

Zonta Club of Milwaukee



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Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

BULLETIN

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Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Speaker: Ms. Sharon Robinson

Zonta Club of Milwaukee is excited to present March's dinner meeting speaker: Sharon Robinson. Ms. Robinson is the Director of the Department of Administration for the City of Milwaukee since her appointment by Mayor Tom Barrett in 2005. He is well aware of her talents as they worked together when the Mayor was a Congressman for the State of Wisconsin.

I know this will be an informative and interesting evening as we hear first hand how changes occur at the city level.

**Italian Community Center (I.C.C.), 631 E. Chicago
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202
5:30 PM - Social
6:00 PM – Dinner
7:00 PM – *Speaker: Ms. Sharon Robinson*
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, March 26, 2012. 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.

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Presidents Message.....

Dear Zontians:

The month of March brings in spring flowers and showers. We celebrate International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day and St. Patrick's Day. In addition, March is also known for sports enthusiasts as "March Madness" where the college basketball fans get to see their favorite teams in action. A majority of people, like me, start to watch in earnest after the final four brackets of teams have been selected. Well this year, the Zonta Club of Milwaukee has its own final four.

1. Spring Workshop to be held March 24, 2012 at the MRA offices
2. Passport to Fashion-our annual fashion show fundraiser- April 21, 2012 at the Italian Conference Center
3. Kickoff of our service project with community partners to further the mission of helping girls be successful
4. Fall Conference to be held in October, 2012 at the Ramada Inn downtown Milwaukee

These are four great brackets for you as a member of the Milwaukee Club to support with time, financially and encouraging others to support us as well.

Which bracket will you be in, I hope all of them. When we all participate it strengthens the Club, the community and ourselves. In addition it reminds us of our mission, why we do what we do, it's all to advance the status of women and children worldwide. Commit to being involved in all four. With you we are stronger and better which helps to ensure more people are served.

Looking forward to a fantastic FINAL FOUR!!

Cheryl



Agency Partner Update

By Donna Neal

We are working on scheduling time with Our Next Generation and Neu-Life Community Resource Center to develop possible partnership plans to bring back to the club for its consideration. Both agencies are enthusiastic about the potential opportunity for a deeper relationship with Zonta.

These two agencies were the top two choices based on the club's vote at the January meeting and additional e-mail ballots I received. The final voting results were:

Our Next Generation: 19 member votes (10 first choice, 9 2nd) + 1 guest vote
Neu-Life Community Resource Center: 14 member votes (6 first choice, 8 2nd) + 2 guest votes
We Are Girl Entrepreneurs (WAGE): 9 member votes (5 first choice, 4 2nd) + 1 guest vote
Girl Scouts of WI SE: 7 member votes (5 first choice, 2 2nd)
Heartlove Place: 6 member votes (3 first choice, 3 2nd)

You will recall that we asked for reasons for the choices as well. The reasons were generally consistent across agencies -- making an impact and multiple means of doing so, opportunity for mentoring or tutoring, educational focus/scholarship connection, neighborhood served, making a difference early in girls' lives. With ONG, there were also comments regarding building on current member involvement, and with Neu-Life, comments about community activism. With WAGE, there were comments regarding leveraging club members' business and professional skills, and with GSWISE, comments on getting involved with a big agency for potentially more recognition. With both of these, there were also some comments regarding exclusive focus on girls.

To facilitate our planning discussions with the agencies, we have considered club members' reasons for their choices in structuring our upcoming dialogues. At our last meeting we developed a list of questions that will drive those discussions, to make sure we are both complete and consistent across the two.

As always, any questions, comments, or feedback welcome.



Members Update

By Claudyne Whitaker

Welcome to the month of MARCH, the third month of 2012 and LEAP YEAR!! The brief snow was just a teaser to remind us of what we missed during our "mild", not so typical WINTER. In MARCH we will experience Ash Wednesday, Daylight Savings Time, St. Patrick's Day with the wearing of the green, March Madness and The First Day of Spring. Enjoy it all. SPRING IS ON THE WAY and we will "catch up" with winter at the end of 2012.

Nell Kendrick returned home on Thursday from her second trip in the hospital and is doing well. Let's continue the calls, cards and prayers so that she will be home permanently as her health is restored 100%!!

As you know, time is flying (just a "few" days left until "the" fashion show) and you will be using your PASSPORTS soon. Spread the word and let's top last year's attendance and funds for the worthy causes Zonta supports. Everybody who is anybody will be at the FASHION SHOW on April 21st. I know we will see you there! Remember to volunteer to help at the beginning and the end. Thanx in advance for your teamwork.

Remember the Zonta Workshop WE are sponsoring March 24th in Waukesha. Send in your registration form and fee asap if you have not already done so.

Reminder: Invite potential members to our next information reception/meeting in May. The Membership Committee will have a date for you shortly.

Congrats to DONNA on receiving her Masters Degree in Liberal Studies. Enjoy your well earned efforts and endurance!

Thanks to Helen Ludwig, et al for the name plates that have brought each Zontian into the 21st century. We love them!!

A big THANK YOU to the Program Committee for the advance notice of the monthly program speakers. Great gesture/idea and most appreciated. Hats off to you!!

March Birthday Zontians: Congratulations as you enjoy your special day. Remember, YOU ARE ONE OF A KIND.

GRATITUDE IS A SHORT CUT TO HAPPINESS.

Membership Corner

By Marianne Zapall

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!

Congratulations are in order for Camelia Clarke, as she was installed at our newest Zontian at our February meeting.

We have also received a Prospective Membership Form from Deboralynn Swanson and we look forward to her installation as a Zonta member.

Our spring fashion show is April 21 and in case your guest list isn't complete, think about asking someone that you think would enjoy becoming a member of our Zonta club. This would be a great opportunity for them to have a very nice day and to learn more about who we are.

After our fashion show the Membership Committee will be planning a membership reception in May. Put your thinking caps on lets have all Zontians think of prospective members to invite and continue our positive trend in 2012.

Don't forget to invite current members whom we haven't seen lately and/or guests to our club meetings.

Zonta Fashion Show – 'Day of' Volunteers

By Elizabeth Stull

Ladies – Now that we are only a little over a month away from our 2012 Zonta Fashion Show – Passport to Fashion – we're down to asking for volunteers to help with the duties for the day of the show. I've listed below the slots I still need to fill – please let me know what you'd be willing to help with. I know that we can make this year run smoother than ever!

Room Set-up: Come in before the event and get all the raffle and silent auction items out, organized and looking great. Time is tentatively 7:30am until done (which has to be before 10:30!).

Greeters: We need a couple people to greet people as they come in – let them know where to hang their coats – that kind of thing. This will be for a ½ hour shift – either 10:30-11:00 or 11:00 to 11:30.

Raffle Sales: I need three more people, to help Jackie and Lynn sell raffle tickets. It gives you a reason to talk to everyone as they come in!

Raffle processing: This is the packing up and calling the numbers and then getting the loot to the lucky winner. This will also be in shifts – so you don't have to abandon your table for the entire time!

Silent Auction processing: Same thing as the Raffle processing – getting everything packed up and the 'winners' notified –also to be done in shifts.

Let me know what help you can give – it's all appreciated! **Thanks** and see you at the next meeting!

Zonta Fashion Show

By Carol Cline and Pam Knackert

Save the Date of Saturday, April 21, 2012 for our "Passport to Fashion" fashion show fundraiser. It will be held at the ICC. Chico's and it's sister store Soma's will be our vendors for the show.

Hopefully you are already doing your inviting. **Each member will be responsible to sell a table of 8.** You should have received your invites either at the February meeting or in the mail. **Reservations are due April 5.**

Last call for raffle & silent auction items. Please bring any **raffle and silent auction donations** to the March meeting and give them to Laurie Ward. Food and drink are always popular items. If you frequent a restaurant or store ask them if they would donate an item or certificate to our raffle and auction.

Also bring your **bottles of wine** for our cork pull fundraiser and your **tour books** to be used for centerpieces (only ones you don't want back). If anyone besides Joni has a big globe that we might set on the stage as decoration, please let Carol Cline know.

We can use **helpers** for the day of the event for raffles and silent auction. Please let Elizabeth Stull know that you will help.

If you have an **ethnic outfit** that you are willing to wear or let another member wear for the day of the event that would add a great touch to our theme "Passport to Fashion."

We will have our next committee meeting on Wed. March 21 at Carol Cline's office in Wauwatosa.



Upcoming Zonta Club of Milwaukee Dinner Meeting Speakers

By Kim Brinsko

Barb and I would like to inform you of who the speakers will be for the rest of the year.

March is Sharon Robinson, City of Milwaukee.

April is the business meeting and there will be not speaker this month.

May is Emily Winecke, Wisconsin Woman's Network.

June is our fun month. The activity for this month will be announced later.

September is Rhonda Matthews Ware, Research Center for Woman and Girls at Alverno College,

We hope this helps you with your planning for the coming year, as well as assist you in inviting your guests.



2012-13 Nominating Committee Report

*By Christine Todd, Chair;
Donna Kahl-Wilkerson,
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. Note for Election: 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	Joni Reese (1 st full 2-year term as President)
President-Elect	Donna Kahl-Wilkerson--(1 st full 2-year term as President-Elect)
Vice President	Barbara Fitzgerald--(1 st full 2-year term as Vice President)
Treasurer	Elizabeth Stull (2 nd of a 3-year term as Treasurer)
Secretary	Victoria Frazier--(2 nd of a 3-year term as Secretary)
Directors (3)	Kim Brinsko (2 nd of a 2-year term as Director) Barbara Wyatt Sibley (2 nd of a 2-year term as Director) Connie Thoma (Completing the 2 nd year term of Director for Dr. Maggie Oboagye)

Club Directors whose current terms expire are: Demy Anfang, Barbara Fitzgerald and Nellie Kendrick (Bev Connor completed Nell's term)

New Directors (3): Camelia Clark (1st year of a 2-year term), Carol Cline.(1st year of a 2-year term) and Lynne Oehlke (1st year of a 2-year term)

The proposed slate for the Foundation Board is:

Directors : (3)	Elizabeth Bruderle-Baran (1 st full 3-year term) Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry (1 st full 3-year term) Pam Knackert (1 st full 3-year term)
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Foundation Board Directors whose current terms expire are: Linda Hext, Diane Lindsley, Claudyne Whitaker



Wisconsin Zonta Clubs Observe International Women's Day

*By Joann Gruber-Hagen, Zonta Club of Madison,
Area LAA Chair*

More than 50 people attended the 2012 International Women's Day Kickoff Rally on March 7 at the Wisconsin State Capitol organized by four of five Zonta Clubs of Wisconsin. This was preceded by an advocacy workshop in conjunction with the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families and legislative visits with state Representatives and Senators.

The workshops, legislative visits and rally focused on four issues relevant to Wisconsin Zonta Clubs' advocacy agendas – domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault and women's health. The rally featured Zontians introducing and legislator advocates addressing each issue and the Raging Grannies, a Madison group dedicated to peace and social justice through song.

Goals for the day included: a) Public observance of International Women's Day, b) Publicly connecting Zonta with advocacy on women's issues, c) Increasing legislator awareness of Zonta as a women's issues advocate, d) Cultivating Zonta partnerships with like-minded organizations, e) Growing advocacy skills of Zontians and partners and f) Developing productive relationships between Zonta members and their elected officials.

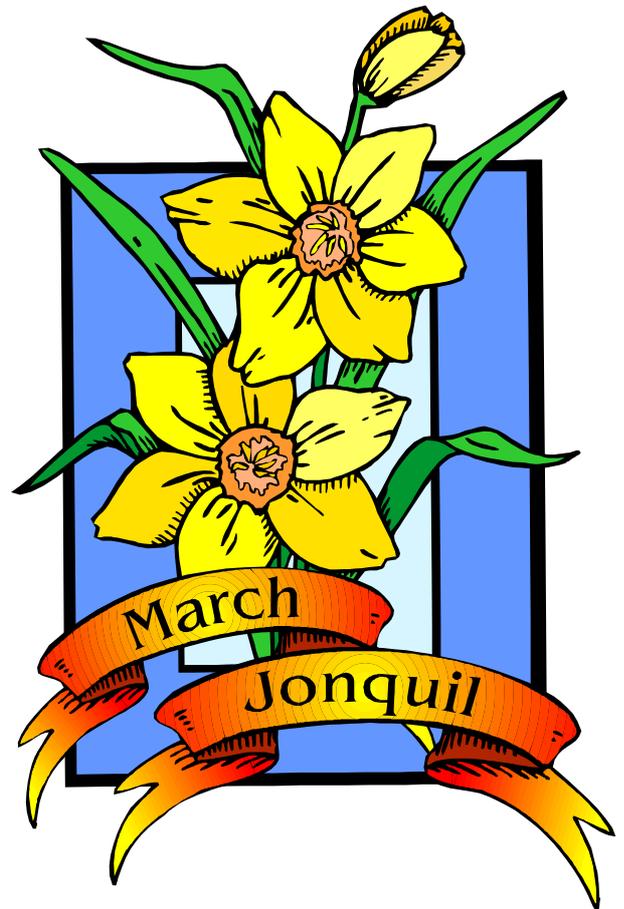
What worked? a) Fourteen Wisconsin Zontians and partners enhanced their advocacy skills and many experienced their first-time in-office visit with their legislators, b) Zonta began the process of being identified by state legislators as an organization advocating for women's issues, c) Found an effective model for inter-club cooperation via free conference call service, d) Better acquaintances established across four of five Wisconsin Zonta clubs and e) Began to learn to navigate differences in Zonta Club positions on issues.

What will be improved next time? a) Recruiting partnerships with like-minded organizations for events like this and ongoing collaborative efforts to advance the status of women, b) Involving all five Wisconsin Zonta Clubs and more Zontians and c) Better advance and day-of press coverage.

Bottom line? Good first inter-club effort like this that is likely to be repeated next year (pending upcoming debriefing teleconference).

This is the event that Donna Neal, Rukiya Alexander of Our Next Generation, and Diane Lindsley attended. It was a thorough advocacy training experience while exposing other organizations and State legislators to Zonta.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry