Service Corner Continued...*

## **Other New & Exciting Events to Come!**

### **BACK-TO-SCHOOL COLLECTION**

We will again conduct the Backpack school supplies drive this summer. Keep your eyes on the lookout for sales on the listed items. Coordinators for the drive will be announced within the next few weeks.

#### **In Short Supply**

Looseleaf Filler Paper  
Folders

#### **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)

#### **GOT PAINT?**

If you have flat (not enamel) paint sitting around in your basement that you don't plan to use, we will be able to use it in the ARTREACH program. Call Donna Neal and she'll arrange a pick-up, or bring it to any monthly meeting from now on. The program will be ongoing and so will the paint collection.

- Donna Neal



## *News From The North...*

### *Welcome Gail to the Club*

I was obviously saddened when the Zonta Club of Stevens Point voted to retire its charter on May 31 – our 35th anniversary. The club worked hard over the last several years on a revitalization project with the help of the Zonta Clubs throughout Area 2 in an attempt to gain members. We acquired what we hoped would be a long-term service partner, CAP Services Family Crisis Center and Sexual Assault Victims Services (SAVS). We had several projects going with this entity when the Club folded.

I was invited to join the CAP Services Advisory Board to continue work on these and other projects. We received a grant for the replacement clothing previously purchased by our club from the Women's Fund of Central Wisconsin. On May 8, the Board held an Art Auction and raised over \$1300 for the Green Space Project at the Family Crisis Center, which will provide a fenced in area that will allow women and children staying at the shelter a place to be outside without being visible from the road. It will also include garden space. We will continue the "TLC Packet" project for women entering the Crisis Center, with these personal care packets to be assembled by residents of the River Point Oxford House. River Point is a sober living facility, and the residents often have ties to the Center, so it is a good chance these women to give back to the community.

The CAP Services Advisory Board is also looking for someone to become more involved in advocacy – and aware of pending legislation that may affect their service to women. This is a void that I am hoping to fill, as I continue to work with the Zontians throughout the state that are already on this path.

I am very excited to be welcomed as a member of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee! I look forward to meeting and working with more of you in the future, and continuing to work with those that enticed me to stay on.

- Gail Zalewski



*Joann Comodore  
June 19th*

*Joni Reese  
July 10th*

*Anlyce Vogel  
July 13th*



*Lynne Oehlke  
July 22nd*

*Donna Kahl-  
Wilkerson  
July 22nd*

*Diane Lindsley  
August 1st*

*Barbara Fitzgerald  
August 12th*

*Margaret Holzboog  
August 18th*

*Cheryl Nowak  
August 27th*

*Wen Lin  
August 9th*

*Christine Todd  
August 15th*

*Margaret Abouqye  
August 24th*





Congratulations to Donna C.  
on becoming District 6  
Governor!



Congratulations to our  
Young Women in Public  
Affairs scholarship winner  
Alma!



New Board of Officers



New Foundation Board



## HUNGER TASK FORCE

May 30, 2014

Ms. Kim Brinsko  
Zonta Club of Milwaukee  
c/o 221 W. Manor Circle  
Milwaukee, WI 53217

Dear Ms. Brinsko:

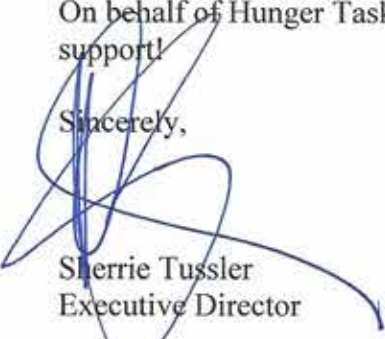
Please accept my gratitude for your organization's gift to Hunger Task Force of 116 pounds of donated food. Thanks to this support, local families who are facing hunger—especially our community's children—will stay healthy and safe.

Your organization stepped up to make a gift when local kids need your help most. Summer is the peak time for childhood hunger because kids lose access to school meal programs. Hunger Task Force is working hard to make sure local summer meal sites all over Milwaukee are feeding as many kids as possible. This generous support helps us focus more resources on our summer meals program, ensuring that kids have access to a healthy breakfast, lunch and supper each day.

Friends like you make all the difference for Milwaukee's kids. Summer should be a time of care-free, healthy play, not hunger and empty stomachs. This gift makes that possible, and we can't say thank you enough!

On behalf of Hunger Task Force and the children we serve, thank you again for your wonderful support!

Sincerely,



Sherrie Tussler  
Executive Director

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