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2020–2021

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NEWSLETTER

November 2020

Zonta Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, November 18th at 6pm via Zoom

Program: *New Author Nia Obotette*

“I am a Triathlete” is a one-of-a-kind children’s book, that will help encourage kids and adults to explore the sport of triathlons. This book celebrates the idea that anyone can make it to the finish line. All you need is a plan and a will to succeed. As intimidating as a triathlon can be, **“I Am a Triathlete”** encourages the reader to step out of your comfort zone and try something new.

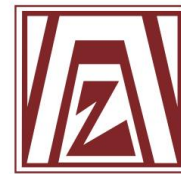


ABOUT NIA OBOTETTE

Nia Obotette is a Milwaukee, Wisconsin resident, and HBCU graduate of Tuskegee University. Over the years Nia has organized and coordinated cycling and running meet-ups with local groups like Black Girls Run and Black Girls Do Bike. She has been inspiring and encouraging ladies to increase their fitness by participating in marathons, duathlons, and triathlons. In 2013 Nia completed her first triathlon, which inspired her to encourage others to try the sport. Swimming, biking, and running has proven to be both challenging and rewarding. Now Nia is looking to inspire a younger generation and to continue to encourage those new to Triathlons to make it to the finish line.

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President's Message



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Hello Sister Zontians.

Here we are already in the month of November.

As we look back on October, I would like to take a moment to thank Donna Neal and the Service and Advocacy Committee for their diligent and thought-provoking Domestic Violence Awareness Month campaign. I am hopeful that the information and stories shared touched and enlightened not only members of our club but the broader social media community as well. Thank you!

In November, I would encourage everyone to take some time and explore the Zonta International website (www.Zonta.org). There is excellent content about our causes and missions, the history, mission and vision of Zonta (under About Us), and the opportunity to financially support the Foundation. Much like the challenges our club has had with our postponed fundraiser, International has also had missed opportunities with the Fall Conferences being cancelled or held virtually. Please remember we are a part of this much larger community.

Thank you for all you do to serve the greater Milwaukee Area. See you at our Zoom Club Meeting on November 18th.

Karen
Club President



Club Meeting Minutes – Oct 28



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Zonta Club of Milwaukee Meeting Minutes Minutes Wednesday October 28, 2020

Zoom Meeting was called to order by Karen Smith at 6:07.

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

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| • Balance as of September 1 | \$15,497.37 |
| Expenses: | |
| Fall conference 2019 & Zoom (Karen Smith): | 325.92 |
| Fall conference 2019 (Maria Bellmann) | 200.00 |
| Renita's donation to Foundation: | 25.00 |
| Square (new member): | <u>6.01</u> |
| Total fees: | 556.93 |
| Income: | |
| New member dues | <u>197.00</u> |
| Total Income: | 197.00 |
| Balance as of September 30, 2020: | \$15,137.44 |
| CD Balance: | \$ 5,330.20 |

Recognition of Milestone Anniversaries: Pam Knackert recognized members with milestone anniversaries.

Program: Racial Justice Committee – "Tolerance is for Cowards".

Business - Committee Reports:

Service and Advocacy:

- **Neu Life Holiday gifts:** Pam reported that 60 elementary kids need gifts. Members in attendance committed to 33 gifts.
- **16 Days of Advocacy/Activism:** Planning a posting campaign with a 2-sided postcard theme. Each will highlight a different issue and what actions can be taken. Day 1 will start with an explanation and the history of the 16 days of advocacy. Days 2 – 15 will focus on the individual issues. Day 16 will have a personal worksheet with a list to 100 action items. On Giving Tuesday, we will post a couple of items requesting gifts for our scholarships.

Public Relations:

- The meeting in November is early so newsletters articles need to be submitted by November 7th.

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- Joni is wrapping up the October Facebook posts for end domestic abuse month.
- The Board decided to pay GoDaddy for a 3-year commitment for services for the email hosting and security. GoDaddy is also changing the email format to Office 365 as of 11/3.

Fashion Show Fundraiser:

- Fundraiser through donations and online auction raised approximately \$8,600.
- Next fashion show will be October 23, 2021 rather than in April. Event will need to start earlier because the venue has a wedding later in the day so it will be brunch rather than a lunch event.

Scholarship: No report was available.

Membership: No report was available.

Program:

- November program is not yet decided. The topic will be gratitude in the theme of Thanksgiving. Joni agreed to reach out to a potential speaker who wrote a children's book focused setting and achieving goals outside your comfort zone.
- December is typically a social event. Maureen asked and the consensus was that we should meet. No decision was made as to the format of the meeting.

Foundation

- Foundation would like the dinner meeting money raised from October, November and December meetings to 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.
- For Giving Tuesday, requests are going to be posted for donations for scholarships.
- 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.

UN: A former Amelia Earhart winner shared a Nobel prize.

Announcements:

- Next Club Meeting November 18, 2020 at 6:00 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

A Letter from District 6



Fellow Zonta members

This is our opportunity to help Zonta move forward and support our service projects for this biennium. With Convention and conferences cancelled or restricted we are missing our opportunity to get off to a good financial start for our International Service projects. Now is our chance to strengthen our projects and reach out a hand to the women counting on us.

The Zonta Foundation for Women has announced a strengthened **Every Member Every November** drive. Each Zontian is asked to consider a donation in the month of November, which will be directed to the International Service Projects. So many women and girls are counting on us.

This is an on-line drive only. The gifts will be accepted through CharityGoFundMe portal. Each district has its own direct access. Ours will be: charity.gofundme.com/zontadistrict6 The Zonta International website will have that information at the **Every Member Every November** campaign page. Browse around and look at the projects and pictures of some of the women and girls who will benefit from your generosity.

The time to give is from November 1. through December 1.

Let's show the Zonta world what District 6 can do!

Any questions or problems, contact District 6 Foundation Ambassador
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Membership



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*Our thoughts are with La Toya in her recovery...
she reached out on 11/10 to report that she is
doing well!!*



November Birthday

Sandra Goldmann - Nov16th



Foundation & Fundraising

2020 Fundraising & Results To-Date

Thanks to all members and friends who participated in our online auction and made donations to our 2020 Fundraiser in place of the Fashion Show. We raised approximately \$3000 on the auction and had over \$5600 in donations (and possibly more since all accounting has not been done). Donations included online auction site donations, website donations, Facebook donations and checks sent in (including reservations that guests turned into donations). This money along with dinner money for the remaining months of 2020 (see below) will be used to distribute to the Milwaukee area non-profits chosen by your Foundation Board (see Foundation News) at the Fashion Show in 2021.

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.

2021 Fashion Show

The Fashion Show committee with Club agreement, in light of the continuing pandemic, have decided our best bet would be to move our 2021 Fashion Show to the fall. We have confirmed Saturday October 23, 2021 with the Marriott West. By moving to another date, we do not lose money, which would be a significant loss if we totally cancelled.



Because of weddings already booked for all Saturdays in the fall, we must be out of the Marriott by 2:00 pm. We are considering a brunch menu (still need to get some options from Marriott) with the fashion show to follow but starting the event a little earlier to be sure to exit in enough time. Please put the date on your calendar and let your friends know.

Foundation Meeting Updates/News

Your Zonta Foundation Board met in October and a few items coming out of our meeting were:

- Ask that dinner money go to Zonta Foundation, Inc. for the 2020 Fundraiser (item detailed above)
- Zonta Foundation, Inc. would like to take advantage of **Giving Tuesday (Dec. 1)** this year. So, we are going to ask for donations for scholarships on our Facebook page. Deb Koller, as Scholarship Chair, will write up a few posts for us.



Timing Update for 2021 Grant Applications

The other discussion was to change our timeline for asking for 2021 grant applications from non-profits, since our Fashion Show will not be until October 23, 2021. The board suggested, and club agreed at October meeting, that we will push the timeline out, with applications going out around April 1, 2021, return approximately July 1, then board would meet mid/late July to choose agencies to give to and agencies would be notified late August/early September with giving grants at Fashion Show in October. Foundation board would let previous recipients know of this changed timeline and also note on our website.



ZISVAW: Zonta International Strategies to End Violence Against Women

November 25, 2020

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Zonta International's Vision

Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men. **In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.**

"Through the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign, Zonta clubs around the world are uniting to raise their voices to bring awareness to this issue and advocate on behalf of gender-based violence survivors." – Sharon Langenbeck

Since Zonta's inception of its ZISVAW program in the 1996-1998 biennium, more than \$9.5 million has been provided to support projects in 46 countries:

2018-2020

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| Global | UNICEF USA UNFPA | Ending Child Marriage |
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2016 – 2018

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| Niger | UNFPA | Respecting Rights and Responding to the needs of Adolescent Girls |
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2014-2016

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2012-2014

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| Honduras | UN Women | Safe Cities for Women |
| Rural Samoa | UN Women | Empowering Women to Combat Violence with UN Trust Fund |
| Global | UN Women UN Trust Fund | Mass Communication on Edutainment for Social Change |

2010-2012

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| <u>Cambodia,</u> | UN Trust Fund | Comprehensive Strategy to End Burn Violence against |
| Nepal | UN Women | <u>Women</u> |
| Uganda | | |



2008-2010

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| Cambodia | UNIFEM | Ending Violence Against Women Through Community Action |
| Egypt | UN Trust Fund | Combating Physical Violence and Supporting the Implementation of Protective and Anti Discriminatory Laws |
| Syria | UNIFEM | Community-Based Center for Housing and Rehabilitation of Women Victims of Violence |

2006-2008

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| Bosnia, Croatia Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro | RAMP | Prevention of Cross Border Regional Trafficking |
| Niger | UN Trust Fund | Implementation of Laws, Policies and Action Plans on Violence Against Women |
| Sierra Leone | UN Trust Fund | Combating Violence Against Women |
| Thailand | UNIFEM | Preventing Trafficking in Women by Addressing Normative Dimensions of Demand |

2004-2006

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| Bhutan | UN Trust Fund | Actions to Eliminate Violence Against Women: Creation of Women Friendly Police and Judicial Procedures |
| Chad | UNFPA | Prevention of Gender Based Violence MONG Sudanese Refugees |
| Sri Lanka | UN Foundation | Prevent and Manage the Consequences of Sexual and Gender Based Violence in Post Tsunami Sri Lanka |

2005

First ZISVAW grants to UN agencies or recognized non-governmental organizations for projects that seek to change personal and/or political knowledge, attitudes and behavior contributing to gender-based violence.

2000-2004

Grants in the amount of \$25,000 to clubs partnering with local non-governmental organizations or schools to produce programs aimed at preventing violence against women.

1998

ZISVAW was created to improve education and increase awareness of violence against women and children. It was adopted as an ongoing program of ZI at the 1998 International Convention in Paris.

1996-1998

ZISVAW was the first international service project administered by Zonta International



November 25, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, begins **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence**, an annual global campaign for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls, that ends on December 10, Human Rights Day.

The campaign is sponsored by the United Nations Secretary General and was launched in 1991 at the inaugural Women's Global Leadership Institute. Since 2008, the campaign has been known as UNiTE by 2030 to End Violence Against Women.

UNiTE calls on governments, civil society, women's organizations, young people, the private sector, the media and the entire UN system to join forces in addressing the global pandemic of violence against women and girls. The campaign builds on existing international legal and policy frameworks and works to synergize the efforts of all UN offices and agencies working to prevent and end violence against women and girls.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated key risk factors for VAWG, such as food shortages, unemployment, economic insecurity, school closures, massive migration flows and the threat of civil unrest. School closures, financial and food insecurity have heightened the risk of violence for girls including sexual exploitation, harassment, and child marriage.

In supporting the 16 Days of Activism campaign in 2020, the Zonta Club of Milwaukee is focusing on one of the 7 main principles of UNiTE Campaign advocacy:

'Leave No One Behind': apply a human rights-based approach and focus attention on the most underserved and disadvantaged groups of women and girls in efforts to prevent and end violence against women and girls.

Look for our daily postings from November 25 through December 10. We'll be sharing information on a number of issues as well as possible actions or solutions.



Neu-Life Holiday Gifts

Our Club has expressed their interest and commitment to again support the children of Neu-Life Community Development with holiday gifts! These would be elementary and middle school children. After commitments made from members at the October club meeting and adding a few for those who were not at the meeting we have committed to 45 of the 60 gifts they requested.

Neu-Life has a Target Gift Registry which will be an easy way for members to shop and have shipped directly to Neu-Life (2014 W. North Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53205). The link to the Target Registry is tgt.gifts/neulifeholiday. Participation is optional. Neu-Life would like to receive the gifts by December 15 so they can be wrapped for the kids. Your generosity is appreciated. Thank you!



Expect More. Pay Less.

Target will be having digital Black Friday Deals and other sales during November, so there might be deals on some of these toys as well.

Also, if you are a Target Circle Member you can get 25% off one toy through Nov. 21. Get offer at Target.com/toysoffer, some exclusions apply.

