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NEWSLETTER

May 2018

Area 2 • District 6

2017-2018

Zonta Club of Milwaukee

Officers

Helen Ludwig, President
Maria Bellmann, President Elect
Joann Comodore, Vice President
Diane Lindsley, Treasurer
Karen Smith, Secretary

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Krista Betts
Margaret Holzbog
Janet Kloser
Joyce McCrary
La Toya Sykes
Regina Young-Ferguson

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Joni Reese, President
Victoria Frazier, Vice President
Elizabeth Stull, Treasurer
Sandra Goldmann, Recording Secretary
Sheryl Dean, Corresponding Secretary

Foundation Board

Gloria Jones
Pamela Knackert
Lynne Oehlke
Mary Staten

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Zonta Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Speaker: Leah Simmons, IndependenceFirst

IndependenceFirst is an agency that works with and for the disabled.

Leah was born profoundly deaf, and has been working at IndependenceFirst since 1999. She's had self-advocacy in her blood since she was a child fighting for her rights, respect and equality. Even with her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees, she continues to fight for her rights for communication access.

The meeting will also feature the installation of the elected directors and officers.

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

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 Mo's Reuben

Choices will be made when you are at the table. Cost is \$30 per person for the meal. Please order any beverages through our servers.

RSVP: Please contact Lori Peterson by Sunday, May 20 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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Our Area 2 workshop was held on April 28. The Zonta Club of Milwaukee was well represented. We got an update from our governor, Tammy Hagen, and our International Foundation Ambassador, Donna Neal. The area club presidents shared their clubs' achievements and disappointments over the last two years. We discussed membership retention, recruitment and social media. As always, it was wonderful to network with members from the other area clubs. If you were unable to attend, I encourage to discuss the workshop with one of our members who was present. I also encourage you to try to attend next year.

Our membership committee is holding a prospective member reception on May 16. Please pass on the invitation to anyone who may be interested in learning more about the Zonta Club of Milwaukee and Zonta International. Let's try to spread the word about Zonta and all of the good work we are doing.

I want to say a special thank you to Connie Thoma and Amrei Debatin for all of their contributions to the Zonta Club of Milwaukee. We will miss you both. I hope that you will be able to visit us in the future.

I am truly humbled to have been able to represent the Zonta Club of Milwaukee as its President over the last two years. Our Club, and its members, are amazing. I am proud of all we have accomplished and am mindful of all of the work still to be completed. Thank you all for your support and guidance. I hope to see all you at our meeting in May.

– *Helen Ludwig*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Regina Young-Ferguson
May 9

La Toya Sykes
May 21

Meeting Minutes *for April 25, 2018*



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President Helen Ludwig called the meeting to order.

Helen read the invocation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Current Financials: Balance on our checking account is \$10,434.49. CD value is \$5,109.50 and will mature on the 22nd of May.

Budget: Diane Lindsley presented the June 2018 through May 2020 biennium budget, noting the following items:

- \$2000 per year for International Convention Delegates
- D6 Fall Conference Delegate reimbursements at \$200 per person
- Periodic large expenses are paid out of cash reserves

The number of meetings in the budget will be amended to 11 per year. Motion made to approve the budget as proposed and amended, Donna Conant second, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy: This past Saturday, three individuals participated in the literacy council to be testers. The next meeting of the Racism committee is scheduled for Monday, May 21, at Diane Lindsley's home.

Fashion Show Fundraiser: 292 guests attended the event. Net profits stand at \$26,750 representing a \$1,180 increase over 2017. We had 91% of our club members participate in making this event a success. Next year's event is April 13 at Milwaukee Marriott West.

Membership: Prospective members reception will be held May 16 at 5:30 pm. Handouts were distributed to members to pass along. If you attend, please bring a snack to share.

Program: Our most interesting program from the past year was Father Steve from Franciscan Peacemakers. Mo's Irish Pub has been a good facility although a little noisy at times. Lori Peterson has been looking for activities for our June meeting, which is a social. The committee is considering a possible Brewers outing or mini golf. Lori will send out a survey with ideas.

Public Relations: Burton Davis took pictures at our fashion show, and they are now available. Send Joni Reese any information you have for updates to the websites or committee information. It would be good to have a committee that looks at the website or social media monthly to make sure information is up to date. Reading the annual report is a wonderful way to learn what committees do and where you may have interest.

Scholarship: Our 2017 Young Women in Public Affairs recipient, Erica Lofton, won both District and International awards. Our 2017 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business scholar, Anna Schreiber, also won the

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District 6 scholarship. The 2017 Women in STEM went to Bianca Ruffolo and is a local-only scholarship. We have selected our 2018 YWPA recipient, Abigail Warwick. Abigail will be attending our May meeting.

UN: The committee has put together reading suggestions for our club that reflect women in diverse cultures. Marge Holzbog has also provided updates on our International Service projects. Joni will add the reading list to our club website.

Service: We have continued to remain active with Neu-Life and expect to remain engaged into the future, including the annual backpack drive. Pam Knackert and Deb Koller will serve as chairs for the backpack event. It does require some heavy physical lifting and regular trips to Walmart or Target to buy items in bulk.

The Neu-Life Art Show fundraiser is Saturday, May 12. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased from Donna Neal.

Z Club: Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry presented to the staff at the school and was notified that the Dance teacher has agreed to be the club liaison and sponsor. Joann Comodore also needs to send the school principal the list of the girls who were in the charter club so they can meet with them before the end of the school year.

Mentoring: The direction from the Forward Committee was to pursue mentoring; however, that has not had traction. We need club participation to work with Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry and La Toya Sykes.

Annual Report: One minor change to a picture caption. The report will be posted to the club website, Members Only section.

ELECTIONS

Officers and directors for the club and foundation were elected as follows. They will be installed at the May meeting.

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 Board Directors:

- La Toya Sykes, Pam Knackert, Laurie Ward

The Annual Report, approved by the Club on April 25, is posted to the Members Only section of the www.zontamilwaukee.org website.

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NEW BUSINESS

Sendik's Fundraiser: Barbara Wyatt-Sibley made a motion to have Chris Todd work with Sendik's to request our dates and location. Janet Kloser seconded. Chris will bring the dates/location to the next club meeting for us to sign up to volunteer.

\$5 meeting fee: We do have a minimum number of meals that we need to purchase to cover the room. Barbara Wyatt-Sibley moved to eliminate the charge; Deb Koller seconded. Motion carried.

Spring Workshop: Helen will send out an email regarding carpooling.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A speaker from IndependenceFirst will be at our May meeting.
- Next club meeting May 23, 2018
- Prospective Member Event – May 16, 2018 at 5:30 pm, Porticos, 500 W Bradley Rd, Building C, 3rd floor

Respectfully Submitted by:
Karen Smith – Secretary

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

May 23

June 27

Club Board Meetings

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

The June board meeting marks the transition to the newly elected directors and officers.



Past and Present District 6 Governors at the Area 2 Spring Workshop.

Foundation Meeting Minutes



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Annual Meeting, April 25, 2018 *Minutes*

Called to order at 8:14 by President Joni Reese.

Joni passed around extra printed copies of the 2017 Foundation Annual Report.

Pam Knackert gave a brief recap of the accomplishments covered in the 2017 Annual Report:

- Received 9 applications for grant money. Gave a total of \$16K to five different groups
- Awarded scholarships
- Continued to collaborate with Neu-Life
- Updated the guidelines and application for the grants
- Had various service projects throughout the year – including Soujourner Family Peace Center, Ladd Lake, Franciscan Peacemakers, and the Period Project

Elizabeth Stull gave the treasurer's report per the information printed in the Annual Report.

The Club then discussed the giving of 1/3 (\$8,916.74) of the proceeds from the Fundraising Luncheon to Zonta International. The designation of the donation is as follows: 50% (\$4,458.37) to the International Service Fund and the other 50% (\$4,458.37) to the unrestricted Rose Fund. Karen Smith made the motion and Laureen Ward seconded. The motion was passed. The check will be mailed this week to arrive at Zonta International before May 1 – per the instructions.

Karen Smith noted that in the Annual Report 'Art Reach' needed to be changed to 'ARTREACH'.

Pam Knackert read a thank-you letter from Core El Centro.

Joni presented the slate of new board members – the slate was approved at the last Club meeting. The vote was called and the slate was elected as presented.

Victoria Frazier is stepping down from the Board due to her heavy travel schedule. Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry has been appointed by President Joni to take her place.

Foundation meeting adjourned at 8:28.

UN Committee



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Zonta International is partnering with a number of United Nations agencies. Below are a few facts about the United Nations and our partners.

Background: “The struggle for peace is an enduring one. More than a century ago, in 1899, the first International Peace Conference was held in The Hague to elaborate multilateral instruments for settling crises peacefully, preventing warfare and codifying rules of warfare.”

The League of Nations was conceived during the First World War “to promote international cooperation and to achieve peace and security.’ While the League of Nations ceased activities after failing to prevent World War II, the need for peaceful resolution of conflicts through international collaboration and dialogue continued to grow.”

Establishment: “The term ‘United Nations’ was coined by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt during the Second World War.... Delegates from 50 countries met in San Francisco in 1945.... There, with a firm commitment to end ‘the scourge of war,’ they drew up the *Charter of the United Nations*, signed on June 26, 1945.” The charter “is the constitutive instrument of the UN, setting out the rights and obligations of member states... It codifies basic tenets of international relations – from the sovereign equality of states to prohibition of the use of force in any manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations.”

From “[Basic Facts about the United Nations – 42nd Edition.](#)”

Current Zonta International Service Projects with UN Partners

- UNFPA (UN Population Fund) – Liberia & Niger
- UNICEF (United Nations Children’s Fund) – Madagascar
- UN Women (United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women) – Nepal & Voices Against Violence
- UN Trust Fund – Vietnam

Zonta International UN Partnership with UN Women

As described by UN Women (<http://www.unwomen.org/en/partnerships/businesses-and-foundations/major-partners>), “UN Women is thankful to all our business and philanthropic partners for their support of gender equality and women’s empowerment.

“Some of our partners are Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Elizabeth Arden, Ford Foundation, Open Society Foundation, Procter & Gamble, PROYA Cosmetics Co. Ltd, Rockefeller Foundation, The Coca-Cola Company, Unilever, and the Zonta International Foundation.

“Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation have been long-standing partners of UN Women and crucial allies in global efforts to end violence against women and girls. Zonta’s steady support and funding has enabled UN Women to develop and implement strategies to prevent violence in urban spaces and make

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cities safer, create school environments free of gender-based violence, and address the links between foreign labor migration and human trafficking in Nepal. Zonta-backed programs make significant contributions to global knowledge on what works in stopping violence.

“As a global advocacy leader, Zonta International has also pledged its support for the HeForShe campaign and is encouraging men and boys to join Zonta and UN Women in ending violence against women and girls.”

SUGGESTED READING: Basic Facts about the United Nations – 42nd Edition

YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS 2018 RECIPIENT: ABIGAIL WARWICK

We will welcome Abigail to our May club meeting. Here's a little bit about her:

Abigail Warwick is a senior graduating from Muskego High School. She plans to major in Civil and Environmental Engineering and is committed to using engineering to positively impact the world. Abigail has spent all four years of high school on the student council, including this year as executive board treasurer. The summer before her junior year, she participated in the Badger Girls State Leadership Conference, where hundreds of young women from all parts of Wisconsin gather to learn about government and leadership. She has also participated in Hugh O'Brian's Youth Leadership Conference, is a member of several honor societies at her school, and volunteers for the Special Olympics. In college, she plans to participate in service-based community projects organized by Students Today Leaders Forever. As noted by the head faculty advisor of the student council, “Abby is proof that our future is in good hands.”



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You are invited to the

Zonta Club of Milwaukee
Prospective Member Reception

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

5:30 p.m. socializing

(light hors d'oeuvres will be served)

6:00 to 7:00 p.m. program

at

The Porticos Apt. Complex

500 W. Bradley Road

Building C

3rd Floor Community Room

Fox Point, WI

RSVP to Pam Knackert at pmknackert@gmail.com or
262-784-7613 or cell 262-309-3927 by Saturday, May 12th

Come learn more about Zonta International and the
Zonta Club of Milwaukee, an organization whose
mission is to empower women & girls locally and
worldwide through service & advocacy. There will be
time for questions and answers.

For more information about Zonta & the Zonta Club of Milwaukee visit
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