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NEWSLETTER

April 2019

Area 2 • District 6

2018–2019

Zonta Club of Milwaukee

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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 Annual Meeting

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Join us for the Zonta Club of Milwaukee Annual Business Meeting. We will review reports from each committee and hold elections for board members for next year.

Come engage in the vital work of our club!

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 – Begin business until meals arrive

6:30 pm – Annual Meeting begins

We have three menu choices this month: Roast Turkey with Stuffing (including potato and vegetable), 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, April 21, 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.

Denim Day – a day to combat sexual assault, end the culture of victim blaming, and stand with survivors – is **April 24**.

In honor of Denim Day and Sexual Assault Awareness Month, please wear denim to our Annual Meeting!

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President's Message



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Hello Zontians,

April is a busy month for our club. We started the month out with the Spring Workshop in Madison. We hosted a wonderful Fashion Show fundraiser on April 13. And on April 24, we will review our Annual Report at our Club Meeting. Sprinkle in Easter with family and it is a full month for us all. Busy, busy, busy...and we will get through all of it.

I absolutely appreciate all of you and your willingness to participate in not only this month's club meeting but all the activities we have had throughout the past year. This month at the club meeting we will also be renewing the committees for the next year. With each committee, this club is able to function as an active Zonta Club. The funds we raise and organizations we help make our work worthwhile.

I give you all a BIG THANK YOU for all your efforts this past year.

I'll see you soon!

With much appreciation,
Maria Bellmann
Club President



Look for a report out on our Fashion Show in the May newsletter!

Meeting Minutes *for March 27, 2019*



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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Karen Smith, President-Elect. There were no welcomes or introductions of guests.

The international toast was offered by Karen Smith to the Zonta clubs in the country of Sweden.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Checking Account Balance: \$11,835.58
- CD Value: \$5,216.52

A reminder that Fashion Show Committee receipts are due for the end-of-year report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fashion Show – Oehlke/Smith

So far there are 136 reservations. Members expressed concern regarding recruiting guests. It was also noted that the 2020 date for the Fashion Show is around Easter which could affect attendance.

Public Relations – Reese

There was a glitch in the website. It was not harmful and the site is up and running now. Scholarship information is updated on the website and we are receiving email. Urged sending guests a notice about higher priced auction items so that folks can consider going together on a larger purchase.

Scholarship – Betts

A winner has been selected for the YWPA Scholarship. There were 7 applicants but only 6 were received on time. The winner is Joya Headley, a senior at Milwaukee School of Languages. Her anticipated major is Global Public Health. She is very involved young lady. She will be invited to attend the May meeting.

Remaining scholarships include:

- Women in Business – due June 1
- Women in Technology – due June 1
- Women in STEM (Milwaukee only) – due June 15

Z Club – Commodore

It has been challenging with the Z Club. At the start of the school year there was a new principal, advisor and all new girls when they met. There are no officers in the club, and it is a challenge trying to schedule time to meet. The advisor has a lot on her plate so that is another challenge. However, they will continue to move forward.

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



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Membership – Lucas-DeBerry

We installed a new member last month. Members were urged to invite guests and potential members. It was also shared that the board expressed concern about members who have not been attending meetings. They said they would like the Membership Committee to follow up. Cheryl said they would if someone would give them the names.

Advocacy – Ashley

The Racial Justice Committee will host the meeting in May. There will be no business meeting. There will be a table top discussion, presentation, report on actionable items and a short exercise.

TABLE TOP DISCUSSION

Discussion was about the club's interest in working with girls. Each table reported to the group for Z Club consideration. Items suggested were mentoring, ad hoc activities, Golden Z, job fair, etc.

PROGRAM

Jeopardy "Women in History"

FOUNDATION

They made \$118 at Vera Bradley. They have also received two \$200 products from Vera Bradley for the Fashion Show.

NEW BUSINESS

The **Annual Report** is in process. All committee chairs are reminded to get their reports to Barbara Wyatt Sibley, who is compiling the report.

The **Nominating Committee** will begin its work. There are 5 directors to replace for the Club Board and 3 for the Foundation. For Club Directors, there are 3 with 2-year terms and 2 with 1-year terms. The Foundation has 3 vacancies that are 3-year terms. The Nominating Committee (Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry, Laurie Ward and Joyce McCrary) needs to secure nominations for the April annual meeting. Cheryl urged that if called to serve, you say yes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Spring Workshop is April 6 in Madison; the mailed notice went out late

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

April 24

May 22

June 26

District 6 Fall Conference

September 20-22, 2019

Indianapolis, IN

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



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- Next Club meeting is Wednesday, April 24
- Diane Lindsley has Zonta portfolios for sale at \$20
- Donna Kahl has had back surgery.
- Victoria Frazier is in Louisiana. They are spending the winter but hope to be completely moved in the next two years. She is looking to move her membership.

*Respectively submitted,
Barbara Wyatt Sibley
Secretary*

Dues Notice

The 2019-2020 Zonta year begins June 1, 2019, and ends May 31, 2020.

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 meeting in April.

One transaction does it all:	\$88	Annual dues to Zonta International
	\$ 3	North America Liability Insurance
	\$ 31	Annual dues to Zonta District 6
+ \$ 60		Annual Club dues
	\$182	Total Payment

– *Lori Peterson*



Eid bi Eid (Hand in Hand)

Eid bi Eid is a multi-year initiative to support the government of Jordan to address issues of employment and gender inequality, exacerbated by the impact of the Syrian refugee crisis. The project began in 2015 to support the immediate needs of refugee women and vulnerable Jordanian women affected by the crisis. The second phase, which began in 2017, utilizes a resilience framework for achieving gender equality and women's empowerment goals and promotes individual and community ability to absorb shock. This is done through the provision of livelihood opportunities and protection support for refugee women living in camp and non-camp settings, as well as Jordanian women living in hosting communities.

Jordan is currently hosting 1.4 million Syrian refugees, nearly 10 percent of Jordan's pre-crisis population, which has increased competition over resources, placed additional strain on social services and heightened community tensions in some areas with unintended consequences, including greater restrictions on women's mobility.

While existing programs that provide food and unconditional cash assistance have been instrumental in responding to the immediate humanitarian crisis, they are not designed for long-term outcomes. As the government of Jordan opens the labor market for refugees with work permits, targeted efforts are needed to empower female refugees to harness income-generating activities. These efforts must also support the government in meeting its commitment to increase overall female participation in the workforce.

How Zonta Helps

Zonta International has committed US\$1,000,000 to UN Women to improve Syrian refugee and Jordanian women's access to sustainable and decent employment, coupled with protection services and community leadership/engagement, to enable greater equality and reduced violence against women.

Project Beneficiaries

This partnership between Zonta International and UN Women expects to reach at least 25,760 direct beneficiaries.

Expected Outcomes

1. Women in camp settings and host communities are empowered through money for work and increased access to longer term economic recovery and livelihood opportunities.
2. Women's protection and access to justice is promoted to enable accountability and to support them to serve as active members of their community.
3. Women participate in and inform community decision-making processes.
4. Duty-bearers are supported to create a greater enabling environment for women's economic participation.

Source: Zonta International Website, <https://foundation.zonta.org/Eid-bi-Eid>



Suggested Reading: *The Map of Salt and Stars* by Zeyn Joukhadar

This is a rich, moving debut novel that is to Syria what *The Kite Runner* was to Afghanistan. It is the story of two girls living eight hundred years apart—a modern-day Syrian refugee seeking safety and a medieval adventurer apprenticed to a legendary mapmaker where the pain of exile and the triumph of courage echo again and again.

Following alternating timelines and a pair of unforgettable heroines coming of age in perilous times, *The Map of Salt and Stars* is the epic story of one girl telling herself the legend of another and learning that, if you listen to your own voice, some things can never be lost.

Centennial Committee



Zonta International will celebrate its 100th birthday on November 8, 2019.

Our Centennial Committee has now met a couple of times and are working on ways to mark the anniversary. For example, the Zonta 100 Years logo will be on full display at the fashion show.

The logo and other information regarding the centennial and Zonta International's history can be found at www.zonta100.org. Our committee is investigating the possibility of hosting a celebratory reception on November 8. Please contact me if you have suggestions for the event or if you would like to join our committee.

– Helen Ludwig

Nominating Committee



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Proposed Slate for the 2019 Election

Committee: Chery Lucas-DeBerry, Joyce McCrary and Laurie Ward

The team solicited members to fill open Club Board and Zonta Club of Milwaukee Foundation Board of Director positions. Proposed for election in April 2019:

Club Board Nominations

The proposed 2019 slate for the Club Board Directors is:

New Directors (5) Jackie Beaudry (a 2-year 2019-2021 term)
Donna Conant (a 2-year 2019-2021 term)
Joni Reese (a 2-year 2019-2021 term)
Jennifer Murillo (a 1-year 2019-2020 term)
Maureen Siwula (a 1-year 2019-2020 term)

Continuing Officers and Directors: Maria Bellmann (President), Karen Smith (President-Elect), Krista Betts (Vice President), Barbara Wyatt Sibley (Secretary), Lori Peterson (Treasurer), Renita Switzer (Director)

Club Directors completing terms in 2019:

Directors (3) Marge Holzbog
Janet Kloser
Regina Young-Ferguson

The nominations for a one-year term are for Club Directors who are unable to serve their second year.

Foundation Board Nominations

The proposed 2019 slate for the Foundation Board is:

Directors (3) Janet Kloser (a 3-year 2019-2022 term)
Joann Comodore (a 3-year 2019-2022 term)
Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry (a 3-year 2019-2022 term)

Continuing Directors on the Foundation Board:

Directors (6) 2017-2020 term: Sandra Goldmann, Gloria Jones, Elizabeth Stull
2018-2021 term: La Toya Sykes, Pam Knackert, Laurie Ward

Foundation Directors completing terms in 2019: Sheryl Dean, Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry, Joyce McCrary

Neu-Life Art Show Fundraiser



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The Zonta Club of Milwaukee has had a long-standing relationship with Neu-Life Community Development, whose mission is to empower youth with skills and strategies to make better life choices.

Get to know this like-minded organization by attending the Neu-Life Art Show Fundraiser on **Saturday, May 4**, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. You can buy tickets online by visiting www.neu-life.org.

They'll be selling art made by Neu-Life kids to help support programs for youth in the near north side neighborhood – including the arts, urban agriculture, athletics and academics, prevention education, career development and more.

Complimentary food and beverage from neighborhood establishments are included in the ticket price.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Maureen Siwula
April 12