

# Zonta Club of Milwaukee

 Zonta Club of Milwaukee  
Member of Zonta International  
*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

## BULLETIN

International District 6 – Area 2  
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### *Speaker: ReDonna Rodgers, Chairperson of the Girls in Charge Coalition*

The purpose of Girls in Charge is to engage the Greater Milwaukee community in a myriad of activities where the strong voices of girls are valued and every girl has the power to claim and develop her physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual self.

This coincides with the new Status of Girls Report that was just released.

Ms. Rodgers is and has worked with the young ladies and the youth in the Milwaukee Area extensively. She is co-founder of the Center for Teaching Entrepreneurship. With the mission to implement and advocate for the programs that expose youth to the entrepreneurship, financial literacy, provides an awareness of personal growth opportunities and builds individual responsibility.

These ties into our goals as Zontains and into our future service projects for Zonta Club of Milwaukee.

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

**5:30 PM - Social**

**6:00 PM – Dinner**

**7:00 PM – Speaker: ReDonna Rodgers**

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

**RESERVATIONS:** Please call Helen Ludwig (414-321-0078, Extension 114) or e-mail her at [hludwig@psblsc.com](mailto:hludwig@psblsc.com) with your reservation by 9:00 am on Monday, October 23, 2011. 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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### **2011/2012**

#### **Zonta Club of Milwaukee Officers**

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### **Presidents Message.....**

**Dear Sister Zontians:**

Last month you will recall that our Club meeting speaker talked about communicating and working with different generations well, Milwaukee is right on track with the District since this was the theme for the 2011 District 6 Conference: Leading Across Generations. Here are some highlights from a great conference sponsored by Area 1.

- Friday afternoon opened with an open forum discussion related to a \$5.00 dues increase for the District. Great discussion and Zontians in attendance were able to hear the rationale as well as have concerns addressed. This was followed by the first business meeting where Club Presidents were asked to report on the amount of monies contributed to Zonta International Foundation 2010-2011. It was with great pleasure I was able to announce that the Milwaukee Club contributed **\$7,100.00**. Thank you all! We re then off to Hospitality Room for more food, and fun and of course fellowship.
- Saturday we were honored with a video presentation from Zonta International President Dianne Curtis. She provided an overview of the State of Zonta" and encouraged each of us to continue to help Zonta meet its financial as well as membership goals. Member goal is *one* net member per Club-not hard to do with everyone's help. We then heard from our International Director, Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard who reminded and challenges us with remembering the mission of Zonta and sharing the mission with others to increase membership in our respective Clubs. She stated," if you don't have members, you don't have an organization and the mission cannot be implemented." She asked us to come up with reasons why we should increase membership as a group activity and various individuals reported on the fabulous ideas that wee generated. What would your answer be?? Later the 2012-2014 budget was presented that included the \$5.00 per year increase. With some discussion and rationales for the increase outlined, a vote was taken and the budget with the \$5.00 per year increase was approved.
- One very important segment on Saturday's program was presentations from the District's award recipients.

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A letter was read from the Jane M. Klausman winner who could not attend, and we heard from our two Amelia Earhart Fellows who are both attend Purdue University working on PhD's in areas dealing with space and satellite research which as they were trying to explain it in "layman's terms" still went way over our heads. It was a proud moment however to see how appreciative they were and to know that what we do in Zonta truly makes a difference in the lives of young women who are destined to do great things.

- Saturday continued with presentation from candidates for 2012-2014 district board nominating committee followed by delegates voting for their preferred candidate. The afternoon continued with breakout workshop sessions on the topics of: Learning to lead generations; Club fundraising and Service-Advocacy. Each session provided valuable information to be used in our Club and you'll hear more about that throughout the year. The evening dinner was followed by the conference entertainment-a world renowned square dancing group. After being entertained by the experts, Zontians were invited to partner with one of the professionals and try their hand at square dancing. Your President was one of the brave souls as I tried not to embarrass the Club or myself too badly. Fun was had by all. Then of course we ended with more food, fellowship and fun in the Hospitality suite.
- Sunday brought Area meetings and our own Shirley Bell was recognized during the memorial service. We ended with raffle items being awarded and an invitation to next year's Fall Conference. Our Milwaukee Club will be the hosts so remember our Zonta code, when asked enthusiastically say YES!! Your help will be needed to have a successful conference and help Milwaukee shine.

The new District Board is:

Governor-Linda Hiltabrand  
Lt. Governor-**Donna Conant-Milwaukee**  
Treasurer-Carol Borecky  
and, Area 2 Director-**Donna Neal-Milwaukee**

***Congratulations to Donna Conant and Donna Neal***

Looking forward to a great year

***Cheryl***

## ***Members Update***

*By Claudyne Whitaker*

The first day of autumn arrived on September 23rd and with the month of OCTOBER, FALL has arrived. Enjoy!! OCTOBER 8th Yom Kippur; October 9th National Children's Day and Clergy Appreciation Day; October 10th Columbus Day observed (Columbus Day is on the 12th); October 15th is Sweetest Day; October 16th National Boss Day; October 24th United Nations Day and October 31st HALLOWEEN.

Enjoy the fall colors as the leaves (and the weather) change. The season is one to behold!

A belated Rosh Hashanah from September 29, 2011.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OCTOBER Zontians. May you be blessed to have many more.**

As we continue to work together as a TEAM, let us participate in the Zonta activities and programs to the extent that our schedules allow as we intend to have a fabulous 2011-2012 year! Your support will make ALL the difference.

Remember to invite prospective members to our RECEPTION in November (See Members Corner for details)

May you have a wonderful, blessed, safe and enjoyable OCTOBER and know that LIFE IS AN INTERESTING JOURNEY.

**HAPPINESS IS A PERFUME YOU CAN'T POUR ON OTHERS WITHOUT GETTING A FEW DROPS ON YOURSELF.**





## Zonta Club of Milwaukee

*Member of Zonta International*

You are invited to the

Zonta Club of Milwaukee  
Prospective Member Reception  
Wednesday, November 2, 2011  
5:30 p.m. socializing  
(light hors d'oeuvres will be served)  
6:00 to 7:00 p.m. program

At

Glendale Lakes condo party room  
1600 W. Green Tree Rd  
(can take I-43 to Good Hope Rd exit,  
west to River Rd, River Rd south which  
turns into Green Tree, watch for  
entrance to condo complex and park in  
lot - complex is between Milwaukee  
River Parkway and Green Bay Rd just  
west of Kletzsch Park)

RSVP to Pam Knackert at  
[pmknackert@gmail.com](mailto:pmknackert@gmail.com) or  
262-784-7613 by Saturday, October 29

Come learn more about  
Zonta International and the  
Zonta Club of Milwaukee, a service  
organization whose mission is to  
improve the status of women locally  
and worldwide. There will be time for  
questions and answers.  
For more information about Zonta & the  
Zonta Club of Milwaukee visit  
[www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) and  
[www.zontamilwaukee.org](http://www.zontamilwaukee.org)

## *Zonta Fashion Show*

*By Carol Cline and Pam Knackert*

**Save the Date of Saturday, April 21, 2012** for next year's fashion show fundraiser. It will be held at the ICC.

Plans are underway, we will have some type of travel theme and we are working on a vendor.

We will have our next committee meeting on Wed. Oct. 19 at Carol Cline's office at 1220 W. Dewey in Wauwatosa.

Let Pam or Carol know if you know of a company or someone who might be interested in being a sponsor for the event. Sponsorships can range from \$100 and up.

We will be sending out the solicitation letter and donation form to members soon, so you can start asking places you frequent for a donation.



## ***Zonta Foundation— Action Required***

*By Donna Neal*

The 2011 application for grant money for 2012 is now available. Any member who knows of an organization aligned with Zonta's goals that (s)he believes is possibly worthy of a grant from the Milwaukee Zonta Foundation, Inc., may forward an application directly to that organization (application attached), or request that the Foundation Board forward an application to that organization – forward request electronically to [donnajneal@gmail.com](mailto:donnajneal@gmail.com). We want to surface as many worthy applications as possible in these economically troubled times. In the past, grants have typically ranged from \$1000 to \$3000 annually over 1 to 3 years, though past actions are not necessarily predictive of future decisions. This year, the Foundation Board will give extra weight to applications that address issues facing girls or young women in Milwaukee, in line with the strategic direction of the club. The application due date is December 15.

## ***Joint Board Task Force Update***

*By Donna Neal*

Reminder: In our April meeting the Club determined that girls/young women should be our long term-strategic focus, with education a secondary and clearly related focus area. (See photo)

Your Joint Board Task Force has been working tirelessly this summer and early fall to educate ourselves regarding current and emerging issues facing girls and young women in Milwaukee and programs addressing those issues and needs. We have been interviewing a number of community service agencies as well as exploring more academic/statistical research to gain perspective and begin to prepare a short list of potential partners. We plan to bring a more detailed update to the club meeting in November. Connections so far have been made with CORE/El Centro, Heartland Place, Pearls for Teen Girls, Girl Scouts of SE Wisconsin, Neu-Life after school and summer programs, the Center for Entrepreneurship, Sojourner Family Peace Center, Alverno Center for Research on Women and Girls, and others. We're in the process of compiling our interviews and research. We expect to have multiple options for the Club to consider for long-term engagement. There is no shortage of need and no shortage of opportunities for Zonta Club of Milwaukee impact.

## ***Legislative Awareness and Advocacy***

*By Diane Lindsley*

On September 23rd, Cheryl Lukas-DeBerry and I were invited by the International Women's League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) to attend a consultation with Susan Braden of the US State Dept. about UN Security Council Resolution 1325 - "Women, Peace and Security". Milwaukee was the first of five consultations with women's groups also scheduled for Detroit, San Diego, Portland and Boston. They will provide critical feedback towards the development of a U.S. National Action Plan for compliance with Security Council Resolution 1325 governing women's involvement in post-conflict negotiations and peace-building, with the goal of preventing future armed conflicts. It is WILPF's position that "women living in the United States should and must be heard and integrated into our national security policies and programs."

I used that opportunity to speak for the ratification of the CEDAW Treaty. The feedback we received from WILPF was that Susan Braden grasped for the first time how the domestic issues that American women face are intricately connected with the same issues women face globally. A WILPF member who recorded the consultation stated "Milwaukee was pretty amazing, with lots of important topics raised from versions of masculinities in the U.S. to the need to address access to justice, health, and living wage jobs for women in U.S as well as sex trafficking to low maternal mortality and high poverty rates of women."



## ***Membership Corner***

*By Marianne Zapall*

Our Zonta 2011 – 2012 year is underway. We have a new committee member and our team consists of Kim Brinsko, Pam Knackert, Claudyne Whitaker and Marianne Zapall. If you have any questions or concerns, please give anyone of us a call.

At the September Club meeting we installed two new members - Beverly Conner and Dana Felton. Congratulations Beverly and Dana and welcome to Zonta!

We have a date set for the next prospective member reception that will be held Wednesday, November 2. Susan Koepsell has offered to host the event and an invitation will be emailed to club members and guests with all the pertinent information. Please let Pam know of any potential members you think would make great Zontians, so invitations can be sent to them. Also, please let Pam know if you plan to attend the reception.

Everyone should have received a printable updated roster of all members. Please let me know if you did not receive the email or if you have any changes to your information.

The membership committee will be contacting some of our members who have joined in the past couple years via e-mail to see if we are meeting your expectations. Please respond in a timely manner, as this will let our committee know if we are achieving our plan to retain current members and increase our membership.

Enjoy our beautiful fall weather and don't forget to invite/call current members whom we haven't seen lately and/or guests to our club meetings.

## ***New Zonta Club of Milwaukee Members***



Sponsor Donna Conant with new member Dana Felton and Beverly Conner with sponsor Nell Kendrick.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



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**15 – Donna Conant**

