

Zonta Club of Milwaukee



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Member of Zonta International

BULLETIN

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

International District 6 – Area 2
Chartered: January 8, 1926

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

***Zonta Club of Milwaukee Dinner Speaker:
Ms. Joann Harris Comodorero, CEO and Ms. Jody Rhodes,
Program Director of Neu-Life***

This will be an exciting meeting where you can meet and greet these innovative women as we form our partnership with this wonderful organization.

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

5:30 PM - Social

6:00 PM – Dinner

7:00 PM – Speaker: Joann Harris Comodorero and Jody Rhodes

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

RESERVATIONS: Please call Helen Ludwig or e-mail her with the cancellation of your standing reservation or any call-in reservation by 9:00 am on Monday, November 26, 2012.

Dinner choice: Traditional Turkey Dinner or Vegetarian meal of Eggplant Parmesan. 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.

President: Joni Reese

Membership Chair: Claudyne Whitaker

Bulletin Editor: Joann Henry

Newsletter deadline for articles is the 10th day of each month.

For more information on Zonta, visit www.zontadistrict6.org

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Donna Neal, Foundation Board

President's Message.....

Dear Zontians:

It is amazing on how fast time passes by. The clocks have been turned back and the days are getting shorter. November is also the time for Thanksgiving, and gives us time to reflect on the things we are thankful for while spending time with family and friends.

November 8th was Zonta International's 93rd birthday!! There is a nice birthday message from Lynn McKenzie on the Zonta International website, under the Member Resources tab. November 25th is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

We have many opportunities for engagement in the club, and I encourage you all to become active on one or more committees or event coordination. This is *your* club. By engaging in activities that interest you, you will get more out of the Zonta experience and the Club will be rewarded by your participation. It is a win-win for all. The membership committee recently sent out an e-mail survey to all members regarding club meetings, engagement and interests. Since membership is one of the key focus areas for Zonta International, I encourage you to take a few minutes to fill this out and return it to the committee.

A fashion show date has been selected, and the committee is working furiously due to the shortened period of time. Please put March 2nd on your calendar and plan to attend with all of your family and friends.

We have several activities coming up with Neu-Life. A few of us are Neu-Life "running buddies" in a "Girls on the Run" 5K on November 18th. **"Come one, come all"** to Greenfield Park at 11:00am to cheer the girls on. OR you can still sign up for the run, even if it is too late to be a running buddy for this event! Also this month, Jan J and Laurie W are coordinating a special Neu-Life holiday celebration. Put your Santa hat on and get ready to shop!

In closing, Happy Thanksgiving! I hope that each of you have the opportunity to enjoy the holiday and be surrounded by fabulous food and great company. Thank you for all you do, for women locally and around the world.

Joni Reese



Zonta Foundation – Action Required

By Helen Ludwig

The Foundation has begun accepting applications for the 2013 awards to be presented at the April Fashion Show. All members who know of a non-profit organization whose mission is aligned with Zonta's goals may forward an application directly to the organization or request that the Foundation Board forward the application. A request to forward the application should be sent electronically to me. _____

There is a link to the application on our website- Zontamilwaukee.org - under the Foundation tab. Applications are due to the Foundation Board no later than December 15, 2012.

In the past, awards have ranged from \$1,000 - \$3,000 annually typically over 1 – 3 years; although, the Board may deviate from these norms. In line with the strategic direction of the Club, the Foundation Board will be giving deference to organizations with specific programs addressing issues facing girls or young women in Milwaukee. Please see any member of the Foundation Board if you have additional questions.
Thank you!



Members Update

By Claudyne Whitaker

NOVEMBER: A month of "THANKFULNESS." Daylight Savings Time ended; a Presidential Election took place; Veterans Day (11th); and Thanksgiving Day (24th). Let us all count our blessings, be a blessing to others, be responsive to the needs of others and always "engage in good works and good deeds."

Enjoy the VARIOUS temperatures November has brought as we (slowly) gear up for winter. Every warm day is a feather in our caps. (Smile).

Hats off to the team that made the District 6 Fall Conference, in October, an outstanding success. The TEAMWORK did the trick! The energy, talents and intellect were priceless, the activities well planned and the overall program(s) are to be envied. Congrats on a job well done!

Thanks to those of you who helped make our New Members Reception on November 8, 2012 a success. Thanks also to our "hostess" Elizabeth who really knows how to entertain! Along with each of you, the Membership Committee looks forward to seeing NEW FACES on the Milwaukee Zonta Team for 2012-2013. Keep the talent coming!!! Really appreciated your help Pam.

Congratulations to: Donna Conant our new Lt. Governor for District 6; Barbara Wyatt Sibley on her retirement; Karen for your RETURN to Zonta

From Fact of Life -- This was the year...1950

Harry Truman was President;
A new car cost a mere \$1,511;
Gasoline was only 17 cents per gallon;
Movie tickets - 65 cents;
Postage Stamp - 3 cents;
Dozen eggs - 24 cents;
Vitamin D milk - 84 cents per gallon;
Fresh Bread - 17 cents per loaf; and,
The first kidney transplant was performed.

Happy birthday to all born in the month of November. May each of you Zontians have a bountiful, happy Thanksgiving, be surrounded by loved ones as you cherish your blessings!

YESTERDAY IS GONE, TOMORROW IS
UNCERTAIN; TODAY IS HERE. USE IT WISELY.

Membership Corner

By Pam Knackert

Thanks to those who participated in the Prospective Member Reception. We had two prospects attend and hopefully they will join and we have another former member that is planning to rejoin. If you have any prospective members please invite them to our regular meeting.

I hope you all received your membership survey. Some of you have already responded. If you haven't, please complete and return by November 20th to me by email or send to my home address.

Zonta Fashion Show Fundraiser

By Carol Cline and Maria Bellmann

Save the Date of Saturday,
March 2, 2013
for our "World of Fashion"
luncheon, fashion show fundraiser.

It will be held at a new location this year
Marriott Milwaukee - West in Waukesha
right off the freeway on Hwy F.

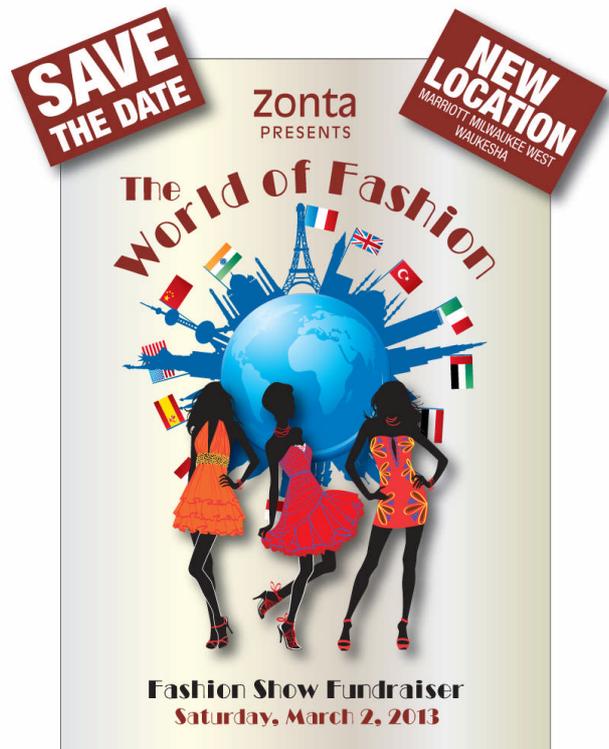
Start making a list of who you will invite. The holidays are just around the corner so mention it to all you see and encourage them to **save the date**.

Don't know what to get someone for Christmas? Give them a gift certificate to attend to the "World of Fashion" with you in March. Each member will be asked to sell a table of 10 this year.

Chris Todd is handling sponsorships this year. Tell her if you know of a company or someone who might be interested in being a sponsor for the event. Chris will be happy to contact them. Sponsorships begin at \$100. See any member of the committee for information about the sponsorship levels.

You will be receiving via e-mail the solicitation letter and donation form so you can start asking places you frequent for a raffle or silent auction donation or donate something new yourself. Laurie Ward will be collecting items at the meetings.

Our next committee meetings are Tues. Nov. 20 and December 11 at Carol's office.



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(Excerpts from October Zonta International Service Committee letter to Clubs)

Dear Zontians,

Please remember these two words: **visibility** and **credibility**. These are Zonta International goals for this biennium.

Our international and our local service programs and our advocacy efforts are changing women lives all over the world making them safer, improving their health, educating them. The **ZI Service Committee is planning to recognize outstanding service projects** undertaken by Zonta Clubs or Districts which benefit women in the local community. The best projects will be exhibited during the 2014 Zonta International Convention in Orlando, Florida and the Clubs and Districts carrying them out will be honored. You will get more information about this service recognition award in the next Newsletters.

For now, you should know that, **when evaluating the projects, additional points will be given to the ones that give visibility and credibility to Zonta.**

YOUR CORNER ON SERVICE

By Donna Neal and Donna Kahl-Wilkerson, Service Co-Chairs

Sunday, Nov 18	Girls on the Run 5K Race	Cool Waters at Greenfield Park, 10:30 AM
Tuesday, Nov 27	Annual Youth Art Show Fundraiser Brainstorming and Planning Session	Neu-Life, 2014 W. North Ave., 6 PM
Thursday, Nov 29	World AIDS Day Celebration	Neu-Life, 2014 W. North Ave., 5-7 PM
Wednesday, Dec 12	Holiday Celebration	Gwen T. Jackson Elementary, 2121 W. Hadley, 3 PM?
Thursday, Feb 28	Black History Month Celebration & Banquet	Neu-Life, 2014 W. North Ave., 5-7 PM
Saturday, May 18	Annual Youth Art Show Fundraiser	Neu-Life, 2014 W. North Ave

On Wednesday, Nov 8, **Running Buddies** Joni Reese, Donna Conant, and Donna Neal joined the Neu-Life main site middle-school girls participating in the **Girls on the Run 5K** race for the first indoor practice and get-to-know each other session. We started with introductions and partner selection; then we did laps up and down the stairs and across the first and second floors, and on each lap the girls and buddies were charged with learning one thing about their partner. Lastly, we did a little stretching together. On Monday, Nov 12, Running Buddy Helen Ludwig will join the others for the second and final practice session before the race on Sunday, Nov 18 at Greenfield Park in West Allis. Interested Zontians are urged to attend the race on Sunday and cheer the girls (and their buddies!) on.

In the spring, there will be girls participating from both the Neu-Life main site and the Gwen T. Jackson Elementary School, so there will be twice as many volunteer opportunities. (Note: this is not a strenuous run – it's more like jog/walk/jog/walk. If you like to walk for exercise, you'll be fine with this.)



Neu-Life Holiday Celebration Project

By Laurie Ward and Jan Jeanneret, Project Team Leaders

In conjunction with our Neu-Life Community Center partnership, we have taken on the task of delivering Christmas/Holiday gifts to 62 students aged 3-12 that attend Neu-Life's Gwen T. Jackson elementary school. The students at the Community Center receive gifts, but the students at the scholl site do not. Jody Rhodes, our contact at Neu-Life has had each student prepare a personal profile with a picture, age, gender, wish list (under \$25), and favorite colors. Their Holiday Party will be held on Dec. 12th, so we have until Dec. 7th to come up with 62 gifts. The Zonta team coordinating this effort are: Jackie Beaudry, Camelia Clarke, Victoria Frazier, Jan Jeanneret, Donna Neal, Lynne Oehlke, Joni Reese, and Lauren Ward.

Look for an e-mail listing of the children's information and additional information for wrapping, collection of gifts, etc. To save time, we have randomly assigned a child to your name, but since we have 42 members and 62 children, we will need 20 additional gifts from some where. Please consider buying more than one gift or asking family or friends to help us in our cause. We will have a cash option for anyone finding it difficult to do the actual shopping. **Let's all work together to make this a fun and joyful Holiday for these little ones!**



October Club Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2012

5:30 pm Social, 6:00 dinner, speaker and business meeting

Welcome, Introductions and Dinner: The meeting was called to order by President Joni Reese at 6:05. Guests were introduced and welcomed. After an inspirational reading, dinner was served.

Speaker: Barbara Wyatt Sibley introduced the speaker for the evening, Rhonda Matthews Ware, Executive Director of the Research Institute for Women and Girls at Alverno. She discussed the *Status of Girls Report* and that the report has been used as a model in other states. The Institute is focusing on four areas, research, curriculum, evaluation and outreach.

Updates: District 6 Fall Conference

- President Joni Reese, delegate to the Fall Conference thanked Co- Chairs Cheryl Lucas DeBerry and Sally Bean for coordinating and the entire committee for an excellent conference. Comments and all feedback were very positive. Approximately 134 participants were in attendance. Joni gave highlights and take-a-ways of the sessions, workshops and key note speaker.
- Diane Lindsley reported on the adoption of 2012-14 Advocacy Platform

Committee Reports:

- **Service:** Donna Kahl-Wilkerson provided a calendar of activities for Neu -Life, and reported that Kim Brinsko and Sammie Lou Krieger are still providing service to Next Door Generation.
- **Program:** Kim Brinsko presented a tentative schedule of programs for the year.
- **Membership:** Claudyne Whitaker thanked the membership team for its' hard work and commitment, and Pam Knackert provided flyers for the Prospective Member's Reception which will be held 5:30 on November 8, 2012 at Elizabeth Stull's home
- **Scholarship:** Elizabeth Stull stated that the new scholarship co- chairs are Judy Du Sell and Cindy Talkovic.
- **Fashion Show:** Carol Cline announced that there will be a Fashion Show, but the location and date

- are pending. The theme for this year is the *World of Fashion*.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at the ICC (6:15pm)
- Next Club Meeting: Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at the ICC (5:30pm)
- **Save the Date:** Area 2 Spring Workshop - April 6, 2013 hosted by Janesville.

Announcements:

- Stevens Point will host a membership drive. An email will be sent to all members to forward to friends and contacts in the area.
- Helen Ludwig will order name tags for new members and members desiring to have more than one name tag or to replace a lost name tag.
- The Foundation is accepting applications for Foundation awards to be given out at the Fashion Show. Applications are on the website.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8: 20pm.



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NOVEMBER Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Camelia Clarke

Dana Felton

Missy Creevy

2012 Global Awareness for Solidarity-SE WI
In Remembrance of the Churchwomen
of El Salvador.

"Human Trafficking: Modern-Day Slavery"

NOT FOR SALE

Save the date
Sunday:
Dec. 2, 2012

Cardinal Stritch University
Nancy Kendall Theater

6801 N. Yates Road
Milwaukee, WI 53217

Program: 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Reception to follow.

Theresa Flores LSW, MSeD
Human Trafficking Survivor

Ms. Flores is a survivor, author, victim's advocate, and founder of S.O.A.P. (Save our Adolescents from Prostitution). She is featured by the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center Museum in a traveling exhibit entitled, Invisible Slavery, and has published two books, "The Sacred Bath" and "The Slave Across the Street". Her story has been seen on The Today Show & MSNBC and has been featured on Nightline and America's Most Wanted.

