



Zonta Club *Milwaukee*

May 2015

2014/2015

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www.zontamilwaukee.org

Wednesday, May 27th, 2015

Zonta Dinner Meeting Speaker: Wendy Simonich

Wendy is a Nurse Case Manager at Children's Hospital of WI. She works in a grant funded position for the Wisconsin HIV Primary Care Support Network. Wendy provides care coordination for pediatric HIV patients and their families as well as Youth (ages 18-25) in southeastern Wisconsin. Wendy also follows pregnant women with HIV thru-out the eastern portion of Wisconsin to coordinate care with their providers in order to prevent transmission of HIV to their babies.

Meal Choices: Regular Meal – Salad with Chicken
Vegetarian Option – Salad without Chicken

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

5:30 PM - Social

6:00 PM - Dinner

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

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 25th, 2015.

President's Message...

Greetings Milwaukee Zontians;

Although Spring has sprung, I must have blinked and missed it!! The only way I know Spring has come is because of our fabulous fundraiser, held on April 18th at the Marriott-Pewaukee Hotel. The event was well attended, the food was great, the fashions were to “die for” and the weather was cooperative. A good time was had by all who attended!

The Annual Neu-Life Art Show will be held on May 16th at the Family Center campus, 20th and North Avenue. There will be plenty to do, plenty to buy, lots of good food and great company. This is a main fundraising event for Neu-Life, so please find some time to stop by and shop for original artwork!

Kudos to the Membership committee! Their informational session on the history and workings of Zonta International and the Milwaukee Zonta Club was well presented. The informal gathering was held for women who indicated interest in joining the club as a follow-up from the fashion show luncheon.

Approximately 9 women expressed interest in the things that ZI does for girls and women around the world, as well as locally. Applications for membership were made available.

Elections were held at the April 22nd meeting. Three new club directors have been elected (2015-2017) and three new foundation directors have been elected to their board (2015-2018).

- Donna KW



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 23, 2015

President, Donna Kahl- Wilkerson convened the meeting and announced that some committee reports were outstanding for the annual report and that oral reports would be given:

Service Committee – Donna Neal

- Neu Life Partnership 2014/2015 activities:
- Backpacks (100)/Holiday Gifts (76)
- Fall Middle School “Girls on the Run”
- Summer annual career event
- Art Reach event with anti-trafficking focus
- \$10,000 sponsor of Art Room
- \$3,000 value of back to school support
- \$5,000 from Foundation for scholarships

Advocacy Committee – Karen Hunt – report by Diane Lindsley

- Volunteers are needed for the committee – will meet a few times during the summer to plan for 16 days of advocacy in November
- No face to face meeting with legislators
- Forms provided to Safe Harbor
- Forms provided to membership at meeting in support of fine against johns and traffickers to now go to separate fund
- Will be advocacy workshop at Fall District meeting
- Efforts to raise public awareness
 - 32 social media posts/70 likes
 - May boost posts next year

Public Relations Committee – Joni Reese

- 110 Facebook followers – focus was fundraising events
- Added Twitter Account linked to Facebook
- Monthly newsletter
 - University student doing the letter
 - Added member bios
- Updated branding
- Tabletop display updated
- Website changes are on-going

Membership Committee – Pam Knackert

- Six new members this year
- Lost Nell Kendrick
- Count as of end of May – 44
- Membership packets are available
- Membership Reception – May 6th
 - Invitations have been mailed to club members
 - Invitations mailed to 25 Fashion Show prospects
- Mentor Program off the ground – 5 working
 - Will meet at 5:00 p.m. before May General meeting

Meeting Minutes Continued...

Finance Committee – Diane Lindsley

- Following International guidelines
- CD has been renewed for 1 year

Program Committee – Barbara Wyatt Sibley

- Program and meal plans prepared for full year
- Programs selected are in line with service, advocacy and Club interests
- Need stellar speakers
- Something different could be done at June and December socials
- Will be summer meeting to schedule fall and next year. Please pass on suggestions

Nominations –

Club Board Nominations – Donna Kahl Wilkerson - Unanimously approved

Joann Comodore
Karen LaSage
Lauren Ward

Foundation Board Nominations – Cheryl Lucas DeBerry – Unanimously approved

Pam Knackert
Lynne Oehlke
Joni Reese

Proposed Bylaw changes –

- Lynne Oehlke moved / Carol Cline seconded changes be approved as presented.

Unanimously approved

Fashion Show Report – Lynne Oehlke

- Net almost \$20,000
- 45 silent auction items - \$4,500
- 45 raffle items - \$3,500
- 80 fewer attendees – many travelling/no price increase comments
- Significant increase in donations - \$4,600 vs \$2,000
- Meal good – recommend same next year
- Significant that did not have glasses vendor – may have spent more on silent auction and raffles
- Suggested that next year's event be in April
- Pictures from event will be placed on Facebook
- 4 or 5 positives regarding International video – need to highlight

Z Club – Victoria Frazier

- Research
 - Eight Z Clubs in District 6 – high school level
 - One Golden Z – University of Illinois
 - See attached Responsibilities & Considerations
- Need Z Club Committee
- Charter - \$25.00/Renewal - \$5.00
- Need school assistant
- Neu Life is possibility
- Beloit is last club in District 6 to establish Z Club. Have materials we could use.
- 15 - 20 members would be good start
- Decision to be made at May meeting

Meeting Minutes Continued...

Announcements

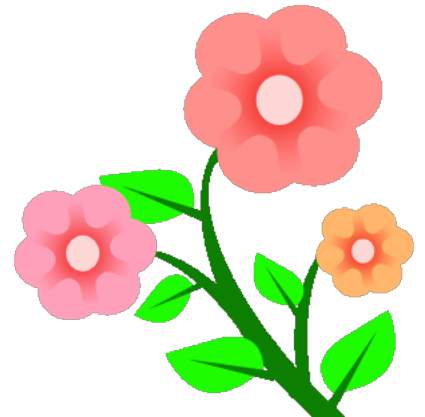
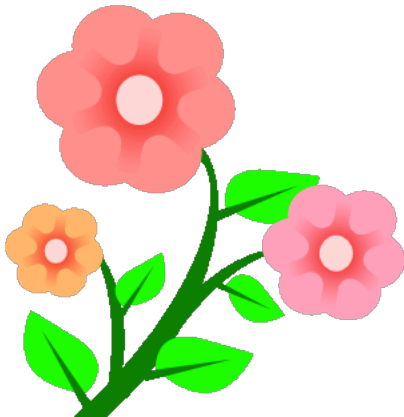
- Area 2 Workshop – 7 going
- Minneapolis June Inter-district Meeting – Fee \$230
- Milwaukee Prospective Member Meeting – May 6th
- International Convention 2016 will have Membership recognition program for those clubs bringing in 2 or more members

Zonta Club Meeting Adjourned

Zonta Foundation meeting opened – Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry

- See attached report covering:
 - Major Accomplishments
 - 2014 Agency Recipients
 - 2014 Scholarship Awards
- Tax information was submitted
- Neu Life accomplishments
 - See Service Committee Report above
 - Will work with Neu Life 2 more years
- Financial Report – Pam Knackert
 - See attached:
 - \$141,000 balance beginning of 2014
 - \$135,000 balance end of 2014
 - Last year had high carry-over & gave more to Young Women in Public Affairs
 - Distribution of funds to meet International commitment
 - Last year gave to Amelia Earhart, Jane Klausman , Young Women in Public Affairs and Endowment Fund
 - This year will contribute \$6,600
 - Motion made by Maria Bellmann/Seconded by Jackie Beaudry to support the same funds as last year
 - Motion passed unanimously
 - Check will be sent by May 1st

Foundation Meeting adjourned by Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry



Zonta Fashion Show

The “You Hold the Key: Empowering Women & Girls” fashion show was a great success, held April 18 at the Marriott Hotel in Pewaukee. We did ourselves proud, raising over \$20,000.00 (that’s net) for the continued support of Neu Life, of a number of additional service organizations and the scholarships. Carol and I send our thanks and gratitude to the committee members who were tireless and to all who brought friends and family to a beautifully remodeled Marriott Hotel.

We had 222 guests, down about 80 participants from last year, 80% of our members participated through set up and tear-down, through donations and through participating on every front. There were 45 raffle items and 45 silent auction items in addition to multiple bottles of wine all donated either by members or recruited by members. Chico’s provided beautiful fashions, made more desirable by the models (our members & friends) who displayed awesome style, grace and humor on the runway.

We received sponsorship from WE and the WE Foundation, Robert W Baird, Sengstock, Budny & Ludwig, Senior Helpers, ME Dey & Co, Chr Hansen and Landmark Credit Union. Was a day of great fun.

Through the year please be mindful of opportunities for sponsorship and/or for donations of silent auction and raffle items.

Thanks again for your participation and pride taken in being able to help others through this event

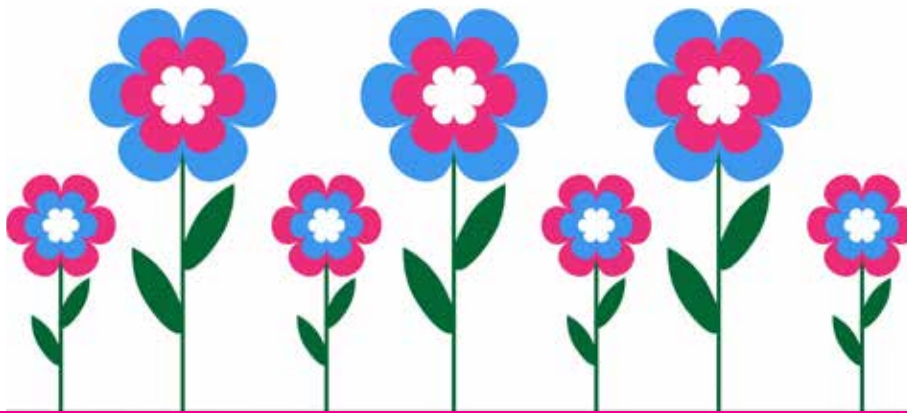




Gail Zalewski
May 4th

**KEEP
CALM
AND
GET YOUR
BIRTHDAY
ON**

Carol Cline
May 27th



Membership Corner

Thanks to all those attending the Prospective Member Reception on Wed. May 6. Thanks to Susan Koepsell for hosting it at her condo and for all the member presenters. We had 10 prospective members attending and several of them are interested. If they were your guests please follow up with them and invite them to our May 27th meeting. Also if there is anyone that couldn't make the reception and is interested please invite them to the May 27th meeting as well.

Those of you who offered or I asked to be mentors or anyone else who would like to be a mentor I'd like to meet at 5pm the evening of our meeting May 27th. I'll be sending you the responsibilities and we will review them on the 27th. If other membership committee members are available please attend also.

We express our deepest sympathy to Joni Reese and Elizabeth Stull and their families on the loss of their moms. Also former member Velta Hill's mother passed away as well.

By Pam Knackert

Service Corner

Neu-Life Community Development's 8th Annual ART SHOW & AUCTION and LOCAL FOOD LUNCHEON:

"I CAN BE ANYTHING"

held Saturday May 16th



Meet Our Member Camelia Clarke



Camelia L. Clarke is a proud native of Blue Island, IL but has resided in the Greater Milwaukee Community since grade school. She graduated from Worsham College of Mortuary Science, Cardinal Stritch University with a B.S. in Business Administration, and Marquette University with an Executive MBA degree.

Camelia is the co-founder and is a Licensed Funeral Director at Paradise Memorial Funeral Home. She developed the funeral preplanning program that offer a variety of options for families that chose the gift of preplanning. She has worked very close with the Milwaukee County Department on Aging, Family Care and numerous Corporate Guardians to assist families with end of life planning options.

Camelia is very active in the community and has previously and currently serves on numerous boards of directors including: Prince Hall Masonic Foundation, Zonta International Club of Milwaukee, Outreach Community Health Care Center, Supportive Community Services, Northwest Community Chamber of Commerce, Milwaukee Waukesha County Funeral Directors Association, Wisconsin Funeral Director Association, and the Milwaukee Area Technical College Advisory Board of Directors. Camelia proudly joined Zonta in 2012 because she wants to help Zonta carry it its local and international mission.

Camelia has founded several small businesses and provided small business consulting services to numerous small business entrepreneurs. This September Camelia will join the fall 2015 Cohort at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater to earn her Doctorate of Business Administration Degree (DBA). Her discipline will be management and entrepreneurship.

She is an active church member of Holy Redeemer Church of God in Christ and is the proud wife of Marcel and the mother of Raja'ee (19 year old sophomore at UW-Whitewater), Jazzmin (16 years old) Mariah Clarke (6 years old) and baby Mia (1 year old).

Meet Our Member Susan Koepsell



Milwaukee native Susan joined Zonta in December of 2010. A friend who invited her to the fashion show that year introduced her to Zonta. The mission and worldwide reach of the organization was and is particularly important to her.

Susan and her ex-husband started Koepsell's Popcorn Wagons in 1973. The red wagons are a familiar sight around town. Susan's affiliation with the business ended in 1983 when they divorced.

She has spent the majority of her life in Milwaukee except for an 8 year stint in Seattle from 1987-1995. She moved there after visiting the Pacific Northwest on vacation and falling in love with the area. She had every intention of staying there but came back to take care of her ailing mother and to help her settle her affairs. Family and friends here kept her from returning to Seattle.

Susan graduated from Cardinal Stritch University and spent her working career in the field of accounting. She worked for companies in investments, commercial real estate, not for profits and ended her career at Cardinal Stritch at the end of 2012 after working there for 12 years.

Susan's favorite pastime is travelling. Her trips have included Egypt, the UK, Ireland, a Mediterranean cruise, an Adriatic cruise, Danube river cruise and Oman. She also has been to Jamaica, the Bahamas, Mexico and Canada. She has been to Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates 5 times as she has a friend who has lived there for 15 years as a university professor at Zayed University. Last winter she spent two glorious months there helping her friend Jane recuperate from hip replacement surgery and escaping the nasty weather here.

Susan has no children (by choice). Her only sibling, a sister had four children and Susan decided she made a much better aunt than a mother... her family agrees. Her favorite niece Corey says, "everyone needs an Auntie Susan".

Meet Our Member Margaret Stark Holzboog



Margaret was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and grew up in Wauwatosa. She studied economics as an undergraduate at Washington University (St. Louis, Missouri) and graduate student at Columbia University (New York, N.Y.) Upon graduation from Columbia, she returned to St. Louis where she worked for ten years in the fields of banking and security analysis.

Upon returning to Milwaukee, Margaret worked another 20 years for Miller Brewing Company as a Marketing Research Manager. Upon retirement in 1992, She continued to do market analysis as Co-Preneur of Environments 21, an urban planning firm.

She has worked with a number of volunteer organizations including Friends of the Domes, the Milwaukee Public Museum, Milwaukee YMCA Camp Minikani, and the Richfield Historical Society.

Margaret has been a member of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee since 1980 being attracted to the organization because of its international, as well as, local service activities. She has served Zonta in the following capacities:

- Milwaukee Club President
 - Area 2 Director
 - District 6 Lt. Governor
 - District 6 Governor
- International Environment Chairman where she coordinated a worldwide team of 30 professionals working in environment related positions in the task of identifying key international environmental issues using the findings in a report for the International Board.
- As International Service Chairman, she gathered service project data from clubs worldwide and projected quantitatively, Zonta's international service impact in a "footprint of service."

As International Service Chairman, she also monitored and site visited Zonta's international service project in Burkina Faso, West Africa where education was provided regarding the negative effects on women's health from the practice of female circumcision. Findings were communicated to the international body in written and video format.

Today, Margaret hobbies include gardening, needlework and weaving, antiques, reading and relaxing while overlooking beautiful Lake Amy Belle in Hubertus, Wisconsin where she reside with her dog, Addie Jean, and her cat friend ABL.

2015 Scholarship Competitions

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee offers three college scholarship opportunities for young women and college students living in and/or attending accredited schools in southeastern Wisconsin including: Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ozaukee, Washington, Racine and Kenosha counties.

A brief overview of the remaining 2015 scholarships is presented below with links to their respective applications.

Should you have any additional questions about these scholarships, please contact us at zontascholarships@wi.rr.com

JMK Women in Business \$1,000 + \$1,000 + \$7,000

Women studying business at the undergraduate or master's level at an accredited college or university, who show outstanding potential in their chosen field of business, are eligible to compete in this tri-level (club/district/international) Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship competition.

Zonta Club of Milwaukee applicants must either be a Southeast Wisconsin Resident enrolled in any local or out-of-state accredited college or university, or be an Out-of-State Student attending an accredited college or university in the six-county greater Milwaukee metro area.

In addition, applicants must have achieved or surpassed "junior" status by June 15, 2015 to be eligible

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee awards a \$1,000 scholarship and forwards the winner's application to Zonta District 6 for consideration in terms of an additional \$1,000 scholarship award.

The district winner's application is then sent to Zonta International for consideration in terms of one of the twelve \$7,000 international scholarship awards.

Complete applications are due on or before June 15, 2015.

Women in Science/Technology/Engineering/Math \$1,000

Women majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) who show outstanding potential in their chosen field are eligible to apply for this \$1,000 scholarship offered by the Zonta Club of Milwaukee.

Applicants must have an outstanding academic record and demonstrate intent to complete their chosen program.

Applicants must either be a Southeast Wisconsin Resident enrolled in any local or out-of-state accredited college or university, or be an Out-of-State Student attending an accredited college or university in the six-county greater Milwaukee metro area.

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