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NEWSLETTER

January 2019

Area 2 • District 6

2018–2019

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Send your newsletter submissions to
Krista Betts by the 7th of the month.

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www.zontamilwaukee.org

Zonta Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

How Are We the Same? How Are We Different? How Can We Make It Work for Us All?

The Racial Justice Committee will host a thought-provoking and engaging program.

- 5:30 Social time
- 6:00 Buffet: soup and salad dinner with table discussions
- 6:45 Experiential activity highlighting how people benefit from or are marginalized by visible or invisible social systems
- 7:15 Facilitated discussion of the activity and personal responses in a safe, non-judgmental environment
- 7:45 Presentation: All Bootstraps Are Not Created Equal: A Daughter's Story, Part 2 (members heard Part 1 from Karen Hunt in August)
- 8:00 Wrap-Up, including implications for Club membership, recruitment or retention activities

Please Note Our Special Venue

We will meet at the **Sojourner Family Peace Center** on 619 W Walnut St (just off 6th St) in downtown Milwaukee.

Parking: General – Park on street and enter thru main entrance on W Walnut. Handicapped – Park in secured lot behind building; enter thru rear entrance.

Entering facility: Ask for Zonta meeting to gain entrance thru security.

See the next page for additional details.

RSVP

Please contact Lori Peterson by Sunday, January 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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Happy New Year, Zontians!

I hope everyone made it through their fabulous holiday season! It is a new year and we have our Fashion Show coming up on April 13, and our Zonta Spring Workshop is on April 6 in Madison. I hope everyone can make one or both events.

I would love to try something new as we all have reflected on 2018. I want to hear about: **What was the lesson you learned in 2018 (personally or professionally)?** I will be at the meeting at 5:30 PM and I would love to hear your answers.

I hope to see you at the January meeting.

Thank you,

Maria Bellmann

Additional Dinner Meeting Details

Panera Bread will cater our meeting. There will be soup, salad, beverages (juice-based and water) and dessert. The selection will include gluten-free, nut-free, vegan and vegetarian options.

The meeting activity will last approximately 30 minutes and will require club members to stand and physically move around. Members with physical limitations will use modified instructions so everyone can participate.

The cost for this month will remain at \$30, which includes your meal selections and a donation to the Sojourner Family Peace Center for use of their facility and for their good work.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January 14
Laureen Ward

January 18
Maria Bellmann

January 24
Judith Lehman

January 26
Victoria Frazier

Fashion Show



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Here we are in 2019 and our Fashion Show event, **“Still Fashionable After 100 Years: Empowering Women & Girls,”** is just around the corner in April.

As a reminder, our vendor is Chico's of Brookfield, and the event will take place at the Milwaukee Marriott West. The event cost will remain at \$60 per attendee. This year's menu will be a salad made of baby greens, spinach, strawberries, mandarin oranges, candied pecans, bell peppers and feta cheese with choice of salmon or chicken on top, or without either for the vegetarian; we will have flourless chocolate torte for dessert.

This event is the primary fundraiser for the grants and scholarships we award each year. (For the list of like-minded organizations being awarded grants at this year's Fashion Show, see the following page.)

Invitations for the Fashion Show will be coming out soon and we ask that EACH member please try and fill a table with guests. In addition, Chris Todd and Joann Commodore are contacting the business sponsors which were identified at our club meeting. Should you have any additional potential business sponsors, please let them know.

Also, if you have any silent auction or raffle items, please get them to Pam Knackert. Our guests love experiences and dining, so if you have connections for a fun experience or restaurant gift card, 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.

Last but not least, we will soon be requesting your volunteer support for the day of the event. Give some thought in advance to where you would like to help out, whether cashiering the event, selling raffle tickets, event setup, etc. We will have many opportunities and it is a fabulous time of fellowship with our club.

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

– Karen Smith & Lynne Oehlke



Your foundation board met on Tuesday, January 8 and reviewed 13 applications for grants. The following were chosen and will be funded as follows. Awardees have been notified and will receive their money at our Fashion Show on April 13, 2019.

Alverno College's Girls' Academy of Science and Mathematics **\$3,000**

Empowers low income, first generation, minority high-school girls by improving science and math skills and knowledge as well as college readiness.

First Stage's "Nurturing through Drama" workshops at Meta House **\$3,000**

Provide mothers at Meta House with the skills necessary to build strong relationships with their young people – empowering them to break the generational cycles of substance, emotional & physical abuse in their families.

Grateful Girls' Queen's Closet **\$3,000**

A boutique store & a job training site for teen girls & women who have been victims of sex trafficking. Queen's Closet is a component of a specialized job training program that provides women & girls with skills in a trauma-informed setting, providing real world employment experience, while providing mentorship skill-building sessions, and income to participants.

Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative's Women Veterans Initiative (WOVIN) **\$3,000**

Educate, advocate & increase public awareness of the increasing number of at-risk homeless & under-served women veterans and help these women seeking info to help themselves and their families.

Neu-Life Community Development ARTREACH Toolkit for educators **\$3,000**

In 2019, pilot ARTREACH Toolkit for educators for interested community agencies and educators; four classes and a Train the Trainer Workshop.

Our Next Generation's Still I Rise Program **\$3,000**

Utilizes program leaders & community partners to engage with teenage girl participants in direct experiences and focused reflection to increase knowledge, develop skills and clarify their values.

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

January 23	February 27
March 27	April 24
May 22	June 26

Fashion Show

April 13, 2019
Milwaukee Marriott West,
Waukesha

Area 2 Spring Workshop

April 6, 2019
Madison, WI

District 6 Fall Workshop

September 20, 2019
Indianapolis, IN

Scholarships



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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.

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) are eligible to apply, including Z and Golden Z club members.

(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 either.)

Where to Apply

The YWPA Award application is available on the [Zonta Club of Milwaukee website](http://www.zontamilwaukee.org).

2019



ZONTA
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YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD

Recognizing young women for their commitment to volunteerism, volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to empowering women worldwide



1 APPLICATION, 3 OPPORTUNITIES

Milwaukee Club Award
\$1,500

District 6 Award
\$1,500
(Selected from district's club recipients)

International Award
\$4,000
(10 selected from 32 district recipients)

Download the application from zontamilwaukee.org

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

March 15, 2019

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

zcscholarship@zontamilwaukee.org

The Young Women in Public Affairs Award is a Zonta International program funded by contributions to the Zonta International Foundation. Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.



Continuing its long-term partnership with UNFPA to advance the rights of women and girls, Zonta International has become the first private sector donor to the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Program to Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage.

Zonta has worked with UNFPA on child marriage since 2014, with a collaboration in Niger that worked to improve the health of adolescent girls, protect them from violence, and ensure that they can access education and female mentors. Zonta supported UNFPA's advocacy to raise the country's legal age of marriage to 18 and its efforts to reach girls at risk in the most remote communities.

Zonta's \$2 million commitment (including \$800,000 to UNFPA) will expand the program's reach and help accelerate its impact.

Since 2016, the program has been working in 12 countries (including India) with high rates of child marriage, across three regions, to deliver health, education, protection and support services for adolescent girls who are at risk of child marriage or already married. The program puts a great emphasis on engaging communities to change social norms that perpetuate the practice, while ensuring that systems, laws and policies protect and promote girls' rights.

Source: UNFPA, "Zonta International brings a global community of professional women to the fight to end child marriage," 20 Nov 2018, <https://www.unfpa.org/updates/strategic-partner-zonta-joins-fight-against-child-marriage>

Suggested Reading: "The Storyteller's Secret," a novel by Sejal Badani

"Nothing prepares Jaya, a New York journalist, for the heartbreak of her third miscarriage and the slow unraveling of her marriage in its wake. Desperate to assuage her deep anguish, she decides to go to India to uncover answers to her family's past.

Intoxicated by the sights, smells, and sounds she experiences, Jaya becomes an eager student of the culture. But it is Ravi—her grandmother's former servant and trusted confidant—who reveals the resilience, struggles, secret love, and tragic fall of Jaya's pioneering grandmother during the British occupation. Through her courageous grandmother's arrestingly romantic and heart-wrenching story, Jaya discovers the legacy bequeathed to her and a strength that, until now, she never knew was possible."

Sejal Badani, a former attorney, left the law to pursue writing full time. She is an Amazon Charts and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author, Goodreads Fiction Award Finalist and ABC/DISNEY Writing Fellowship Finalist. When not writing, she loves reading and traveling. Bruce Springsteen, Beyoncé, and Ed Sheeran are always playing in the background.

One of Ms. Badani's favorite sayings is, "Home is not a place or a lifestyle, but the state of your heart and all the people who take their place in it."



The UNFPA-UNICEF Joint Program to Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage provides services and support for adolescent girls and also engages communities to change social norms that perpetuate the practice.



SAVE THE DATE

LUNA FEST



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Film Festival Fundraiser
8 Short Films ... By, For, About Women
Benefits Women's Programs in Dane County



Wednesday, March 6, 2019 - Marcus Point Cinema

7825 Big Sky Dr, Madison, WI

- 6:00 pm - Pre-Event Reception
- 7:00 pm - Film Screening

For Information on Films: <https://www.lunafest.org/>

Tickets: \$20

CONTACT: zontaclubofmadison@gmail.com

