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Zonta Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Speaker: Dana World-Patterson, Milwaukee Task Force on Human Trafficking

Dana World-Patterson is the chair of the Milwaukee Task Force on Human Trafficking, as well as the executive director of Foundations for Freedom, whose mission is to eradicate human trafficking through advocacy. Dana believes, "One Less victim in Milwaukee is One Less victim in the world" and a global perspective strengthens local efforts. Recent trips to Africa and Mexico support Foundations for Freedom's vision to strengthen women and girls around the world.

More information about Dana and Foundations for Freedom can be found at <https://wwwFOUNDATIONS4freedom.org/>.

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, November 17, 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 Snowy November and Zontians,

As we start this month off I can't help but think about how thankful I am about all the great speakers we have had over the past years. This month is no exception. We will be welcoming Dana World-Patterson, Chair of the Milwaukee Task Force on Human Trafficking, to our November meeting. I am looking forward to this topic as I would like to learn more about human trafficking and maybe how we can impact this organization.

I am also very thankful for the great events and Zontian committees we have in our club, like the Centennial Committee, who put on a great Centennial Celebration for Zonta International on November 8. What a great event to highlight all the ways Zonta International has impacted and empowered women and girls around the world. Without each of you stepping up and participating in these committees, we would not be able to put on these events as successfully for the Zonta Club of Milwaukee and Zonta International.

I am sincerely grateful and thankful for each of you! I hope you can all take a moment during the Thanksgiving season to spend time with your family and friends to enjoy the time with them all.

I hope to see you all at the November meeting on the 20th.

Thankfully Yours,
Maria Bellmann
Club President

Centennial Celebration

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Centennial Celebration of Zonta International on November 8! It was a wonderful event!



RSVP for Our Holiday Party!



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Celebrate the season with your Zonta sisters at a Holiday Paint and Sip Party!

This party is our December meeting and should be a great time! Here are the details:

December 18, 2019

5:30 pm to 8:00 pm at The Farmhouse

4511 South 6th Street

Milwaukee, WI 53221

<https://farmhousepaintandsip.com/>

Salad and pizza from Rosati's will be served before we paint a festive holiday picture together.

This event is \$38.00 payable to Zonta Club of Milwaukee. Drinks can be purchased at an additional cost. Please note that reservations must be made in advance.

Sign up and payment can be made at the November meeting or via mail to Maureen Siwula, 21111 W. Windsor Drive, New Berlin WI 53146. Checks should be made out to the Zonta Club of Milwaukee.

The last day to sign up is December 8, 2019.

Future Program Planning

If you have suggestions for next year's meeting locations, please send your ideas to Maureen Siwula at mortswula@outlook.com or call her at 262 844 4609.

Meeting Minutes *for October 23, 2019*



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The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by President-Elect Karen Smith. She welcomed two guests, Betsy Fuhrmann and April Blathers. Karen also gave the blessing.

Treasurer Report – Renita Switzer

As of 9/20/2019:

- Beginning Balance \$13,950.44
- Expenses \$ 574.25
- Deposits \$ 862.00
(includes \$142 from district conference sales)
- Ending Balance \$14,237.89

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fashion Show – Lynne Oehlke

The program design and theme are in process. The committee is asking to increase corporate donations. Last year it was \$4800. This was important because luncheon sales were down. The club was urged to reach out to vendors they do business with like doctors, dentists, etc.

Public Relations – Joni Reese

The Silent Walk received significant coverage. Lots of pictures were posted and shared as far as Australia. Barbara shared that a lot of coverage had to do with the presence of Congresswoman Gwen Moore who gave a press conference following the program. She added that her office is willing to work with us next year to have some other groups participate as well as the Congresswoman if she is in town.

The Centennial Celebration is posted, and Joni acknowledged that she forgot to post the 2019 fashion show pictures which are now there. Foundation grant applications are on the website and the scholarship winners are posted. There is also a posting of the mini service project for Allied Teens.

Centennial Celebration – Helen Ludwig

The registration deadline is October 25. You can order tickets online or write a check. All are urged to attend. We will need help with registration and cleanup. There will be a short program.

Scholarship – No Report

Z Club – Joann Comodore

A meeting was scheduled for today that was cancelled by the advisor. She will seek to reschedule.

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

November 20	March 25
December 18	April 22
January 22	May 27
February 26	June 24

Spring Area Workshop

Saturday, March 28
Milwaukee, WI

Fashion Show

Saturday, April 25
Marriott Milwaukee West



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Meeting Minutes *for Oct. 23, 2019 (cont.)*

Membership – Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry

No report; however, they welcomed our guests and urged them to consider joining.

Program – Maureen Siwula

Maureen has agreed to take the lead on the Program Committee with assistance. They are moving forward with tentative programs:

The November program speaker will be Dana World-Patterson, Chair of the Task Force on Human Trafficking.

The December program will be a holiday social at the Farmhouse on S 6th Street in Milwaukee. It will be a sip and paint. The cost will be \$38, inclusive of the meal and painting. The menu is pizza and salad. Cash bar for beverages.

The January program will be planned by the Advocacy Committee.

Service – Joni Reese

We will donate gifts to Neu Life for Christmas. Gifts can be purchased from Target. There will be a link set up for members.

Advocacy – Donna Neal

Donna Neal reminded members of the upcoming 16 Days of Advocacy that begins the end of November. Thoughts and ideas are needed.

During the meal there was a table talk regarding the goals of Zonta International and how we impact that at a local level. A report out was given by each table and the committee will synthesize the information.

PROGRAM – Area Director, Pam Duane

Pam provided a general overview of Zonta International and District, including goals, objectives and current programs.

FOUNDATION – Pam Knackert

The application for grants is out. They are due on December 13. Donations for the Zonta International Centennial are coming along. The Foundation will match gifts up to \$10,000. Members are asked to consider making a gift.

New Business – None



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Meeting Minutes *for Oct. 23, 2019 (cont.)*

Announcements

- Centennial Celebration
- Spring Workshop – 2020
- Fashion Show
- International Convention 2020, registration began today.
- Fall Conference 2020

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm

*Respectively Submitted,
Barbara Wyatt Sibley, Secretary*

Zonta Foundation

Greetings, Fellow Zontians! Last month Pam Knackert emailed you the Zonta Foundation, Inc. Funding Guidelines and Application for 2020 Grants (the application is also available on our club website). If there is a non-profit agency you are aware of that aligns with Zonta's mission of empowering women and girls please offer them the opportunity to apply for a grant. The Foundation will be disbursing \$18,000 in total to the agencies chosen by your Foundation Board. Applications are due December 13, 2019, and the board will meet January 7, 2020, to review and choose those organizations that will be given awards at our fashion show on April 25, 2020.

As you are planning for your year-end donations don't forget that the Foundation Board has challenged the club membership to donate to the Zonta International Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign. These donations would be made to Zonta International Foundation (the donation form is available on the ZI website or you can donate online). Please indicate the Zonta International Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign. Club donations up to \$10,000 through April 1, 2020, will be matched by our Foundation.

At our District 6 Conference in Indianapolis, our nominee – Sojourner Family Peace Center was awarded the District 6 Area 2 Centennial Award for exemplifying Zonta's mission. Carmen Pitre, President and CEO, was not able to attend the conference, but we had the privilege of presenting the award, certificate and a \$1,000 donation from our club foundation to an organization representative at our Centennial Celebration. Congratulations to them on this award!

And to all of you, thanks for all you do!

– La Toya Sykes

Fashion Show Fundraiser 2020



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“Around the World, Empowering Women and Girls”

April 25, 2020, is the date and Save the Date announcements, both electronic and hard copy, will be available within the next month. Planning is moving along smoothly. Most notably, we just found out that the printing will be donated—that’s a huge expense off the budget. The letters we send to companies asking for financial support for the event (last year \$4,800 was received from businesses) will soon be mailed.

The success of this event (the goal for charitable giving is to meet or beat last year’s \$28,000) depends on each of us. Copies of the “ask” letter will be available at November’s meeting, or contact Pam Knackert for an electronic copy. If you or anyone you know has a business connection that could gift charitably, please use the letter to ask if they will support Zonta’s effort to raise \$28,000 for local nonprofit efforts. A gift of \$1,000 is recognized through a full-page ad in our program. Gifts of \$100 are just as critical.

It is also time to gather raffle and auction items. Hotel stays, cottage and Northwoods experiences, a boat ride, horse riding or other action experience, kids’ stuff/play experiences and restaurants are at the top of our guests’ bidding lists. Friends, family, other member organizations and your favorite businesses are the very best resources so use your influence and connections to see what treasure you can bring into our event.

– Lynne Oehlke & Karen Smith



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November 7
Camelia Clarke

November 15
Sandra Goldmann

November 27
Renita Switzer

The CEDAW Treaty



The Future of the Convention to End all Forms of Discrimination Against Women: The CEDAW Treaty and the City of Milwaukee

As many of you know, the CEDAW Treaty, although signed by the President of the United States in 1980 and submitted to the United States Senate for ratification, has never moved out of committee for ratification. For decades, we have had resolutions from the City and County of Milwaukee along with those from other US cities, but no ratification in the Senate.

One needs to separate a “goal” from a “strategy”. The ultimate goal was to implement the principles of CEDAW and it was assumed that, as in other countries, the treaty would be ratified first before implementation. Ratification, however, is just one “strategy”, one that has not been fruitful. However, US cities agreeing to implementation is a strategy that can and has worked.

Thus, at the 2014 Conference of Mayors, “Cities for CEDAW” was launched at the UN Commission on the Status of Women. This initiative urged cities across the US to join San Francisco and Los Angeles to pass local resolutions and ordinances reflecting the principles of CEDAW.

In June of this year, the City of Milwaukee in conjunction with The United Nations Association (UNA) of Greater Milwaukee and the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), resolved the following:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Milwaukee Equal Rights Commission affirms the principles of fundamental human rights and equality for women in our community and the elimination of barriers to political, social, economic and cultural discrimination, including issues of domestic violence, trafficking, affordable health care and child care, parental rights, economic security, pay inequities, paid family leave, and educational and vocational opportunities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Milwaukee Equal Rights Commission shall forward a copy of this Resolution to all appropriate city officials and departments, post it on the City of Milwaukee’s governmental website and celebrate it on the City of Milwaukee’s appropriate social media sites; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Milwaukee Equal Rights Commission encourage city staff and elected officials to become familiar with the provisions of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and strongly advise the Council of any changes in policy or practice they feel would help the City of Milwaukee align with the tenets of this convention; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Milwaukee Common Council expressing our support for the United States ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).”

Here we see the intersection of international and local through partnerships of Milwaukee’s Equal Rights Commission, the UNA of Greater Milwaukee and WILPF. We Zontians should be an additional partner in the local implementation of CEDAW.

The CEDAW Treaty



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For further reading:

- United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/pages/cedaw.aspx>
- Cities for CEDAW: <http://citiesforcedaw.org/>
- United Nations Association of the USA: <https://unausa.org/>
- City of Milwaukee Equal Rights Commission: <https://city.milwaukee.gov/erc/About-Us.htm#.XbYm6697lhE>
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom: <https://www.wilpf.org/>

– Diane S. Lindsley

UN Committee Report

Consider Attending CSW in New York City

The 64th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York City, March 9 to March 20, 2020, is fast approaching. As a non-governmental organization with General Consultative Status with the UN, Zonta International is invited to participate. Zonta activities will begin on Saturday, March 7 with a seminar on Child Marriage. It would be nice to have a group attend from the Milwaukee Club.

Of the 5508 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with Consultative Status at the United Nations, Zonta is one of the 141 NGOs with General Consultative Status. Zonta International was granted General Consultative Status in 1969.

For more information about CSW, visit <https://www.zonta.org/Global-Impact/Advocacy/CSW>.

December Service Project



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Our Club has expressed their interest and commitment to again support the children of Neu-Life Community Development with holiday gifts!

Neu-Life will have a Target Gift Registry which will be an easy way for members to shop. All information will be coming out soon in an email. Participation is optional. Your generosity is appreciated. Thank you!

– Joni Reese & Donna Conant



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Advocacy Inspiration

I saw an inspirational documentary film at this year's Milwaukee Film Festival (actually, I saw a bunch, but there's one in particular I want to point out to all of you) called ***We Are the Radical Monarchs***. It's about an alternative Girl Scout troop for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade girls of color, founded in Oakland, CA, that focuses on self-empowerment, self-worth, and issues that specifically affect girls of color.

Here's a link to the movie website: <https://wearetheradicalmonarchsmovie.com/>. Take a look at the trailer.

If you want to learn more, visit the organization website: <http://radicalmonarchs.org/>

– Donna Neal, Advocacy Chair