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# NEWSLETTER

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**Zonta Club of Milwaukee**

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## Zonta Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

### Speaker: Felita Daniels Ashley, Fair Housing Council of Milwaukee

Felita Daniels Ashley will discuss housing discrimination, how it affects women and children, and what we can do about it.

Ms. Daniels Ashley, a former school founder, understands the importance of education and equal rights for all people. Her work as the senior program coordinator for the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council, a civil rights enforcement agency, keeps her rooted in the community and its needs. In her current position, Ms. Daniels Ashley is constantly interacting with faith-based organizations, social service agencies, consumers, and colleges and universities with the hopes of raising awareness about segregation and to counter unlawful discrimination faced by those victimized by housing discrimination. She has a bachelor's in Social Welfare and a master's in Social Work Administration. She is a member of numerous non-profit boards in the City of Milwaukee.

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

5:30 pm – Social

6:00 pm – Dinner; Speaker and meeting 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; Pub Burger

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 asked to pay a \$5 fee to help defray the costs associated with the meeting and speaker.** Please order any beverages through our servers.

**RSVP:** Please contact Lori Peterson by Sunday, January 21 at 9:00 pm, preferably by email ([lorapeterson@wi.rr.com](mailto: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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As we start a new year, why not resolve to be more active in Zonta? All of us joined Zonta because we believe in its mission of providing service and advocacy to better the lives of women and girls worldwide. Once again, I encourage all members to review the various committees, determine your passion and get involved!

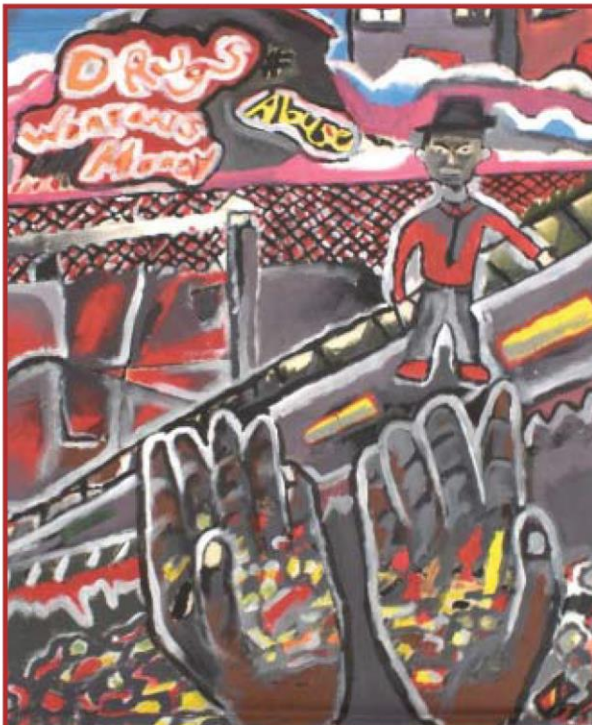
The Nominating Committee is beginning its work to select members for leadership positions in the Club and Foundation. If you are interested in serving on one of the boards or as an officer, please let me know and I will forward your interest to the committee. If the committee approaches you, I encourage you to serve if possible.

It is also time to start thinking about the International Convention in Japan this summer. International conventions are a great way to meet Zontians from all over the world. It is also a great opportunity to learn more about our international projects and their impact. It is inspiring to see so many women united in a common goal. While the mission is the same, the approaches are varied with each club having unique service and advocacy projects.

Stay warm!! I hope to see all of you at our meeting at Mo's Irish Pub in Wauwatosa on January 24.

Happy New Year!

– Helen Ludwig



## ARTREACH: Preventing Human Trafficking

**Exhibit:** February 5-24  
Central Library, Main Street

**Reception:** Tuesday, February 6, 6-7 p.m.  
Central Library, Mozart's Grove

ARTREACH is a Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention program focused on educating youth about sex trafficking. The artwork being exhibited has been created by middle and high school students and portrays the dangerous trafficking world.

ARTREACH sponsors Neu-Life Community Development and the Zonta Club of Milwaukee, and the Milwaukee Public Library, welcome you to meet the student artists behind the ARTREACH exhibit at the reception on February 6.

Agencies offering support to trafficking victims will be available for conversation and have supplementary information onsite.

Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of individuals with disabilities. For additional information or to request services contact the Library Director's Office at (414) 286-3021, 286-2794 (FAX), or mail to Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53233  
Attn: Accommodation Request. 2018



# 2018 Fashion Show



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Our 2018 Fashion Show fundraiser is quickly approaching! Please plan to attend, and try to fill a table of guests (10 people). Your personal invitations to deliver to potential guests should be coming soon. If you elected to have guests remain directly on the mailing list, then they will receive an invitation directly from the club.

Our menu will include: cobb salad with or without chicken, house baked rolls, and a flourless chocolate torte for dessert. Lunch will also include coffee or tea service.

Corporate sponsorship solicitations are actively underway. If you have a corporate contact you think might be willing to sponsor the event, please pass this information along to Chris Todd as soon as possible.

Please continue to reach out to your contacts for raffle and silent auction donations. Consumable items seem to bring the most interest. Please contact restaurants, hotels and the like for gift certificates. We can put things together in baskets; you do not have to provide all items for the basket. When you have your raffle items, please give them to Pam Knackert.

At our January meeting, we will start collecting monies to purchase wine for the wine pull. We request that each club member consider at least a \$20 donation. Please give any monetary donations to Deb Koller or Karen Smith. Deb will have a collection box at the January meeting registration table.

Sign-up sheets to volunteer at the Fashion Show will be routed at upcoming club meetings. Please be sure to volunteer your time, as this is the primary fundraiser for our club. This event is what allows us to provide scholarships, as well as funding for agencies that directly deliver on our mission to **Empower Women and Girls**.

**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  
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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>



# A Bit of Club History



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## 11 Things Women Couldn't Do in the 1920s

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee was chartered January 8, 1926, with 30 members, in retail, finance, medicine, music, real estate, law, insurance and education. Early goals included assessing the needs of women working in industrial environments, mentoring, and training twelve girls to develop their skills as effective employees in the industrial workforce.

Here's a reminder of the limitations women still encountered that decade, as published by [Mental Floss](#). Women couldn't:

1. Have their own name printed on a passport
2. Wear whatever they wanted
3. Have certain kinds of jobs
4. Keep their citizenship if marrying a non-citizen
5. Use their law degrees to the fullest
6. Work the night shift
7. Take a quick bathroom break
8. Hold a job while pregnant
9. Enlist or receive benefits for military work
10. Hate housework
11. Serve on a jury

[Read the full article.](#)

Visit our club website for more of our history:

[http://zontamilwaukee.org/?page\\_id=41](http://zontamilwaukee.org/?page_id=41)

### ZONTA CLUB ORGANIZED HERE TO AID GIRLS ENTERING BUSINESS WORLD

Milwaukee is not to be outdone by its sister cities. It now has a full fledged Zonta club. It was organized last night at the city club.

The national president, Ethel Francis of Detroit, was honor guest at the meeting. In her address she spoke on the aims and ideals of Zonta, saying in part:

"The national aim of Zonta is vocational guidance. We want to help the younger generation of girls who are entering the business world. We are doing this by sending questionnaires to each Zonta in the country to find out the conditions among women who are in business. These, when compiled, make an invaluable source of information for girls who are entering the business world. They can learn what chances there are for them in their chosen occupations in every part of the country; what the salaries are and whether there is a surplus of workers of their kind. In fact anything about the business conditions that they might want to know."

"I have never been able to get up any feverish excitement about running up the flag for some of these reforms. But the scope included in Zonta, appeals to every woman. Its luncheon tables are truly 'round tables,' at which women with the best brains of the country congregate weekly. The exchange of ideas is valuable. The good-fellowship is helpful. Its contacts are unlimited."

Phyllis Taylor Young, president of the Chicago Zonta club, spoke briefly.

"Like all babies only a year old, the Chicago club has been selfish," she said. "We have been too busy housing, feeding and entertaining ourselves to bother about others. But during the next year we expect to be of great help to younger girls in Chicago, widening our field of contact and generally living up to the name of the club which means 'squaresness.'"

Among the Milwaukee women who attended the meeting last night and who will be charter members are the following: Edith M. Shaw, art novelties; Adeline T. Ricker, musician; Marie K. Franzen, building and loan; Fannie V. Gassman, real estate; Della G. Oritz, librarian; Dorothy Zudocz, recreational director; Katherine R. Williams, attorney; Jessie C. Childs, occupational physician; Daisy L. Farrington, credit manager; Ruth Foster, principal commercial school; Anna E. Kourner, assistant manager and buyer; Lillian Baker, children's apparel; Sarah Becker, millinery; Mary R. Barry, cosmetician; Mrs. C. T. Andrews, ready-to-wear; Helen O'Leary, ready-to-wear; Adelle Abbott, cosmetician; Rose Gensler, Booklet, Harriet Sander, secretary; Edith McCann, doctor; Grace A. Kelly, personnel superintendent; Louise M. Rums, auditor; Anna Lelak, second Ward bank; Bertha Thiers, specialty shop; Maud Sweet, industrial commission; Anna B. Swinney, doctor; Beatrice M. Robart, insurance; Gertrude M. Jacobs, Marshall and Macy bank.

Six members of the Chicago Zonta club were guests at the meeting. They were Mrs. Phyllis Taylor Young, the Misses Gudrun Carlson, Minerva White, Mrs. Eunice D. Medman, Mrs. Greelan C. Warner and Stella Grant.

## Women's Issues Today

The Women's Congressional Policy Institute has just compiled a summary of legislative action during the first session of the 115th Congress affecting women and their families. Six pages long, it covers issues such as human trafficking, domestic violence, health care, STEM, violence against women and education.

It is available at the following link: <http://www.womenspolicy.org/our-work/other-publications/>

# UN Report



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As we plan for our Spring Fashion Show, I encourage you to fully acquaint yourselves with the Zonta International and Zonta International Strategies to End Violence Against Women (ZISVAW) projects. Share with potential attendees that a portion of our funds will support our international projects, as well as important local projects, in support of women and girls.

The following progress reports are available at [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org).

- [Liberia Fistula Project](#) with UNFPA, for the period January 1 to June 30, 2017 (Report dated November 15, 2017)
- Reflections on [Let Us Learn Madagascar](#) with UNICEF USA (Report dated August 11, 2017)
- [The Future We Want Project in Nepal](#) with UN WOMEN, for the period April to August 2017 (Report dated December 13, 2017)
- [Progress in Delaying Early Marriage in Niger](#) with UNFPA, for the period January 1 to June 30, 2017 (Report dated November 17, 2017)

Reports are also available on past projects:

- [Progress on elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and gender-based violence in Rwanda](#) with US Fund for UNICEF (Report dated February 27, 2017)

Reading Suggestion: *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood*, by Trevor Noah

Born to a black Xhosa mother and a white Swiss father at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison, Trevor Noah was kept indoors most of his early life. He was finally liberated by the fall of apartheid. Trevor and his mother set forth on a grand adventure into the dangers and opportunities of a new South Africa. This book provides an accounting of experiences that are hilarious, dramatic as well as deeply affecting. Trevor Noah, while long popular as a comedian around the globe, is host of the American award-winning "The Daily Show."

## Club Calendar

### Club Meetings

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

### 2018 Fashion Show

April 14, 2018  
Milwaukee Marriott West  
Waukesha, WI

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

# Foundation Update



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The Foundation has been busy this month. Seventeen grant applications were received in December and distributed to the Foundation board for review. It was really interesting to read about the agencies and their programs working on behalf of women and girls within our communities. The need is great and we wish we had more money to give. After reviewing and rating individually, we met on January 9 to discuss, challenge and make decisions on the grant recipients as a team. The results will be shared at the club meeting in January. Following the meeting, the grant recipients will be contacted via phone. Letters will be sent out to all applicants by February 1.

The selected agencies will be awarded their grants at the Fashion Show Luncheon on April 14. Please invite your friends and families to come to this year's event, or make a donation if they can't attend, so that we can raise even more money to give away next year!

— Joni Reese

**Did you know?** If you shop on Amazon, and even if you are an Amazon Prime Member (or your friends and families are), you can raise money for the Zonta Club of Milwaukee's Foundation? Yes, it is true! You shop and we raise money! All you need to do is start your Amazon shopping experience at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). The first time you go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you select your charity. We are listed under **Zonta Foundation Inc in New Berlin**. Every dollar adds up! Thank you for your support of the Zonta Foundation.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January 14  
**Laureen Ward**

January 18  
**Maria Bellmann**

January 24  
**Judith Lehman**

January 26  
**Victoria Frazier**