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NEWSLETTER

December 2020

Zonta Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, December 16th at 6pm via Zoom

Program: *Holiday Celebration Social*

Happy Holidays Zonta of Milwaukee! I am looking forward to seeing you at our Holiday Zoom Party on December 16, 2020. While I know that we all would like to see each other in person we continue to practice the safest way to gather virtually. -Maureen Siwula

We have a simple program planned for the 16th:

- Wear your ugly holiday sweater for a chance to win a gift certificate
- Enjoy some holiday songs
- Bring your favorite holiday decoration and play show and tell

While the pandemic has kept us physically apart, we will still socialize and have fellowship virtually and safely.



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President's Message



Hello Sister Zontians.

Happy December everyone!

Here we are already in December of 2020. Even with the seclusion of the pandemic, it still seems as though time has flown so quickly. Thank you to everyone who has been participating in our monthly Zoom club meetings. I know it is less than ideal, so your efforts are appreciated. Some clubs in our district have continued to meet in person and we will evaluate the possibility of that as we move into 2021. It will be a board and club meeting topic in January to see when our club might feel comfortable moving this direction.

Many thanks to those of you who participated in the **Every Member Every November** district challenge to raise funds for the Zonta Foundation for Women. If you were not able to participate but would like to consider Zonta International for a gift, you can do so through the Zonta International website.

Just a reminder that those who wish to participate in the Neu-Life Holiday gift event, the link is tgt.gifts/neulifeholiday. There are still 20 gifts available to purchase for Neu-Life and they would like the gifts received by December 15. Your generosity continues to be incredible!

Lastly a very special thank you to Donna Neal, Diane Lindsley, Joni Reese and others from the Service and Advocacy committee for their wonderful work on **16 Days of Activism and Advocacy**. All content was highly informative and very well presented. Many many thanks!

I hope you and your families all have a wonderful holiday season.

Karen
Club President



Club Meeting Minutes – Nov 18



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Zonta Club of Milwaukee Meeting Minutes Minutes Wednesday November 18, 2020

Zoom Meeting was called to order by Karen Smith at 6:06.

President's Message: Karen made an appeal to the Club for volunteers for the nominating committee. She requested that anyone interested reply to her by the second week of December.

Treasurer's Report: Maria Bellmann presented the Treasurer's Report:

- Balance as of October 1, 2020: \$15,137.44
- Expenses: End Domestic Abuse WI: 750.00
- Balance as of October 31, 2020: \$14,387.44

- CD Balance: \$ 5,330.20

Program: Nia Obotette, author - "I am a Triathlete".

Business - Committee Reports:

Service and Advocacy:

- **Neu Life Holiday gifts:** The link to Target for the Holiday gifts is in the newsletter. We committed to providing 45 gifts. Joni recommends that Zonta 2020 be entered so that we can track how many we provide. Approximately 60 gifts total are needed. All gifts need to be at Neu Life by December 15.
- **16 Days of Advocacy/Activism:** We will be doing a series of 16 posts on Social media. They will have a consistent 2-sided format. Issues will be one side and possible solutions or actions on the other side. Everyone is encouraged to read, repost and share. The hope is that this could lead to a potential project for the club. Joni will also try to track which posts resonate most to lead to future newsletter or meeting programs. The committee will ask for feedback in December. The one exception is that on Tuesday, December 1, the Day of Giving, a post will be uploaded encouraging donations to our scholarship.
- **Racial Justice:** Our discussion last meeting was a difficult discussion. Lynne Oehlke moved that the Racial Justice Committee interview potential facilitators to organize a plan for future presentations to the Club. Jackie Beaudry seconded. Motion carried.

Public Relations:

- Go Daddy moved all of email mailboxes to Office 365 on November 2.
- Joni is requesting all newsletter articles be submitted no later than December 5.

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Fashion Show Fundraiser: Next fashion show will be October 23, 2021. Please start reaching out regarding donations for silent auction and raffle items.

Scholarship:

- Jackie and Crystal have joined the committee.
- YWPA was just posted on ZI website. Deb will provide information to Joni to be posted on the Club website. Deadline for applications is March 15, 2021.
- ZI has decided to continue the Stem Scholarship.
- Scholarship will be requesting donations on Giving Tuesday.

Membership: Membership is working on a survey to send to members who have resigned in the past year to get feedback as to reasons for leaving. Goal is to see if there is some commonality. After the results have been received, the committee may personally contact some of the former members for further information.

Program: December is a holiday celebration with music and sharing of our favorite family tradition or ornament. There will be an ugly sweater competition with the winner receiving a Starbucks gift card.

Foundation

- i. Dinner meeting money raised from October, November and December will be added to the funds raised at the fundraiser and used to support agencies at the next fashion show. The easiest way to donate is to write a check to Zonta Foundation and send to Elizabeth Stull. Other options are to donate with credit card through the Website or Facebook.
- ii. Since the Fashion Show is not until October 2021, the request for applications for agencies will be delayed with applications to go out in April. Members are asked to notify any agencies that have applied in the past.

UN:

- The ZISVAW activities were outlined in the newsletter. ZI board has now decided that all of the projects are directed at stopping violence against women so ZISVAW has been merged with Service projects.
- ZI is running a campaign “Every Member Every November” and creating a competition between districts. Members need to use the District 6 link or give under the special event and name District 6 in order for credit to be given.

Announcements:

- Next Club Meeting December 16, 2020 at 6:00 via Zoom.
- November 25 – International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women (kick off for the
- December 1 – Giving Tuesday

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Upcoming Dates:

December Club Meeting: Dec 16th
Club Board Meeting: Jan 12th
January Club Meeting: Jan 27th

Spring Workshop:

March 20th (TBD virtual)

Email from Intl Foundation & D6 \$\$



Dear Friend,

I want to personally thank you for supporting the Zonta Foundation for Women's Every Member Every November District Challenge campaign. Your gifts represent hope for countless women and girls around the world in need of better education, health care, economic opportunities and a life free from gender-based violence.

We know that these continue to be trying times for many. Even amid economic uncertainty, a global health pandemic and natural disasters, Zontians stepped up and did what they could to honor Zonta's commitment to support the women and girls served through our partnerships. Each individual contribution counts toward our goal and our mission of making the world better for the next generation.

We invite you to view the [final district leaderboard standings](#) and please watch for an official announcement highlighting the results of this special campaign.

Again, thank you for ensuring that Zonta continues to empower women and girls even during these difficult times.

With warm regards,

Sharon Langenbeck, Ph.D.
President



With your generosity, more than US\$450,000 was raised to support Zonta's [international service projects](#).

Every dollar donated will provide life-changing opportunities for women and girls around the world.

2020 Fundraiser

At our October meeting it was agreed that all dinner money donated for October, November and December club meetings would go to our Zonta Foundation, Inc. and would be added to our 2020 fundraiser money and then distributed to the Milwaukee area non-profits next year.

Dinner money can be sent by check made out to Zonta Foundation, Inc. and sent to Elizabeth Stull at 3049 S. 39th St. Milwaukee, WI 53215. If you prefer to use credit card you can either go to Facebook and look for a post from our 2020 fundraiser (Sept. 24) and hit donate (we do not pay a fee using Facebook) or go to our website and hit the “Donate Now” button on the top right of our website page. Denote fundraiser on check or in comment space if possible.

2021 Fashion Show

Please Save the Date of Saturday, October 23, 2021 for our fashion show fundraiser.

Foundation News

Thanks to all those who took advantage of Giving Tuesday (Dec. 1) this year for Zonta Foundation, Inc. The money raised will be going to our local scholarships.



If anyone else wants to make an end of year donation to our Foundation please send check to Elizabeth Stull or donate via our website or Facebook page.

Just a reminder that our application timeline for grants for 2021 has been pushed out. We will be supplying applications around April 1st with due date of July 1st. Then decision by Foundation Board end of August/early September and disbursement of awards at Oct. 23rd fashion show fundraiser.

Neu-Life Holiday Gifts Service Project

Thanks to all who participated in our Neu-Life Holiday Gift drive. I believe we met our commitment of 45 gifts.

-Pam Knackert-

Foundation Thanks



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October 30, 2020

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Dear Friends,

During this time of great uncertainty, we have been comforted, encouraged, and humbled by the outpouring of generosity and support from our community. Remarkable people, like yourself, have all stepped up to support our community front-line health care workers and patients with donations of meals, snacks, personal protective equipment, monetary gifts, and more. To us, YOU are our heroes and we thank you for helping us meet the challenges of this moment, so we can continue to provide the highest order of care with inclusion, integrity, compassion, accountability, respect, and excellence.

Your donation of \$200.00 will work directly towards ensuring the safety of our staff who are fighting this pandemic on the front lines and of the patients and community members who so desperately need our help.

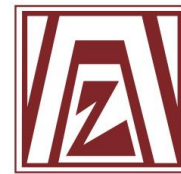
Thank you for being our partner. Your confidence in our work means the world to us, and your donation helps all of us further our ability to succeed during this health crisis.

Be well. Be healthy. Be strong.

With much gratitude,

Cindy Cooper
VP of Advancement

This donation was not exchanged for goods or services and should be regarded as tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



We supported Zonta International 16 Days of Advocacy with daily posts beginning November 25 and continuing through December 10. We hope you followed them, learned something new, and were stimulated to explore an issue in more depth. Sad but true, it's not hard to come up with 16 issues that are barriers to the empowerment of women and girls requiring advocacy and/or activism.

November was National American Indian Heritage Month. As members of Zonta International, we carry a Lakota Sioux name meaning honest and trustworthy. So in this newsletter it is appropriate that we honor some of the Native American women who, over the 20th century, advocated for their people in significant ways. Here are a few teasers regarding what five remarkable women accomplished. Find out more by using the links to their full stories..

"Princess Red Wing", a Winnebago woman, began her career in 1914 in the silent movies. Her goal was to ensure that Native Americans in the movies were depicted truthfully, accurately and not used as props for the "Cowboy and Indian" movies being filmed. There was an enormous discrepancy in pay between white and Native American actors which affected her, as a principal actor as well. **What did she do about it**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princess_Red_Wing

"Bright Eyes", an Omaha woman, believed that peaceful revolutions were slow but sure. She was committed to securing rights for her people which was extremely important to her as she was the daughter of "Iron Eyes", the last recognized chief of the Omaha tribe. **Read about her "firsts" as well as how and where she directed her advocacy efforts.**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Susette_La_Flesche

A Wyandotte woman whose tribe were also referred to as "Huron" became known as the guardian of a cemetery that still stands today. As a lawyer her advocacy efforts took her to argue her case before the Supreme Court...before women could even vote! **What were her causes and how did she fight "the powers that be?" Why were her causes so important to her personally?**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lyda_Conley

"Yellow Bird Woman", a woman of the Blackfoot Nation, was a contemporary woman. As a small girl she watched the goings-on of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the US Department of the Interior who refused to treat her people fairly when it came to finances and property. As she grew older she concentrated on her education to get herself in a position to right wrongs that had gone on through the mismanagement of these agencies. **Read how she advocated for her people, what the results were and what stands today in memory of her advocacy.**

<https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/elouise-cobell-yellow-bird-woman>



Navajo Nation woman Amanda Blackhorse took on Pro-Football, Inc and the Washington Redskins in particular. She is known as an Advocate who has brought about changes that some vowed would never happen. She says women of her Nation have always been advocates and do not tolerate the disrespect allowed by some areas of American life...no matter what the intention is or was. **Where did she focus her advocacy efforts? What were the results?**

<https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/amanda-blackhorse>

The advocacy efforts and subsequent results of these women is remarkable. Their stories of how they arrived, prepared, and worked their plans for advocacy issues are inspiring. Enjoy their stories!

-Donna Neal-

**Celebrate
December
Birthdays!**

*Pam Knackert
Dec 3rd*

*Donna Neal
Dec 5th*

*Jennifer Murillo
Dec 21st*

*Jackie Beaudry
Dec 29th*

2021



YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD

Recognizing young women for their commitment to volunteerism, volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to empowering women worldwide



1 APPLICATION, 3 OPPORTUNITIES

Club award
Varies by club

32 district awards
US\$1,500 each

10 international awards
US\$5,000 each

Applications must be received by the applicant's local Zonta club's deadline. To locate a club near you and download an application, please visit: zonta.org/YWPAAward.

CLUB DEADLINE:

March 15, 2021

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

Deb Koller
210 S. Water St. Unit 521
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zcscholarship@zontamilwaukee.org

The Young Women in Public Affairs Award is a Zonta International program funded by contributions to the Zonta Foundation for Women. Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.