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BULLETIN

International District 6 – Area 2
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Guest Speaker: Dr. Linda Stewart

Chief Operating Officer, Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board

Topic: Behind the Scenes/The Impact of the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board

Dr. Linda Stewart, Chief Operating Officer for the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board and former President/CEO for North Milwaukee State Bank, Director for Workforce Development for UW-Milwaukee and Cabinet Secretary for the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development will speak to ZONTA members and their guests on November 17. Learn more about the impact of this key board in transforming public/private partnerships and MAWIB's regional sector strategy to advancing the economic growth and well-being for individuals and businesses within our community and region.

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

5:30 PM - Social

6:00 PM – Dinner

7:00 PM – Guest Speaker: Dr. Linda Stewart

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, November 15, 2010. 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 Sister Zontians:

Thank you for electing me as a delegate to represent the Zonta Club of Milwaukee as delegate to the District 6 Fall Conference. Here is a recap of the conference:

Friday travels created some problems from both the north and south direction with an accident and construction which delayed the credentials orientation until after the evening meal. We all made it safely which is what was important.

Our evening festivities kicked off with a welcome from Governor Chalfant and Gwen Hopkins, Conference Chair. The food had an international theme and was enjoyed by all.

District 6 officers, who were unable to attend Convention, were installed and clubs reported on the amount of monies given to Zonta International 2009-2010. The Milwaukee Club was pleased to report \$4,620 plus \$530 raised from the GALS tour. Thank you all for helping to make our club Shine! We then gathered in the hospitality lounge for mingling with old friends and meeting new ones as well as raffles after shopping at the Zonta store booths, of course.

Saturday's business meeting included a unanimous vote to adopt the District 6 Advocacy Platform which charges each club to select an advocacy project to implement this biennium. The D6 LAA committee is chaired by our own Diane Lindsley and she and the members of her committee did a fantastic job signified by a standing ovation from conference attendees. In addition, Elizabeth Stull presented information about the success of the Milwaukee Club in securing outstanding applicants for scholarships. We had winners for both the Jane M Klausman and the Young Women in Public Affairs categories. Sandra Miller provided a video clip of our Jane M Klausman winner and we also learned that we had yet another International winner. Thank you to Elizabeth, Sandra, Donna Conant and other committee members for a job well done. We were the envy of all the other clubs!

We also were intrigued by a presentation from Stephanie Schmitz of Purdue University where she shared with us many interesting facts and slides of various artifacts of Amelia Earhart housed at Purdue. Our workshop sessions were entitled: Round-about: Crossroads and Opportunities. These sessions offered members from the same club and area the opportunity to hear the same messages rather than moving from session to session/room to room--the speakers came to us. What a fun idea and we learned and came up with ideas related to mining for members; legislative awareness and advocacy; PR-how to brand your club among others. Our Saturday evening social included another fun-filled evening in the hospitality lounge with games and raffles.

Sunday morning included Area meetings and clubs were able to share ideas as well as upcoming events. We then moved back to the large ballroom to attend the memorial service sponsored by the Rockford Club.

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President's Message.....Cont'd

The program and video presentation was very well done and the Milwaukee Club lit a candle in remembrance of Ruth Cummings during the ceremony. Final credentials indicated there were a total 134 conference attendees. Lynn O'Shea provided the invitation to the Fall Conference 2011, which will be held in Lisle, Illinois, October 7-9. Please plan to attend, you won't regret it.

Governor Chalfant sent us away the way she started the conference with these questions:

What are you doing? What is your club's strategy to maximize opportunities to tell our Zonta story?

What in the world are you doing? What is your club doing to support the Zonta International Foundation Projects?

Who do you think you are? What are your club's strategies for recruiting, retaining and rejuvenating Zonta Membership?

What will you think of next? Such as a creative examination of our Zonta outreach through Legislative Awareness and Advocacy.

We will discuss these questions more in the coming months. Have very Happy Thanksgiving. What are you thankful for??

Cheryl

Membership Corner

By Marianne Zapall

On October 13 the Membership Committee held a prospective membership reception at Elizabeth Stull's home. Three prospective members were in attendance and two of the three completed their Prospective Member Form. The two forms were presented to the Board for approval and letters of invitation to the Zonta Club of Milwaukee have been mailed to: Cindy Talkovic and Ramona Wright. Hopefully we will have two more installations before the end of the year. Thank you to the Zonta members in attendance for your comments on why you joined Zonta and comments shared regarding what Zonta represents.

In the October Newsletter I stated that we would be installing Kate Kaiser and Arlyce Vogel. As both Kate and Arlyce were past members of Zonta, they opted not to be reinstalled.

Please continue to contact members that you haven't seen at meetings in awhile to let them know we are thinking of them and would love to see them again. Also remind them that because of Thanksgiving, our meeting night will be Wednesday, November 17.

Members Update

By Claudyne Whitaker

Enjoy the change in weather now that FALL is still here. It will be WINTER in December before you know it! JACK FROST'S BREATH, SNOW AND A WINTER PLAYGROUND ARE ON THE WAY!!!!

HAPPY TURKEY DAY to all! Enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with your families and loved ones and think about how truly blessed you are. THEN BE A BLESSING TO SOMEONE ELSE!! It's all about GIVING.

Best wishes to Nell Kendrick as she heals from hand surgery. Cards and calls are guaranteed to make the healing time short.

IMPACT 211 is an organization for getting connected and getting answers. By simply dialing 211, you can access information about area resources that can help resolve a variety of basic life needs and personal issues. The "help" is free, confidential and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 211 IMPACT is funded by United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Milwaukee County. Please share this information with women and others that you know so they can be aware of 211's existence, use the info themselves or share with others who may be in need.

Please read, acknowledge and act upon the articles and informational items in the newsletter as we continue to embark upon a FABULOUS Zonta year. TEAMWORK. works miracles!

WE WERE PUT HERE TO HELP OTHERS. A SMILE, A KIND WORD, A HELPING HAND GOES A LONG WAY AND IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED.



Underway: Upgrade of Mom/Baby Room at SCR!

More help appreciated.

By Donna Conant

In true Zonta style, ZC Milwaukee members are pulling together to paint and decorate a Mom/Baby suite at St. Catherine Residence.

The painting crew of 11 members are meeting this Saturday, November 13th at 9:30 at St. Cates to start the transformation of the two bedroom, one bath (plus hall/entry) suite.

The decorating team has selected paint color, and is tending toward a jungle animal theme. They have shopping for curtains, bed linens and accessories ahead.

A few are scouting for the baby's crib & dresser, plus mattress. Three members will tackle assembly in the re-painted suite.

There was a lot of enthusiasm among members as we talked about and continued planning this service project at our October 27th meeting.

We have one third of our members actively involved, and **would like to have 100%**.

You can help by underwriting the purchase of one for more of the items listed below or by rounding up to a nice dollar amount. Checks should be payable to Zonta Foundation, Inc.

Items needed (with estimated cost):

Crib (\$270); Changing table/dresser combo (\$270); Crib Mattress (\$60); Comforter, sheets, & Window treatment for "soon to be mom's room" (\$40, \$20, \$40); Baby monitor (\$35); Mobile (\$35); Diaper bag (\$25); Baby receiving blanket (\$12 ea); sleeper (\$8); Changing pad & pad cover (\$20, \$7 ea.).

Thank you for your generous participation and living the mission of Zonta.

Let me know how you will help. I will e-mail all volunteers with specifics. dconant@wi.rr.com



Zonta Fashion Show

By Co-Chairs, Pam Knackert and Laurie Ward

SAVE THE DATE April 2, 2011 for our Fashion Show Fundraiser. Coldwater Creek will be our provider and it will be held at the ICC. Don't forget we need everyone to participate to make it a success. Here are the ways each member should be involved:

- Sell at least 8 tickets @ \$50 each (ask friends, relatives, neighbors & co-workers) or purchase them as gifts (Christmas is coming) for some of your favorite people.
- Donate a basket or other items for the raffle and silent auction.
- Ask your company for a sponsorship donation from \$100 to \$1000.
- Ask some of the businesses you frequent if they would donate an item or gift certificate.
- Sign up to help on the committee or for day of duties.

The funds we raise will be distributed to Zonta's International Foundation service projects as well as our Foundation's local service projects.

Next Fashion Show committee meetings will be Tues. Nov. 9 and Thurs. Dec. 9 at Donna Kahl-Wilkerson's.



October Meeting Pictures

By Diane Lindsley

**Speaker: Rose Daitsman
of Greater Milwaukee Human Rights
Network**



Upcoming Events ...

Club meetings will continue to be held at the Italian Community Center (ICC) on the fourth Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted.

November Meeting: Dr. Linda Stewart, Chief Operating Officer, Milwaukee Workforce Investment Board

December: Zonta Holiday Party; Location TBD

January Meeting: Amelia Earhart Month; Speaker To Be Announced



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER

Sandra Miller