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Zonta Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Believe, Invest, Empower

Our own Jackie Beaudry will be presenting to us about the Zonta International Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign. As chair of the committee for the Endowment Campaign, Jackie will provide us background and information on the goal of this campaign.

Since our first service project, Zontians have contributed more than US\$28.7 million to our International Service Project and Zonta International Strategies to End Violence Against Women funds. How do we ensure that support of such programs continues into the future? Jackie will tell us how we can help, and Pam Knackert will provide how our own club Zonta Foundation, Inc. will help as well.

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 roast turkey with stuffing, broasted chicken, lasagna, veal parmesan or veggie stir fry.

RSVP: Please contact Lori Peterson by Sunday, November 25, by 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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Happy November!

As we enter into this month, we will all be busy with preparations for Thanksgiving and the December holidays.

As you wind down for the holiday season, I wanted to mention that Zonta has some great e-Learning courses available. (See the image to the right.) To access later courses, you must start with the Zonta Essentials course. For newer members, it may reinforce some of the Zonta basics your mentor has mentioned. For members who have been with the club longer, it may seem repetitive – but it unlocks valuable other content. I hope you can find 15 minutes over the holidays to run through a few courses. I personally found several courses very useful and wished they were created earlier.

I understand that the Neu-Life holiday gifts program was discussed. I am happy to see we are participating as a club. I can already see the kids' smiling faces. Of course, like every year, this is voluntary and not a requirement to participate or donate. If you are not a shopper, there are people in the club who will gladly shop for you with your dollars.

We also have the 16 Days of Activism in support of Zonta Says NO to Violence against Women, starting November 25. Please remember to share out the Zonta Club/International posts on Facebook during this time.

Thank you to all who have stepped up to help this year in all the committees and subcommittees. I appreciate your generosity of your time.

I will be at the meeting this month and I am looking forward to catching up with everyone.

With respect and appreciation,
Maria Bellmann

The screenshot shows the Zonta International website with the following structure:

- Header:** ZONTA INTERNATIONAL logo, navigation links: HOME, GOVERNANCE, FORMS, TOOLS, NEW.
- Section: Governance** (indicated by a minus sign icon)
 - c.1.1 - Zonta Essentials**: Understand the consistent format for officer training, the standardized needed information for club officers and the reinforced training for district and area officers.
 - c.1.2 - Club Essentials**: During this session, you will get a better understanding of the basic unit of Zonta. Zonta clubs are the basic structure of the organization which helps us understand the reason for Zonta clubs to educate, inform and advocate for women's issues.
 - c.1.3 - Zonta International Governance Structure**: Understand the various aspects of governance, bylaws and roles of governance within Zonta's structure, leadership and leadership roles.
 - c.1.4 - Zonta International Bylaws**: Understand the role of bylaws in Zonta's organization and get a better understanding of the differences between the bylaws, rules of procedures, policies and resolutions.
 - c.1.5 - Finding Tools and Resources on Zonta.org**: Gain an overview of the website structure and understand where to find key tools and resources that you can access once you log in.
 - c.1.6 - Club and Protocol Manuals**: Learn how to access key documents on Zonta.org, review the club and protocol manuals, identify sources of valuable information, review personal responsibilities and sharing your knowledge.
- Section: Goal Inspired Leadership** (indicated by a plus sign icon)
- Section: People Leadership** (indicated by a plus sign icon)
- Section: Financial Leadership** (indicated by a plus sign icon)

Meeting Minutes *for October 24, 2018*



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The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by President Elect Karen Smith. One guest was present.

International Toast: Jackie Beaudry toasted the Zonta Club of Batavia-Genesee County, New York. The club was chartered in April of 1958 with 28 members. They have extensive activities that include service projects and scholarships. November 10-11 they will hold their annual Holiday Fest. Jackie chose this club to toast because it is the first Zonta club she joined, in 1974. The toast was given.

Program: Jarrett Luckett, Executive Director of Exploit No More, an organization dedicated to ending child sex trafficking in the Greater Milwaukee region. Their focus is awareness, advocacy and aftercare, which he expanded on. They have a website and a communications sign-up sheet was passed around. A \$50 donation was made on behalf of the club.

Tabletop Discussion: The 10-minute discussion was on the subject, "what movie have you seen that changed your perspective regarding racism?"

Treasurer's Report – Lori Peterson: As of October 5, 2018:

- Checking balance is \$11,685.77
- CD value is \$5,162.84

Still researching Square and PayPal for electronic payments; more to come next month.

Committee Reports

- **Fashion Show – Lynne Oehlke:** Last show raised \$27,045.00. Goal for 2019 is to match or exceed. Theme is "Still Fashionable After 100 Years, Still Empowering Women and Girls." Members were asked to consider corporate sponsors as well as folks they do business with such as doctors, dentists, financial planners, etc., in order to double the number of sponsors from last year. Also asking for action type auction items such as cabins, trips, etc. Took a few minutes to brainstorm at tables.
- **Public Relations – Joni Reese:** Silent Walk was completed, but with lower participation than we had hoped. Photos from the walk were posted on Facebook; Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry was on television promoting the event, and the segment has also been posted to Facebook. Pictures have been taken of the mini project items for posting. We plan to donate 50 gifts for Neu-Life for Christmas; Lori Peterson will coordinate.
- **Scholarship – Krista Betts:** No activity since last meeting. Applications for the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award will be updated and posted by the next club meeting; applications are due in the spring.
- **Z Club – Joann Comodore:** The first Z Club meeting of the year was held last week. There are all new girls, and many are seniors. There were 17 girls present for the 30-minute meeting.
- **Membership – Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry:** Welcomed newest member Debbie Buchanan. Urged members to invite guests.

Foundation Report – Pam Knackert

Application for grants is posted on the club website and has been sent to members. Deadline is December 15, 2018. Last year's applicants were also notified. \$18,000 in grants will be given.

Meeting Minutes *for Oct. 24, 2018 (cont.)*



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Reflections from Fall Conference

Smaller than normal attendance. Workshops were very good, especially the workshop on Diversity and Inclusion. It had excellent roleplays.

Areas 3 and 4 will be combined due to fewer clubs. There are seven clubs in Areas 1 and 2. Milwaukee is in Area 1.

New Business

- Each club has been asked to create a Centennial Committee. Helen Ludwig is chairing. Joni Reese, Jackie Beaudry, Pan Knackert and Chris Todd volunteered to serve. An email will be sent out to all for the first conference call meeting,
- We need someone to coordinate the 16 Days of Activism, November 25 through December 10. Joni Reese will provide social media support for the activities. No one volunteered.

Announcements

- Spring Workshop – April 6, 2019, location TBD
- Fall Conference – September 20-22, 2019, Drury Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis, IN
 - The International President will be in attendance.
- November Club Meeting – November 28

Meeting adjourned.

*Respectively submitted,
Barbara Wyatt Sibley
Secretary*

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

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

Racial Justice Exchange



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Treat every person with dignity and respect.

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 racism and can learn to recognize it, we can work to eradicate it.

Racial Justice Committee at Fall Conference

Committee members Donna Kahl-Wilkerson and Donna Neal attended the District 6 Fall Conference in Fairview Heights, IL. We both participated in an excellent workshop on diversity and took the opportunity to tell our story of the work we in the Milwaukee Club have begun on racial justice. We also handed out copies of our Racial Justice Resource List (see the October newsletter for more). We met with enthusiastic response to our efforts to date and lots of interest in our activities to come.

GET INVOLVED!

Join the Committee

The Racial Justice Committee would like to invite our Zonta sisters to join us on this amazing journey of learning, self-reflection and empowerment as we unpack the topic of racial justice. We meet the first Thursday evening of each month at rotating locations. We discuss, explore, and prepare programming for the club at large, in order to understand, educate and advocate for a more just world, free of racism, allowing for women and girls to be empowered to reach their full potential. Contact Donna Neal (donnajneal@gmail.com) or Montez Ashley (mashley8901@gmail.com) for more information. Our next “meeting” is the YWCA Evening to Promote Racial Justice on December 4 (see below). Our January meeting will be on January 3 at Donna Kahl-Wilkerson’s home.

Film Discussion: Sunday, November 18

Go out and see the acclaimed film *The Hate U Give* at a local theater. The film is playing in the Milwaukee area through November 15, as best we can tell at the time of this writing. The Racial Justice Committee invites any and all members who want to discuss the film to participate in a discussion over pizza on Sunday, November 18, at 4:00 pm on Milwaukee’s east side. Depending on the number attending, the discussion/party will be held over pizza at Donna Neal’s house or at Pizza Man. Contact Donna Neal to RSVP: donnajneal@gmail.com or (414) 332-1439.

Racial Justice Exchange



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Field Trip: YWCA 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 for YWCA's 14th Annual Evening to Promote Racial Justice, **Women Behind Campaigns: Racism & Sexism in Politics**. The event is filled with music, food, recognition of local trailblazers and a keynote address.

This year, the keynote speaker is Ms. Symone Sanders. A champion for women, Symone D. Sanders is a strategist, communications consultant, CNN Political Commentator and served as 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.



Registration for this event opened November 1, 2018. Go to www.ywcasew.org for more information and to register.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November 7
Camelia Clarke

November 15
Sandy Goldmann

November 27
Lori Peterson

November 27
Renita Switzer

Neu-Life Holiday Gift Giving



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**Shop for Neu-Life Community Development youth via their Target Registry.
Copy and paste the following link into your browser window: tgt.gifts/neu-life**

As a club, we have committed to contributing between 45 and 50 gifts for Neu-Life kids this holiday season. (I'm sure more will be OK.)

Go to tgt.gifts/neu-life to see the gift requests. The first item is a gift card in denominations of up to \$1000; please look beyond that. There are gifts ranging from \$15.49 to \$29.99, including \$25 gift cards at the bottom of the list. If you select a gift, please mark it as purchased to keep the displayed records current.

If you purchase from the website you will be able to select delivery directly to Neu-Life as you go through the purchase process. I'm a Target Card holder so my delivery is free; I'm not sure if you pay otherwise. If you purchase from a store you should also be able to mark as purchased.

The gift celebration at Neu-Life will be on **Wednesday, December 19** at both of their elementary school locations – Gwen T Jackson school (2121 W Hadley St Milwaukee) and Brown Street Academy (2029 N 20th St Milwaukee). As that date approaches, there may be a wrapping party. If you wish, please bring unwrapped or wrapped gifts to the Zonta meeting on November 28. If wrapped, please include a tag indicating the gift name.

So we can keep a record of our club giving, please send me an email note as to how many gifts you have purchased (not what). Choose early to get the best selection!

Thanks,

Lori Peterson

lorapeterson@wi.rr.com



2016 Gift Giving

Fashion Show



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Fashion show planning is in full swing. This year's theme is “**Still Fashionable After 100 Years: Empowering Women & Girls**”, bringing focus to the fact that Zonta International has been empowering women for a century – even longer than women in the U.S. have had the right to vote. We should be proud!

Mark Your Calendars!
The Fashion Show is April 13, 2019.

Letters to a variety of businesses have been mailed and follow-up calls will be made throughout November and early December. Chis Todd and Joann Comodore are leading this effort and have solicited a lengthy list of women-owned businesses, hoping that they will open their corporate pocket books to support services empowering women and girls in our community.

To be successful, our Fashion Show needs every member's support. Please ask the businesses where you are known if they can contribute a cash donation of \$100 or more, or an appealing auction item. Also, think about cool vacation or recreational activities for children and adults – boat rides, game rooms, activities such as painting (with wine or not), a night at a hotel (do you have membership points you won't use? or airline points?). These are the items that get guests most excited about bidding.

Thank you all and may you have a blessed Thanksgiving.

– Lynne Oehlke

Foundation Grant Applications

The Zonta Foundation, Inc. Funding Guidelines and Application for 2019 Grants is now available, and **applications are due by December 15, 2018**. Please pass the application 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.

The application is available on our club website at http://zontamilwaukee.org/?page_id=192.

Your Foundation Board will be meeting in early January to decide which agencies will receive portions of the \$18,000 raised at our 2018 Fashion Show.

Any questions, please let me know.

Pam Knackert
President, Zonta Foundation, Inc.



Again, our focus is on early marriage. From the [Zonta International Foundation website](#):

“Worldwide, almost 650 million women alive today were married before their 18th birthday and an estimated 280 million more girls are at risk of becoming brides. If current trends continue, the number of girls and women married as children will reach nearly 1 billion by 2030.

“[On September 26], in support of ending child marriage, Zonta International President Susanne von Bassewitz made a statement at a high-level side event on eliminating child marriage in Africa at the United Nations General Assembly. The event, organized by the permanent missions of Canada and Zambia to the United Nations, UNICEF, UNFPA and UN Women, engaged African 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 marriage.”

Suggested Reading: *Buried Beneath the Baobab Tree* by Adaobi Tricia Nwaubani / afterward by Viviana Mazza

On April 24, 2014, Boko Haram kidnapped 276 girls at their school in Nigeria. Some managed to escape. Many are still missing. This novel is based on the experiences of the young women who were captured by Boko Haram. Their accounts are told in stark, poetic vignettes and prove a harrowing story of survival and hope in the darkest of places. The concluding “Afterword: The Chosen Generation” written by Italian journalist Viviana Mazza is an accounting of the actual harrowing event.

While Nigeria is not a country with which ZI is currently working, the goal of Boko Haram is to create an Islamic state in northern Nigeria, which is bordered by Cameroon, Chad, Benin and Niger. Niger is a country addressed in ZI’s “Ending Child Marriage” project with UNICEF and UNFPA, joining forces and formally launching a multi-country initiative to protect the rights of millions of the world’s most vulnerable girls. Many of those captured by Boko Haram have been forced into early marriage.

Legislative Update

Women and Minorities in STEM

On October 11, the U.S. Senate approved, by unanimous consent, H.R. 6758, the Study of Underrepresented Classes Chasing Engineering and Science Success (SUCCESS) Act, clearing the bill for the president’s signature. The House passed the legislation on September 25.

The measure would require the U.S. Patent Office and the Small Business Administration to study efforts to increase the number of women and minorities applying for and obtaining patents, and participating in entrepreneurship activities.

(From Women’s Congressional Policy Institute, The Source, 10/12/2018, <http://www.wcpinst.org/source/the-source-for-womens-issues-in-congress-october-8-12-2018/>)

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee supports Women in STEM through its annual Women in STEM Scholarship.
Read more at http://zontamilwaukee.org/?page_id=185.