



ZONTA
CLUB OF
MILWAUKEE
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

NEWSLETTER

March 2019

Area 2 • District 6

2018–2019

Zonta Club of Milwaukee

Officers

Maria Bellmann, President
Karen Smith, President Elect
Krista Betts, Vice President
Lori Peterson, Treasurer
Barbara Wyatt Sibley, Secretary

Club Board

Margaret Holzbog
Karen Hunt
Janet Kloser
Renita Switzer

Foundation Board Officers

Pam Knackert, President
La Toya Sykes, Vice President
Elizabeth Stull, Treasurer
Sandra Goldmann, Recording Secretary
Sheryl Dean, Corresponding Secretary

Foundation Board

Gloria Jones
Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry
Joyce McCrary
Laurie Ward

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

Visit us online at
www.zontamilwaukee.org

Zonta Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Women's History Month

Join us for a discussion about the Z Club with Joann Comodore and the Z Club Committee.

The program to follow will be a presentation on Women's History Month by Lori Peterson.

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, including tabletop discussion

6:30 pm – Women's History

We have three menu choices this month: Roast Turkey with Stuffing (including potato and vegetable), Hamburger (or cheeseburger), or Chicken BLT Ranch Wrap (grilled chicken, bacon, tomato, lettuce and cheddar cheese with ranch dressing) along with a crisp green salad, fresh bread, coffee or soda, and ice cream.

RSVP: Please contact Lori Peterson by Sunday, March 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.

www.zontamilwaukee.org

President's Message



ZONTA
CLUB OF
MILWAUKEE
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Happy March, Zontians!

I really enjoyed Cheryl's presentation on Unconscious Bias at last month's meeting, and the very relevant examples of sitting with people we know at events like our Area Spring Workshop (coming up in April!). We need to network with other Zontians and gain those insights into what is being done by their clubs to increase membership. What new ideas for meetings do they have to share? What is the percentage of members who attend their meetings? Do they have monthly morning sessions? What is the average age of their members? How do they recruit? Etc. These questions and many more can be asked to get to know people at these events. Cheryl's talk, as you can see, has really turned the wheels in my head. What great learnings! Thank you, Cheryl!!

Speaking of last month's meeting: Did you know that only 54% of our members make it to our regular meetings? I know many individuals can only make some meetings, and it is so wonderful to see those members when they can come. I encourage those who haven't been to a meeting for a while to come back to see how the formatting has been modified. I really do try to be respectful of our time together and keep the meeting moving so we all get out of the meeting at a reasonable time. I am always looking for ways we can improve it too. Come on back and check us out. If you need to leave at a certain time, no worries, we don't judge; just exit when you need to leave. We just love seeing your smiling face every so often. :)

I appreciate you all. I hope to see you soon.

Maria Bellmann
President

Save the Date

Area 2 Spring Workshop

Saturday, April 6, 2019 • 8:00 am – 3:30 pm
Second Harvest Food Bank Administrative Office
2850 Dairy Dr, Madison, WI 53718

Keynote: Mary Helen Conroy (a new Zontian!!)
"Life's a Daring Adventure and We're Not Done Yet"
Visit her website at www.lifesadaringadventure.com

Also on the agenda:

- Leadership & ZI Updates – District Governor Elaine Rynders
- Membership – District Lt. Governor Anna Weselak
- Foundation & Centennial – Foundation Ambassador and Centennial Chairman, Yvonne Chalfant
- Club Sharing

Watch your mail for the brochure!

March 2019

Meeting Minutes *for February 27, 2019*



ZONTA
CLUB OF
MILWAUKEE
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Maria Bellmann. There was one guest introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Lori Peterson

- Checking Account Balance: \$11,879.56
- CD Value: \$5,205.60.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fashion Show is scheduled for April 13. Members are encouraged to sell tickets. We have an opportunity to promote Zonta at the Vera Bradley store. It was asked whether members would be willing to give up a Saturday to do this. Several members agreed.

Public Relations is recommending that we make our events available for registration online; also, to advertise Zonta Club of Milwaukee on social media such as Facebook. There are members who are on Facebook, and they are being asked to share our fundraiser with their friends.

Scholarship Committee reported there are three scholarships:

- Women in Business applications are due June 1 to the Club and July 1 to the District
- Women in Technology applications are due June 1 to the Club and August 1 to the District
- Women in STEM applications are due June 15 to the Club and July 15 the winner will be notified

Z Club will be the table topic discussion at the March meeting. An update will be given at that time.

Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry of the **Membership** Committee installed a new member: Maureen Siwula, an HR Advisor for MRA. She is sponsored by Pam Knackert and her mentor will be Cheryl. The pledge was made, she was pinned, and she received a yellow rose.

Advocacy committee met earlier in the month. Two committee members (Montez Ashley and Elizabeth Stull) were testers for the Fair Housing Administration. The committee is working to determine their area of focus. They are looking at housing, criminal justice, education and the health care system. They expect to have some actionable items by May.

The **Foundation** had no report.

TABLETOP DISCUSSION: The tabletop discussion was about the request by the Zonta Club of Belvidere's request to move to Area 2. They are currently in Area 5. According to ZI Governance Document, Article 8, Section 4, the move must be approved by the Board of Directors and approved by the clubs involved in the move.

Following the program, a vote was taken regarding the move. It was moved by Donna Neal and seconded by Marge Holzbog that the move be approved.

CLUB PROGRAM: Unconscious Bias presented by Cheryl Lucas-Deberry of MRA. She is also a club member.

Meeting Minutes *for Feb. 27, 2019 (cont.)*



ZONTA
CLUB OF
MILWAUKEE
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

- March - Karen Smith
- April – Joni Reese

ANNOUNCEMENT: Alverno College is holding a conference on March 29, “Empowering Women”, 8:30am – 1:15pm. Cost \$25.

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Wyatt Sibley
Secretary



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Gloria Jones
March 13

Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry
March 30

Fashion Show



ZONTA
CLUB OF
MILWAUKEE
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Fashion Show 2019 is just around the corner! Everything is on track for an event that will not only be entertaining but also raise funds to support the empowerment of women and girls.

The event's success, as always, depends largely on the energy of all of our club members. The goal is to net at least \$23,000. Traditionally, we give one-third of funds raised to support Zonta International programs and scholarships. The remainder of the funds remain in our community supporting services and opportunities that empower women and girls. If we raise \$23,000, we will have more than \$15,000 for female empowerment in our community.

This year, several of the donated auction items have values of \$400+ and are perfect for a group bid/outing. A "donut" ride on the Milwaukee River and a fully equipped cabin "Up North" are among these items. Look for an email that provides more information about each, and gather your friends for an adventure. That way no one person absorbs the entire cost and the Zonta cause is helped a great deal.

If you have any remaining items for the Silent Auction or Raffle, please bring them to the March meeting. Laurie Ward and Pam Knackert will be preparing them on March 30.

Finally, if at all possible, please fill a table of 10 at the Fashion Show. The dollars raised are in direct proportion to the number of attendees. Where else is it possible to have awesome company, see fashions for the season, and enjoy the very best chocolate dessert – all while empowering women and girls.

See you April 13!

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, April 13, 2019
The Zonta Club of Milwaukee Presents

STILL FASHIONABLE
after 100 years:
Empowering Women & Girls

Fashion Show Fundraiser
10:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Marriott Milwaukee West
W231 N1600 Corporate Court • Pewaukee, Wisconsin
Join us for a day of networking, food, fun & fashion.
Fashions by Chico's of Brookfield, located at Harvard Square.

chico's
Chico's has a combination of great style,
one-of-a-kind details, and warm,
personal service,
featuring all sizes including petites.

\$60 per person
\$30 per ticket is tax deductible
Reservations required
For more information go to
<https://2019-zonta-fashion-show.eventbrite.com>

Register for the Fashion Show online!

Go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-zonta-fashion-show-tickets-50459951072>

Dues Notice



ZONTA
CLUB OF
MILWAUKEE
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

We are approaching the start of the 2019-2020 Zonta year, which begins June 1, 2019, and ends May 31, 2020.

I'm mentioning this now so you get it into your spring budget and schedule. I will need **payment by May 1** to allow processing to Zonta International, Zonta District 6 and the Zonta Club of Milwaukee. Payment can be made with a single check made out to the Club (not the Foundation) or a credit card processed by me. Credit cards processed by Elizabeth Stull go to the Foundation bank account.

You will be able to pay at the club meetings in March and April, as well as the Fashion Show.

One transaction does it all:

\$106	Annual dues to Zonta International
\$ 31	Annual dues to Zonta District 6
+ \$ 60	<u>Annual Club dues</u>
\$197	Total Payment

– Lori Peterson

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

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 Conference

September 20-22, 2019
Indianapolis, IN

Human Trafficking Legislation Update



ZONTA
CLUB OF
MILWAUKEE
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Assembly Bill 22/Senate Bill 25: Driver Education Instruction on Human Trafficking

Introduced by Rep. Thiesfeldt, Sen. Johnson (D)

Members of the trucking industry and individual truckers are invaluable in the fight against human trafficking. As the eyes and ears of our nation's highways, truckers are in a unique position to make a difference in identifying and preventing human traffickers who exploit our transportation system through this heinous crime. Under this bill, commercial motor vehicle driver education courses offered by technical colleges or licensed private driver schools must provide instruction in the recognition and prevention of human trafficking.

An Assembly Hearing is scheduled for March 14.

LRB-0568: Safe Harbor for Trafficked Youth (AB41/SB49)

Introduced by Rep. Billings (D), Rep. Steineke (R), Sen. Darling, Sen. Johnson (D)

This legislation takes a final step in recognizing children as victims of exploitation by removing the ability to charge a child with prostitution. By changing this statute, Wisconsin law will no longer conflict with the Federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act, which treats coerced children as victims, even if they have engaged in criminal prostitution activity. Under this bill, a person who is under the age of 18 may not be prosecuted for committing an act of prostitution. This is a change from the current law, under which a person who is under the age of 18 may be prosecuted for committing an act of prostitution, a Class A misdemeanor.

A hearing on the Assembly Bill by the Wisconsin Assembly Committee on Children & Families is scheduled for March 27.

LRB-0182/1: The Human Trafficking Prevention Act

Introduced by Sen. Jacque (R), Sen. Wanggaard (R), Sen. Taylor (D), Rep. Brantjen (R)

To attack the growing scourge of human trafficking in Wisconsin, this bill would impose a mandatory \$5,000 surcharge on individuals convicted of patronizing/soliciting prostitutes or keeping a place of prostitution. Under this bill, the surcharge amounts collected are used for treatment and services for sex trafficking victims and for criminal investigative operations and law enforcement relating to internet crimes against children. This change has been suggested by investigators, prosecutors, and victims' support and advocacy groups to address present penalties for soliciting prostitution which proved an insufficient deterrent, citing a high incidence of repeat solicitation offenses by any individual with enough disposable income to quietly pay existing fines.

International Women's Day (March 8) is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.

The UN's official 2019 International Women's Day theme – **Think equal, build smart, innovate for change** – focuses on innovative ways in which we can advance gender equality and the empowerment of women, particularly in the areas of social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure.

The achievement of the ambitious Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) requires transformative shifts, integrated approaches and new solutions, particularly when it comes to advancing gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls. ...

Echoing the priority theme of the sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW63), in 2019 we look to industry leaders, game-changing start-ups, social entrepreneurs, gender equality activists, and women innovators to examine the ways in which innovation can remove barriers and accelerate progress for gender equality, encourage investment in gender-responsive social systems, and build services and infrastructure that meet the needs of women and girls.

Join us as we celebrate a future in which innovation and technology creates unprecedented opportunities for women and girls to play an active role in building more inclusive systems, efficient services and sustainable infrastructure to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs and gender equality.

Source: United Nations, <http://www.un.org/en/events/womensday/>

Suggested Reading: *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy

Arundhati Roy's modern classic, published in 1997, is equal parts powerful family saga, forbidden love story, and piercing political drama. The seven-year-old twins Estha and Rahel see their world shaken irrevocably by the arrival of their beautiful young cousin, Sophie. It is an event that will lead to an illicit liaison and tragedies accidental and intentional, exposing "big things [that] lurk unsaid" in a country drifting dangerously toward unrest. Lush, lyrical, and unnerving, *The God of Small Things* is an award-winning landmark that started for its author an esteemed career of fiction and political commentary that continues unabated. (Source: Amazon Books)

Last month's reading suggestion, *The Ministry of Utmost Happiness*, also by Ms. Roy, was much more a novel inclusive of political commentary about the clashes between India and Pakistan over the control of Kashmir. Recent U.S. news covered the resurrection of the old conflict between the two countries, a conflict that has already seen two wars. Ms. Roy lives in New Delhi. She was trained as an architect and has worked as a production designer and written several film screenplays.

Events and Resources



ZONTA
CLUB OF
MILWAUKEE
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Inaugural State of Wisconsin Girls Summit 2019

Saturday, March 23 • 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Sister Joel Read Center, Alverno College (3400 S 43rd St)

The inaugural State of Wisconsin Girls Summit brings together thought leaders and inspiring voices for a day of activities designed to engage young people and adults about the issues facing girls in Wisconsin.



Registration is open now and costs \$15 for youth (up to age 22), \$35 for adults, and \$25 for Alverno faculty, staff, and alumni. Visit www.alverno.edu/research/girlssummit.php.

Keynote Speaker: Marley Dias, author of Marley Dias Gets It Done: And So Can You!

Dias speaks about her passion for making our world a better place, social justice, equity and inclusion, and using social media for good. Dias shows kids how they can galvanize their strengths to make positive changes in their communities, while getting support from parents, teachers, and friends to turn dreams into reality.

Marley Dias started the #1000BlackGirlBooks campaign to collect children's books featuring black protagonists, and her initiative led to appearances on The Nightly Show, Today, and CBS This Morning. She's been featured in the New York Times, recognized as a "21 under 21" ambassador for Teen Vogue, is an editor in residence for Elle.com, and launched a national literacy tour in partnership with the White House.

The Status of Girls in Wisconsin: The Alverno Report 2018-2019

The 2018-2019 release is the fourth report on the status of girls in Wisconsin as part of Alverno's continued commitment to raise awareness regarding issues and challenges that impact girls in our state. The first report was released in 2007, with updates in 2010 and 2014. The report is still the most comprehensive consolidation of information about the issues facing girls in our state.

You can access this 72-page report from <https://www.alverno.edu/research/statusofgirls.php>

AAUW Work Smart Online

AAUW Work Smart Online is a free online salary negotiation workshop, designed to empower women with the skills and tools they need to negotiate for fair pay. Participants learn how to research competitive salaries; articulate their skills, qualifications and experience; and ask for – and get – the pay they deserve.

<https://salary.aauw.org/>

Events and Resources

Circle of Women 2019 – Stand with Her

April 2, 2019

The 24th annual Circle of Women is YWCA Southeast Wisconsin's celebration of the power of women's dedicated vision to improving both individual lives and the community as a whole. This gala celebration is a significant showcase of how the generosity of women (and those who share their commitment) can make the impossible probable. Together, guests raise funds to support the YWCA's distinctive work to eliminate racism and empower women – and they learn how to Stand with Her.

<https://www.ywcasew.org/blog/event/circle-of-women/>

Membership

Please welcome Maureen Siwula to our club!

