



Zonta Club *Milwaukee*

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Wednesday, November 20th, 2013

Zonta Club of Milwaukee Dinner Meeting

Dear Zontians,

Although initially the program for the month of November was going to have an international theme, that has now changed. In keeping with the theme "Zonta Says NO" to Violence, this month's speaker will be a staff member from The Sojourner Family Peace House. She will speak to us about the effects of violence on the family and individuals.

The meeting will be located in the ICC Bocce Hall, due to accommodating many groups that evening. The lanes will be up and we can stay and play a few Bocce Ball games after our meeting if desired.

This month's meal will be a traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner with a pumpkin dessert. The vegetarian option will be a vegetarian lasagna.

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

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, November 18th, 2013.

President's Message...

Hello Zontians!

Happy Thanksgiving!! The daylight is getting shorter and all of the leaves are almost gone. This time of year is a bit depressing in that regard, but the holidays allow us to spend some wonderful times (or maybe not so wonderful!) with our families and friends. I personally like having my candles burning, enjoying the cozy indoors and doing more cooking and baking. I will again be hosting a Thanksgiving celebration for my family this year. I hope everyone has some quality time with their family and friends to celebrate the season.

Fall Conference sounds like it was a great success. Pam shared a summary with us at our October meeting. Pam and Donna have also provided a written summary in the newsletter. I want to thank them again for representing the Club and apologize for not being able to attend. I am also so thankful that we had many other attendees from our club. We are so pleased and excited to report that Donna Conant is our elected upcoming D6 Governor and Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry was elected to the D6 nominating committee as chair! Congrats!

At our October meeting, it was fun for many of us to go to Neu-Life prior to the business meeting to meet with the kids and their parents. The kids were so adorable and wanted to share their profiles with us for holiday gift ideas. I planned to take some pictures and I forgot! Thank you to Lauren and Cheryl for coordinating the gift giving. Emails were sent for those who could not be at the last meeting. Gifts will be collected in November and December. Thank you for your participation and generosity.

The Girls on the Run 5K event is just around on the corner! We have several of us running with the Neu-Life girls. I am diligently trying to get into 5K running shape! If you are not running, please consider coming out to the park and cheering on the teams. The event is Sunday, Nov. 17th at 10:00am at Greenfield Park (Cool Waters).

We had some great discussions around the "Zonta Says No" campaign at the last meeting. Think about what you can be doing individually and we can do as a club to promote the anti-violence campaign. We will have more discussion and plans around this at the club meeting this month.

There are several opportunities for leaders and participants in many of our future service activities. We can only be successful with your help and participation. Thank you for all you do, for women locally and around the world.

Joni Reese



District 6 Conference Summary

“Leaping Forward” Oct. 11-13, 2013 in Springfield, IL

The conference was attended by 7 Milwaukee Zontians and 109 people in total representing 25 of 27 district clubs. Friday evening's reception honored the Int'l guest, Elizabeth Woodgate, from Peel Australia. We were welcomed by “Mary Todd Lincoln” and Area 3 Director Carolyn Stumpf. Golden Z club members from Lincoln presented their service projects they are working on at the University of Illinois. Sally Bean provided a Foundation Ambassador Report.

At the roll call of clubs on Saturday, response was given as to local service dollars in the past year. The Milwaukee Club was the top in the district with \$16,500. Elizabeth Woodgate provided ZI President's Lynn McKenzie's message which included some results of the ZI member survey. Carol Borecky, District 6 Treasurer, provided the financial reports and budget presentation, which was approved by the voting body.

Three Amelia Earhart Fellows from Purdue University provided presentations on what they are doing in their Phd work. Milwaukee's Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship awardee, Mollie Zuberbier, also received the District awarded scholarship. Elizabeth Woodgate gave a good presentation on Leadership. District officers and directors elected for the 2014-16 biennium are:

Governor, Donna Conant
Lt. Governor, Tamara Hagen
Treasurer, Carol Borecky
Area 1 Director: Christine Plotzke
Area 2 Director: Lori Hanewold from Janesville,
Area 3 Director: Elaine Rynders
Area 4 Director: Dr. Deborah Godwin-Starks
Area 5 Director: Susan Bursztynsky
Nominating Committee:
Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry, chair
Kay Geisler
Yvonne Chalfant

Workshops on Advocacy, Membership and Publicity were conducted. Four keys to engaging members: welcome and engage members in Zonta; engage & rejuvenate members; provide effective, engaging meetings and select effective, engaging service and advocacy projects. Saturday night's reception honored first timers. Entertainment was provided by the Saint Andrew Society of Central Illinois Celtic Dancers.

Sunday morning included Reflections by Yvonne Chalfant, Area Meetings, (Area 2 Workshop will be March 22, 2014 in Beloit) and a memorial service in which Aileen Rockjordan of Milwaukee was included. Donna Conant and Jody Engelstad the Columbus, IN club president invited us to the 2014 conference in Columbus next Oct. 10-12, 2014.

- Pam Knackert



Service Corner

Holiday Gift Collection

Thank you, members of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee, for again offering to donate gifts to Neu-Life's elementary aged (3 to 11) children at the Gwen T. Jackson Elementary School site. The success of last year's event has created a buzz and excitement among the youth.

We kicked off the program at last month's meeting at the school. Our two able enthusiastic co-chairs, Lauren and Cheryl, have completed the recruiting process – over 30 Milwaukee Zontians will be participating this year, buying gifts for 69 children. Thank you all for all you are doing. The gifts will be collected at the December holiday party – PLEASE RETURN THE PROFILES with your gift(s), as Neu-Life will be adding them to the youths' portfolios.

Girls on the Run 5K Race

The practice session this past Tuesday, November 12 was a lot of fun – a couple of us able to attend got reacquainted with some of the girls from last year and got a chance to meet some of the other girls running this year. We will have six or seven Zontians participating as Running Buddies in the race this Sunday, November 17. Thank you, Running Buddies! Have fun – Kristin, Maria, Helen, Joni, Chris T, Dana, and Donna N! And Cindy – hope your ankle is better soon. Look for photos on Facebook and the website and in next month's newsletter.

Zonta/Neu-Life Joint Advocacy Program

Claudine O'Leary, an independent consultant/service provider whose specialty is working with victims and at risk juveniles in the sex trade (prostitution, trafficking, sex for gifts) met with Jody and I to discuss how we might kick off a long term program to address sexual violence and trafficking prevention among youth. We are also engaged in conversation and information-sharing with Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships in Florida – an organization launched and run by a Zonta Club dedicated to building awareness of human trafficking. Specifically, we are looking at a program of theirs for children called ARTREACH, which looks like it might be a very good fit for Neu-Life's needs. It will also offer all of us an opportunity for some education on human trafficking. More to follow on this next month.

March Career Event

Planning should begin soon for a Career Event designed for high schoolers, and open to interested middle schoolers, at the Neu-Life main site. Donna K has agreed to co-chair this project team; we are currently looking for another co-chair (absent volunteers, we will be calling to ask for a volunteer!) We will identify the fields of interest (business ownership, medical, and science fields will definitely be on the list) and coordinate volunteers to participate.

Jody would like two or three volunteers with some marketing/publicity savvy to meet with their Annual Art Show Fundraiser planning team 3-4 times (once a month or so) between January and April. This year the goal is to double the attendance vs. last year. Volunteers should contact Donna Neal and Jody. This year's theme will be food-related; the students will make more of the food served at the event (cooking/gardening group project). Possible theme: Food for Thought.

Service Corner Continued...

Neu-Life Capital Campaign

Neu-Life's Capital Campaign has been officially kicked off this week – Joann Harris-Commodore and Jody Rhodes had a very encouraging meeting with the Silber Foundation on Tuesday, and will meet with the Bradley Foundation on Thursday. The campaign target is approximately \$600,000 to do some major and necessary upgrading of the main site facility. Many thanks to Lynne Oehlke for providing Joann and Jody guidance in planning and executing their first capital campaign. She has provided many ideas that they have already taken to heart. Experience counts and Lynne has it!

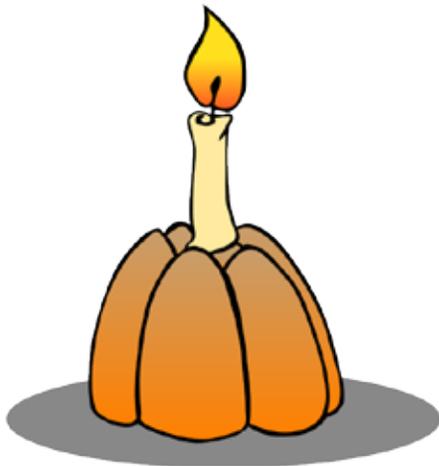
- Donna Neal

Membership Corner

The Membership Committee is planning a "New" Member Orientation for Thursday, January 9, 2014 at my offices at 10150 W. National Ave. Suite 390. We have not held an orientation in several years and everyone is welcome, but the program is intended to provide information to members who have joined in the last 3 or so years. We will serve a light supper at 5:30 followed by an informal program from about 6 to 8 pm. We will be asking some of our longstanding members to participate in the program. Please let me know if you are able to attend and if you have specific questions that you would like addressed.

- Helen Ludwig

Happy Birthday



Camelia Clarke
Nov. 7th

Dana Felton Reinhard
Nov. 24th

Lori Peterson
Nov. 27th

Advocacy Corner

Current legislative Action Notes and Zonta Says No! Campaign Activities Planned for Milwaukee

Thirty years ago on November 16th, 1983, Federal District Judge Jack Tanner ordered Washington State to pay female employees their 'comparable worth.' With the recent voter's decision in Sea Tac, Washington to pay a living minimum wage of \$15/per hour, it looks as though Washington State is once again setting precedence for more equitable pay. Meanwhile back in Wisconsin, we see a continued undermining of laws designed to protect women.

In June, WI legislators fast-tracked a forced ultrasound bill with a targeted regulation of abortion providers. Fortunately, the courts shot it down, noting that the requirement "is medically unjustified and will have serious consequences for women's health in Wisconsin." **The case will come to trial on November 25, 2013.**

November 25th is also the first day of **Zonta International's "Zonta Says No!" campaign.** This is an international effort designed to draw attention to the continuing violence against women across the globe. The campaign lasts 16 days ending on December 10th, "Human Rights Day." All Zontians are asked to wear an orange ribbon during the 16 day campaign to bring awareness to the issue; all clubs are asked to "stage" an awareness event.

This year, Zonta Club of Milwaukee, in addition to wearing the orange ribbons, will be meeting in the municipal parking lot located at the **north end of McKinley Marina, adjacent to the Milwaukee Yacht Club (1200 N. Lincoln memorial Drive) at 1pm on Sunday, December 8th.** From there we will walk the equivalent of 48 city blocks (about 3.2 miles) to honor the lives of the 48 Wisconsin women who died as a result of domestic violence in 2012. If you plan on joining in on the walk, consider making a sign that reads: "Zonta says No!"

If walking in the brisk wintry air is not your cup of tea, please consider creating your own awareness event. Wear your ribbon and share your experience with the club. Send in a photo if you can. See **Donna Kahl Wilkerson's** brief overview in this newsletter as an example. The important thing here is to tell the world we are sick and tired of the violence and it must stop!

Thanks to the spirited assistance of Milwaukee member, **Dana Felton Reinhard**, Advocacy has formed an ad hoc committee looking into ways to advance our activities next year. If you would like to join this group and/or plan on walking on December 8th, call (414-412-0049) or email Karen (amphitr1te@wi.rr.com).

- Karen Hunt

Girls on the Run



Reminder for the Girls on the Run 5K

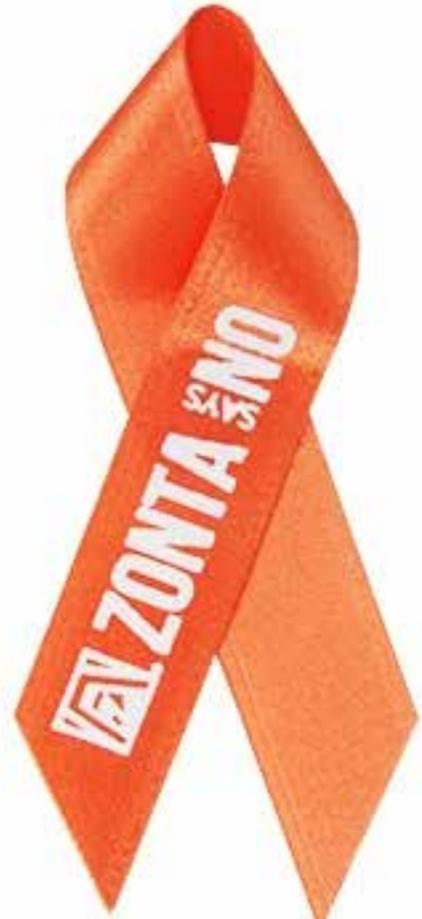
Sunday, Nov. 17, 10 AM at Greenfield Park in West Allis. Open to all. Come inspire and be inspired.

For those not running, come out and cheer on the Neu-Life and Zonta runners!

Zonta Says NO!

The Milwaukee Club has gotten an early start on the "Zonta says No" campaign introduced at the District Conference last month in Springfield, IL. On November 4th club member, Donna Kahl Wilkerson, did a presentation on Domestic Violence at Dobbs Family Center in Milwaukee. Different types of abuse situations were discussed from psychological abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, physical abuse, financial abuse, dating abuse, child abuse, care-giving abuse to elder abuse.

The audience consisted of a teenage high school girl and several grandparents (men and women). Statistical data was shared, signs of different types of abuse were discussed as well as resources for reporting concerns in Milwaukee County (Milwaukee County Department on Aging), as the first step were given.



Zonta Fashion Show Fundraiser

Save the Date of Saturday, **April 5, 2014**

for our luncheon and fashion show fundraiser.

“Your Doorway to Fashion:

Opening Doors for Women and Girls”

Featuring fashions by Chicos & Soma.

It will be held at

Marriott Milwaukee West in Pewaukee 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**. Invites will be available at our January 22nd meeting and then going out to our invitee list shortly after (you can review list at our Nov. meeting or Dec. get together). An e-mail version of invite will also be available.

Don't know what to get someone for Christmas? Give them a gift certificate to attend the fashion show with you in April. You can print the gift certificates and provide the names of your guests with payment to Helen (\$50/guest). Each member will be asked to sell a table of 10 this year. **(Certificates on last page)**

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 should have received the solicitation letter and donation form via e-mail 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.

Also we will be doing the wine pull again this year. At upcoming meetings, we will be collecting your donations of wine or money toward the purchase of a variety of wines at a discounted cost.

Our next committee meetings will be Tuesday, Dec. 3 and Tuesday, Jan. 7

Carol Cline & Maria Bellmann

Co-chairs for “Your Doorway to Fashion: Opening Doors for Women and Girls”

Foundation Update

Zonta Foundation, Inc. Application for Funding is Available

Zonta Foundation, Inc. of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee is now accepting applications for funding for 2014 awards. Again this year the focus of funding is girls and young women. If you know of an agency/program that fits this focus and would like for them to apply, the Funding Guidelines for 2014 awards (application) is available as a link on our Zonta Club of Milwaukee website (www.zontamilwaukee.org) under the Foundation tab. In addition, you may contact any one of the Zonta Foundation Board Members if you need a hardcopy or would like a copy e-mailed to someone. Please let us know who you may be contacting to avoid duplication. Also this past year's recipients have been or will be contacted shortly by a Foundation Board member. The applicant from last year that did not receive an award have already been sent information. Deadline for applications is December 15. The Foundation Board will be meeting in January to select the awardees. The agency awards will be presented at the fashion show on April 5, 2014.

- Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry

Neu-Life Holiday Gift Reminder



Just a reminder to shop for all your holiday gifts for the Neu-Life kids and bring them to the upcoming meeting.

*And just a few photos from the
District 6 Conference Summary...*



**Donna Conant
making a
nomination
speech**



**Your new
District 6
Board of
Directors**



**Cheryl Lucas-
DeBerry making
a nomination
speech**