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NEWSLETTER

December 2019

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Zonta Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

We're celebrating the holiday season with a Paint and Sip Party! Salad and pizza from Rosati's will be served before we paint a festive holiday picture together.

Our meeting location will be:

The Farmhouse

4511 South 6th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53221

<https://farmhousepaintandsip.com/>

This event is \$38.00 payable to Zonta Club of Milwaukee.
Drinks can be purchased at an additional cost.

Please note: The reservation deadline for this event has already passed.

January Meeting Date Change!

Please note: The January club meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 29. More details to come in the January newsletter.

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President's Message



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Happy Holidays, Zontians!

We are all busy with the remaining holiday season and finishing anything we have left for our calendar year before year-end. However, I would like you to take a moment to reflect as we are also finishing up with a lot of great memories with many family, friends, and Zontians at events where we all shared in supporting the many goals over the last several decades (and century). What great times supporting worthy efforts to empower women and girls. And what a great group of strong and powerful women.

Please note that our January meeting has moved to January 29. Watch for more details in the January newsletter.

I am looking forward to spending time with many of you at our December meeting for the sip and paint event.

Happy Holidays, everyone!

With great appreciation and gratitude,

Maria Bellmann
Club President

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December 3
Pamela Knackert

December 5
Donna Neal

December 21
Jennifer Murillo

December 29
Jackie Beaudry

Meeting Minutes *for November 20, 2019*



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The meeting was called to order by Karen Smith, President Elect, at 6:05pm. There were two guests present, Julia Millard and Betsy Fuhrmann, who were introduced and welcomed.

The blessing was given by Jackie Beaudry.

TREASURER REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$14,237.89
Income	\$ 745.00
<u>Expensed</u>	<u>\$ 611.89</u>
Ending Balance	\$14,361.00

Karen announced there were items for sale that were left from the fall conference.

REPORTS

Fashion Show

Met on Monday. They have decided on a menu. A list was going around of invited guests who will be invited. Also, a list that members are to identify how many printed invitations they would like. There will be an electronic copy as well. Members are asked to donate \$20 for the wine baskets. Letters have been sent to all members to ask for donations and/or sponsors for the event.

Public Relations

Newsletter is out. The pictures for the Centennial Celebration are on Facebook. Members are able to access via the link sent in the newsletter email if they do not have Facebook.

Centennial Celebration

Great success. The net profit was \$2,300. Helen shared that \$1,000 was given to Sojourner Family Peace Center for District recognition. She requested that the remaining \$1,300 go to the Zonta International Foundation. It was moved by Gloria Jones and seconded by Donna Neal to donate \$1,300 to the Zonta International Foundation. The motion carried.

Scholarships

The 2020 Young Women in Public Affairs application is available from Zonta International and will be put on the Zonta Club of Milwaukee website.

Z Club – No Report

Membership – No Report



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Meeting Minutes *for Nov. 20, 2019 (cont.)*

Program

The Paint & Sip Holiday Party will be at The Farmhouse at 4511 S 6th St, starting at 5:30pm. Menu is pizza and salad buffet. Beverages at the cash bar. Eat first then paint for about an hour and a half. Cost is \$38 that needs to be paid in advance. Checks should be sent to the Treasurer. Deadline is December 9.

Still researching a location for 2020.

Service

Christmas gifts for Neu-Life. Joni explained the process for online purchases. Pam Knackert also gave information on how to get a 25% coupon that is good for one toy. An email was sent with instructions. Gift wrapping party is December 16, time unknown. Gifts can be purchased in person as well.

Advocacy

Donna Neal met with Tracy and Jody from New Life. Discussion regarding partnership 2.0. There will be a presentation to the club because they have expanded their programs including workforce development and culinary. More to come.

CLUB PROGRAM

Dana World-Patterson, Executive Director, Foundations for Freedom & Chairperson of Human Trafficking Taskforce of Milwaukee, which is under the City of Milwaukee Violence Prevention. The subject of the presentation was human trafficking.

FOUNDATION

Applications for funding will be on the website December 13. Agencies are eligible to apply even if they received a grant in the past.

NEW BUSINESS – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- December Celebration
- Spring Conference

Meeting was adjourned by President Elect Smith.

*Respectively Submitted,
Barbara Wyatt Sibley, Secretary*

Club Calendar

Club Meetings

December 18

NEW DATE! January 29

February 26

March 25

April 22

May 27

June 24

Spring Area Workshop

Saturday, March 28

Milwaukee, WI

Fashion Show

Saturday, April 25

Marriott Milwaukee West

Your foundation board members are visiting the past year's grant recipients to see how our Zonta donations are being used, find out what is new, and inform programs of the opportunity to apply again.

I met with Executive Director Debbie Buchanan and got a tour of the **Milwaukee Homeless Veteran Initiative**, whose **WOVIN: Women Veterans Initiative** was one of our 2018 and 2019 grant recipients.

Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative has been helping homeless and at-risk veterans since 2008. Their mission is to help homeless and at-risk veterans reach and maintain their highest levels of independence. Their programs fill the gaps that the government or other local agencies can't. These include an outreach program, home support, emergency food pantry, bikes for stripes and WOVIN.



WOVIN helps women veterans in particular – the fastest growing segment of the homeless population and of whom 25% have children. WOVIN strives to bridge the trust gap, inform women veterans of services they are eligible to receive, connect them with community services, and ensure their unique needs are being met. Our \$3,000 donation in 2018 helped over a dozen women vets with things like paying a security deposit, electric bills, car repairs and payments, hotel stays and post-surgery supplies and housing needs, as well as wellness event fees.

MHVI has many exciting things coming up. First, as of January 2020 they will be known as the Wisconsin Homeless Veterans Initiative, since they serve beyond the Milwaukee area (although 60 to 70% are within Milwaukee County). Second, they hope to find a bigger building in the general area of their existing building (63rd and National) so they can expand their services. They are outgrowing their space but want to stay near the other services provided. Third, they would like to expand their emergency food pantry to include healthy choices such as fresh fruits and vegetables and meats, and set it up more like a store. They also need space for a couple of crisis rooms where they can meet with clients. Fourth, they are looking to hire a Development Director and an Operations Manager (the latter to manage the warehouse where they store donations of furniture and other household items and clothing). (Debbie would be happy to hear of anyone you know who might be interested in these positions.)

I was very impressed with what they are doing.

– Pam Knackert

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 soon be sent. Planning is moving along smoothly. Our goal this month is that we follow up with a personal contact to those corporations that were mailed a donation request letter. Carol Mangold has volunteered for this task. If your employer does charitable giving, December is a great month to ask on behalf of the Zonta Foundation and our \$28,000 goal.

The second milestone for this month is getting the invitation to print-ready status for delivery to the printer. This also appears to be on track as the menu and the registration fee have now been set. The 2020 menu will be a hot entree of chicken chutney, with a vegan option as well. This selection responded to the 2019 participant requests for a change from salad to a hot meal while keeping the registration fee at \$60.00.

It is also time to gather raffle and auction items. Hotel stays, cottage and Northwoods experiences, boat rides, horseback riding and other action experiences, kids' stuff/play experiences, and restaurants are at the top of our guests' bidding lists. Friends, family, memberships and frequently used businesses are the very best resources for auction and raffle items, so use your influence and connections to see what treasure you can bring into our event.

– Lynne Oehlke & Karen Smith

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee Presents

AROUND THE WORLD



Empowering Women & Girls for Another 100 Years

Fashion Show Fundraiser • 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

at the Marriott Milwaukee West • W231 N1600 Corporate Court • Pewaukee, Wisconsin

Join us for a day of networking, food, fun & fashion. Fashions by **Christopher & Banks** - Brookfield Square
Fashions by Christopher & Banks of Brookfield, a specialty retailer for women who value quality, affordable stylish apparel, and exceptional service featuring misses, petite and plus sizes.

\$60 per person

\$30 per ticket is tax deductible • Reservations required

For more information go to <https://2020-zonta-fashion-show.eventbrite.com>

Turn to the last page of the newsletter for certificates to gift a ticket to the Zonta Fashion Show for the holidays.

UN Committee Report



At our October club meeting, the UN Committee took responsibility for the evening's Table Talk. Two topics were to be considered:

- What projects we are or have worked on that have met the United Nations Sustainable Goal #5, gender equality and empowerment of all women
- What projects we might undertake that support the United Nations Goal #5

There was general agreement across the tables that both the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Walk and the Neu-Life Education Program on Human Trafficking are projects that address Goal # 5.

Across the tables, there were numerous suggestions for possible future projects as well as the thought that we could benefit from partnering with another organization already working on an established project.

- Further education on human trafficking to include other venues such as airports and hotels, as well as possible speakers for club programs to further educate ourselves
- Housing Justice – A training program for young women on resources to help achieve safe and affordable housing
- Criminal Justice Reform – Noting that there is a circle/connect with unstable housing and criminal activity of children who are impacted by the insecurity of their surrounding environment.
- An international and local activity, both addressing the issue of clean water.

Carol Mangold discussed the opportunity of attending the coming 64th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) to be held March 9-20, 2020, in New York City. Zonta activities will begin on Saturday, March 7, with a seminar on child marriage. Zonta's statement to the CSW will be submitted with Soroptimist International and is currently being routed for additional endorsements. The statement will then be posted on the Zonta International website per Megan Radavich, Assistant Executive Director, Programs and Advocacy, Zonta International.

Further information will be forthcoming soon, but to keep abreast of plans, you can add your name to the CSW64 mailing list via Google Forms: <https://forms.gle/xLsf8VmMeKFRY8H1>.

Diane Lindsley, although not able to attend our meeting that night, has suggested partnerships with Milwaukee's Equal Rights Commission, the UNA of Greater Milwaukee, and WILPF, each of which would provide an intersection between international and local issues. She has also suggested a partnership in the local implementation of CEDAW, which is focused on ending all forms of discrimination against women. (See the CEDAW Treaty article in the November issue of the club newsletter.)

What Our Support Means to Neu-Life



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You've heard us talk about Neu-Life Community Development, and you've supported the kids in their program in many ways. Here is what Neu-Life has to say about what our support means for them:

In the spirit of giving thanks – Neu-Life wants to take a moment to publicly showcase our donors and say thank you for supporting us! Many of our programs would not be possible without generous donations from Zonta Club of Milwaukee, a long time donor, supporter, and partner.

In this post, you will get to know a little bit about why Zonta is a rockstar in our community, how they have supported us throughout the years and ways to join forces with Zonta Club of Milwaukee and Neu-Life. Here's to you, Zonta!

Why is Zonta important to us?

Zonta's impact on Neu-Life's youth began nearly a decade ago. Over the years, our collaborations have evolved from sponsoring the construction of our art room. Most recently, Zonta's involvement has reached Neu-STEPP, The Back to School Career Fair and The Holiday Season for Neu-Life Youth.

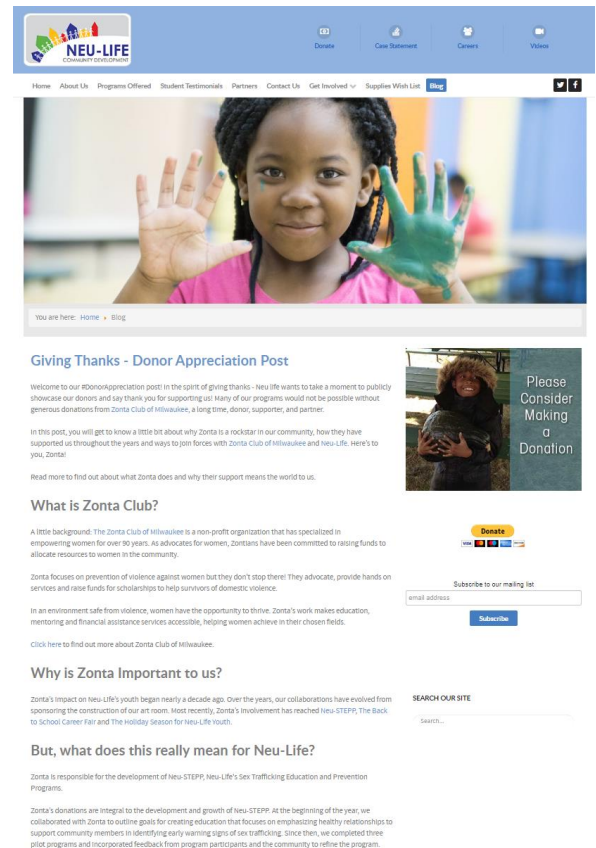
But, what does this really mean for Neu-Life?

Zonta is responsible for the development of Neu-STEPP*, Neu-Life's Sex Trafficking Education and Prevention Programs.

Zonta's donations are integral to the development and growth of Neu-STEPP. At the beginning of the year, we collaborated with Zonta to outline goals for creating education that focuses on emphasizing healthy relationships to support community members in identifying early warning signs of sex trafficking. Since then, we completed three pilot programs and incorporated feedback from program participants and the community to refine the program.

None of this would be possible without Zonta. We're happy to announce that with their support, we have redesigned Neu-STEPP and are starting revisions to print the official toolkit.

Backpacks and Christmas gifts are more than just free stuff. Zonta provides relief to families during the most financially stressful times of the year.



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This is our opportunity to shout 'Thank You' from the mountain tops, from all of us here at Neu-Life. Zonta, you continue to amaze us with your generous donations, support, and partnership.

Without you, we wouldn't be able to support the families in our community, or provide education to keep young people safe from violence.

We wouldn't be able to give young people the chance to start out their school year with brand new backpacks stuffed with school supplies, or brighten their holiday season with Christmas gifts.

**Neu-STEPP is the next iteration of the ARTREACH program we started with Neu-Life.*

(To see the complete original post, visit <https://www.neu-life.org/giving-thanks-donor-appreciation-post>)

Human Trafficking Legislative Update

State Sen. LaTonya Johnson's office reported that the Trucker Trafficking Education bill was signed Wednesday, November 20. Under AB22, 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. Per the *LaCrosse Tribune*, "truck and bus drivers are in a unique position to intercept instances of human trafficking, as many transactions and recruits take place at rest stops, with transport of enslaved individuals frequently done along the highway system."

Also signed into law that week was AB52, which allows homeless 17-year-olds to use a shelter facility or transitional living program despite being a minor. Homeless minors often end up being trafficked.

Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women



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According to a recent AP article, “Native American women experience some of the nation’s highest rates of murder, sexual violence and domestic abuse. The National Institute of Justice estimates that 1.5 million Native American women have experienced violence in their lifetime, including many who are victims of sexual violence. On some reservations, federal studies have shown women are killed at a rate more than 10 times the national average.”

Furthermore, “An Associated Press investigation last year found that nobody knows precisely how many Native American women have gone missing or have been killed nationwide because many cases go unreported, others aren’t well documented, and no government database specifically tracks them.”

A new initiative from the Justice Department “would invest \$1.5 million to hire specialized coordinators in 11 U.S. attorney’s offices across the U.S. with significant Indian Country caseloads. The coordinators would be responsible for developing protocols for a better law enforcement response to missing persons cases.”

The state of Wisconsin is also tackling the problem of violence against Native American Women. In September, bipartisan legislation was introduced to create a task force to address missing and murdered indigenous women and girls. According to an article in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, “Experts who have studied the issue say the legislation would be a good first step, but efforts to help Native American women shouldn’t end there. The task force would examine the factors that contribute to higher rates of violence among Native American women and girls and what can be done to mitigate the violence. The group would present a report to the Legislature and tribal leaders with its recommendations in December 2020.”

The bill is Assembly Bill 548. It was first read on October 14, 2019, and referred to the Committee on State Affairs. The text can be read at <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/related/proposals/ab548>.

Read the complete AP article, “Attorney general unveils plan on missing Native Americans,” by Michael Balsamo and Felicia Fonseca, Nov 22, 2019, at <https://apnews.com/025dc5573fdb4952a4ebdcc3212fa560>.

Read the complete Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article, “Wisconsin lawmakers may create a task force on missing and murdered indigenous women. Experts say it’s just a first step.”, by Jen Zettel-Vandenhouten, Sept 19, 2019, at <https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/solutions/2019/09/19/wisconsin-bill-would-focus-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women/2347198001/>.

Gift certificate:

Zonta Fashion Show April 25, 2020

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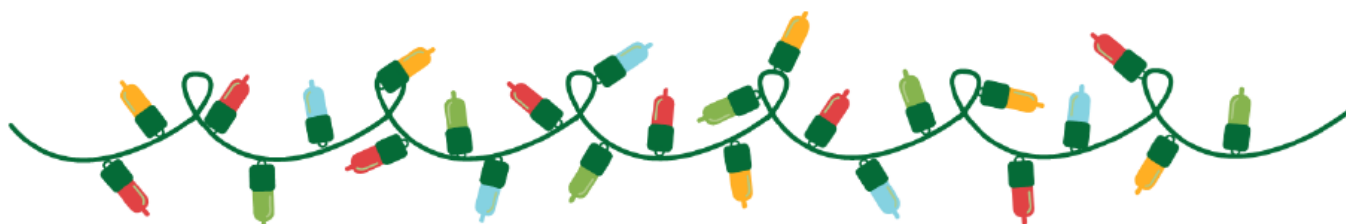


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