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# NEWSLETTER

March 2018

## Area 2 • District 6

**2017-2018**

## Zonta Club of Milwaukee

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## Zonta Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

### Speaker: Pam Duane, Area 2 Director, Zonta District 6

Pam Duane will give us an update on the District 6 biennium goals and will discuss the spring workshop. She is a 20-year member of Zonta Club of Madison. She has held positions as president, secretary, treasurer and has served on various club committees.

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

Our speaker last month, Simmone Stovall, was ill and unable to join us, so she will join us this month instead as our second speaker. Simmone works 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  
(northwest corner of Bluemound and Hwy 100)

5:30 pm – Social

6:00 pm – Dinner with speaker to follow

(See page 3 for menu options)

**RSVP:** Please contact Lori Peterson by Sunday, March 25 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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Happy March! I hope everyone observed International Women's Day on March 8. The purpose of the day is to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievement of women. While we need to acknowledge and celebrate our successes, we also need to remember that we still have a long way to go. We also need to continue to help our sisters around the world who do not have even basic rights such as education and voting.

Our nominating committee is hard at work putting together a slate of prospective leaders for our club for the next biennium. As a member of the Club or Foundation Board, you will have the opportunity to build your leadership skills and help determine the direction of our Club moving forward. Please let me know if you have an interest in becoming more involved in the club leadership. If the nominating committee contacts you, please, if possible, say yes enthusiastically.

We are quickly approaching our Fashion Show Fundraiser, scheduled for April 14. It truly takes the whole club to make our fundraiser a success. Please volunteer to help on the day of the show, and sell as many tickets as possible.

Our annual business meeting takes place at our April dinner meeting. If you are a committee chair, please submit your annual committee report to Karen Smith no later than March 30. If you have questions, please contact either me or Karen.

Hopefully spring will be here soon! I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our dinner meeting at Mo's Irish Pub in Wauwatosa.

– Helen Ludwig



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Gloria Jones**  
March 13

**Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry**  
March 30

# Meeting Minutes *for February 25, 2018*



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Helen Ludwig, President, called the meeting to order and read the blessing.

**Evening Program:** Our speaker is ill, so we will not have a presentation tonight.

**Treasurer's Report:** Our checking balance is \$13,007.92 and our CD balance is \$5,099.27.

**Zonta UN Minute:** Women's Day is coming up the 8th of March, and the theme is "Press for Progress".

**Advocacy:** Equal Rights Amendment: The amendment needs to be ratified by a certain number of states, and we are two states short.

Congress passed an online sex trafficking bill, the Internet Decency Act. The House and Senate will need to reconcile for passage.

**ARTREACH 2.0:** The ARTREACH display was in City Hall for a week and a half during Human Trafficking Awareness Month. The Milwaukee Public Library main branch was a very good location with a spectacular opening weekend. Joann Comodore and Donna Neal made introductory comments, and 40 to 50 people were in attendance.

**Racial Justice:** About six people met last week to discuss the direction of this committee. The first step will be to get educated and come to a collective understanding on white privilege. If you are interested in joining this group, let Donna Neal know. The next meeting is Thursday, March 27 at 6:00 pm at Montez Ashley's home.

On March 15 there will be a special tour of an exhibit on Nazi Germany Jewish survivors teaching in the segregated south, working with African Americans. Let Karen Hunt know if you are interested in attending.

**Fashion Show Fundraiser:** The Fashion Show is April 14. Please be sure to sign up to help with the event. If you have not been able to sign up, please contact Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry. We ask all members to try to fill a table of guests. The due date for reservations is March 31. Also, please donate \$20 to the wine pull if you have not already had a chance to do so. All 10 models have been secured for the event. If you have any silent auction or raffle items, please get them to Pam Knackert at the March meeting.

**Program:** Our guest next month will be Pam Duane, who is our Area Director. We may also have our scheduled speaker from this month (who could not make it) speak as well.

**Scholarship:** The scholarship applications are now available on the website.

## Wednesday, March 28 Dinner Meeting – 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 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 charged a \$5 fee to help defray the costs associated with the meeting. Please order any beverages through our servers.

## Meeting Minutes for Feb. 25, 2018 (cont.)



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**Service:** The mini service project this month was collections for Cathedral Center, which provides a transitional center for women's housing. Items were collected for the women who stayed in the transitional living arrangement.

**Nominating Committee:** The committee will be meeting tonight. When and if they contact you, please enthusiastically say "yes!". Joyce McCrary, Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry, and Laureen Ward are the 2018 nominating committee. The slate will be presented next month and voted on in April.

**Public Relations:** Updates have been made to the website, including posting the pictures of last year's Fashion Show. Fashion Show invitations have been put on the website and Facebook. Joni shared the post on her personal Facebook page and tagged some of her friends who are club members. Please share via social media.

**Foundation:** The Foundation board will be working on their Annual Report next week.

**Annual Report:** The club annual report will be presented at our April meeting. Karen Smith, as Secretary, will be putting together the report. Committee reports should be to Karen Smith no later than March 30.

**Announcements:** Gloria Jones's husband had heart surgery; please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

**Next Meeting:** March 28 at Mo's Irish Pub.

*Respectfully Submitted by:*  
Karen Smith – Secretary

## UN Committee Update

Again, I encourage you to fully acquaint yourselves with our International Service and ZISVAW projects on which we partner with various United Nations agencies. As we plan for our Spring Fashion Show, let's let our attendees know that a portion of our funds will support our international projects as well as important local projects in support of women and girls. Progress reports on the international projects are available at the Zonta International Foundation website: <https://foundation.zonta.org/>.

The goal of our \$1 million Nepal project, where we partner with UN Women, is to create a sustainable foundation for addressing the links between human trafficking and foreign labor migration of women and girls in Nepal.

### Another good read on Nepal: *The Nepal Chronicles* by Dan Szczeny

Dan Szczeny is a travel writer. This book is an interesting read about his travel to Nepal to marry his wife Meenakshi and trek to Everest Base Camp. From the chaos of Kathmandu's super-charged streets to the tranquil but challenging trails of the Himalayas, this book is a deeply felt exploration of the culture and history of one of the world's most complex places.

– Marge Holzbog



# Fashion Show



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Our 2018 fundraiser, **Let the Sun Shine In – Empowering Women and Girls**, is fast approaching on April 14! The fashion show is our primary means to provide funding for the scholarships and service organizations that we support. We really need the help (both time and financial) from every club member to make this event successful.

Please be sure to invite your friends, family and co-workers; with a goal of every member filling a table. The reservation deadline is March 31.

If you have not had a chance to volunteer for the “day of” the event, please contact Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry.

In addition, we are at about 60% of our wine pull goal. If you have not yet made a donation of \$20 to this fundraiser, please consider doing so at the reservation table during our March club meeting or giving your donation to Deb Koller or Karen Smith.

Items for the silent auction and raffle baskets can be given to Pam Knackert at the March club meeting as well.

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**

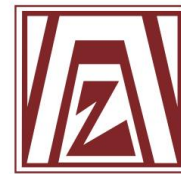
**Fashion Show Fundraiser**  
**10:30 AM - 2:00 PM**  
at the Marriott Milwaukee West •  
W231 N1600 Corporate Court • Pewaukee, Wisconsin

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>

# Mini Service Project

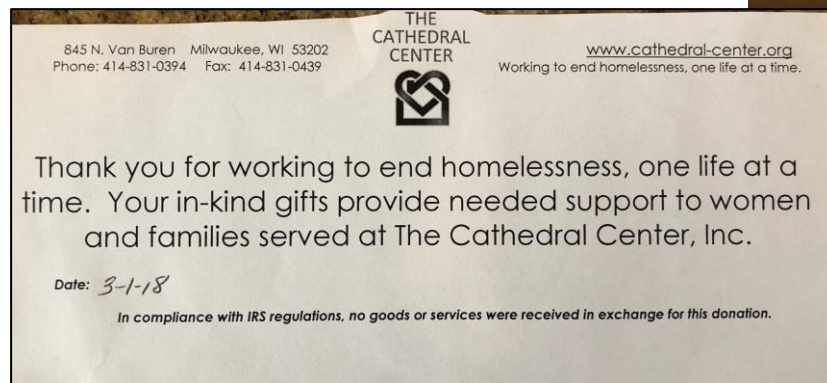


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## For The Cathedral Center

Thank you to all who donated items for The Cathedral Center, an emergency shelter for women and families and a gateway to independence for many. And thank you to Christine Todd for making the delivery!

– Joni Reese



## Club Calendar

### Club Meetings

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

