



# ZONTA

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# NEWSLETTER

March 2021

Area 2 • District

## 2020–2021

## Zonta Club of Milwaukee

### Officers

Karen Smith, President  
Joann Comodore, President Elect  
Carol Mangold, Vice President  
Maria Bellmann, Treasurer  
Helen Ludwig, Secretary

### Club Board

Jaqueline Beaudry  
Donna Conant  
Donna Kahl-Wilkerson  
Joni Reese  
Maureen Siwula

### Foundation Board Officers

La Toya Sykes, President  
Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry, Vice President  
Donna Neal, Recording Secretary  
Laurie Ward, Corresponding Secretary  
Elizabeth Stull, Treasurer

### Foundation Board

Kim Brinsko  
Janet Kloser  
Pam Knackert  
Debra Koller

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tnjreese@wi.rr.com

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## Zonta Virtual Meeting

**Wednesday, March 24th at 6pm via Zoom**

**Program:** Our very Own Zonta of Milwaukee Club Member, **Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry** will be our speaker this month. Cheryl will lead us in a presentation and discussion on the Leadership Competencies that were developed for Zonta.

Our District 6 Governor Anna Weselak asks us these important questions.

- Are we leading in a collaborative way to include all our members?
- Do we listen to what our newer members are telling us and systematically teach them what they do not know?
- Do we lead while keeping the needs of our members in mind?

Leaders are unable to lead if they have no followers. Leadership empowers others to become leaders and have the confidence to be effective leaders and rise to leadership positions. What better place to practice leadership than in Zonta?

Take a look at the new Zonta International Core Competencies Program and get started on strengthening your leadership skills. This program has something for everyone whether you are new to Zonta or a seasoned leader. We are so lucky that Zonta offers us the benefit of participating in this comprehensive leadership program.

Cheryl will help us with finding the leader in all of us. We hope to see you at this month's meeting.

***Please look for the Zoom meeting notice and link to be sent prior to the meeting from Karen Smith***



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## President's Message



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Hello sister Zontians!

I hope the warmer weather is allowing everyone to get out of their homes and enjoy some fresh air. This is the time of year when we are typically busy preparing for our annual spring fashion show. This year we are very hopeful that we will be able to have a fashion show fall event which is being planned for October 23, late morning. So please mark your calendars and look forward to that event.

We will continue to have our monthly meetings via Zoom through the summer and are targeting moving to Saz's in September. This of course will be evaluated based on vaccine rollout and state of the pandemic. Thank you to those who have made an effort to join us via Zoom every month. Many thanks to Barbara and Maureen for bringing Ferne Caulker to our February club meeting as guest speaker. She was delightful and offered a wonderful perspective.

Spring workshop is just around the corner on March 20, 9 AM - noon. There will be no cost for this virtual event, and I am hopeful that our club members are able to participate. Electronic registration was sent to you via email.

Thank you for all you do!

Karen  
*Club President*



# Nominating Committee

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**Chairperson:** Pam Knackert

**Committee Members:** Diane Lindsley, Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry

The team solicited members to fill open Club Board of Director positions and Zonta Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors. Proposed for election in April 2021:

## Club Board Nominations

### Proposed 2021 slate for Club Board Directors:

New Directors (Three for 2-year terms and one for a 1-year term):

Crystal Carter (1<sup>st</sup> year of 2-year term 2021–2023)

Gloria Jones (1<sup>st</sup> year of 2-year term 2021–2023)

Laurie Ward (1<sup>st</sup> year of 2-year term 2021–2023)

Sandy Goldmann (1-year term - completing Debbie Buchanan's term - 2021-2022)

Directors continuing Donna Kahl-Wilkerson and Maureen Siwula (2<sup>nd</sup> year of 2-year term 2020-2022)

## Zonta Foundation, Inc. Board Nominations

### Proposed 2021 slate for Foundation Board:

New Directors (3): Jackie Beaudry (1<sup>st</sup> year of 3-year 2021–2024 term)

Marge Holzbog (1<sup>st</sup> year of 3-year 2021–2024 term)

Barbara Wyatt Sibley (1<sup>st</sup> year of 3-year 2021–2024 term)

Directors continuing Janet Kloser and Cheryl Lucas DeBerry (3<sup>rd</sup> year of 3-year term 2019 – 2022) & Kim Brinsko (3<sup>rd</sup> year of filling 2 years of a 3-year term vacated by Joann Comodore 2020-2022)

Debra Koller, Donna Neal, Elizabeth Stull (2<sup>nd</sup> year of 3-year term 2020-2023)

## News & Announcements



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### Upcoming Dates:

March Club Meeting: Mar 24<sup>th</sup>

Club Board Meeting: April 13<sup>th</sup>

April Club Meeting: April 28<sup>th</sup>

Intra-district meeting – June 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> (Cincinnati or virtual TBD)

### Spring Workshop:

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

### Fashion Show:

October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Intra-district meeting – June 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> (Cincinnati or virtual TBD)



2022 Convention  
Hamburg,  
Germany



### Save the Date

Join Zonta International for our  
65th Convention

25 -29 June 2022

Congress Center Hamburg  
Hamburg, Germany

## Advocacy



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The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) states, in part, *"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."* On Friday March 5th, U.S. District Judge Rudolph Contreras said that Nevada, Illinois and Virginia's motives were 'laudable' but that they came too late because Congress set deadlines for ratifying the ERA long ago. The Attorneys-General of those three states had sought to force the federal government to recognize Virginia's vote last year to ratify the ERA and add it to the Constitution. Virginia had become the 38th state to ratify the amendment but Congress had enacted a ratification deadline for the ERA that expired decades ago.

In response, Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring stated *"Unfortunately, today's decision requires women to continue waiting. Though I'm disheartened by this decision, all women can rest assured that, regardless of this court's decision, my fight for your equal rights does not end today, tomorrow, or any day."*

Diane S. Lindsley  
Wisconsin Advocacy Liaison

## Fashion Show Fundraiser

We are planning for a fall fashion show fundraiser this year, October 23, 2021. So please let your friends and family know that we have moved from the spring timeframe at least for this year and they should mark their calendars for Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have secured Chico's in Brookfield as our fashion show vendor. We will again hold it at the Marriott West in Pewaukee. We are planning a brunch menu since we need to be out of the Marriott by 2 pm so thought we would try a brunch menu this year and perhaps start the event at 10 am instead of 10:30.

We will watch the Covid-19 situation moving forward and try to plan with options to our normal routine.

If there is anyone else who wants to join the committee please let us know and our next committee meeting will be Monday, March 22 via Zoom.

Lynne & Pam







Zonta International is passionate about providing life-changing opportunities for women and girls through international service. By partnering with agencies of the United Nations and other recognized non-governmental organizations, Zonta has improved women's health, provided better economic opportunities and prevented gender-based violence in 66 countries. Since our first service project, Zonta has contributed more than US\$32.7 million to our international service projects.

## **2020-2022 INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS**

### **Adolescent Girls' Health and Protection in Peru**

**\$1,000,000 UNICEF USA**

The Adolescent Girls' Health and Protection project will contribute to guaranteeing the rights of indigenous and rural adolescents, especially girls, and respond to their needs by preventing pregnancy, addressing mental health concerns and providing a protective environment from violence by providing quality, gender-sensitive, and culturally adapted health, education and protection services.

### **Strengthening Response to GBV Survivors in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste**

**\$1,000,000 UNFPA**

We are ensuring that all women and girls in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste live life free from violence and providing quality services to those who experience violence.

### **Let Us Learn Madagascar**

**\$2,000,000 since 2016**  
**\$500,000 2020-2022-Phase III UNICEF USA**

We are creating opportunities for vulnerable and excluded children, particularly girls, in Madagascar to realize their right to an education.

### **Ending Child Marriage**

**\$1,500,000 UNFPA-UNICEF**

We are protecting the rights of millions of vulnerable girls and putting an end to this global violation of human rights in 12 countries in Africa and Asia.

Zonta has supported ending child marriage since 2014, contributing US\$2 million to delay early marriage in Niger from 2014-2018. From 2018-2020, Zonta contributed US\$2 million to the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Program to End Child Marriage. In 2020, Zonta International announced an additional commitment of US\$1,500,000 to UNICEF USA to support Phase II of the Global Program through 2022.



## Zonta International Women in Technology Scholarship

**2021**

### **WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP**



Encouraging women to pursue education,  
career opportunities and leadership roles  
in information technology



**US\$8,000 to up to 20 innovative  
women from around the globe**

**DEADLINE: 15 OCTOBER 2021**

To apply, visit [zonta.org/womenintech](https://zonta.org/womenintech)

The Women in Technology 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.

## Female Firsts – Amazing WI Women

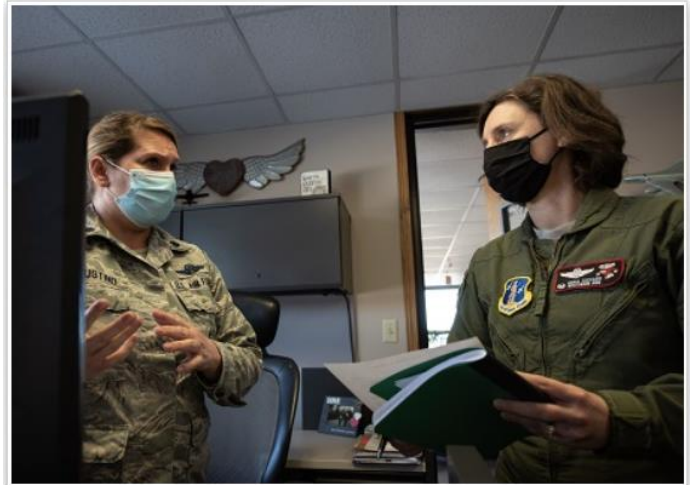


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**Colonel Adria Zuccaro** became the first woman Commander of the 128th Air Refueling Wing of the Wisconsin National Guard in September 2020. Colonel Zuccaro is a pilot who has flown over 3,000 hours and served in support of Operations Northern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Inherent Resolve and Freedom's Sentinel. Her many leadership positions include executive officer to the Commander of First Air Force in the 601st Air and Space Operations Center at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. Colonel Zuccaro currently lives in Whitefish Bay, WI.

*Source of article/photo and for more information on Colonel Zuccaro:*

<http://dma.wi.gov/DMA/news/2021news/21035> OR  
dma.wi.gov



Col. Adria Zuccaro, wing commander discusses drill operations with Lt. Col. Paige Augustino, wing executive officer at the 128th Air Refueling Wing, Wisconsin Air National Guard, Milwaukee, March 5, 2021. March is Women's History Month, which celebrates the accomplishments of both military and civilian women. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jaclyn Sommers)



### Zonta Club of Milwaukee's Ernestine O'Bee

A highlight of the mid-1960s was the induction of **Ernestine O'Bee**, a graduate of the University of Michigan, into the Club. Not only was Ernestine the first African-American member of our Club, she was also the first African-American member in the United States. In addition, in 1952, she became the first woman licensed as a mortician in Wisconsin. She also served as the first woman appointed to the State Board of Examiners for Funeral Directors and Embalmers. Ernestine continued to serve in Zonta until her death in 2007 at age 99.

Hats off and Cheers to these outstanding women!!!!

*-Carol Mangold/Donna Conant/Pam Knackert*





# Meeting Minutes

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## **Zonta Club of Milwaukee Meeting Minutes Minutes Wednesday February 24, 2021**

Zoom Meeting was called to order by Karen Smith at 6:04.

### **President's Message:**

- Annual Report – Committee reports due to Helen by 3/31/2021. Helen will email all committee chairs and provide a copy of last year's annual report to use as a template.
- Club monthly meeting donation to Foundation – if members are able and so inclined, please continue to donate funds that would have been expended on monthly meetings either via check to Elizabeth or Facebook donation.
- Sister Club meeting has been scheduled on Rose Day, March 8, 2021 at noon with Zonta Club of Heidelberg Germany. Karen will send a Zoom invitation to all members.

**Treasurer's Report:** Maria Bellmann not present. She will present the February and March treasurer's reports next month.

**Program:** Ferne Caulker, Founder and Executive Director of Ko-Thi Dance Company.

### **Business - Committee Reports:**

#### **Service and Advocacy:**

- **Service:** Committee is looking for opportunities for mini-service projects that may align with a speaker.
- **Racial Justice:** Committee has found a potential facilitator. An interview with the candidate is to be scheduled.
- **Advocacy:** Zonta USA Caucus is looking for support pending resolutions in the House and Senate for bills on equal pay. In Wisconsin, Safe Harbor legislation is pending to prevent the arrest of children under 18 for prostitution. Diane will forward links to Joni to provide to the club. Links can be used to send notice to the legislation that members support the pending legislation.

#### **Public Relations:**

- A post has been created on the top of the Zonta Milwaukee Facebook page to donate club meeting dues.
- Newsletter articles due to Joni by March 12. Newsletter will be a little late in March due to Joni's upcoming vacation.

**Fashion Show Fundraiser:** Next fashion show will be October 23, 2021. Committee is meeting 3/27/2021. Pam will send invite. Chicos will be the vendor. Location is at the Pewaukee Marriott.

#### **Scholarship:**

- YWPA deadline for applications is March 15, 2021. Committee is meeting on 3/23/2021 to select the winner.
- JMK Women in Business application is now on the Website.
- Women in Technology Scholarship is now up on ZI's website and will be posted on our website.

# Meeting Minutes



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**Membership:** Exit survey will be sent out shortly.

## Program:

- In March, Cheryl will present the Club level leadership information that was presented to the District last weekend.
- Maureen is working with Saz's regarding commencing in person meeting in September.

## Foundation

- i. Foundation is working on its annual report.
- ii. Club meeting donations will be added to grants to be given to agencies in 2021.

**UN:** Detailed information was provided in the newsletter regarding our international projects.

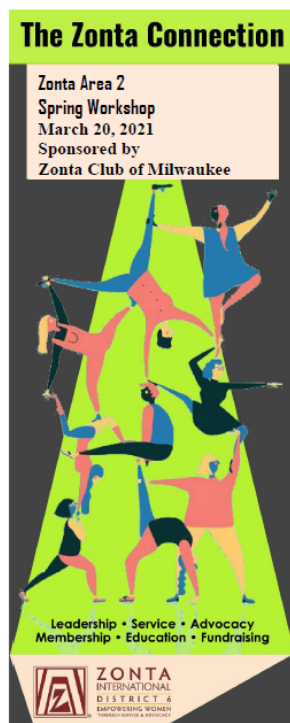
**Nominations:** Three members have agreed to serve on the Foundation Board and three have agreed to serve on the Club Board. One more member is needed for the Club Board.

**New Business:** Jackie reported that CSW will be virtual. Today is the deadline to sign up. Jackie has signed up for the training session and will report back to the club.

## Announcements:

- Rose Day Meeting with Zonta Club of Heidelberg – March 8, 2021 at 12:00
- Next Club Meeting - March 24, 2021 at 6:00 via Zoom
- Spring Workshop – March 20, 2021 at 9:00 am via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 7:42



**Zonta District 6 Area 2 Virtual Spring Workshop**  
Saturday, March 20, 2021 – 9:00 am – noon

8:45 - 9:00 am Join Meeting and Chat		Break
9:00am Welcome & Introductions Karen Smith, President - Zonta Club of Milwaukee Gail Zalewski, Area 2 Director		10:30am Club President Reports
9:10am Governor's Address Anna Weselak, District 6 Governor		10:45am Core Competencies Development for Zonta Leadership Yvonne Chalfant, District 6 Leadership Development Committee Chair and member of the International Leadership Committee
9:30am Membership Report Cheryl Trudeau, Lt. Governor		and Cheryl Lucas DeBerry, District 6 Wisconsin Leadership Committee Liaison
9:45am Foundation Report Dorothy Suther, Foundation Ambassador		11:15am Ending Child Marriage Mary Nagel, District 6 Zonta USA Caucus Representative
10:00am Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Scholarship Winner Tara Liegel, UW-Whitewater Intro by Beth Hanthorn, President, Zonta Club of Janesville		noon Closing Remarks & Adjournment

**The Zonta Connection – REGISTRATION**

Virtual Registration – ZOOM Saturday, March 20, 2021, 9:00 am – noon	Area 2 Spring Workshop Registration is required, but the workshop is FREE
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Register in advance for this meeting:  
<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/1Jf0deispikpGdfDbZp49lmlmxLz9NEi58IM>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Questions? Problems? Contact: Phone 715-570-3108, call or text or e-mail [gailzale@mwwb.net](mailto:gailzale@mwwb.net). Please register by March 18, 2021

# Sisterhood Zoom Call – March 8th



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