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NEWSLETTER

April 2018

Area 2 • District 6

2017-2018

Zonta Club of Milwaukee

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Helen Ludwig, President
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submissions to Krista Betts.**

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Zonta Annual Meeting

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Join us for the Zonta Club of Milwaukee Annual Business Meeting. We will review reports from each committee and hold elections for board members for next year.

Come engage in the vital work of our club!

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

5:30 pm – Social

6:00 pm – Dinner with 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. Please order any beverages through our servers.

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.

RSVP: Please contact Lori Peterson by Sunday, April 22 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.

Denim Day – a day to combat sexual assault, end the culture of victim blaming, and stand with survivors – is **April 25**.

In honor of Denim Day and Sexual Assault Awareness Month, please wear denim to our Annual Meeting!

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President's Message



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Thank you to all who supported our annual fashion show fundraiser. Our club, once again, put on a spectacular event. Thank goodness the snow of Sunday did not come a day earlier!! A special thank-you to the fashion show committee and the co-chairs, Lynne Oehlke and Karen Smith. Putting on an event of this magnitude takes a great deal of work and requires the support of our entire club. The luncheon is our primary fundraiser and, through this event, we are able to support local agencies, scholarships and Zonta International initiatives.

Our April meeting is our Annual Meeting. It is strictly a business meeting with no speaker. The club and the foundation will have annual reports prepared for the meeting. Electronic copies of the annual reports will be sent prior to the meeting. Only a few "hard" copies will be available. I encourage everyone to attend, learn and ask questions. We will also be voting for our new club leadership. Thank you to everyone who has agreed, enthusiastically, to guide our club for the next two years.

Our Area 2 workshop is scheduled for April 28 in Janesville. I hope many of you are able to attend. Please contact me if you have questions about the workshop. We will try to arrange carpooling for the attendees.

If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about Zonta, please encourage her (or him) to attend our prospective membership event on May 16. Our best recruitment tool is our members. Please spread the word about our club's mission and our local and international projects.

I hope to see all you at our meeting in April. I am optimistic that eventually spring weather will arrive.

– Helen Ludwig



Meeting Minutes *for March 28, 2018*



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President Helen Ludwig called the meeting to order.

Joni Reese read the blessing.

Guests: Jennifer James (Judy's daughter)

Guest Speakers:

Simmons Stovall, Aurora Healing and Advocacy Center

Pam Duane, Area 2 Director – District 6 2016-2018 Mission, Goals, and Basics

- D6 – Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana
- Area 2 – Janesville, Madison and Milwaukee Clubs
- Pam shared the 2016-2018 Biennial Goals (our club reviewed in 2017)
- We are approaching Zonta's centennial, which will begin at Convention in Japan, 2018, with the big celebration in Chicago, 2020
- D6 Conference will be October 5-7, 2018, at the Four Points by Sheraton in Fairview, IL
- We reviewed the two proposals to reorganize the District clubs

Zonta UN Minute: Marge shared 6-4-3: Zonta International has projects in 6 countries, with 4 agencies, in 3 focus areas.

Treasurer's Report: Checking account balance is \$12,817.00 as of the end of February. Remember we are reimbursing our delegates for their actual expenses for the International Convention in Japan.

Race and Racism Committee: Met for the second time last week and agreed that we need to bring some common experience. The group read "Waking Up White" or watching the related Tedx Talk. The group is reading and learning to have discussions about these issues. Four broad areas of conversation: personal understanding, club effectiveness, impacting the community, and impacting the Zonta world. The group will present a plan to the club later in the year, tentatively the June meeting. The group is also considering a fall workshop on race recruitment and retention but will need to present to the district first. Next committee meeting is April 26 at Donna Kahl's home. (Post-meeting update: The meeting will be Monday, April 23.)

Service: The Neu-Life Annual Art Show is coming up on Saturday, May 12, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Tickets are available for \$25 each.

Fashion Show Fundraiser: All the fashion show models have been selected. We are expecting \$1,400 in corporate donations. Lori Peterson reported we have 169 reservations for the Fashion Show at this point. Please

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

April 25

May 23

June 27

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

Prospective Member Event

Wednesday, May 16

Meeting Minutes *for Mar. 28, 2018 (cont.)*



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get your reservations in by March 31. Please fill a table of guests, and sign up to help. We need to provide the Marriott with a final count on Tuesday, April 3. We could use a credit card machine if anyone has one.

Membership: We are planning to have a prospective member meeting on May 16. There will be an opportunity to express interest at the Fashion Show.

Program: Next month is our annual meeting.

Scholarships: We received 15 applications for the Young Women in Public Affairs Awards. The committee is meeting tomorrow night to select our recipient. The Women in Business and Women in STEM scholarships deadline is in June; applications are live on the website.

Z Club: Engagement with the club has been challenged with access the last semester. They are working with the school leadership.

Foundation: Needs to have another meeting.

Nominating Committee: The nominations slate was presented and will be voted on at our Annual Meeting in April, with no nominations from the floor.

Club Board Positions:

Directors: Renita Switzer, Patricia Taylor, Karen Hunt

President Elect: Karen Smith

Vice President: Krista Betts

Secretary: Barbara Wyatt-Sibley

Treasurer: Lori Peterson

Foundation Board Positions:

Board Directors: La Toya Sykes, Pam Knackert, Laurie Ward

Announcements:

- Committee Reports for the club Annual Report are due to Karen Smith by March 30
- Next club meeting – Annual Meeting – April 25
- Area 2 Spring Workshop – April 28 at the Rotary Botanical Gardens, Janesville.
 - Reservations due by April 18.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Karen Smith – Secretary

UN Committee Update



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Remember the number 643 equals ZI and ZISVAW projects: 6 countries / 4 agencies / 3 project focuses – our international commitment.

Education is one of the 3 project focuses noted above. Zonta International is supporting education needs in both Madagascar and Vietnam.

“Let Us Learn Madagascar” is our US\$1,000,000 project in partnership with UNICEF USA to create opportunities for vulnerable and excluded girls, enabling them to realize their rights to an education in a secure and protective environment. With our partner, our goal in “Let Us Learn Madagascar” is to promote a common vision of investing in junior secondary education for girls as an entry point for equality.

“Greater Responsive Schools in Vietnam” is our US\$644,000 project with our partner the UN Trust Fund that supports “Plan Vietnam” in creating a school environment for adolescent girls and boys across Hanoi that is free from gender-based violence.

Suggested Reading: *Education in Vietnam* by Jonathan D. London

Vietnam is a country on the move. Yet contemporary Vietnam's education system is at a crossroads. Rapid economic growth has permitted rapid increases in the scale and scope of formal schooling, but there is a prevailing sense that the current education system is inadequate to the country's needs. Sunny assessments of Vietnam's "achievements" in the sphere of education have given way to a realization that the country lacks skilled workers. Some have even spoken of an "education crisis".

Education in Vietnam addresses key issues pertaining to the political economy of education, the provision and payment for primary and secondary education, and the development of vocational and tertiary education. The book marks an important contribution to existing understandings of Vietnam's education system and contributes to broader understandings of social conditions and change in contemporary Vietnam.

(Description from the publisher, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies.)

– Marge Holzbog

Backpacks Service Project

The club needs to decide whether we will hold a backpack / school supplies drive for Neu-Life students this summer. New chairpersons will be needed. Please consider taking part. This will be an agenda topic for the April meeting.

Fashion Show



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As of this writing the amount of funds raised for our next round of grants to women serving agencies is unknown. Despite the weather, the room was full, the conversations filled with laughter and the fashions all about spring. It was fun and showcased beautifully thanks to the hard work and commitment of the Zontians from Milwaukee (and neighboring communities).

We know that corporate/private sponsorship was well over \$4,000, which is a significant boost from 2017. Stay tuned for the final results, to be announced at the April club meeting.



*Above: Our grant recipients.
Left: Fashion show models.
Below: Support from our Madison
Zontian sisters.*



Nominating Committee



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Proposed Slate for the 2018 Election

Committee: Chery Lucas-DeBerry, Joyce McCrary and Laurie Ward

The team solicited members to fill open Club Board and Zonta Club of Milwaukee Foundation Board of Director positions. Proposed for election in April 2018:

Club Board Nominations

The proposed 2018 slate for the Club Board Directors is:

<i>President</i>	Maria Bellmann
<i>President-Elect</i>	Karen Smith
<i>Vice President</i>	Krista Betts
<i>Secretary</i>	Barbara Wyatt Sibley
<i>Treasurer</i>	Lori Peterson
<i>New Directors (3)</i>	Renita Switzer (1st year of a 2yr 2018-2020 term as Director) Patricia Taylor (1st year of a 2yr 2018-2020 term as Director) Karen Hunt (1st year of a 2yr 2018-2020 term as Director)

Continuing Directors on the Club Board: Marge Holzbog, Janet Kloser, Regina Young-Ferguson

Club Directors completing terms in 2018:

<i>President</i>	Helen Ludwig
<i>President-Elect</i>	Maria Bellmann
<i>Vice President</i>	Joann Comodore
<i>Secretary</i>	Karen Smith
<i>Treasurer</i>	Diane Lindsley
<i>Directors (3)</i>	Krista Betts Joyce McCrary La Toya Sykes

Foundation Board Nominations

The proposed 2018 slate for the Foundation Board is:

<i>Directors (3)</i>	LaToya Sykes Pam Knackert Laurie Ward
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Continuing Directors on the Foundation Board:

<i>Directors (6)</i>	2016-2019 term: Sheryl Dean, Victoria Frazier, Mary Staten 2018-2020 term: Sandra Goldman, Gloria Jones, Elizabeth Stull
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Foundation Directors completing terms in 2018: Pam Knackert, Lynne Oehlke, Joni Reese

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Race / Racism



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The committee is currently working on developing a proposal for 2018-19 Club year, to be presented at the June Club meeting, and engaging in discussions about white privilege (stimulated by Debby Irving's *Waking Up White* and website videos/links, and *Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race*, by Reni Eddo-Lodge).

Committee members include Montez Ashley, Krista Betts, Judy Lehman, Donna Kahl-Wilkerson, Diane Lindsley, Karen McCormick, Donna Neal, Barbara Wyatt-Sibley, Karen Hunt, and Gloria Jones.

The next meeting of the committee will be Monday, April 23, at Donna Kahl-Wilkerson's home at 6:00 pm. If you would like to join us, please contact Donna Neal or Montez Ashley. We welcome additional members.

Neu-Life Art Show Fundraiser

Please attend Neu-Life's annual Art Show Fundraiser on **Saturday, May 12**, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Tickets are available from Donna Neal or Joann Comodore – or online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/neu-life-annual-art-show-tickets-44564199721>

Fine art items produced by youth in collaborative projects will be auctioned off. Youth will also prepare and serve food produced from the new commercial kitchen at Neu-Life and from local neighborhood businesses. It's a terrific event and amazing value for the money.

ART SHOW
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2014 W North Ave Milwaukee WI, 53205

**saturday
may 12
11am-1pm**

**\$25 adults
\$15 kids**
age 12 and under
free for ages 2 and under