

# **NEWSLETTER**

December 2018

#### Area 2 • District 6

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# **Zonta Holiday Party**

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

It's the holidays! Let's celebrate with games and an edible craft!

We can play Bingo (I have a new set) and trivia games, as well as decorate cookies to be "interesting Holiday sweaters". You are also asked to bring a wrapped "white elephant" gift (value no more than \$5) for us to use as prizes or a traditional gift swap.

If you want to get a head start on the craft, check out the following website and click on the Ugly Sweater Cookie Kit or Christmas Ornament Cook Kit video: <a href="https://createatreat.com/building-family-fun-walmart-us/">https://createatreat.com/building-family-fun-walmart-us/</a>. We will be providing kits that have baked cookies, red, white, black & green icing tubes, and sprinkles; bring more decorating supplies if you want. I'll have gloves for sanitation and baggies to take the cookies home (or we can snack at the meeting).

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 discuss what games we want to play

6:30 pm - Games and craft

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, bourbon chicken, lasagna, veal parmesan or veggie stir fry.

**RSVP:** Please contact Lori Peterson by Sunday, December 16 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.

# President's Message



#### **Happy December, Zontians!**

With the holiday season upon us, this month will be filled with a lot of extra things we all need to do. I hope you can all join us for our social meeting on December 19. It is usually a fun time.

I am looking forward to the new year of Zonta activities with the Spring Workshop and the Fall Conference.

I hope you all enjoy time with your families and friends.

Happy Holidays!

Maria Bellmann

There are still a few days left to contribute holiday gifts for the Neu-Life Community Development youth. The wish list is at tgt.gifts/neu-life

Then, consider taking part in the gift wrapping party on December 17, and the holiday celebration with the kids on December 19.

Contact Lori Peterson for details.





# Meeting Minutes for November 28, 2018



Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by President Maria Bellmann.

There were three guests present, two invited by Maria Bellmann, the other by Joni Reese.

There was no International Toast. Helen Ludwig will give it at the January meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Checking Account: \$11,632.28

**Tabletop Discussion:** "Tell of a personal experience when you felt different from everyone else in the room."

#### **Endowment Presentation – Jackie Beaudry**

Jackie is currently chair of the International Endowment. The theme of the campaign is "Believe Invest Empower". The endowment focuses on two areas, service projects and education of women. Service projects have been implemented in 63 countries and scholarships include aviation, business, public affairs and technology. The goal is to raise \$10 million by the 2020 international convention. Campaign runs from August 2017 to March 2020. They have raised \$2.5 million to date.

Members were asked to consider making a gift to the Endowment. There are several ways to participate and any amount is accepted. Pam Knackert then shared that the Club Foundation has established a challenge grant. They will match gifts up to a total of \$10,000 until the end of the campaign.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Fashion Show:** Meeting regularly. Corporate giving was up \$1000 in 2018, so the emphasis is on increasing corporate giving for the 2019 show. Chris Todd is taking the lead. A form was passed to list potential donors. Pam Knackert is leading the raffle and auction items. There were 100 donations from last year. The letter went out to members to make requests. Action gifts are desired such as cabins, trips, etc. Laurie Ward is collecting items.

**Public Relations:** The Young Women in Public Affairs scholarship application is on the website. Joni is posting items on Facebook for the 16 Days of Activism. She also shared that we committed to 50 gifts for the children at Neu-Life; we are at 40. Gifts can be ordered online from Target and sent directly to Neu-Life. The gift-wrapping party is December 17, 5-7pm. The party for the kids is on December 19 around 3:30pm.

**Scholarship:** The Young Women in Public Affairs application is online. Girls 16-19 years old are eligible. The deadline for applications is March 15, 2019. There are three levels of awards: local, district and national. Information is going out to high schools. Suggested emailing to previous winners for recommendations or to share.

Z Club: No Report

**Membership:** Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry thanked members for inviting potential members and urged them to continue. The committee thanks members for their efforts.

Advocacy: No Report

# Meeting Minutes for Nov. 28, 2018 (cont.)



#### **Foundation**

Applications for grants are due December 15, 2018. The application has been sent to members and on the website.

#### **New Business**

Lori Peterson gave an analysis of the credit card payment options. It was moved by Helen Ludwig and seconded by Lynne Oehlke that the club offer payment via Square for meals and dues. The service charges (\$.83 meals, \$5 dues) will be assumed by the club. This will become effective January 1, 2019.

#### **Announcements**

- Spring Workshop April 6
- Fall Conference September 20
- Next club meeting December 19 at Genesis. Lori is working on social activity.
- January meeting will be at Sojourner Famiy Peace Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectively submitted, Barbara Wyatt Sibley Secretary

#### January Meeting - Note Change of Venue!

The club meeting on Wednesday, January 23 will be held at the Sojourner Family Peace Center in downtown Milwaukee, at the corner of 6th and Walnut.

General parking will be on the street and we will enter through the main entrance at 619 W Walnut St. Handicapped parking is in the secure lot at the rear of the building – enter through the rear entrance. We will meet at our regular time: social time 5:30 to 6:00 pm; dinner and program following. The program will be presented by the Racial Justice Committee.

#### Club Calendar

## Club Meetings

December 19 January 23

February 27 March 27

April 24 May 22

June 26

## **Area 2 Spring Workshop**

April 6, 2019 Madison, WI

#### **Fashion Show**

April 13, 2019 Milwaukee Marriott West, Waukesha

### District 6 Fall Workshop

September 20, 2019 Indianapolis, IN

## **Zonta Foundation**



# **BELIEVE INVEST EMPOWER**

As our own Jackie Beaudry presented at our November meeting, she is the chair of the Zonta International Foundation Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign. She and her committee have been working hard the past several years, and will continue until convention in 2020, to raise \$10 million for the Endowment Fund. About \$2.5 million has been raised so far. The Endowment Fund will ensure that Zonta International service projects, educational scholarships and ZISVAW projects can continue in perpetuity, in other words long after we are no longer here. The money is invested and only the interest and dividends from the investment are used.

All Zontians need to be involved. So, as an incentive for our Zonta Club of Milwaukee members, our club Foundation Board has agreed to provide a matching gift from our club foundation of up to \$10,000 to the Zonta International Foundation Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign for donations made by our members to the Centennial Endowment from August 2017 through March 2020. Pledges would need to be paid by March 2020 to be matched. The match money will come from our foundation cash account and/or include bequests of our former members.

Please consider this and talk to Jackie if you have questions of how to go about making your donation. Donations can include cash or stocks (if donating stocks, you don't have to claim capital gains).

# **END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS**

Anyone wishing to make a donation to our club foundation – Zonta Foundation, Inc. – before the end of the year, please send or give to Elizabeth Stull. You can designate service, scholarship or general donation.

# **Scholarships**



#### Young Women in Public Affairs Award

The goal of the Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award Program is to encourage young women to participate in public affairs. In order for more women to be represented in key decision-making positions worldwide, we must encourage young women to pursue careers or seek leadership positions in public policy making, government and volunteer organizations – and further their education with these aims in view.

Each year, the Zonta Club of Milwaukee awards a **\$1,000 local scholarship** to an applicant living in the greater Milwaukee area and forwards the winner's application to Zonta District 6 to be considered for the \$1,500 district award. The district winner's application is sent to Zonta International; 10 international recipients are selected from the worldwide district/region recipients to receive additional awards of \$4,000 each.

#### Who is Eligible?

Young women ages 16 to 19 (on April 1 of the application year) who demonstrate evidence of the following:

- Active commitment to volunteerism
- Experience in local government, student government, or workplace leadership (paid or unpaid)
- Volunteer leadership achievements
- Knowledge of Zonta International and its programs
- Support for Zonta International's mission of empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy

Z and Golden Z club members are eligible to apply.

(Classified members and employees of Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation, and their family members, are not eligible to apply. Previous International YWPA Award recipients are not eligible to apply either.)

#### Where to Apply

The YWPA Award application is available on the Zonta Club of Milwaukee website at <a href="http://zontamilwaukee.org/?page\_id=185">http://zontamilwaukee.org/?page\_id=185</a>.

The application deadline is March 15, 2019.



## **Fashion Show**



Fashion show planning is well underway. You will soon be receiving "save the date" cards for our "Still Fashionable After 100 Years:
Empowering Women & Girls" event which will be held April 13 at the Milwaukee Marriott West. Our vendor will likely be Chico's of Brookfield; we are in the process of finalizing this.

This event is the primary fundraiser for our Foundation to support like-minded organizations in our community and to provide scholarships. We ask that EACH member do

## Give the Gift of Empowering Women

Have a friend or family member who is hard to shop for? Someone special who shares our vision? This holiday season, give them a ticket to our Zonta Fashion Show.

Use the enclosed gift certificates, then be sure to include your guests in your reservation and payment when we start taking reservations.

their part to try and fill a table at the fashion show. In addition, Chris Todd and Joann Commodore are contacting the potential business sponsors that were identified at our club meeting. Should you have any additional businesses for us to reach out to, please let Chris and Joann know.

We also ask that our members participate in soliciting and providing items for our silent auction and wine pull. Pam Knackert will be collecting the silent auction items to assemble into baskets. Our guests love experiences and dining, so if you have connections for a fun experience or restaurant gift cards, please check and see if they would be willing to donate toward our event. Karen Smith and Deb Koller will begin collecting monies for the wine pull at our January meeting. We ask that each member contribute at least \$20 to the wine pull funds.

Many thanks to the committee and our club for making this an amazing event!

- Karen Smith & Lynne Oehlke

# **Foundation Grant Applications**

Don't forget that applications from area non-profits for our Zonta Foundation grants are due **December 15**. Please remind anyone to whom you may have talked to get their applications in as soon as possible.

The application is available on our club website at <a href="http://zontamilwaukee.org/?page\_id=192">http://zontamilwaukee.org/?page\_id=192</a>.

Pam Knackert, President, Zonta Foundation, Inc.

#### **Zonta Foundation Board Meeting**

Reminder to the Foundation Board we will be meeting Tuesday, January 8 at 5:30 pm at Aurora Business Center at 125th and Bluemound Rd.

# Gift certificate:

Zonta Fashion Show April 13, 2019

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