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Zonta Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Speaker: Allison Byrne, Executive Director, Allies for Teens in Foster Care

Allies for Teens in Foster Care helps the hundreds of Milwaukee County teens who live in the over 40 group homes in Milwaukee County. Allies is a bridge for the community to help our most vulnerable teenagers, with programs that promote the long-term health of teens, including self-care programs, corporate partnerships, advocacy and holiday care packages.

The Executive Director of Allies, Allison Byrne, is a licensed Social Worker and has a Masters in Cultural Foundation of Education. She is the proud mother of four, two biological and two adopted children. Before she had the privilege of adopting one of her children when her daughter was eight, she was her foster mother for almost a year. Ms. Byrne has been a child advocate for over a decade. She has firsthand experience with beautiful children struggling with RAD, trauma, neurological challenges and other impediments to child happiness. She is a first-generation college student, who grew up in Queens, NY.

Ms. Byrne is a twice elected alderwoman for the city of Wauwatosa. She also is a Foster Care ambassador for Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

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 made on-site.

RSVP: Please contact Helen Ludwig by Sunday, September 22, 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



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Hello, Zontians!

Our year has kicked off well. What a great presentation from Dr. Tammy Hagen on Madagascar at our August meeting. I am looking forward to September's presenter too as she explains her new nonprofit organization, Allies for Teens in Foster Care. We will also have a quick debrief of the fall conference at our September meeting.

At the conference we will be celebrating 100 years of Zonta International, with cake...yum! I am really looking forward to celebrating 100 years of Zonta at all the many events this second half of the year.

Reminder of the silent walk on September 30th! I hope you can make this annual event. Bring some friends.

Also, please remember that you can now pay for your next year's membership dues on a monthly basis from now until April.

Thank you all so much for all you do for Zonta!

With much appreciation,
Maria Bellmann,
President

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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Meeting Minutes *for August 28, 2019*



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The meeting was called to order by Club President Maria Bellmann.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Renita.

- Checking account total: \$15,156.92
- CD total: \$5,226.40

Committee Reports:

Fashion Show – Lynne Oehlke

The Fashion Show date for 2020 is April 25th. The committee will be meeting after the September club meeting. New members are welcome and others will need to step into the registration tasks for this year.

PR/Communications – Joni Reese

The Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Silent Walk is Monday, September 30th. Since Joni will be traveling that day, she is asking for others to take pictures or videos and send them to her after the event.

Website and Facebook continue to be updated with current information, including a Silent Walk “event” on Facebook that can be shared. Please reach out if there is anything that the other committees need.

Scholarships – Krista Betts

Awards were presented to 3 recipients: Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship was presented to Tamara Boyd. Women in STEM was presented to Sunshine Xiong. Women in Technology was presented to Serena Stewart.

Centennial – Helen Ludwig

The cocktail reception event is Friday, November 8th at the Marriott Milwaukee West. Save the Dates have been distributed, and invitations are being prepared. Please encourage others to attend.

A few higher end silent auction items will be gathered. If anyone has connections they can leverage within the community (to acquire items such as tickets, restaurant certificates, hotels stays, etc.) it would be greatly appreciated.

Z Club – Not represented

Membership – Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry

Two members have joined the club following the Prospective Member event held in May. One member has transferred from a Naples, Florida, club.

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****Separate note:** Cheryl will be heading up the 2020 Convention Volunteers, so be prepared to respond enthusiastically!

Program Committee – Jennifer Murillo

The Program committee will be meeting to plan out the year. Please let them know if you have potential speaker opportunities.

The changes of location for the monthly club meeting is still be considered, so if you have ideas, please share them with the committee.

Service – Joni Reese

To align with the speaker for September, we will be planning a mini-service project. Watch for more information in September.

Advocacy – Diane Lindsley / Pam Knackert

If you have not seen the Milwaukee “Evicted” exhibit yet, it is highly recommended that you do.

Diane shared the opportunity to raise our voices for the 2019 Assembly Bill 41. This would prohibit persons under the age of 18 from being prosecuted for acts of prostitution, considering the age of consent is 18.

Pam reminded the Club about the Silent Walk coming up on September 30th at 11:55am at the City Hall. It is a free event. Please attend and bring others. There will be several speakers following the walk. The Zonta Club of Milwaukee will be doing the welcome.

Speaker:

Tamara Hagen spoke on the Zonta International Project “Let Us Learn Madagascar” and her experience traveling there with other Zonta representatives to review the project.

Foundation: La Toya Sykes

La Toya promoted the opportunity to make donations to the Zonta Foundation at the Club level or at the International level. The 2020 Zonta Foundation Grant Application is being reviewed for any changes needed prior to distribution.

New Business: Maria Bellmann

Membership Dues can be paid throughout the year, at the monthly meetings until April.

Fall Conference is September 20th and others are looking to car-pool.

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Next Meeting is September 25th.

Helen Ludwig is handling reservations and defined the concept of:

- “Standing” reservations – meaning you intend to be there unless you specifically indicate prior to the reservation date that you will not be in attendance.
- “Call-in” reservations – meaning you need to call in each month prior to the reservation date if you plan to attend.

A person can determine if they want to be listed as a “standing” reservation or a “call-in”.

It was mistakenly announced that the next meeting would be at Neu-Life Community Center, but then that was retracted.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
Joni Reese



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September 15
Kim Brinsko

September 26
Barbara Wyatt Sibley

Mini Service Project



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Allies for Teens in Foster Care

Allies for Teens in Foster Care is a bridge for the community to help our most vulnerable teenagers. This month, our club will be supporting Allies Self-Care Programs, which provides needed hygiene items to teens while also incorporating health and social care discussions. Here are some of the items that are most needed:

- Target Gift Cards \$10 or \$25 increments
- Quality Hygiene Items, including shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, and tampons.
- Cash donations to be used for:
 - Allies' goal is to start a micro-grant program to provide teens items they need that other school students' parents or guardians provide.
 - To help pay for events where teens and mentors meet in small groups.
 - Or to round out gift bags at Christmas time.

As always, your participation is voluntary.

Allies for Teens in Foster Care



You can help Milwaukee Teens in Group Homes!

Zonta Says NO Silent Walk



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We Need You!

The Silent Walk Committee is continuing to plan the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women 5th Annual Silent Walk for Monday, September 30, 11:55 am to 1:00 pm.

As of this writing, DA John Chisholm, City Health Commissioner Dr. Jeanette Kowalik, Sojourner Family Peace Center President & CEO 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. Also, a representative from End Domestic Abuse WI will be there to help welcome us.

We have gotten press releases out to the media.

Now we really need everyone in the club to participate in the event itself – to walk and/or to be at City Hall for the program – AND to invite friends, co-workers, and other organizations to walk with us. Let's set a turnout record 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 for an 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 walk with their own organization-identified clothing, and share in the publicity the event generates.

If you have an orange Zonta Says NO t-shirt, please wear it. If you don't have one and want to order one, go to the Zonta International website www.zonta.org, then log in under MyZonta and then go to tools, then Zonta Store and then look for Zonta Says NO t-shirt.

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

Silent Walk Committee members:

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



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Centennial Celebration



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The Zonta Club of Milwaukee invites you to join our
**Celebration of Zonta International's
100 Years of Empowering Women and Girls**

Friday, November 8, 2019

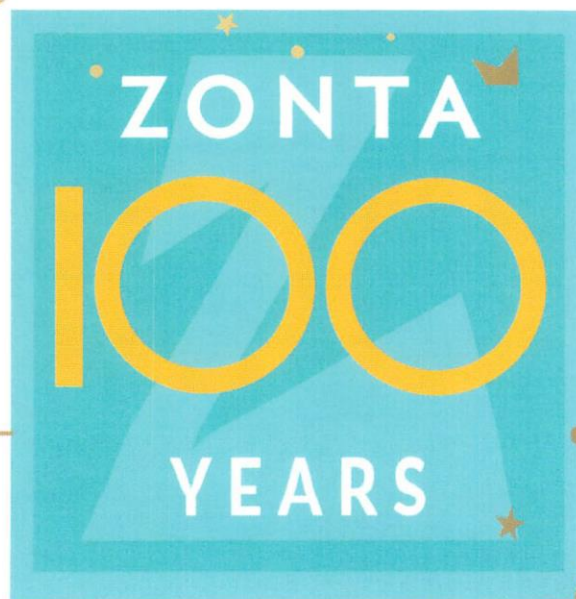
5:30 - 8:00 pm

Short program to commence at 7:00

\$35 per guest
Includes Light Appetizers
Cash Bar

Marriott Milwaukee West
W231N1600 Corporate Dr.
Waukesha, WI 53186

RSVP Requested (See back)



Please RSVP by October 25, 2019

RSVP and Donations accepted as follows:

zonta100mke.eventbrite.com

OR

Check payable to Zonta Foundation, Inc.
c/o Helen Ludwig
S77 W26995 River Ridge Circle
Mukwonago, WI 53149
Please include guest names and email address

Questions?

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