

# **NEWSLETTER**

October 2018

#### Area 2 • District 6

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## **Zonta Dinner Meeting**

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

## **Speaker: Jarrett Luckett, Executive Director, Exploit No More**

Jarrett Luckett will discuss the trafficking situation in Milwaukee and what Exploit No More is doing to alleviate the problem.

Jarrett is a native of Milwaukee and studied Organization Development at Marquette University. He previously worked in the healthcare field at Froedtert and Aurora Healthcare, developing staff and organization structure.

With a personal commitment to impact the world through business, Jarrett assisted in forming the Milwaukee Chapter of the Global Shapers; an initiative of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, to give young leaders a voice at the table with local and world leaders. He has written articles for publications regarding organization development and is an entrepreneur who has started small businesses and helped others do the same.

Jarrett has been fighting human trafficking for over eight years and is now an award-winning Executive Director with Exploit No More. He is often contacted by organizations for his insight on human trafficking and organization development.

**We will meet at Genesis Restaurant**, 3740 S. 108th St., Greenfield (Northeast corner of Hwy 100 and Beloit Avenue).

5:30 pm - Arrive and mingle

6:00 pm - Dine and begin business

6:30 pm - Speaker

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 is baked ham, roast turkey with stuffing, chicken parmesan, chicken alfredo or homemade lasagna. We can also order something vegetarian as needed.

**RSVP:** Please contact Lori Peterson by Sunday, October 21 at 9:00 pm, preferably by email (<a href="mailto:lorapeterson@wi.rr.com">lorapeterson@wi.rr.com</a>) to make a reservation. Leave a message at 262-370-9540 if you must.

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## President's Message



Hello Zontians,

Welcome to fall! The District 6 Conference was great, and I am so happy that my schedule finally aligned with being able to attend.

The conference was filled with great breakout discussions and stimulating debate on our new Areas within District 6, which will likely be in place by 2020. I'm sure there will be more to come on that topic as the District puts together the action items from the conference.

We also learned that each club will need a Centennial committee to start publicizing that Zonta is turning 100 years old in 2020. Helen Ludwig will be chairing that committee; however, she will need help from other members to move forward. We will be asking for committee members at the October meeting.

The date for the spring Area Workshop is set for April 6, 2019, and the fall District Conference will be September 20-22, 2019, in Indianapolis, IN. They decided to move the conference date from October to accommodate the schedule of the Zonta International President. How exciting!

I will make sure to get you the location of the spring workshop by the next Club meeting. I wanted to share these dates as soon as I had them, so folks could put them on the calendar. I hope you will consider joining us at the 2019 workshop and conference.

I unfortunately will not be at the club meeting in October, so Karen Smith will be running the meeting. (Thank you, Karen!) I thank you all for your patience as we continue to tweak the agenda.

I hope your October is a safe and fall-like month.

Warmest Regards, Maria Bellmann



Zonta Club of Milwaukee members at the District 6 Conference earlier this month.

## Meeting Minutes for September 26, 2018



Krista Betts called the meeting to order.

Jennifer Murillo from DentaQuest was a guest of Joni Reese for the evening.

Marge Holzbog led the International Toast. Focus was on Bangladesh, and the book *The Storm*. There are six clubs in Bangladesh and Zonta International presently has a \$2 million-dollar project in the region. Jackie Beaudry will do the toast for October and Deb Koller will do the toast for November.

**Guest Speaker:** Debbie Buchanan of the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative. Sixty percent of the people who serve in the military are not eligible for benefits. Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative does not receive federal funding and is supported by organizations and private donations.

Treasurer's Report: The checking account balance is \$11,393.25. CD value is \$5,152.03.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Fashion Show: April 13, 2019, is the 2019 fashion show. Letters were handed out for corporate donations for all members to consider. Chris Todd is looking for help with corporate donation solicitation. Joann Commodore volunteered to help Chris. Since this is our only fundraiser, please consider how to fill a table with your friends and family. The first committee meeting is September 26 following the club meeting. If anyone is interested in joining the Fashion Show committee, you are welcome!
- **Public Relations:** Joni Reese received an email from WISN and they are interested in having a guest live in the studio on Monday, October 1, to speak about the Zonta Says NO walk. La Toya Sykes will go to the station if someone would kick off the walk, due to overlap in timing. Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry will also be contacted regarding her availability to do the interview.
- **Scholarship:** Our Women in STEM scholarship winner is Elizabeth Pieroni, who is in her final year at Carthage College, majoring in Chemistry. Elizabeth was inspired by her grandmother, a biochemistry researcher.
- Silent Walk: Pam Knackert and Chris Todd, along with La Toya, have lined up most of the efforts for the walk on October 1. The Mayor, Chief of Police, Deputy DA, Carmen Pitre (Sojourner Family Peace Center), and other members from the Milwaukee Council will take part. Meet in the rotunda at 11:45 am. There will be an opening from End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin and the walk will start around noon.
- Racial Justice Committee: The group met recently and has put together a resource list for our club and for fall conference.
- **Z Club:** Joann reported that Milwaukee High School of the Arts is continuing to have interest in the Z Club and have club sponsors. Each student had to select an advisory group that they wanted to work with. They are looking to have us in to meet with the girls this month.
- Service: We received a thank-you from Neu-Life for the backpacks and school supplies.

**Foundation:** The Foundation board met in September and will soon have the funding guidelines and application ready for agencies if they want to apply for money from the Foundation. Those that received funds last year will be asked to give an update on what has happened with the funds provided. Joni will be adding the guidelines and application to our website. \$18,000 will be available for distribution. Applications are due December 15.

The Foundation will also be looking at the requirements for the club to be recognized at the 2020 Zonta International Convention in Chicago for its contributions to Zonta International.

## Meeting Minutes for Sept. 26, 2018 (cont.)



#### **New Business:**

- Holiday Gift Drive for Neu-Life: There are 180 youth for whom Neu-Life is looking to provide gifts (not all from us), and they will use the same method as last year (Target gift registry). Last year we committed to gifts for 50 youth. The club voted to participate again this year at the same level. There will be a gift-wrapping opportunity closer to the event. Gift wrap, bags and ribbon are welcome for donations as well. Lori Peterson will coordinate, and we will look for a partner to help Lori.
- International Convention 2020: Elizabeth reported that convention dates are July 4–8, 2020. An email was sent outlining opportunities for serving at convention. District 6 has the first pick of where they want to volunteer. Each person gets only one assignment, so if you have interest in more than one, please rank them based on your preference. Each member is strongly encouraged to attend and volunteer; it is the experience of a lifetime.

#### **Announcements:**

- Silent Walk is Monday, October 1. Please make every effort to attend.
- Fall Conference is Friday, October 5-7.
- Next Club meeting is Wednesday, October 24. Our speaker will be from Exploit No More.

Submitted by Karen Smith, President-Elect

#### Club Calendar

### **Club Meetings**

October 24 November 28

December 19 January 23

February 27 March 27

April 24 May 22

June 26

**Fashion Show** 

April 13, 2019 Milwaukee Marriott West, Waukesha Zonta Club of Madison
Dinner Detective Murder
Mystery Fundraiser

November 10, 2018 7:00 to 10:00 pm DoubleTree by Hilton Madison

RSVP by November 1.

Full details at the end of the newsletter.

## Advocacy



#### Human Trafficking - Legislative Update

On September 28, the U.S. House of Representative passed, by voice vote, <u>S. 1311</u>, the Abolish Human Trafficking Act, and S. 1312, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act. The Senate approved the bills in September 2017 (see <u>The Source</u>, <u>9/15/17</u>). The House vote clears the bills for the president's signature.

On September 26, the House passed, by a vote of 297 to 124, <u>H.R. 6729</u>, the Empowering Financial Institutions to Fight Human Trafficking Act. The House Financial Services Committee approved the bill on September 13 (see <u>The Source</u>, <u>9/14/18</u>).

#### Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women

Thanks to all who attended our **4th Annual Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Silent Walk** on Monday, October 1.

Approximately 50 people attended and participated in the silent walk (special thanks to the dozen or more Neu-Life people). We heard from Mayor Barrett, Police Chief Morales, District Attorney John Chisholm, Deputy District Attorney Matthew Torbenson, Carmen Pitre from Sojourner Family Peace Center and Antonia Drew Vann, Executive Director of Asha Project, which is affiliated with our partner for this walk, End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin.

We received press coverage from WISN and other local stations. Thank you Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry for your live interview on WISN. Thanks to Christine Todd for all her coordination of city hall and speakers and La Toya for emceeing.

The End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin Homicide Report for 2017 is available on their website at <a href="http://www.endabusewi.org/homicide-">http://www.endabusewi.org/homicide-</a>

<u>reports/</u>. The report provides statistics and background on the issue of domestic abuse in Wisconsin and provides biographical information on the 45 victims of domestic violence in 2017.







## **Racial Justice Committee**



## Field Trip to the YWCA's 14th Annual Evening to Promote Racial Justice

The Racial Justice Committee invites all of our Zonta Sisters to join us at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts on December 4, 2018, for YWCA's 14th Annual Evening to Promote Racial Justice, **Women Behind Campaigns:** Racism & Sexism in Politics. This event is filled with music, food, recognition of local trailblazers and a keynote address.

Individuals from Southeast Wisconsin will be recognized through the Eliminating Racism Award and the Empowering Women Award.

This year, the keynote speaker for the event is Ms. Symone Sanders. A champion for women, Symone D. Sanders is a strategist, communications consultant, CNN political commentator and a Spring 2018 Resident Fellow at Harvard's Institute of Politics at the Kennedy School.

Symone rose to prominence during her tenure as the National Press Secretary for U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders' presidential campaign. At 25, Symone demonstrated an uncanny command of the issues, earning her a place in history as the youngest presidential press secretary on record and a spot on *Rolling Stone Magazine*'s list of 16 young Americans shaping the 2016 election.

AN EVENING TO PROMOTE RACIAL JUSTICE

"Women Behind Campaigns: Racism & Sexism in Politics"

DECEMBER 4, 2018 | 5:00 - 8:00 P.M.

MARCUS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Registration opens November 1, 2018.

Registration for this event will start

November 1, 2018. Go to <a href="https://www.ywcasew.org">www.ywcasew.org</a> for more information.

#### Racial Justice Resource List

Two elements of the Racial Justice Committee Plan for 2018-19, shared and agreed at our August club meeting, are to:

- Provide information/links/reading suggestions/upcoming community activities in monthly newsletters
- Produce a packet of materials/links to share at Fall Conference

At the District 6 Fall Conference, October 5-7 in Fairview Heights, Illinois, we shared the resource list that is attached to the email with this newsletter. On the following page is the cover letter we shared to introduce our work and these resources.

## **Racial Justice Commitee**



#### Racial Justice Resource List: An Introduction

Zonta clubs can support Zonta International advocacy efforts to abolish barriers that persist in denying women the empowerment they seek, by addressing those barriers wherever and whenever they arise.

One such barrier, and one not addressed explicitly by ZI, is racism, particularly institutional, cultural and structural racism. Implicit bias is another barrier that can be associated with racism.

Members of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee formed a Racial Justice Committee at the beginning of 2018. We came together with a belief that racism is a barrier to the empowerment of women, and that we, as Zontians and women, are uniquely positioned to do something about it -- if we understand it and can learn to recognize it.

We quickly realized just how much we had to learn, not just about the topic but about each other. This is a topic that requires trust, listening, good faith, open-mindedness, and humility.

Part of our mission is to communicate how racism is indeed a barrier to the empowerment of women. We set out to educate ourselves on privilege, racism and the ways it influences our empowerment and our ability to live to our potential. We've read articles and books; attended presentations, workshops and community forums; and continue to do so.

We act to support our growth as women and as a Club, and model our journey for Zonta International. In that spirit, we share with you our recently completed but still work-in-progress Racial Justice Resource List. It is a compilation of the readings and references we have uncovered so far. Our journey is just beginning, and we'll keep you informed as we move forward.

Racial Justice Committee Zonta Club of Milwaukee

The Racial Justice Committee Mission is to:

- Communicate and spread understanding of how racism is a barrier to the empowerment of women
- Encourage action, because we as women are uniquely positioned to do something about racism and make a difference

We act to support our growth as women and as a Club, and model our journey for Zonta International.

## Mini Service Project



At the September meeting, club member Debbie Buchanan presented information about the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative, as well as the WOVIN Program which serves women veterans. At the October meeting, we will be hosting a collection for their most needed items. New items only please.

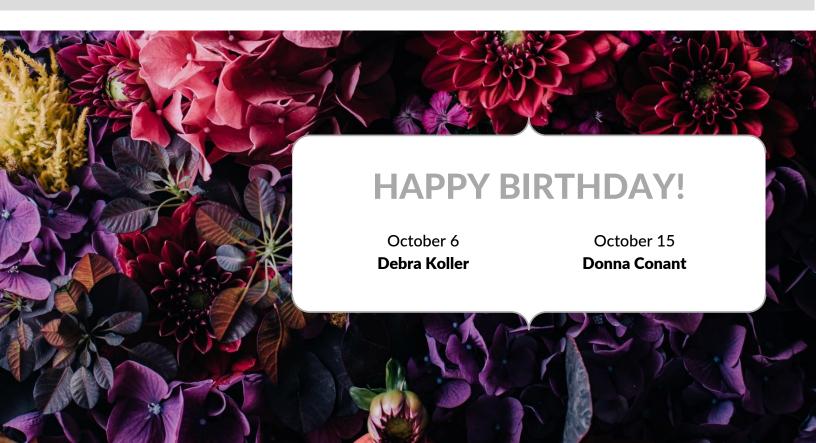
Participation is optional, and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

-Joni Reese

- Feminine napkins
- Bath soap (bars)
- Female shavers
- Socks
- Shower curtains/liners & shower rings
- Pillows
- Gas cards (\$10 or \$20 increments)
- Food cards (McDonald's, Cousins & Subway are near the program office)
- Women's underwear



- Hats/gloves
- Mops/brooms
- Window cleaner
- Ajax
- All-purpose cleaner
- Bleach/laundry soap
- Sponges
- Dishwashing liquid (prefer small bottles)
- Dish towels
- Wash cloths/bath towels



## **Fashion Show**



#### Help Us Draw in the Donations

Planning for the April 13, 2019, event is now in full swing. We will be selecting a theme and title for the event shortly – something that will draw attention to Zonta International's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Early meeting discussions are primarily focused on remaining attractive to our guests and providing an array of activities that are fun and raise funds to support women and girls.

From feedback following the 2018 event we know that "action" auction items are most appealing. Tickets for activities such as Bucks games, Brewers games (anyone have company box seats?) or rodeos; hotel stays; and of course, gift certificates for restaurants, particularly high-end or novel hot spots, are popular.

A short brainstorm among the committee members resulted in a potential week at a cabin and perhaps a paddleboat ride. We forget who we know or what luxurious resources are at our disposal that we may take for granted. Take a little time to consider, what resources could you share, or gather through those you know, to draw high bids?

- Lynne Oehlke

## **Foundation Grant Applications**

### Help Us Distribute Our Dollars

You should have received from me via email in the last 2 weeks the Zonta Foundation, Inc. Funding Guidelines and Application for 2019 Grants. Please feel free to pass this on to any local non-profit agency that has a program or project that empowers women and/or girls in line with our Zonta mission.

Applications are due by December 15, 2018. The application is also available on our club website.

Your Foundation Board will be meeting in early January to decide on which agencies we will be dispersing our \$18,000 that was earned at our 2018 Fashion Show.

Any questions, please let me know.

Pam Knackert President, Zonta Foundation, Inc.

## **Fashion Show**



#### **Corporate Donations**

Sister Zontians,

Your assistance is needed for **corporate sponsorship solicitations** for our 2019 Fashion Show. We have been fortunate to have faithful sponsors each year, but it is time to refresh the list and replace/add to those no longer able to continue, retired, or passed away.

To accomplish this, consider:

- Your employer
- A corporation/foundation/company with a woman CEO
- A bank/financial organization/health facility/hospital
- Friends/relatives in business, e.g., family dentist, doctor
- Celebrity contact, e.g., Ellen, Oprah (Yes, she did send a signed oversized Purple Tee many years ago)

Use your imagination. All ideas are greatly appreciated.

Benefits to Sponsors		
\$100	Friend of Zonta	Name listed in Program
\$250	Contributing Sponsor	Name listed in Program, plus a one quarter-page ad
\$500	Patron Sponsor	Name listed in Program, one half-page ad, two comp tickets to event
\$1,000 & Above	Supporting Sponsor	Company recognized by speaker at the start of the event, name listed in Program, one full-page ad, opportunity to promote business with literature or promo items, four comp tickets to event

Corporate sponsorship request letters will be sent in late October, once the Fashion Show Committee selects our theme. YOU can send a letter, OR e-mail me at toddcr71@hotmail.com by mid-October with Name, Title, Corporation/Company, Address, City, State, Telephone & E-Mail. After our event, an appropriate thank-you letter will be sent by me, or you can do so. Thank you very much!

Christine Todd Corporate Sponsorships 2019 Zonta Fashion Show

## **UN Committee**



Zonta International President Susanne von Bassewitz recently made a statement at a UN General Assembly event on eliminating child marriage in Africa, stating:

"Worldwide almost 640 million women alive today were married before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and an estimated 200 million more girls are at risk."

The event was organized by the permanent missions to the United Nations, UNICEF, UNFPA and UN Women and engaged the heads of State and Governments in a dialogue on child, early and forced marriage with the goal of renewing commitments to implement national strategies to end child early and forced marriages.



## Mozambique

Mozambique is one of 12 countries participating in Zonta International's ZISVAW project to end child marriages.

Mozambique is located on the southeastern coast of the African Continent. Historically Mozambique was a Portuguese colony. It is a scenic country rich in natural resources and is biologically and culturally diverse. It has a tropical climate, and its extensive coastline offers one of Africa's best natural harbors. Their harbors have allowed Mozambique an important role in the maritime economy of the Indian Ocean, while the country's white sand beaches are an important attraction for the growing tourism industry. Fertile soils in the northern and central areas of Mozambique have yielded a varied and abundant agriculture, and the great Zambezi River has provided ample water for irrigation and the basis for a regionally important hydroelectric power industry.

Yet, Mozambique's turbulent recent political history has kept its people from fully enjoying these natural advantages and from developing a stable, diversified economy. Following independence in 1975, Mozambique was torn by internal conflict as the Marxist government, supported in part by the Soviet Union and Cuba, battled anticommunist forces funded by South Africa and the former Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) for control of the country.

Marked by countless acts of terror, the ensuing warfare displaced at least four million people and resulted in the death of perhaps a million more as a result of the violence, famine, and disease it engendered. Violence and disunity hindered economic development, especially the broadening of tourism, and discouraged foreign investment. The conflict formally ended in 1992, but its lingering effects are many: in the early 21st century, as many as one million unexploded land mines still remained along the country's trails and roads, and much political strife has continued between the major opposition forces and the central government. At the end of its civil war in 1992, Mozambique ranked among the poorest countries in the world. It still ranks among the least developed countries of the world, with very low socioeconomic indicators.

## Suggested Reading: Treacherous Paradise, by Henning Mankell

This novel tells the story of Hanna and is based on real events. Mankell uses his deep knowledge of Mozambique's history and politics to great advantage in this unusual and riveting story. (Mankell is also the best-selling author of the Kurt Wallander Series.)

## **Scholarships**



Women in STEM Scholarship Recipient (\$1,000)

## **ELIZABETH PIERONI**

Women majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) at an accredited college or university who show outstanding potential in their chosen field are eligible to apply for this \$1,000 scholarship offered by the Zonta Club of Milwaukee.

The 2018 recipient is Elizabeth Pieroni, who is finishing her senior year at Carthage College, majoring in Chemistry. Elizabeth, a consistent member of the Dean's List at Carthage, is a member of the Chemistry Club, Student Engineers Club, Theta Chi Delta Chemistry Honors Fraternity, and Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Fraternity. She is a member of the college's Swim & Dive Team and serves as a swim coach at a YMCA.

Elizabeth is currently working with a Carthage professor as a researcher on a National Science Foundation grant to study surfactants using a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer. One of her professors noted that Elizabeth was inspired in her career direction by her grandmother, who was a biochemistry researcher. He sees for Elizabeth a bright future as a scientist.

Elizabeth explained her goals in her application as such:

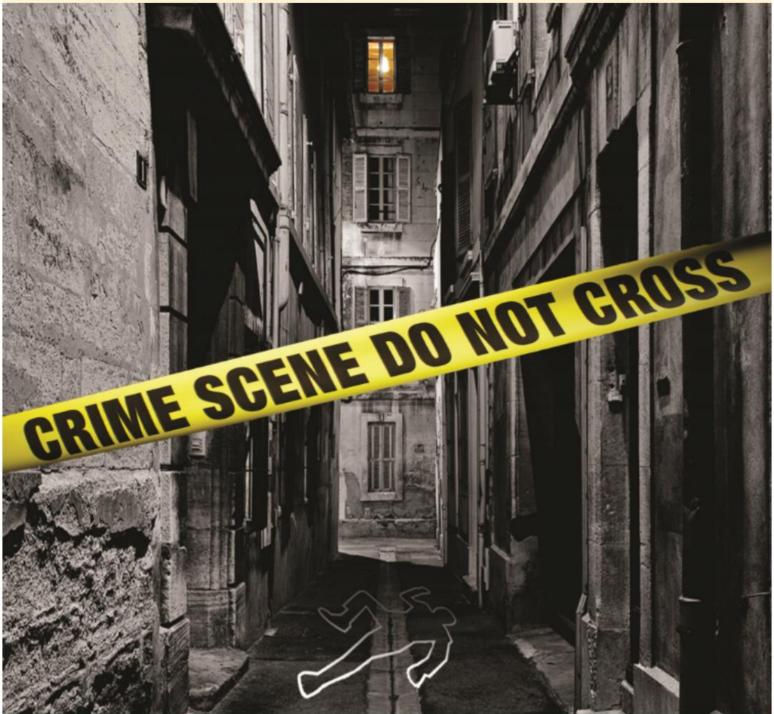
"While at this time I am unsure of my exact career path, I know that my ultimate professional goal is to make a difference in the world, to feel as though I have done my best to contribute to the greater good.... I hope to be able to narrow down my path to topics like green chemistry to improve our environment, or biochemistry to improve chemical applications in the medical field. These topics have a significance to my life which would make the research in these fields more meaningful and worthwhile. However, there is more to chemistry than just the scientific knowledge. It is a difficult field and requires persistence and years of hard work which are qualities that expand further in life than just the act of landing a job, they lead to the improvement of oneself as an individual."

Congratulations and all the best to this outstanding young woman in STEM!

## The Dinner Detective Murder Mystery Show

A Fundraiser for Zonta Madison Foundation

## **GET READY FOR THE NIGHT OF YOUR LIFE**



"Fun, spunky, high energy!"
- Los Angeles Times

"The Cadillac of Murder Mystery Dinners!"
- Citypages

Ticket Price: \$68.00
4-Course Dinner, Iced Tea & Coffee
Murder Mystery Entertainment
Prize Package For Top Sleuth

Join us: Be Part of the Mystery Saturday, November 10, 2018 7:00 to 10:00 pm DoubleTree by Hilton Madison

Cash Bar Available

## The Dinner Detective Murder Mystery Show

## A Fundraiser for Zonta Madison Foundation

The culprit is hiding among you, could even be at your table, and it is your job to figure out whodunit!





The Dinner Detective is an experience unlike any other! It offers an amazing murder mystery show paired with a fantastic four-course plated dinner. From the very beginning, we will hide actors in the audience that are not dressed in costume. Anyone in the room can end up being part of the show, including YOU!

#### Join us: Be Part of the Mystery

Saturday, November 10, 2018 - 7 to 10 pm DoubleTree by Hilton Madison 525 W Johnson St, Madison, WI 53703 Free self-parking is available.

#### Ticket Price: \$68.00

4-Course Dinner, Iced Tea & Coffee Murder Mystery Entertainment Prize Package For Top Sleuth Cash Bar Available

#### Menu

Tomato Garlic Bruschetta, 4 Cheese Stuffed Mushrooms House Salad

#### Choose One Entree:

- Chicken Parmesan w/penne pasta, marinara and fresh basel
- Broiled Salmon w/wild rice pilaf and seasonal vegetables
- 3. Broccoli Pasta Alfredo w/alfredo sauce and shaved parmesan New York Cheesecake, Iced Tea & Coffee

Reservations: Pam Duane, 608-836-7762 or pamandenny@charter.net Please contact Pam with your reservation for you and your guests, Including the choice of entrees. RSVP: Thursday, November 1, 2018

Payment by Check or PayPal at www.zontaofmadison.org



It's no mystery, donations from people like you help to support women's programs in Dane County. Although, your ticket includes a wildly entertaining evening of dining and mystery, the ticket for the evening covers only the cost of the event. We ask you for a separate donation to Zonta Madison Foundation to sustain Zonta programs. Thank you!

