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NEWSLETTER

February 2018

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Zonta Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Speaker: Simmone Stovall, Healing Counselor, Aurora Healing and Advocacy Services

Our speaker for the February 28 meeting is Ms. Simmone Stovall, who is a healing counselor working for Aurora Healing and Advocacy Services located within Sojourner Family Peace Center as well as other programs and locations. She will discuss the Neurobiology of Trauma (deeply disturbing experiences) and how it affects our psychological and physiological being and responses. Trauma alters how we respond to stimuli and there's a need for more discussion about this topic in all service agencies.

Simmone will discuss how victims/survivors of trauma suffer with symptoms and how loved ones/supports can assist in the healing process. Labeling and stigma harms the people most affected by trauma. Do ALL people suffer from some trauma? She may discuss systemic trauma for people of color. It should be an interesting presentation.

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 speaker 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; or French Dip

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, February 25 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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As spring is slowly appropriating we have many opportunities to participate in upcoming events. I recently sent an email from Gail Zalewski, our district advocacy chair, regarding the Zonta Club of Madison's annual advocacy training and Afternoon of Action. This event has been hugely successful in getting out our message. Those choosing to participate will have the opportunity to meet with their state legislators to discuss pending legislation that have a direct effect on our mission. As with all Zonta projects, this is a non-partisan activity. It is focused on legislation, not party affiliation.

Our Advocacy Committee is continuing its "ARTREACH 2.0" program. The art was displayed at City Hall in January and is currently at Milwaukee's Main Public Library until February 25.

Invitations for our Fashion Show Fundraiser were distributed at our January meeting. The Fashion Show is our major fundraiser each year. We need every member to participate in order for it to succeed. Please fill your tables and sign up to assist at the show. Donations for the wine pull are now being collected as well as raffle baskets and silent auction items. This is a great opportunity to educate others about our Club and Zonta International's mission.

Enjoy the snows of February. I hope to see all of you at our dinner meeting at Mo's Irish Pub in Wauwatosa.

– Helen Ludwig

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nola Hitchcock-Cross
February 1

Connie Thoma
February 9

Karen McCormick
February 14

Janet Kloser
February 18

Karen Hunt
February 19

Helen Ludwig
February 19

Elizabeth Stull
February 23

Meeting Minutes *for January 24, 2018*



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Maria Bellmann, President Elect, called the meeting to order and read the invocation.

Speaker: Our guest and speaker was Felita Daniels Ashley of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council. She spoke about the continuing need to make people aware of illegal housing discrimination and how to enforce laws regarding discrimination, fair lending problems and to assist communities to have inclusive housing policies.

New Member Installation: Patricia Taylor was installed as a new member.

Treasurer: As of 12/31/17 the checking account balance was \$12,898.64 and the CD balance was \$5083.37.

International Delegation Reimbursement: There was a recommendation to increase the reimbursement for our two delegates to the International Convention in Yokohama, Japan. This reimbursement has normally been \$2000 per delegate, but with the additional expense of travel, etc., it was suggested that this be increased to \$3500 per delegate, for 2018 only. Moved by Donna Conant, seconded by Jackie Beaudry and approved by voice vote. The 2020 convention will be in Chicago so don't expect a large reimbursement for that.

2018 International Convention Delegates: If anyone is interested in being a delegate to the convention, let Helen Ludwig know by 2/5/18. Email her at hludwig@ludwiglaw.org. The club will vote electronically for delegates.

Nominating Committee: Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry, Connie Thoma and Laurie Ward have agreed to be on this committee.

Advocacy: Montez Ashley is going to streamline and develop synergy with our advocacy efforts.

ARTREACH 2.0: Donna Neal reported that the paintings are on display in the Milwaukee City Hall rotunda until January 31. They will then be moved to the main library on February 5, where there will be a reception on Tuesday, February 6 from 6 to 7 pm. The agenda includes a welcome to Neu-Life Community Development and Zonta, and other anti-trafficking groups will be in attendance as well. Donna is also looking for people to drop into the library periodically to check on supplies for the display. There will also be a Neu-Life ARTREACH planning committee which will meet on January 30. Call Donna if you are interested in being on the committee, which will have one meeting per month for 3 months.

Madison Club Advocacy Activities: Diane Lindsley reported that the Madison club will hold their Afternoon of Action on March 8. This is an opportunity to meet with elected officials and staff to advocate for anti-slavery and anti-trafficking legislation. Additionally, the state legislature named January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month and it would be appropriate to contact Sen. Wanggaard and Rep. Vos to advocate for a hearing on Safe Harbor and on Truck Driver Trafficking Education bills.

Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness: Immigrants and Civil Liberties: This panel discussion will take place at Alverno College on February 20, 6-7:30 pm.

Fashion Show Fundraiser: There will be a meeting of the committee following the club meeting. Invitations were passed out to members at this meeting. Please bring any items you have for the raffles and auction to the February 28 meeting. We are also asking members to make a donation of \$20 for the wine purchase for the wine pull; don't forget to fill out a slip for the drawing for a \$25 Panera gift card in April.

Meeting Minutes *for Jan. 24, 2018 (cont.)*



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Membership: Patricia Taylor was installed tonight.

Program: The next speaker will be Simmone Stovall who will speak about therapeutic treatment for victims of assault and trauma, which she has been providing since 2012.

Public Relations: The Fashion Show invites are online. Information regarding the Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship is also on the club website.

Scholarships: The application deadline for the Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship is March 15. Information for the scholarships due in June is not yet available.

Service: Joni Reese mentioned that there were a number of ideas for service projects in the agency applications to the foundation. She will review for a mini service project in February and potentially future months.

Z Club: Joann Comodore reported that new administration and changing liaisons between the club and the school have made it necessary to reorganize. The girls in the club are still enthusiastic and have had three major events this year: October – Silent Walk with the Zonta club; November – Boxes of food gathered and provided to Sojourner; December – Organized a Drum Line competition at the school. They are planning to work with the ARTREACH program in March or April.

Mentor: No report.

Foundation: Reported by Joni Reese – the board met earlier this month to review applications for grants. Seven grants will be awarded at the fashion show.

Agency	Program	Target Beneficiary	Requested Amount	Grant Amount
Alverno College	Girl's Academy of Science and Mathematics	Girls	\$3000	\$3000
Core / El Centro	Trauma & Healing Program at Sojourner	Women	\$3000	\$2000
Girls in Action, Inc.	4 C's Leadership Workshop	Girls	\$3000	\$3000
Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative	Women Veteran's Initiative	Women	\$3000	\$2000
Neu-Life Community Development	ARTREACH Tool Kit & Virtual Gallery	Girls	\$3000	\$2000
Our Next Generation	Still I Rise	Girls	\$5000	\$3000
The Women's Center	Employment & Life Skills Program	Women	\$3000	\$2000
Totals			\$23000	\$17000

Next Club Meeting: February 28 at Mo's

Janesville International Women's Day Luncheon: Friday, March 9

Respectfully submitted by Lori Peterson

Fashion Show



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Our 2018 fundraiser, **Let the Sun Shine In – Empowering Women and Girls**, is just 2 months away. We are looking for it to be a huge success for the causes we support, taking place at the beautiful Marriott West. Our annual event will include Chico's fashions and a program reflecting the mission supported by Zonta around the world and locally.

Invitations were distributed to club members at the January meeting. For those not able to make the meeting, you should have received your invitations in the mail. Invitations have also gone out to our past attendee distribution list as reviewed late last fall.

The committee members have worked hard to create an event we can all enjoy and be proud of. All club members are essential to its success. Please invite your family, friends and coworkers – men are welcome.

We ask each club member to:

- Fill a table of 10 guests
- Get, gift or gather contributions of cash or raffle items and give to Pam
- Contribute \$20 for the wine pull
- Donate your time the day of the event by signing up with Cheryl

Thank you! We are looking forward to a wonderful event!

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>

Advocacy with the Madison Club



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The Zonta Club of Madison Advocacy Committee is planning its annual spring advocacy events and inviting the other Area 2 Zontians.

Learn basic advocacy skills and get updates on current legislation on these five issues:

- Women's Health
- Violence Against Women
- Human Trafficking
- Women's Economic Independence.
- Social Justice as Ecological Well-Being

Then, practice your advocacy skills by visiting with state elected officials and/or staff at the State Capitol, and celebrate achievements of women and #PressforProgress at a community-wide event!

Here are the upcoming events:

- February 24: **Advocacy Training Day**, from 1-4 pm at James Madison Memorial High School
- March 8: **Afternoon of Action** at the State Capitol
- March 3: **Women's Community Celebration**, Comfort Inn & Suites Madison - Airport (unconfirmed)

The cost for the first two events (one or both) is \$10.00. There is no cost for the Community Celebration. See the attached flyer and registration form for more information.

The registration form can also be filled out via a google form here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1agrdmuUXl0PXC2HRimxVD-242toYTT8rkBs5df1uwxl/edit?usp=sharing>

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

February 28 March 28
April 25 May 23
June 27

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

2018 Fashion Show

April 14, 2018
Milwaukee Marriott West
Waukesha, WI

Mini Service Project



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At the February meeting, we are collecting women's items for The Cathedral Center (www.cathedral-center.org). The Cathedral Center is an emergency shelter for women and families and a gateway to independence for many. A portion of their posted wish list is below; however, I would like to focus our drive on the items outlined. Please note, all items should be new.

Please bring your donations to the February dinner meeting. As always, your participation is appreciated but not mandatory.

If anyone is willing to volunteer to drop off the donations on a weekday between the hours of 9am and 4pm, it would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know by emailing me at tnireese@wi.rr.com.

Thank you!

– Joni Reese

THE
CATHEDRAL
CENTER



**DONATIONS ACCEPTED MONDAY—FRIDAY, BETWEEN THE
HOURS OF 9AM-4PM**

845 North Van Buren Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202

W I S H L I S T

Guests:

- Bus Passes
- Gift cards from Walgreens or CVS (\$5-\$10) – to assist with prescription costs.
- New socks, t-shirts, underwear, bras – in various sizes,
- Toiletries (deodorant, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lip balm, lotion)
- Bath towels, wash cloths, kitchen towels, fitted sheets and pillow cases, dish cloths
- Weather appropriate outerwear
- Flash drives
- New pillows
- Blank journals and calendars, tote bags
- Flip flops and slippers, roomy pajama tops and bottoms

Legislation Update



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On January 30, the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing titled “Following the Money: How Human Traffickers Exploit U.S. Financial Markets.” The following witnesses testified:

- Mr. Bassem Banafa, Bassem Banafa, LLC., Financial Forensics Consultant
- Dr. Louise Shelley, Founder and Director of the Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center at George Mason University
- The Honorable Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., District Attorney, The County of New York
- Ms. Tina Frundt, Founder and Director, Courtney’s House

The hearing examined how financial institutions monitor, review, and verify depository relations with a payment processor. In particular, the Subcommittee sought to better understand potential problems and long-term challenges that exist, including examples of how human traffickers avoid detection.

The video of the hearing can be accessed at:

<https://financialservices.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=402952>

– Diane Lindsley

UN Committee Report

“The Future We Want in Nepal”

Read the latest report (April – August 2017) just released on our project in Nepal. (See [Zonta International Foundation website](#).) The goal of our US\$1 million project with UN Women is to “create sustainable foundations for addressing the links between human trafficking and foreign labor migration of women and girls in Nepal.”

Suggested Reading: “While the Gods Were Sleeping – A Journey Through Love and Rebellion in Nepal” by Elizabeth Enslin

Love and marriage brought American anthropologist Elizabeth Enslin to a world she never planned to make her own – living among Brahman in-laws in a remote village in the plains of Nepal. As she faced the challenges of married life, birth, and childbearing in a foreign culture, she discovered as much about human resilience, and the capacity for courage, as she did about herself. “While the Gods Were Sleeping” is a love story, an adventure narrative and an anthropological study.

Shopping

Many items handmade in Nepal are on the [Serrv.org](#) site. Serrv is a fair trade/handmade/non-profit firm located in Westminster, MD.

Scholarships



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Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Application deadline: March 15, 2018

The goal of the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award Program is to encourage young women to participate in public affairs by recognizing a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. Young women ages 16 to 19 (as of April 1 in the application year) are eligible to apply.

UPDATE:
District
Award is
now \$1,500

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee awards a **\$1,000 local scholarship** to an applicant living in the greater Milwaukee area and forwards the winner's application to Zonta District 6 to be considered for the district award, which has been increased to \$1,500. The district winner's application is then sent to Zonta International; 10 international recipients are selected from the worldwide district/region recipients to receive additional awards of \$4,000 each.

Please note: Z Club members are eligible to apply! Classified members and employees of Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation, and their family members, are not eligible to apply.

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

Application deadline: June 15, 2018

The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships are awarded to women undertaking business studies who have demonstrated outstanding potential in the field.

Any woman undertaking a business/business-related program at an accredited university/college/institute, including online students, in at least the second year of an undergraduate program through the final year of a Master's program at the time the application is submitted, is eligible to apply.

Zonta Club of Milwaukee applicants must either (1) have legal residency in the six-county greater Milwaukee metro area while attending any accredited university, college or institute in the world or (2) be a full-time, out-of-state student attending an accredited university, college or institute in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee, Racine, or Kenosha counties.

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee awards a \$1,000 scholarship and forwards the winner's application to Zonta District 6 for consideration for an additional \$2,000 scholarship. The district winner's application is sent to Zonta International for consideration for one of the six \$8,000 international scholarships.

UPDATE:
District
Award is
now \$2,00

UPDATE:
6 International
Awards of
\$8,000

Scholarships



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Women in STEM Scholarship

Application deadline: June 15, 2018

As a means of encouraging more women to pursue undergraduate degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math, the Zonta Club of Milwaukee is sponsoring a \$1,000 Women in STEM Scholarship.

Women of any age pursuing an undergraduate degree in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math, with either legal residency or out-of-state student status in the six-county greater Milwaukee metro area are eligible to apply. Applicants should have achieved junior- or senior-level status at an accredited college or university by the application deadline and demonstrate outstanding potential in the field.

All scholarship applications are available online at http://zontamilwaukee.org/?page_id=185.

Please refer to the applications for full details regarding eligibility, application instructions, and use of scholarship funds.

Z Club Update

While facing the many changes of a new administration, MHSA - FEM Z Club presses forward. Upon returning to school this fall, MHSA students were welcomed by a new principal and the FEM Z Club was surprised by a change in their primary advisor as well.

Amidst transitioning to new leadership, and schedule/policy adjustments, the FEM Z Club remained focused and continued to render service and advocacy to their school and community. Activities of MHSA FEM-Z Club include:

- Soliciting MHSA support (students and teachers) to join them in the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Silent Walk on October 2, 2017
- Organizing and delivering 14 Thanksgiving baskets, complete with turkeys, to Sojourner Truth women and families in need.
- Supporting the MPS Annual Drumline competition hosted at MHSA in December (assisting with food sales, room monitoring, and assisting judges)

During this transitional period, the focus and challenge of the Club and FEM Z Club is connectivity – STAYING CONNECTED.

Submitted by Joann Harris-Comodore

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ARTREACH 2.0

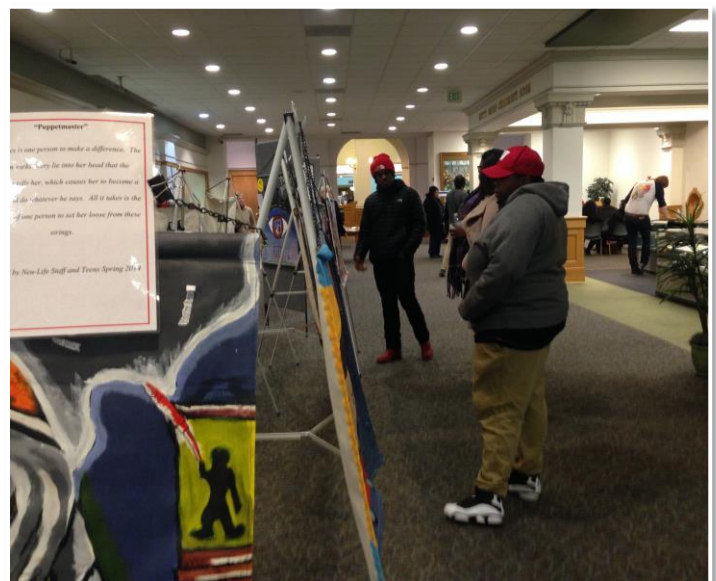


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Scenes from the ARTREACH Exhibit Opening Reception:
February 6, Main Branch of the Milwaukee Public Library



It's not too late to see the ARTREACH works at the library. The exhibit will be open through February 24.



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Member Bios



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Congratulations to our Newest Zontians!

RENITA SWITZER

(September 2017 Installation)

Renita was initially approached several years ago by Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry regarding Zonta membership. However, it wasn't until recently when Joyce McCrary suggested she attend a meeting was the timing right.

Renita has worked in healthcare for over 30 years. She has held positions allowing her to work, train, and/or create training material for all components of the revenue cycle.

She actively served in the Army Reserve for 8 years. Renita enjoys reading, occasionally cooking and baking. She also dedicates time to volunteering, and teaching a babysitters' class once a month.

PATRICIA TAYLOR

(January 2018 Installation)

**Proud mother of our 2017 Young Women in Public Affairs
Scholarship winner, Erica Lofton.**

She stands 5'1", but her passion for investing in people is immeasurable.

Patricia L. Taylor, MS, is a Licensed Professional Counselor with the State of Wisconsin and the owner of P Taylor Consulting, a Behavioral Health and Wellness company.



Patricia majored in psychology and minored in history at the University of Wisconsin, where she obtained her BA. She went on to study counseling and practice relevant research in the field at Capella University, where she earned an MS degree in counseling.

Patricia purports that mental health and wellness are the pathways to success, and she activates her clients to increase their capacity to cope, heal, learn and grow by first cultivating relationships with themselves. To this date, Patricia's proudest moment was when the White House for promoting girls' leadership and violence prevention received her 17-year-old daughter. Patricia enjoys spending time with family, traveling to warm climates and listening to old-school hip hop music.



Zonta International recognizes young women for their commitment to volunteerism, volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to empowering women worldwide.



ONE APPLICATION, THREE OPPORTUNITIES:

CLUB:

\$1,000 Award from Zonta Club of Milwaukee. One applicant from each club recommended for district/region Award

DISTRICT:

32 recipients receive US\$1,500 each and applicants are submitted to be considered for international Award

INTERNATIONAL:

10 district/region Award recipients receive an additional US\$4,000 international Award

DEADLINE:

Applications must be received by the applicant's local Zonta club's published deadline. To locate a Zonta club near you and download an application, please visit: foundation.zonta.org/YWPAaward

CLUB DEADLINE:

March 15, 2018

Download the application at
www.zontamilwaukee.org

APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:

zcscholarship@zontamilwaukee.org

Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.