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Zonta Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

Zonta International's Let Us Learn Madagascar Site Visit

Hear from Dr Tamara Hagen, one of four members of Zonta International who recently traveled to Madagascar with UNICEF USA to visit Let Us Learn Madagascar project sites in southern Madagascar.



UNICEF's Let Us Learn is an integrated education program that is creating opportunities for vulnerable and excluded children, particularly girls, in Madagascar to realize their right to an education in a secure and protective environment. The project is focused on reaching out-of-school children, expanding girls' education and improving quality outcomes for learners.

From 2016-2018, Zonta International contributed US\$1,000,000 to UNICEF USA to support the Let Us Learn project. In July 2018, Zonta committed an additional US\$1,000,000 to continue its support of Let Us Learn Madagascar through 2020.

Dr Hagen is a member of the Zonta Club of Madison and was the 2016-2018 District 6 Governor.

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 – Dinner and program begin

Cost: \$30. Meal selection will be on-site.

RSVP: Please contact Helen Ludwig by Sunday, August 25, by 9:00 pm. You can reach her via email at hludwig@ludwiglaw.org or by phone at 414-322-7783.

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President's Message



Hello, Beautiful Zontians!

I am so excited to start our new Zonta year. The board has started the planning and we are well on our way to a great year. This year we are going to introduce a new dues payment option for all members. Starting this month, we will allow all members to start paying their membership dues on a monthly basis until April. These payments will go toward your next year's membership dues. If you prefer, you can still pay your membership dues in April in one lump sum, and we will still allow all members to pay for their dues via Square. I will speak about this option at our August meeting and answer any questions.

I was just informed that the hotel discount for the Fall Conference has been extended for another week. Please call them as soon as possible to get your room for the conference. Here is the hotel information:

Fall Conference 2019
Friday, September 20 to Sunday, September 22

Drury Plaza Hotel
9625 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN
317-587-2701

Please consider attending the conference as we celebrate our centennial with representatives from Zonta International.

See you all soon,
Maria Bellmann
President

Let Us Learn Madagascar

Learn more about the Let Us Learn Madagascar Project on the Zonta International Foundation website [here](#).



Meeting Minutes *for June 26, 2019*



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The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Club President Maria Bellmann. There were no guests other than the two new members to be installed. The blessing was offered by President Bellmann.

Donna Neal made the announcement regarding the Neu-Life backpack program. An email will go out to the membership as well as an article in the newsletter. July 25 will be shopping day. Those interested should let Donna know. The request is for 182 backpacks. Our donation last year was 120. We will commit to 120 and notify Neu-Life of that. Cash donations can be made to the foundation.

We need delegates and alternates for fall conference.

Motion Barbara Wyatt Sibley moved to have Maria Bellmann and Karen Smith (President and President Elect) be delegates. Also, that Pam Knackert and Diane Lindsley serve as the alternates. Motion seconded by Donna Conant. Motion carried.

Fall Conference is September 20–22. The International President will be present.

Save the date cards were distributed for the 100th anniversary celebration. A list was provided of sponsors, grant recipients, former members, the Madison club and our own members. They will receive a card. The event is \$35 per person.

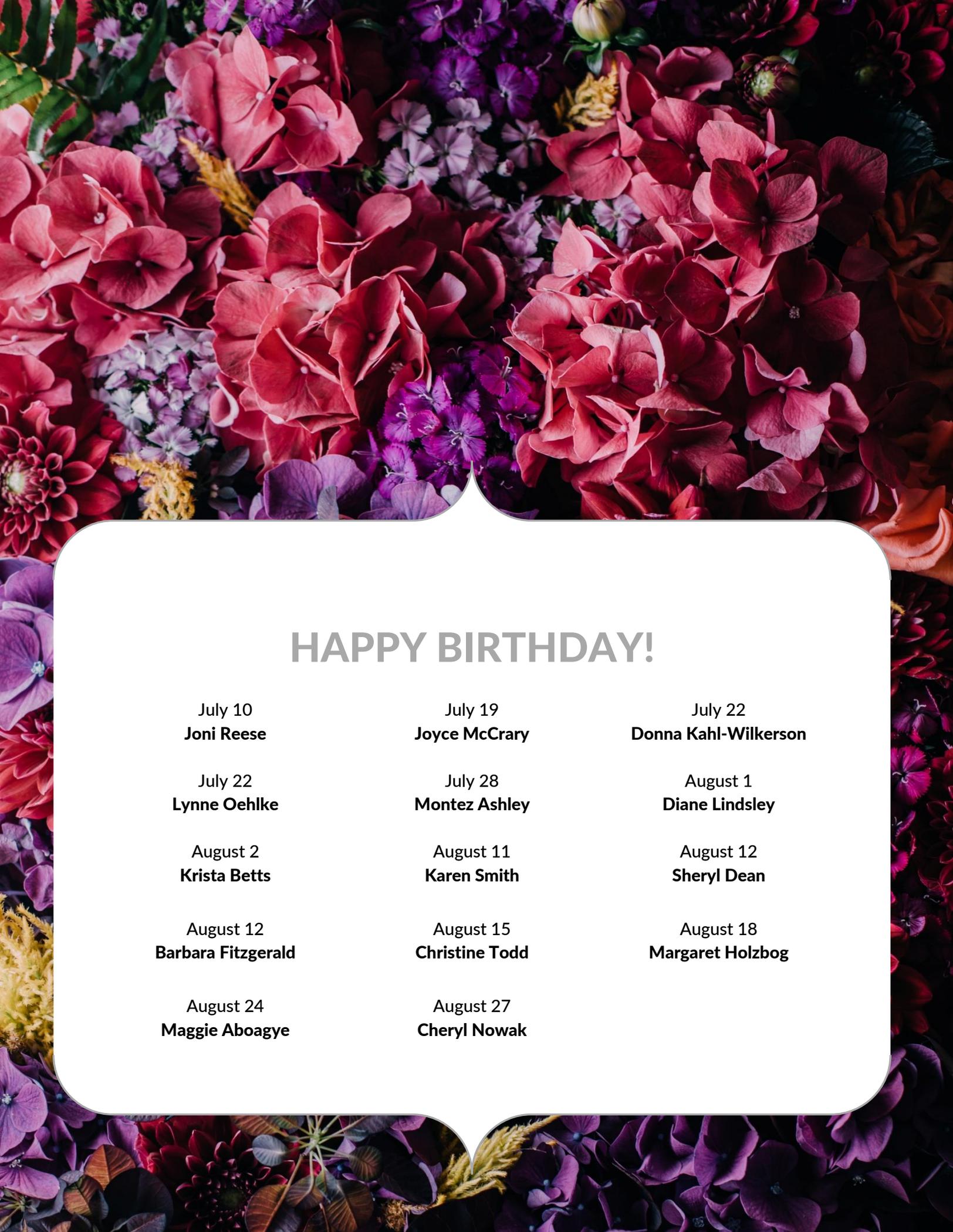
It was announced that \$530 has been donated to the STEM scholarship in Lori Peterson's name.

Donna Neal is asking for volunteers to work on the silent walk in September. The walk will be the last Monday in September or the first Monday in October. It's a one-mile walk in downtown Milwaukee. Participation has been declining. The goal is to have 100 in honor of the 100th anniversary of Zonta International. The work is simple and there is usually one meeting with everything else on email. The same folks have been doing the work and it would be a good thing to have some new blood. Maureen Siwula and Debra Becwar volunteered to work on the committee. Donna spoke at the Shorewood's Men's Club about Zonta. She plans to ask them to join in on the walk.

Two members were installed. Nyla Humphrey and Debra Becwar. Each received a pin, name tag, rose and Zonta manual.

Dinner was served and following the meal, we painted.

*Respectively submitted,
Barbara Wyatt Sibley
Secretary*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July 10
Joni Reese

July 19
Joyce McCrary

July 22
Donna Kahl-Wilkerson

July 22
Lynne Oehlke

July 28
Montez Ashley

August 1
Diane Lindsley

August 2
Krista Betts

August 11
Karen Smith

August 12
Sheryl Dean

August 12
Barbara Fitzgerald

August 15
Christine Todd

August 18
Margaret Holzbog

August 24
Maggie Aboagye

August 27
Cheryl Nowak

Centennial Celebration



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YEARS

Save the Date
Friday, November 8, 2019
Cocktail Reception

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Marriott Milwaukee West
W231N1600 Corporate Dr.
Waukesha, WI 53186

**Celebrating Zonta International's
100 years of Empowering Women and Girls**

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Final plans are being made for our Centennial Celebration. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

The reception will be held **November 8, 5:30 to 8:00 pm** at the Marriot Milwaukee West. Cost is \$35 per person with a cash bar and light appetizers.

A Save the Date was previously emailed to all members and a copy is in the newsletter. Please let me know if you need another electronic copy to forward to friends.

Final invitations will be mailed in early September. The proposed invitation list will be available for review at the August meeting. Please add anyone you believe may be interested in attending.

The committee needs your help in obtaining silent raffle items. If you have items to donate or contacts in the community, please let us know. The plan is to have five or six high value baskets including such items as sports tickets, theater tickets, restaurant gift cards and hotel gift cards. Other ideas and donations are certainly welcomed and encouraged.

We will also need volunteers on the date of the event for set-up, greeting, and clean-up. If you are able to assist, please let me know.

– Helen Ludwig

Membership



Please welcome new members **Debra Becwar**, retired Equal Opportunity Specialist with the Department of Labor, and **Nyla Humphrey**, a Certified Nursing Assistant at Luther Manor. Also welcome two Zontians who have transferred to our club: **Carol Mangold**, a retired registered nurse, and **Christine Weber**, a Product Compliance & Government Affairs Engineer at Bradley Corporation.

Please invite any of your friends, relatives or co-workers who are potential Zonta members to our August 28 meeting, especially any of those who attended our fashion show and showed interest. The club meeting will give them an opportunity to meet other members and hear more about Zonta; with our great program, it's an ideal time to have them attend.

Congratulations to Maria Bellmann on her new job with IAT Insurance Group and to Jennifer Murillo on her new job with Society Insurance.

District 6 Fall Conference

Registration is now open for the 2019 Fall Conference! We are lucky to be able to welcome Zonta International President Susanne Von Bassewitz, as well as ZI Director Christina Rylander Bergqvist to the conference. The Keynote Speaker will be Donna Pollard, founder of Survivors Corner, helping victims of child marriage. And as always, the District Conference will feature business sessions to fulfill the important work of Zonta.

Additional details are available in the call to conference, online at <http://zontadistrict6.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2019-Fall-Conference-Brochure-updated.pdf>

Online registration is available at <http://zontadistrict6.org/events/2019-district-conference/>.

2019 Zonta District 6 Conference
Hosted by Area 4
September 20-22, 2019



Drury Plaza Hotel-
Indianapolis/Carmel
9625 Meridian St
Indianapolis IN 46290
**Room rates expire
08/14/19**

Zonta Says NO Silent Walk



The Silent March Committee is up and running, planning the **Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women 5th Annual Silent March** for **Monday, September 30**. As of this writing, DA John Chisholm, City Health Commissioner Jeanette Kowalik, Sojourner Family Peace Center Executive Director Carmen Pitre, and Captain John Corbett from the MPD Sensitive Crimes Unit are expected to participate in the program. We are still waiting to hear from the Mayor's office, but are optimistic given that he has participated for the past four years.

Our next committee meeting will be by telephone on Tues, Aug 20 and will focus on PR for media coverage and walk participation. Either Joni or Krista will join us in that call.

We really need everyone in the club to participate in the event (walk, or just be at City Hall for the program) AND to invite friends, co-workers, and other organizations to walk with us. Let's have a record turnout this year – how about 100+ walkers for this ZI Centennial Anniversary year!

You have already received an email with the Save the Date and a template invitation letter that can be customized and signed by you and sent to individuals or groups you think might be likely supporters. Use them! We are happy to have groups join us and march with their own organization-identified clothing, and share in the publicity the event generates.

Thank you for supporting this 5th annual march to generate awareness of the never-ending and escalating issue of domestic violence.

– *Silent March Committee members:*

Donna Neal (chair), Pam Knackert, Jackie Beaudry, Chris Todd, Deb Becwar, Elizabeth Stull

Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women 5th Annual Walk

Monday, September 30, 2019

11:55 am – 1:00 pm | Milwaukee City Hall

*Join us in a silent walk around the Milwaukee downtown area, beginning and ending at City Hall, for the purpose of remembering those in Wisconsin who have died this past year as a result of domestic violence. **Together, we can inspire community action.***



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Club members are invited to join the Racial Justice Committee at the Evicted exhibition – OPENING HERE IN MILWAUKEE AS THE FIRST STOP ON A NATIONAL TOUR!

Evicted Exhibition

Saturday, August 24, 11:00 am

Mobile Design Box, 753 N. 27th Street, Milwaukee

According to Neighborhood News Service, “Evicted is an immersive exhibition that introduces visitors to the intimate, painful process of low-income renter eviction. Inspired by Matthew Desmond’s Pulitzer Prize-winning book about eviction in Milwaukee, the experience presents data developed by Desmond’s Eviction Lab and features original photography and audio examining reasons for and the fallout from eviction.” One thesis of Desmond’s book: what mass incarceration is to men of color, eviction is to women of color. Housing insecurity is a major issue for women and their children.

Following our visit to the exhibition, we plan to have lunch together at an ethnic restaurant of some sort, place TBD and dependent on how many we’ll be.

Contact Montez Ashley or Donna Neal if you’d like to join us for the event, or for the event and the lunch both. Admission to the exhibit is free, lunch on your own.

If you can’t join us that day, the exhibit is open Friday evenings from 5-8 and Saturdays from 10-4, June 21- September 28.



Back to School at Neu-Life



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Thanks to all the club members who helped us deliver on our promise to donate 120 filled backpacks for kindergarten, elementary, and high school students who are part of the Neu-Life community.

