



Zonta Club *Milwaukee*

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Wednesday, May 28th, 2014

Zonta Club of Milwaukee

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee speaker for the May meeting will be Staci O'Brien with the Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee. Ms. O'Brien will focus on the needs of the Task Force, the clients they serve, and their farm projects.

We ask that each member attending the meeting bring a non-perishable item or several to the meeting to show our support of the efforts that the Hunger Task Force is doing within the Milwaukee area.

This evening we will be having a summer menu and the price will be \$25.00. The choices for dinner will be:

ICC Chef Salad

With julienne of ham, turkey and mozzarella cheese on a bed of mixed greens. Garnished with avocado, asparagus spears, cucumbers, tomatoes and eggs.

Choice of dressings

OR

Fresh Fruit of the Season

Freshly sliced seasonal fruits and berries. Accompanied by banana bread, wedges of cheese and assorted crackers.

Dessert for the evening will be a torte.

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

RESERVATIONS: Please call Helen Ludwig (414-321-0078, Extension 114) or email her at hludwig@sbl-law.org with the cancellation of your standing reservation or any call-in reservation by 9:00 am on Monday, May 26th, 2014.

Upcoming Program

June meeting will be a Lori Peterson's home on Pewaukee Lake.

We will have a pot luck dinner and details will be provided at the May meeting.

Come end the Zonta year before Convention for an evening of relaxation and sisterhood.

Thank You

Kim Brinsko

President's Message...

Hello Zontians!

Happy May, Happy Mother's Day, and Happy Memorial Day!

This is my final month as the President of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee and therefore, my last President's message for the newsletter. I want to thank you for allowing me to lead and represent the Club, and putting up with all of my learning and mistakes that that involves! I think the Zonta Club of Milwaukee has so many amazing and talented women who truly care about making a difference. It has been an honor to call myself the President of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee. I know that Donna Kahl-Wilkerson, along with the new officers and the board of both the Club and the Foundation will be successful in leading us into the 2014-2015 year.

Some shout out Thank You's for the activities in the past month:

- Thank you to those who collaborated on the Club and Foundation Annual Reports and helped to make our Annual Meeting successful.
- There was a prospective membership event on May 6th, which was attended by several new prospective members. I would like to thank all of you that hosted, participated, presented and/or invited guests.
- Thank you to all who supported our mini fundraiser at the Chancery.
- Thank you to Club members that supported the Neu-Life Art Show on May 10th, either in your coordination, your attendance, or by donating.

As people take new positions in the Club, please think about how you can contribute your unique services or branch out in a new committee. Many of the committees will be looking for new members and your enthusiastic willingness is greatly appreciated!

Thank you for all you do, for women locally and around the world.

Joni Reese

Meeting Minutes

Zonta Club Minutes for April 23,2014

5:30 Social Gathering

6:00 Dinner

There was no speaker this evening as it was our annual meeting.

Zonta Club of Milwaukee Annual Meeting

The meeting was call to order at by 6:45pm President Joni Reese.

•Treasurer's Report was presented to the members by Elizabeth Stull, Treasurer. The proposed budget for 6-1-2014 to 5-31-2016 was distributed to the members. Presently there are 34 paid members. The budget is based on the Club having 45 members. The report was discussed by the members. It was also noted that for several committees they requested an increase for their respective budget. These increases are noted by the green lines. The committee that received the largest increase was for the delegates for International Conventions. This increase would be more in line with the actual cost for the Convention. Presently, the Club can support the budget as presented from the reserved monies in the checking account. Discussion followed. Maria Bellmann made the motion that we accept the 6-1-14 to 5-31-16 budget for the Zonta Club of Milwaukee as presented. Jackie Beaudry seconded the motion. A vote was called. 23 yeses and 1 opposed. Discussion followed. The opposing voter expressed concerns over the long term effects in using the monies from the reserve and if that would cause vulnerability for the Club. The vote was passed. The motion was carried.

Presentation of the 2013-2014 Annual Club Report

- Service Report was presented to the members by Donna Neal. She gave a summary of her report and thanked the committee members and the club members for their support. She also spoke of upcoming events.
- Advocacy Report was presented to the members by Karen Hunt. She gave a summary of her report and thanked the committee members and the Club members for their support.
- Finance Report was the Treasurers report.
- Program Report was presented to the members by Kim Brinsko. She thanked the members for their support and spoke of upcoming programs.
- Scholarship Report was presented by Donna Conant. She gave a summary of her report. They will continue to award four scholarships. They were able to award two scholarship of \$1,000 each to both of the candidates for Young Woman in Public Affairs. She also continues to ask Club members for their support in suggesting future candidates.
- PR/Communication Report was presented by Joni Reese. She presented a summary of her report. She also discussed he future goals for the committee including updating the website.
- Membership Report was presented by Helen Ludwig. She presented a summary of her report and thanked the committee members and the Club members. She briefly spoke of the upcoming Prospective Members Reception.

Meeting Minutes Continued

- Fundraiser Report was presented by Maria Bellmann. She briefly spoke about this years' fundraiser the Fashion Show. There were 307 in attendance and approximately \$23,000 was raised. She thanked the committee member and the Club members for their continual support. Discussion followed re: labeling the event to focus and Celebrate Woman's Accomplishments. Discussion followed that we are presently, as in the past, focused on this theme and that the Fashion Show is just a vehicle and an event to facilitate the accomplishments of woman.
- Motion was called by Carol Cline to accept the 2013-2014 Annual Report as presented. Motion seconded by Donna Conant. A vote was held. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.
- Nomination Report. The nominations for the Club Board and Foundation Board were presented as stated in the annual report. A motion was called by Joann Comodore to accept Club Board members for 2014 as presented in the Annual Report. Seconded by Donna Conant. A vote was called. The motion passed unanimously. Motion carried.

Announcements.

- Donna Kahl-Wilkerson announced that Neu-Life will be having a summer career camp this year and asked for support. Aug.11-15. This may coincide with the backpack events for the students. Discussion followed.
- Helen Ludwig reminded the members about emailing reservations and what is a standing reservation vs. a call in reservation.
- Gail Zalewski from the Stevens Point Club is transferring her membership to the Milwaukee Club.

Meeting for the Zonta Club of Milwaukee was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Zonta Foundation Meeting

- The meeting for the Zonta Foundation of Milwaukee was called to order at 7:36pm by Pam Knackert in Cheryl Lucus-DeBerry's absence. Pam gave highlights of the past year's achievements and accomplishments of the Foundation. She also reminded the Club that the Foundations fiscal year is 1-1-13 to 12-31-13 which differs from the Club's.
- A motion was called to accept the Foundation report of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee as presented by Donna Neal and seconded by Donna Kahl-Wilkerson. A vote was called and passed unanimously. Motion carried.
- Nomination Report: The nomination for the Foundation Board was presented in the annual report. A motion was called to accept the Foundation Board members as presented by Donna Conant. Seconded by Donna Kahl-Wilkerson. A vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.
- Foundation Recommendations for ZI Contributions. The allotment that Zonta Club of Milwaukee will give to ZI is \$7672.50 including a late donation from 2013 of \$82.50. Discussion followed as to what funds to give the monies to, and what percent each fund should receive. It was proposed and decided that the Foundation give the monies as follows.
 - o International Service Fund will receive 50%.
 - o ZISVAW will receive 25%,
 - o Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship will receive 10%.
 - o Amelia Earhart Fellowship will receive 15%.

A motion was called by Pam Knackert to accept the proposed funding as stated.

Motioned seconded by Donna Conant. A vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Neu-Life Funding Proposal Capital Campaign

Neu-Life Capital Campaign Funding Proposal was distributed and discussed by the members. They are requesting \$10,000 for their project from Zonta Foundation. Individual members may also make a contribution if they would like and have it earmarked as such. Discussion followed and Joanne Comodore answered questions presented by the members. Joni Reese made a motion that we accept the Neu-Life Funding Proposal as stated. Seconded by Karen Hunt. A voted was called. The motion was passed.

Upcoming Announcements: The Chancery Fundraiser April 28th in Wauwatosa.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Service Corner

News & Updates!

ZONTA/NEU-LIFE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM – TRAINERS' ARTWORKS

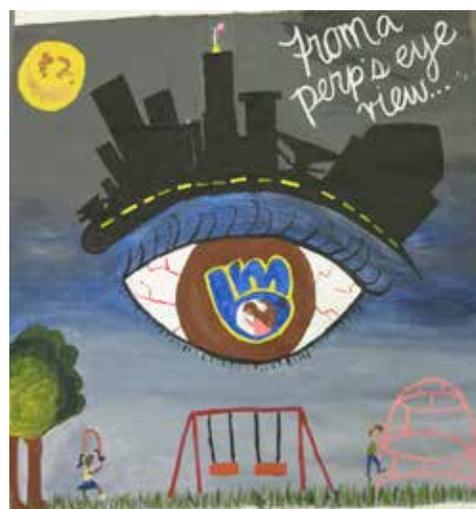
The Zonta Club of Milwaukee Foundation is supporting the Youth Anti-Violence Project, a collaborative effort among Neu-Life, the Zonta Club of Milwaukee, and outside partners. For detail, see the April and March newsletters and the Club Annual Report.

About ten future adult trainers went through the entire ARTREACH program as the youth will experience it, except we did it all in one day while youth will do it in five separate sessions. We split into two teams, each of which produced a collaborative piece of art inspired by the education on trafficking. The two artworks are shown below, along with the narratives that capture their spirit and essence.



Puppetmaster

All it takes is one person to make a difference. The victim sucks every lie into her head that the trafficker tells her, which causes her to become a puppet and do whatever he says. All it takes is the attention of one person to set her loose from these strings.



From a Perp's Eye View

While the city sleeps, and while the innocent play, the perp lurks, sticking to his motto, 'Money Over B*tches,' he knows what works. Who's watching? Are you?

Ultimately, art works produced in ARTREACH trafficking education programs will be displayed in public places to spread awareness about the human trafficking issue and stimulate prevention actions. See the article on Human Trafficking in this month's newsletter for more information and resources about human trafficking.

Service Corner Continued...

Other New & Exciting Events to Come!

CAREER EVENT UPDATE

The Career Event we will be sponsoring with Neu-Life youth will now be scheduled for July, to tie in with weeklong career programming planned for two Neu-Life sites this summer. Stay Tuned! Contact Donna Kahl-Wilkerson or Cheryl Lucas DeBerry for more information about how to participate.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

For the most part, the school supplies from the Back-to-School Backpack drive are holding up pretty well, but the Neu-Life youth are running short of looseleaf paper and folders – and yes, they are being used for schoolwork. A lot of homework going on! If you run into a sale or want to pick up either, you can drop them off at Neu-Life or just bring them to our next monthly meeting.

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

New-Life Photos



2014 Scholarship Opportunities

Our Zonta Club of Milwaukee is again offering four scholarship opportunities in 2014 through our Zonta Foundation. The upcoming ones are listed below. Members are encouraged to promote these scholarships to their colleagues, contacts at area high schools, colleges/universities and other non-profit organizations. Further information and applications are available on our website: <http://zontamilwaukee.org/OurScholarships.htm>

Women in Technical Specialties (\$1,000) Applications are due May 28, 2014

This scholarship is aimed at low income or otherwise disadvantaged women. Its purpose is to support technical and vocational education of women in technical fields including (but not limited to): Health Occupations, Computer & Electronics, Mechanical, Plumbing and Other Non-traditional Technological Fields. Applicants must show evidence of dedication to advancing the status of women.

Women in Science (\$1,000) Applications are due May 28, 2014.

Students ready to enter their third or fourth year of an accredited undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering or Math program are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applicants must have an outstanding academic record and demonstrate intent to complete their chosen program.

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business (\$1,000+) Applications are due May 28, 2014

Women studying business at the undergraduate or master's level and who show outstanding potential in their chosen field of business are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applicants must currently be in at least their second year of an undergraduate program when they apply. Applications are due on or before May 28, 2014.

(Note: The local scholarship winner's application will be forwarded to Zonta District 6 for consideration for selection to compete for one of the twelve \$7,000 international scholarships that will be awarded by the Zonta International Foundation.)

Membership Corner

The Membership Committee held a Prospective Member Reception on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at Susan Koepsell's condo meeting room. Seven prospective members were in attendance along with twelve members from Club. Following a social reception, current members disseminated information about our Club, District, and Zonta International. All of the prospective members were given informational packets and applications. If you know of other prospects that were unable to attend the event, please invite them to the dinner meeting on May 28 at the Italian Community Center or our social meeting to be held on June 25th at Lori Peterson's home.

In addition, pass on our newsletter to prospective members so they can see all the good work we doing.

Hope to see everyone at our May meeting.

-Helen Ludwig



Foundation Corner

At our April business meeting we voted on the distribution of 1/3 of our fashion show funds for Zonta International (\$7,725 total, rec'd a donation after the meeting so this is slightly higher than total given at meeting). They are as follows: International Service Fund, 50%, \$3860, ZISVAW, 25%, \$1930; Amelia Earhart Fellowship, 15%, \$1160 and Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Fund, 10%, \$775. The YWPA had already reached its goal for the biennium and the Rose Fund had exceeded its goal so we chose not to fund those this year. Thank you for your support. Anyone who would still like to support our annual fundraiser can do so by sending or giving your check to Pam.

Thanks also to everyone who was able to make it to the Chancery on April 28 for that fundraising opportunity. With friends, family & work colleagues there were at least 50 of us for lunch or dinner and proceeds are \$122.00.

Last, but not least, at the April business meeting we voted on the Neu-Life proposal request for \$10,000 for their capital campaign. The club voted to donate the \$10,000 to be used to sponsor the Youth Art Room in their renovation project. The Zonta Club of Milwaukee will get signage to the room and our members can participate in the joint Zonta/Neu-Life youth mural. Our \$10,000 is coming from the Zonta Foundation, Inc. general and money market accounts. We hope to present a check to them at the May meeting. Neu-Life has \$100,000 confirmed from the Zilber Family Foundation toward the \$400,000 they are raising for this project.

- Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry

Save the Date

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



Danielle Ladzekpo
May 25th

Carol Cline
May 27th

Advocacy Corner

Why Zonta? Why advocacy? Why a Zonta says No! campaign?

300 young girls... Stolen in the middle of the night by a crazy man and his terrorist militants claiming importance by tying their atrocious actions to Allah.



“I abducted your girls. I will sell them in the market, by Allah.”

If you are interested in working on an advocacy platform for the Milwaukee Club, please contact Karen Hunt at 414-412-0049 or karen_hunt@wi.rr.com. Interested members will meet throughout the summer to plan the initiatives for next year.

Other news:

On May 1, Milwaukee launched a new domestic abuse program “Spot Abuse.” Based on the startling statistic that 76% of animal abusers also abuse a family member (Association of Prosecuting Attorneys), the campaign aims to create awareness of the link between animal and domestic / family abuse and encourage witnesses to animal abuse to take action and call 911. The primary goal of the Spot Abuse Project is to increase the number of reported cases of animal abuse which will lead to the increase in the number of uncovered domestic abuse situations. Police and 911 operator training will include investigating, identifying and documenting animal abuse as well as how to arrange for emergency shelters for pets of victims of domestic abuse. It is estimated that 65% of domestic violence victims stay in the abusive homes or delay leaving out of concern for the safety of their pets. More info at spotabuse.org or facebook.com/spotabuse.

In April, the White House developed a new website, NotAlone.gov. The site is designed to make resources on sexual assault prevention accessible to students and schools in an effort to prevent sexual assault on college and university campuses and in our schools.

Alverno
FORUM



Human Trafficking:
Definitions, Recognition, Response

For Help or to Report Suspected Trafficking:

National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC)
1-888-373-7888

Email:
NHTRC@PolarisProject.org

Text:
HELP or INFO
to BeFree (233733)
Confidential & Interpreters Available

Reporting to Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare
(414) 220-SAFE

TraffickingResourceCenter.org

Human Trafficking: Definitions, Recognition, Response

The Human Trafficking Forum held at Alverno College on April 24th was attended by Donna Neal, Pam Knackert and Diane Lindsley.

Panelists were:

Rachel Monaco-Wilcox , Asst. Prof. of Justice at Mt. Mary

Karine Moreno-Taxman, Asst. U.S. Attorney

Dr. Sebastian Ssempijja, Sebastian Family Psychology Practice, LLC

Dana World-Patterson, Chairperson of the Human Trafficking task Force of Greater Milwaukee

Jessica Brumm-Larson, Asst. Prof. of Psychology, Alverno College

Discussion centered around factors that have made Milwaukee a hub of human trafficking, types of trafficking, and the scope of the trafficking.

Time did not allow for all audience questions to be answered during the two hour time period but all questions submitted will be addressed and responses sent to us.

We will share them with you in a later Newsletter.

Emphasis was placed on force, fraud, and coercion. Additional descriptions included deception, exploitation, abuse of power, vulnerability, and isolation.

ACT	MEANS	PURPOSE	
Recruitment	Threat or use of force	Exploitation, including	= TRAFFICKING
Transport	Coercion	Prostitution of others	
Transfer	Abduction	Sexual exploitation	
Harbouring	Fraud	Forced labour	
Receipt of persons	Deception	Slavery or similar practices	
	Abuse of power or vulnerability	Removal of organs	
	Giving payments or benefits	Other types of exploitation	

SCOPE WORLDWIDE

- Twenty million people worldwide
- \$32 billion industry
- Humans become a commodity, especially as the world becomes more urbanized and people become isolated from their families and friends in their former rural communities.
- More women have become traffickers...yes traffickers... because they are more adept at gaining trust. They become what's called "bottom girls", a pimp's right hand. Worldwide, 1 in 3 traffickers are women.
- Worldwide, more men are trafficked for hard labor (60%) vs sex trafficking (40%); Women are trafficked for sex and as domestic servants.
- At least the United States prosecutes its citizens for abusing children in other countries. Few countries do.

SCOPE IN WISCONSIN & MILWAUKEE

- Human trafficking has been documented in all 72 Wisconsin counties.
- In the past year, the Milwaukee Homicide review Commission identified 77 sex- trafficked children in Milwaukee alone.
- In Milwaukee, girls and young women can have few choices because of prior abuse, isolation, and lack of self-esteem, which make them quite vulnerable.
- Human traffickers look like those victims whom they exploit and can easily fool the naïve. There have been cases of high school girls recruiting new girls.
- The sexualization of young girls in the media has led to poor self-esteem and vulnerability.
- Milwaukee has the most victims taken "on the circuit" and has been referred to as the "Harvard of Pimp School". The most vulnerable, according to the Milwaukee Health Dept. is a 16-19 year old African-American girl. There has been no definitive research thus far to explain why Milwaukee is a trafficking hub.

EFFECTS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- The legal system has been slow to grasp the causes and personality changes that occur in human trafficking victims.
- How does a victim of human trafficking recover psychologically, socially, physically and medically? The community needs more resources and services for these victims. [In the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel of April 29th, State Rep. LaTonya Johnson (D-Mke) reported on the Perspectives page that new legislation is needed to provide services for children sexually abused by a non-caregiver.]

PREVENTION STRATEGIES

- Focus on improving self-esteem of girls and young women.
- Keep the human trafficking awareness conversation alive; advocate for human rights. Reject silence on this issue.

For more information and resources about human trafficking, visit:

www.polarisproject.org

sharedhope.org

exploitnomore.org

humantraffickingawareness.org

Nominating Committee Report for the 2014 Election

The slate was approved as presented for a vote in the April, 2014 meeting.

Club Board – New Club Officers:

Donna Kahl-Wilkerson – President (2014-2016)
Carol Cline – President Elect (2014-2016)
Victoria Frazier – Vice President (2014-2016)
Diane Lindsley – Treasurer (2014-2016)
Judith Lehman – Secretary (2014-2016)

Club Board – New Directors:

Barbara Fitzgerald (2014-2016)
Helen Ludwig (2014-2016)
Elizabeth Stull (2014-2016)

Continuing Board members:

Maria Bellmann (2013-2015)
Judy DuSell (2013-2015)
Karen Hunt (2013-2015)

Zonta Foundation Board – New Directors [The Foundation Board elects its own officers.]

Jackie Beaudry (2014-2017)
Susan Koepsell (2014-2017)
Cheryl Nowak (2014-2015)
Lori Peterson (2014-2017)

Continuing Foundation Board Members:

Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry (2012-2015)
Christine Todd (2013-2016)
Pam Knackert (2012-2015)
Missy Creevy (2013-2016)
Connie Thoma (2013-2016)

Nominating Committee:

Donna Conant, Diane Lindsley, and Helen Ludwig
March 15, 2014