



**ZONTA**  
CLUB OF  
MILWAUKEE  
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
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THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Area 2 • District 6

**2020–2021**

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# NEWSLETTER

January 2021

## Zonta Virtual Meeting

**Wednesday, January 27th at 6pm via Zoom**

**Speaker: Donna Rongholt-Migan, Director at Cathedral Center**

The Executive Director of the Cathedral Center Donna Rongholt-Migan, MSW, ISCW, will be our speaker in January. Donna has led the Cathedral Center, Inc. as their first, permanent Executive Director. Donna believes strongly in collaboration and partnership, resulting in significant growth of the agency over the past 17 years.

Cathedral Center was the first emergency shelter in Milwaukee to fully implement Milwaukee's model for Coordinated Entry services - aiding individuals and families in need to access immediate shelter and housing services via one 24/7 phone call. This is a critically needed community service that was realized in part due to Donna's commitment to see homeless families served faster and better. Donna will share with us the significant impact the center makes in people's lives.

***Please Note: In conjunction with having Donna as a speaker in January, we are doing a blankets and sheets mini-service project for the Cathedral Center in Milwaukee. Please refer to the Service page.***



**Happy New Year 2021!**



*Thanks to all who participated in our Holiday Zoom Party. We shared holiday memories stories and songs. Joni Reese was the winner of the festive sweater contest.*

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## President's Message



Hello Sister Zontians.

Happy New Year! Yes, it is a happy New Year. Happiness can come from seeing possibility rather than impossibility. As Zontians we choose to see the possibility through the projects that we participate in both locally and internationally. We choose to see the possibility of young women achieving goals through the scholarship program. We see the possibility of a world without gender-based violence, child marriage and with gender equality. We see the possibility of girls being educated in Madagascar and health needs being met for girls in Peru. Yes, we can find happiness in seeking what is possible. Thank YOU for seeing what is possible!

In February and March our Nominating committee will be asking members of our club to fill positions on the Club Board and Foundation Board. If you are asked to serve, please consider doing so. March 20 will be the Spring Workshop for Area 2. Our club is the workshop host and we have requested that the event be planned as a 3-hour virtual event. More to come on that.

2021 marks the 95 Anniversary of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee. We are grateful for those that have gone before us in founding this club and the difference made by the members over 95 years. This is a significant milestone, and we look forward to our 100-year celebration in 2026.

I hope this message finds you all healthy and filled with possibility!

Karen  
*Club President*





January 2020

Dear President of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee with a copy to Governor of District 6,

I am delighted to congratulate you and the members of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee on your 95th anniversary. In the decades since your club was chartered, you have no doubt made a difference for many women and girls, for which you can be proud.

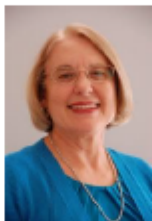
As you celebrate this milestone, let us also look forward to the future and how your club will continue to make an impact in your community.

Collectively with nearly 1,200 clubs around the world, the Zonta Club of Milwaukee has contributed significantly to empowering women and girls so they can reach their full potential. I am deeply thankful for your dedication and support.

Zonta International has provided more than US\$41.2 million to empower women and girls and expand their access to education, health care, economic opportunities and safe living conditions. We are proud of all our achievements in the last century and celebrate that we have helped improve the lives of millions of women and girls.

This biennium, Zonta International's programs and projects focus on education and eliminating violence against women and girls. To effect change while continuing to be a leading advocate for women's rights and gender equality, we must work together.

Once again, congratulations on your meaningful anniversary. I wish you continued success.



Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Sharon Langenbeck'.

Sharon Langenbeck, Ph.D.  
President, 2020-2022  
Zonta International & Zonta International Foundation

# News & Announcements



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**Laura Baker, the D6 Advocacy Chair forwarded on the following request to the D6 Clubs for action. The Club Board discussed on January 12<sup>th</sup>, and will comply with the request to the extent that we are able.**

Ladies -

The USA Caucus requests that each Club send a letter to the editor of a local newspaper regarding the extension of time for ratification. It appears that most letters can be submitted via a newspaper website (as opposed to sending it via U.S. mail). Please ask all Clubs in your area to send the letter for print on January 27 (the one-year anniversary of the Virginia voting to ratify the Amendment). The letter can include the following language:

**Re: Gender equality and our Constitution**

**On January 27, 2020, the Equal Rights Amendment was full-ratified and went from having a name to have a number: 28. Although the Department of Justice temporarily blocked the National Archivist from certifying the 28th Amendment, one administration cannot halt America's progress toward equality forever.**

**Until now, gender equality has existed as piecemeal law., both in in Federal and in States. This is insufficient. What Americans have needed all along is foundational law. With the 28th Amendment, the Equal Rights Amendment, we can fix the gender equality gap in our Constitution, bringing our country one step closer to liberty and justice for all.**

**The 28th Amendment reads: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any States on account of sex."**

**Like bricks, simple, straightforward amendments firm up our foundation. Ninety-seven percent (97%) of Americans favor Equal Rights. Please write your Representative in Congress to remove the time period for ratification.**

Thank you ladies!

Mary Nagel  
USA Caucus Representative  
District 6

**Upcoming Dates:**

January Club Meeting: Jan 27<sup>th</sup>  
Club Board Meeting: Feb 9<sup>th</sup>  
February Club Meeting: Feb 24<sup>th</sup>

**Spring Workshop:**

March 20<sup>th</sup> (TBD virtual)

**Fashion Show:**

October 23rd

## January Blanket Service Project

### *Collecting new blankets and sheets for the Cathedral Center in Milwaukee*

Women and families sheltered at the Cathedral Center need sheets and blankets. When the women leave the shelter, they take a set of sheets and a blanket with them.

We kicked this service project off at the Holiday Party and to date we have donated 32 items. Great work and there is still time to donate by dropping purchased items off with Maureen Siwula or using the donate wish list on the Cathedral Web Site. See link below. **Twin XL is the size of sheets and blankets needed.** Participation is voluntary, but if you are donating, ***please do so by the end of January!***

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/lis/ref=cm\\_wl\\_huc\\_view?ie=UTF8&lid=11AE55NXCXK5X&ref\\_cm\\_wl\\_huc\\_vie\\_w&ty=wishlist&fbclid=IwAR15wF\\_VT8rJrUaMukxEk3U6dZMBJWypC3kIBJbDGMeYaK\\_KVUinKX-VXQ](https://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/lis/ref=cm_wl_huc_view?ie=UTF8&lid=11AE55NXCXK5X&ref_cm_wl_huc_vie_w&ty=wishlist&fbclid=IwAR15wF_VT8rJrUaMukxEk3U6dZMBJWypC3kIBJbDGMeYaK_KVUinKX-VXQ)

## Neu-Life Holiday Gifts Service Project



**Thank you!**  
for the Holiday Gifts

Thank you for making our Neu-Life youth Christmas special this year.

Special thanks to all the gift donors including:

- Zonta Club of Milwaukee
- Tandem Restaurant
- United Way of Milwaukee and Waukesha County
- Illume Cosmetic Surgery & Medspa
- and individual donors.

*Happy Holidays!*



*Thanks to all who participated in our Neu-Life Holiday Gift drive!*

## **Zonta is Addressing Gender-Based Violence through Education**

Zonta believes education has the power to save and improve the lives of women and girls, which leads to healthier families and stronger communities. Through our international service projects, Zonta International is working to end gender-based violence (GBV) and bring education to women and girls in 16 countries.

Women and girls today are at an alarming risk of violence in almost every space—at school and work, in the home and community, and even online. All of these have physical, psychological and social consequences.

- Education can be one of the most powerful tools to enable girls to avoid child marriage and fulfill their potential.
- Girls with little or no education are 3 times as likely to marry by 18 as those with a secondary or higher education.
- More than 60% of women (ages 20-24) with little or no education were married before 18.

Education has been shown to have a largely positive impact on reducing gender-based violence. Women with at least a secondary-level education are not as likely as their less-educated peers to experience violence. In addition, men with at least secondary education are not as likely as their less-educated peers to perpetrate violence.

### **How do we do this?**

**We empower adolescent girls.  
(partnering with UNICEF in Peru - \$1,000,000.)**

**We partner with experts to coordinate and improve responses to gender-based violence.  
(partnering with UNPFA in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Lesta - \$1,000,000.)**

**We ensure girls are able to stay in school.  
(partnering with UNICEF USA in Madagascar -\$500,000 Phase III.)**

**We work to end child marriage.  
(partnering with UNFPA – UNICEF in 12 countries - \$1,500,000 Phase II – Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Sierra Leone, Yemen, Zambia)**



## 2021



### Jane M. Klausman **WOMEN IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP**

Expanding opportunities  
for women in business



## 1 APPLICATION, 3 OPPORTUNITIES

Club award  
Varies by club

32 district awards  
US\$2,000 each

6 international awards  
US\$8,000 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/JMKScholarship](https://zonta.org/JMKScholarship).

#### CLUB DEADLINE:

June 1, 2021

#### SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

Deb Koller  
210 S. Water St. Unit 521  
Milwaukee, WI 53204  
or  
[zscholarship@zontamilwaukee.org](mailto:zscholarship@zontamilwaukee.org)

The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship 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.

# Celebrate! Female Firsts!



## **Female Trailblazers**

**Captain Amy Bauernschmidt**, from Milwaukee, is the first woman to command a U.S. Navy nuclear aircraft carrier, the USS Abraham Lincoln. The Milwaukee native graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1994. The women in the class of 1994 graduating beside her were the first allowed to serve on combat ships and planes. For additional information on Capt. Bauernschmidt's naval service and accomplishments see:

<https://www.tmj4.com/news/local-news/milwaukee-native-becomes-first-woman-to-command-air-craft-carrier>

<https://news.usni.org/2020/12/23/first-female-nuclear-carrier-co-will-command-uss-abraham-lincoln>

**Kim Ng** is the first woman to be hired as general manager of a major league men's baseball team. Ms. Ng is also unique in being the second person of Asian descent to manage a major league team. She assumes her role as manager of the Miami Marlins for the 2021 season. Additional information on the career of Kim Ng can be viewed on:

<https://apnews.com/article/kim-ng-miami-marlins-first-female-gm-mlb-3f0c9f022b0010a9f92195fcefbe58fe>

In this historic year when the United States will swear in our first female Vice President, Kamala Harris, it seems appropriate to recognize other females who have broken barriers or accomplished outstanding feats. Celebrating the successes of women and girls in all walks of life is what we do as Zontians. I would suggest that we make this a regular feature of the Milwaukee Club Newsletter and would encourage all club members to be on the lookout for other firsts and accomplishments.

Carol Mangold, VP

