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December 2017

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2017-2018 Zonta Club of Milwaukee

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Zonta Dinner Meeting & Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

We are planning some holiday cheer! Please bring a wrapped item to exchange – something you have at home that you want to re-gift or get rid of (hopefully something funny), or something that costs no more than \$5.

Please bring *no more than* 6 holiday cookies and dress for the season!

Mo's Irish Pub, 10842 W. Bluemound Road, Wauwatosa (northeast corner of Bluemound and Hwy 100)

5:30 pm – Social

6:00 pm – Dinner – with fun to follow

Menu: Each guest may choose one starter and one main course:

Starters: House Salad; Caesar Salad; Tomato Soup; or Chicken Dumpling Soup

Main Course: Cobb Salad; Chicken Sandwich; Reuben Sandwich

Choices will be made when you are at the table. Cost is \$30 per person. **If you attend, but do not eat, you will be charged a \$5 fee to help defray the costs associated with the meeting.**

Please order any beverages through our servers.

RSVP: Please contact Lori Peterson by Sunday, December 17 at 9:00 pm, preferably by email (lorapeterson@wi.rr.com) to make a reservation. Leave a message at 262-370-9540 if you must.

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President's Message



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I am sure all of you are following the avalanche of women coming forward to accuse men in power of sexual misconduct. I am hopeful that this is a turning point in our society; that women and men will now feel they can come forward to report inappropriate behavior without fear of reprisal. As Zontians, it is important for us to support these women and encourage the reporting of abuse of power. No woman should be required to deal with sexual misconduct in order to keep her job. In addition, society needs to stop placing blame on the victims in these cases.

Thank you to all who participated in our holiday gift giving for Neu-Life. I encourage anyone who is available to help Neu-Life with gift wrapping on December 19 and attend the Neu-Life holiday party on December 21. If you have questions, please contact Lori Peterson or Janet Kloser.

As mentioned at our November meeting, we need to put together a Nominating Committee. We will need a slate of officers and directors for the Club and Foundation. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, or interested as serving as an officer or director, please contact me. We would like to have a committee in place before the end of the year.

I hope to see all of you at our meeting at Mo's Irish Pub in Wauwatosa on December 20. Please note that the meeting is one week earlier than usual because of Christmas. We will not be having a business meeting or speaker, instead, our program committee is hard at work preparing a fun and festive program for that evening.

Happy Holidays!

– Helen Ludwig

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December 3
Pam Knackert

December 5
Donna Neal

December 29
Jackie Beaudry

Meeting Minutes *for November 15, 2017*



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Helen Ludwig, President, called the meeting to order.

Kim Brinsko read the invocation.

Guests: Terry Mika joined us as a guest. Terry had also joined us for the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Silent Walk. Patricia Taylor, mother of Erica Lofton, our 2017 Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship recipient, also joined us. Welcome to our guests!

Speaker: Our guest speaker was Sunni Boehme, who shares her life of world travels and experiences as a woman in Turkey.

Treasurer's Report: Our checking balance is \$13,620.83 and our CD balance is \$5,083.37.

Zonta UN Minute: Marge spoke on the Zonta International project in Niger. Our project is focused on young women and education to delay early marriage. The project addresses economic drivers of child marriage.

Advocacy: The 16 Days of Activism starts November 25, and we will share our 14 ARTREACH artworks through Facebook throughout the 16 Days, concluding with a schedule for the public displays. Karen Hunt also reported that she spoke with Discovery World and they agreed to turn their lights orange for at least part of the 16 Days. Montez Ashley has agreed to be our Advocacy Chair.

ARTREACH 2.0: The artworks will be on display at the Milwaukee Public Library in February. They will also be at Milwaukee City Hall, but the dates are not yet confirmed. A display at Sojourner Family Peace Center has a date TBD.

Fashion Show Fundraiser: Mark your calendars for April 14. Chico's will again sponsor the fashions. If you or your friends are willing to model, speak with Joni Reese. The theme is "Let the Sun Shine In – Empowering Women and Girls." Please consider what you can do to put raffle baskets or items towards a basket together. When you are shopping or frequenting a restaurant, please consider asking for a gift certificate donation. If you want to mail out your own invitations to guests, please let Pam Knackert know, along with how many invitations you want. The save the date will be coming out soon, and the menu will be decided soon.

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

December 20	January 24
February 28	March 28
April 25	May 23
June 27	

Board Meetings

Club Board meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

2018 Fashion Show

April 14, 2018
Milwaukee Marriott West
Waukesha, WI

Meeting Minutes for Nov. 15, 2017 (cont.)



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Program: Next month's program will be social, but it is a secret as the program committee doesn't know what it is yet. We discussed ongoing menu options for the monthly meetings.

Scholarship: We will be updating the application for the Young Women in Public Affairs scholarship and posting it to the website soon. We will target the application before students' winter break.

Service: Thank you to those who purchased gifts for the Neu-Life students. Items can be sent directly from Target to Neu-Life. An invite will be coming out for the gift-wrapping party, which is scheduled for December 21. We said we would do 45 gifts and we have 29 gifts so far. There are duplicates as well, so we should be in good shape.

Lori reported that she received information from Franciscan Peacemakers; they are looking for gas cards, Aldi cards, purses, etc. Lori will send the information out. Please bring the items to the next meeting if you want to contribute.

Nominating Committee: If you would be willing to serve on the Nominating Committee, please let Helen Ludwig know. This year, nominations will include club officers as well as directors, along with Foundation directors. The slate should be presented in March for an April vote.

Foundation: The Foundation Board is working on getting applications from organizations. The application was attached to the November newsletter and is on the club website. Applications must be in by December 15. We have \$17,000 to distribute this year.

Announcements: Please keep track of your time and support to our cause for reporting to Zonta International.

Legislation: There are 34 bills in Congress that address human trafficking and sex trafficking. There have been substantial headlines around sexual harassment, and there will be harassment training in both the Senate and the House. Safe harbor legislation has been working its way through Wisconsin; the bill is on hold as there is presently no one to push it forward.

Racial Justice: Montez Ashley shared that we are looking for individuals who are interested in looking into Racial Justice as discussed during our program planning earlier this year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next meeting: December 20, at Mo's Irish Pub. This meeting will be a social event.

Respectfully Submitted by Karen Smith, Secretary



ARTREACH Community Placements

Confirmed/to-be-confirmed:

- USDA Forest Service – Dec 5 (a success!)
- Neu-Life Teen Pregnancy Conference – Dec 14
- Milwaukee City Hall rotunda – Jan 22-31
- Milwaukee Public Library, Main Branch – Feb 2-25
 - Exhibit opening event tentatively planned for the evening of Feb 6. Mark your calendars!



Contacted and following up with:

- Milwaukee High School for the Arts – dates TBD, in conjunction with trafficking presentation to classes
- Unitarian Universalist Church
- Gas Light building
- US Bank building
- YWCA
- Milwaukee Art Museum
- Mayfair Mall

No/unlikely:

- Discovery World (but they did shine orange lights for the 16 Days of Activism!)
- Milwaukee Public Museum
- Bayshore Mall
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- YMCA/Camp Minikani (though there's still potential through schools with whom they're allied)

Anyone with personal or professional contacts at any of these locations, or at other locations that would be good for ARTREACH anti-trafficking exhibits, please contact someone on the committee – Montez Ashley, Marge Holzbog, Joyce McCrary, Donna Neal, or Regina Young-Ferguson. If you would like to join the committee, or make a contact directly, we can provide you a formal solicitation letter that can be personalized. Thanks for helping!

Trafficking Presentations

In the course of soliciting exhibit space, we are finding opportunities to share our knowledge about human trafficking in presentations, workshops, or discussions.

We developed a presentation for use by the Neu-Life staff who are teaching Making Proud Choices in MPS schools. They will add an extra education segment about trafficking to the curriculum and reach about 400 students next semester.

On December 5 at the USDA Forest Service, we conducted a Lunch and Learn Workshop on human trafficking and ARTREACH. The session was broadcast to 60+ employees in locations across the country.



ARTREACH Program and Marketing Development

Neu-Life received a \$20,000 grant for ARTREACH from the City of Milwaukee Youth Council, in addition to the previously reported \$25,000 grant from United Way. This means that staff and program support will be funded for another six months after the United Way grant expires, or through all of 2018. United Way staff helped Neu-Life create an ARTREACH post-program evaluation tool that we will be using in future programs. The next ARTREACH class will take place this spring at the main site.

Some of those grant dollars will fund a part-time staff person dedicated to ARTREACH. That individual will spend 8-10 hours a week helping plan and coordinate ARTREACH training and exhibits, facilitating select ARTREACH classes, coordinating the creation of marketing materials, managing media communications, and assisting in program development. The position was posted and 10 qualified applicants were screened/interviewed, resulting in three highly qualified finalists. An offer is being made to the lead candidate and we hope she will be on board before the holidays.

An ARTREACH exhibit “book” with high-quality images of the 14 paintings is almost completed; it is intended as a leave-behind for high-potential exhibit spaces. We will also be creating a two-sided insert for Neu-Life and Zonta Club of Milwaukee brochures, as “ARTREACH take-one’s” at our exhibits or presentations.

Lastly, in 2018 we will be looking to identify a program suitable for elementary school youth, grades 3-5. ARTREACH is appropriate for middle and high schoolers, and Neu-Life is using Yell and Tell for pre-K and grades 1-2. We want to find something to fill the grades 3-5 gap, especially as the most vulnerable ages for recruitment are ages 11-15.

Racial Justice

Please consider attending the following event to learn more about the issue of racial justice:

READING RACE: Community Conversations

DATE	January 15, 2018 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
LOCATION	Shorewood Village Center - lower level 3920 N. Murray Ave Shorewood, WI 53211
TIME	6:00 - 7:30 PM

SAVE THE DATE

We'll read & discuss one essay every other month from the the book **WE WERE EIGHT YEARS IN POWER** by Ta-Nehisi Coates.

Reading Race is a collaboration between Shorewood Public Library, the Shorewood School District and the YWCA of Southeast Wisconsin. Learn more at http://www.shorewoodlibrary.org/connect/adult_programs/reading_race.php.

2018 Fashion Show



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“Let the Sun Shine In – Empowering Women & Girls” is the theme for our 2018 fashion show. April 14 is the big day.

The committee is moving quickly to finalize the critical factors: clothes by Chico's, a tantalizing salad, and the now famous flourless chocolate cake – all under the roof of the Milwaukee Marriott West. It will be a fun way to walk into spring while providing support to women in need.

You should have recently received via email the electronic “save the date” to send to your friends as an early invitation.

The real success of this event now rests in the effort and goodwill of all our members. This is our only fundraiser – and it provides the funds to issue Foundation grants to agencies serving women.

Our goal is at least \$17,000. To reach that goal, we need corporate sponsorships and 275 guests. Please ask business owners including small businesses to support the cause – \$50 or \$100 from your salon, service station, favorite local restaurant, wherever you frequent. Popular for raffle and silent auction are restaurant gift certificates, hotel stays, sporting events and spa dates. Unusual items can also pique the curiosity of a would-be bidder.

– Lynne Oehlke

SAVE THE DATE
— SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018 —
The Zonta Club of Milwaukee Presents
Let the Sun Shine In
Empowering Women & Girls
Fashion Show Fundraiser
10:30 AM - 2:00 PM
at the Marriott Milwaukee West •
W231 N1600 Corporate Court • Pewaukee, Wisconsin
Join us for a day of networking, food, fun & fashion.
Fashions by Chico's, Mayfair
chico's
Chico's has a combination of great style, one-of-a-kind details,
and warm, personal service, featuring all sizes including petites.
\$60 per person
\$30 per ticket is tax deductible • Reservations required
For more information go to
<https://2018-zonta-fashion-show.evenbrite.com>

UN Report



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An update on the Zonta International project in Liberia was recently received covering January 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017. The project aims to eliminate obstetric fistula and reduce maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity in Liberia. ZI has supported the Liberia Fistula Project since 2008, and for the 2016-2018 Biennium, Zonta has committed an additional US\$1million to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for the project.

In 2017, the project set a target of 31 women and girls to be surgically managed during the first two quarters of the year, making a grand total of 1,479 repairs of various types of fistulae since the project was established. A total of 371 survivors have now been rehabilitated and reintegrated into their communities.

For additional information about the project, please see a summary project report under the Zonta Foundation on the Zonta International website (www.zonta.org). (The direct link is <https://foundation.zonta.org/Our-Programs/International-Service-Program/Obstetric-Fistula>.)

Suggested Reading: Famous Liberian Folklore: A Collection of Short Stories from Across Liberia, by D. Othniel Forte

Liberia has a rich and wonderful culture hidden away in its oral tradition. This book explores the wealth of knowledge in the great minds of Liberia's elders. The stories are educational, have loads of morals and yet are interesting enough to provide moments of laughter. (Book description from Amazon.)



Discovery World went orange for the 16 Days of Activism.