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Zonta Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

It's our FUN OUTING for the year!

6:00 pm – Mini Golf at Riverfalls Family Fun Center

Join us for mini golf at 5401 W. Layton Ave. in Greenfield, on the south side of the road. (Call 414-281-2815 if you get lost.) If you arrive late, get your putter and ball and join us. The cost is \$7.50 plus tax; pay on your own. There may be prizes. This is expected to take an hour.

7:00 pm – Dinner at Genesis Restaurant

From mini golf, drive west on Layton to Hwy 100 and go north to Beloit Road. Genesis Restaurant is on the northeast corner at 3740 S. 108th St., Greenfield. If coming from the north, take I-894 south to Beloit Road and head southwest for a mile or so.

When you enter Genesis, let the hostess know that you are with the Zonta meeting; they will expect us starting at 7 pm. Our room is in the far right side from the entry.

We will be choosing from the Sit Down Dinner menu which includes a crisp green salad, choice of potato, vegetable, fresh bread, coffee or soda, and ice cream. Our selection of entrees for this meal is baked ham, roast turkey with stuffing, chicken parmesan, chicken alfredo or homemade lasagna. We can also order something vegetarian if needed. The cost for dinner is \$25.

Remember that this is a trial for this new location so I'll need your thoughts as to whether we move to Genesis or return to Mo's for "next year". No discussion at the meeting; there will be an email following.

RSVP: I will need your response by Monday, June 24 at 9 pm, preferably by email to lorapeterson@wi.rr.com; phone 262-370-9540 if you must. I will need the following information:

- Will you be golfing?
- Will you be dining?
- Will you need a vegetarian option?

I'm looking forward to a fun event! I hope you are as well.

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President's Message



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Welcome to Summer in Wisconsin!

Summer is finally here, and I hope everyone takes full advantage of all the great summer festivals this area has to offer. As a reminder, the June club meeting is a social one and will be held on June 27. Miniature golf is always a lot of fun and I am sorry that I will be missing it due to my attendance at the International Convention in Japan. Marge will be hosting an International Convention debrief after we all get back; see the details on page 7 of the newsletter.

We will not be meeting as a club in July; however, we will resume our club meetings in August. Therefore, our next club meeting will be August 22. The August club meeting location is still TBD, so watch the newsletter carefully for the location.

If you are interested in participating in any committees, please reach out to me and I can make the necessary connections.

Enjoy your summer!

– Maria Bellmann, President

Sendik's Fundraiser

Saturday, August 11 • 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

7901 W. Layton Ave., Greenfield

Come out and support the Zonta Club of Milwaukee at our upcoming Sendik's Summer Grill Fundraiser. We'll be serving burgers, brats, hot dogs, chips and beverages – so bring your family and friends for some good food, conversations with community members, and to support our club in this new fundraising opportunity.

If you are interested in volunteering and have not yet signed up, please contact Chris Todd.

Meeting Minutes *for May 23, 2018*



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President Helen Ludwig called the meeting to order.

The night's speaker was Leah Simmons from Independence First. More 50% of the staff at Independence First have disabilities. Likewise, 1 in 5 people have a disability at some point in their life. More women report having a disability than men.

Welcome to our guests: Sunni Boehme, Abigail Warwick (YWPA award recipient) and her mother, Lisa.

Treasurer's Report: Balance on our checking account is \$12,337.11. (Dues need to be forwarded to Zonta International). CD value is just over \$5,100; it was just reinvested at Waterstone for 2.5% for 19 months.

Upcoming Events: Chris Todd sent out information on the Sendik's cookout opportunity; please let her know if you wish to volunteer.

Scholarships: Congratulations to Abigail Warwick, senior at Muskego High School, on receiving the 2018 Young Women in Public Affairs award. Abigail will be attending UW Madison next year.

June 27 Meeting Location/Event: We will be mini golfing and having dinner at the Genesis Restaurant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy: Three people who agreed to be fair housing testers have gone out to test apartment rentals. The testers are provided a script with the scenario they represent to determine if there is discrimination. Racial Justice has committed to being the program for our August meeting, which will be fun and enlightening, not threatening. Donna Neal shared with Tammy Hagen (our District 6 Governor) what our club is doing with the topic of racial justice. We have an open invitation to provide material and informative education to the district.

There are two new hires at Neu-Life. One will be our liaison for our community outreach efforts.

Fashion Show Fundraiser: Total funds raised were \$27,000. Wrap-up meeting on June 4. Next year's Fashion Show is April 14, 2019.

Membership: We had a prospective member meeting with five prospective members attending. The meeting was held at The Portico's. We will follow up with the guests to gauge their interest.

Program: We will be needing new Program Committee members for next year.

Public Relations: Maria Bellmann will be added as Facebook admin, so she can post updates from International Convention.

Scholarships: Scholarship application deadline is June 15 for Women in STEM and Women in Business.

Meeting Minutes *for May 23, 2018 (cont.)*



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Service: Deb Koller and Pam Knackert will be working on the backpack and school supply collections. Pam will get a list out as to what we are looking for. We are not sure if the career fair will be the same day.

Z Club: Over the past couple of months the committee has been very active in engaging the principal and other leaders at the high school. They met with the advisors and a couple of the officers. They are all on board and are looking forward to starting off the new school year in a good state.

Mentoring: Helen mentioned that a year ago when the Future Committee presented, Club members indicated they were interested in establishing a mentor program. At this point we have not formed anything actively. We would need a committee of at least three to four people to get this started and form a vision. It was suggested we table it for now and consider it again in fall, potentially with the Z Club as a focus if they are interested.

Foundation: The Foundation will meet after tonight's meeting to decide on officers. Helen recognized the Foundation Board and thanked them for their efforts and leadership.

Recognition of Current Club Board: Helen recognized the club board members for their efforts over the past two years.

Installation of New Officers and Directors:

Club Officers and Directors:

Directors: Renita Switzer, Patricia Taylor, Karen Hunt

President Elect: Karen Smith

Vice President: Krista Betts

Secretary: Barbara Wyatt-Sibley

Treasurer: Lori Peterson

Foundation Directors:

La Toya Sykes, Pam Knackert, Laurie Ward

Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry accepted an appointment to the Foundation Board to complete Victoria Frazier's 2016-2019 term.

(Post-meeting note: Joyce McCrary has also accepted an appointment to the board, to complete Mary Staten's 2018-2010 term.)

Announcements: Next club meeting is June 27, 2018, which will be a social event

Respectfully Submitted by:

Karen Smith – Secretary

Club Calendar

After our June 27 meeting, we will adjourn for the summer. Our next meeting will be August 22.

Neu-Life Backpack and School Supplies and Career Fair

The club has agreed to participate again in providing backpacks and school supplies for Neu-Life and to participate in their Career Fair.

Save the Date: Thursday, July 26, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

We have been asked to provide backpacks and supplies for 120 students – 25 Kindergarten, 75 elementary and 20 middle school. Neu-Life is opening a new K-5 site at Brown Street Academy so are not providing high schoolers with backpacks this year.

If you would like to purchase backpacks or supply items (see list below) **please bring them to the June get-together** and give them to Pam Knackert, or let her know what you have and we'll make arrangements. (Pam will send out an updated list of needs periodically as things come in.) If you would prefer, you can make a monetary donation to this cause by sending a check made out to Zonta Foundation, Inc. to Elizabeth Stull, our Foundation Treasurer, at 3049 S. 39th St. Milwaukee, WI 53215.

If you are interested in participating in the Career Fair, please let Montez Ashley know by July 14 at mashley8901@gmail.com. Montez will be coordinating our participation in the Career Fair.

If anyone is interested in stuffing backpacks please let Pam know; when we find out the time and place for stuffing, we will let those who have expressed interest know. (Likely Wednesday, July 25.)

REQUESTED SCHOOL SUPPLY ITEMS

Backpacks:	need 96
Erasable markers:	need 100 boxes
Pencils:	need 360 to 480
Glue sticks:	need 100
Erasers:	need 100
1-subject notebooks:	need 235
Pocket folders:	need 350
Kid scissors:	need 75
Wide ruled paper:	need 71
Pens:	need 60 to 80
Colored pencils:	need 20 boxes





At the end of this month, our delegates to the Zonta International Convention in Japan will be considering approval of the 2018–2020 International Service Projects, where Zonta will be “collaborating with UN agency partners and non-governmental organizations to fulfill the objectives of Convention approved projects.” There are three projects up for consideration:

1. Let Us Learn Madagascar 2018-2020 – US\$1,000,000 to UNICEF USA

The project objective is to address education and gender inequity in Madagascar through approaches targeted toward adolescent girls.

2. Hand in Hand (Eid bi Eid) 2018-20210 – US\$1,000,000 to UN Women

The project objective is to improve resilience and empowerment of Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanian women with interactive support of the government of Jordan to address issues of employment and gender inequality exacerbated by the impact of the Syrian refugee crisis.

3. Ending Child Marriage 2018-2020 – US\$2,000,000 to UNICEF and UNFPA

This is a multi-year program that seeks to promote the right of girls to delay marriage, addressing the conditions that keep the practice in place, and to provide care for girls who are already married.

The Initial Phase (4 years) has a strategy to strengthen the critical institutions and systems in select countries*, thereby delivering quality services and opportunities for a significant number of girls.

*The potential to directly reach 2.5 million girls by the end of 2019 in 12 counties – Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Yemen and Zambia.

See the following page for an invitation to hear about the International Convention and the upcoming service projects.

**Suggested Reading: *We Should All Be Feminists*,
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**

“I would like to ask we begin to dream about and plan for a different world. A fairer world. A world of happier men and happier women who are truer to themselves. And this is how to start: we must raise our daughters differently. We must also raise our sons differently . . .”

UN Committee (cont.)



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POTLUCK PICNIC at MARGE HOLZBOG'S

Saturday, August 4, 2018 • Noon – 2:30 pm

855 Amy Belle Lake Road, Hubertus, WI. (about 20 miles north)

When our delegates return from our Zonta International Convention in Japan, members of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee are invited to the home of Marge Holzbog to hear from our delegates and others attending the Convention about the information they gathered and news of the Zonta world attending.

Please bring a salad or dessert to pass. Sandwiches and drinks provided.

Driving directions from Milwaukee: HWY 41/45 north to HWY 167 west (Holy Hill Road). West on HWY 167 to first turnaround. Take 3rd turnaround exit south onto Hwy 175. Proceed south on HWY 175 to Amy Belle Road. Turn right on Amy Belle Road to Amy Belle Lake Road (just past the Camp Minoikani entrance) and at the split in the road turn right to 855 – clearly marked on the mailbox.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June 19
Joann Comodore



YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS 2018 RECIPIENT: ABIGAIL WARWICK

Congratulations again to Abigail Warwick, whom we had the pleasure of welcoming to our May meeting.

Abigail is a senior graduating from Muskego High School. She plans to major in Civil and Environmental Engineering at UW-Madison and is committed to using engineering to positively impact the world.

Abigail has spent all four years of high school on the student council, has participated in the Badger Girls State Leadership Conference and Hugh O'Brian's Youth Leadership Conference, is a member of several honor societies, and volunteers for the Special Olympics. In college, she plans to participate in service-based community projects. As noted by the head faculty advisor of the student council, "Abby is proof that our future is in good hands."