



Zonta Club of Milwaukee to Host 2nd Annual Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Walk

Walk Scheduled for Monday, September 26, 11:55 am to 1:00 pm, Milwaukee City Hall

On Monday, September 26, 2016, the Zonta Club of Milwaukee in partnership with End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin will sponsor the 2nd Annual Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Walk. The event is intended to draw the attention of people in the Milwaukee and Waukesha County area to the ever present and growing issue of domestic violence.

The Zonta Says NO Walk will be a silent walk around the Milwaukee downtown area, beginning and ending at Milwaukee City Hall, for the purpose of remembering those in Wisconsin who died this past year as a result of domestic violence. The walk will begin at 11:55 am and is anticipated to take about 30 minutes.

Following the walk, several community leaders will briefly comment on the issue of domestic violence, after which we will read aloud the names of all who fell victim in 2015. Speakers include Mayor Tom Barrett; District Attorney John Chisholm; Alderwoman Milele Coggs, District 6, Milwaukee Common Council and Member of the Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, District 1, President, Milwaukee Common Council; Martha Love, Community Advocate for Domestic Violence; Captain Aimee Obregon, Commander of the Sensitive Crimes Division, Milwaukee Police Department; and Carmen Pitre, Executive Director, Sojourner Family Peace Center. The event will conclude at 1:00 pm.

This year, there has been a dramatic increase in intimate partner violence in the city of Milwaukee and state of Wisconsin. Through this event, we hope to spotlight this surge and inspire community action. Last September, the first Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Walk attracted more than 50 participants.

ABOUT ZONTA CLUB OF MILWAUKEE

Founded in 1919, **Zonta International** is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to empower women worldwide through service and advocacy. Zonta International (www.zonta.org) is made up of more than 30,000 members belonging to 1,200 clubs in 66 countries.

Chartered in 1926, **The Zonta Club of Milwaukee** (www.zontamilwaukee.org) has provided volunteer service and financial support to over 50 nonprofit organizations that benefit women and girls in the southeastern Wisconsin area.