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NEWSLETTER

June 2021

Zonta Meeting

In-Person Service & Social Meeting Wednesday, June 23rd 4:00 – 7:00pm

Hello, it is time to get out your green thumb and join in with the children at Neu-Life at their Community Garden.

Where: Neu-Life 2014 W North Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53205

What: Weeding and gardening at the community garden. Bring any garden gloves or tools you have.

We will meet at Neu Life at 4:00, garden for an hour or so depending on weather. We will then return to center for a pizza dinner with the children. We will have Pizza, Fruit Salad and Green Salad. If you are not able to join us for the gardening, please consider joining us for dinner at 5:45.

Cost: We will be purchasing meals for the staff, children, and us. Each member is asked to pay \$30.00. You can pay by writing a Check to the Club and mail it to Maria. Or pay by check or cash at the event. Credit card payments may be available, but this is still being worked on.

Car Pooling is encouraged! I hope to see you all there!

**Please RSVP to Maureen via email
mortsiwula@outlook.com by June 20th.**

Maureen Siwula 262 844 4609



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President's Message



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Hello Sisters!

Does anyone know what day June 23rd is? It is the first time we will be together, in person, as the Zonta Club of Milwaukee in 16 months! Yes, we finally get to enjoy each other's fellowship and spend time with one of our favorite organizations; Neu-Life! You should have received a message from Maureen asking that you RSVP for the event and it includes details as to what to bring, cost and carpool suggestions. It has been a long time since we have had the opportunity to participate actively in a service project and I hope that every club member is able to join us!

Many thanks to the Racial Justice Committee for bringing us Heidi Moore. Heidi did a wonderful job facilitating our introductions at our last meeting which we will finish at our August club meeting. For those of you who did not have the opportunity to share your cultural introduction, you will be sure to have that opportunity in August.

As a reminder, the club does not meet in July. We will resume in August and look forward to in person meetings starting as of September. More information to come on that.

Karen
Club President





Neu-Life Back to School

At the May meeting the Club agreed to support Neu-Life for their back-to-school program. We have been asked to supply backpacks and school supplies for 90 students – 30 kindergarten & lower-elementary students, 30 upper-elementary students and 30 middle & high school students. Below is a list of items we still need. (The backpacks were already purchased, all on sale, at end of last season as well as some supplies). You can shop for items below or donate money to cover cost of backpacks and supplies already purchased.



- If you are donating money, please write a check to Zonta Foundation, Inc. and send to Elizabeth Stull, 3049 S. 39th St. Milwaukee, WI 53215 and note Neu-Life Backpack in the memo line.
- You can also donate through our Facebook page, but let Elizabeth know it is for this.
- If you want to shop you can do it online and have it delivered directly to Neu-Life at 2014 W. North Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53205. Please indicate "from Zonta" and let Pam know what you are purchasing so we can keep track & let others know. Or if you are shopping in store, you can drop it at Pam's 15125 W. Fenway in New Berlin.

The Neu-Life event is Thursday, July 29th so Pam would like supplies by July 15th to allow any final shopping to be completed before the deadline. Hopefully by early July items will start being on sale.

Supply needs:

- 40 boxes of crayons**
- 60 boxes of washable markers**
- 270 to 360 pencils**
- 60 glue sticks**
- 60 erasers**
- 210 1-subject wide-ruled notebooks**
- 67 pocket folders**
- 90 packs of wide-ruled paper**
- 10 boxes of colored pencils**



News & Announcements



Zonta Foundation, Inc. Updates

The 2021 Funding Guidelines and Application are on the Club website.

Members can pass this application on to non-profit agencies whose mission is in line with Zonta's mission of empowering women through service and advocacy. The due date is July 1 after which the Foundation board will be reviewing and choosing agencies to disburse funds to at our planned Fashion Show Fundraiser on Oct. 23. The Foundation board will be determining the amount of funds available.

Upcoming Club Dates:

June Club Meeting: June 23rd

August Club Meeting: August 25th

Intra-district meeting – June 25th-27th (Cincinnati)

Fall Conference:

October 8-10 Oakbrook IL

Fashion Show:

October 23rd

2022 Convention
Hamburg,
Germany



Save the Date

Join Zonta International for our
65th Convention

25 -29 June 2022

Congress Center Hamburg
Hamburg, Germany

The Annual Silent Walk is Around the Corner!

We need a sub-committee to work on our Silent Walk Against Violence Against Women, typically held the last Monday in September or the first Monday in October at City Hall/downtown. Tasks and timelines have been worked out by past committees, and the work usually begins in June. Jobs include:

- City Hall permissions and permits
- Speaker identification, recruitment, and follow-up
- Contact other organizations/partners for support
- Press releases and social media posts
- Coordination with End Abuse WI on participation and publication of their annual report
- Create pennants with victim names and information cards for marchers
- Script for the event

We need 5-6 volunteers! Please contact me.

We are expecting to see a major increase in the number of reported domestic violence deaths in 2020 vs prior years, due to the COVID19 pandemic. Now would be a great time to start planting the seed of joining us in our walk, not just among friends and acquaintances, but among organizations with shared values and common interests. Either talk to others yourself or pass on the names of suggested partners/participants to me. It is a good opportunity for organizations to get some publicity for themselves!

Donna Neal
Advocacy Chair





2021 Fashion Show Fundraiser

Save the Date for our Fashion Show Fundraiser on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at the Marriott Milwaukee West. You should have received the Save the Date email and please pass on to your friends, relatives, and co-workers. We also emailed the Save the Date to our current email list.

Invites will be coming toward the end of July and Eventbrite will be set up by then as well. Pam will be emailing the mailing list, if you have additions or deletions let her know and let her know the number of invites you would like mailed to you.

Some "Asks"

Wine pull – Once again, the wine pull will be a part of the fashion show this fall. It has been through the generosity of monetary donations of our members that we have been able to provide 75 bottles of wine for purchase. Please consider donating \$20 or more towards this year's wine pull. *Also, thank you to those who donated last year, we will roll over your donation to this year's fashion show. A confirmation email regarding your prior donation has recently been sent to those members.*

Given the virtual format of our next few meetings, checks made out to the Zonta Foundation, Inc. can be sent to Elizabeth Stull at 3049 S. 49th St. Milwaukee, WI 53215 and note in memo wine pull. Another option is to bring to the upcoming June meeting or wait until we return to our face-to-face meetings in September, making a donation at the September meeting. Thank you in advance for supporting the wine pull at this fall's fashion show fundraiser.

Gift cards –The fashion committee is searching for unwanted, largely ignored and otherwise nonessential gift cards with a value of \$20 or more. Our idea is to create a **gift card tree** as another way to raise funds. The tree is loaded with gift cards hanging from the "tree" which can literally be a Christmas tree or any form from which things hang. Each card is in an envelope so that its value and purpose are not seen. A "buyer" pays \$20 and can select an envelope from the tree. They have been guaranteed that the value is at least \$20 but might be more.

The committee members think that all of us have one, two, three (perhaps more) cards we have received as gifts that we are not really interested in---you know the type: *"The restaurant is too far away! that type of cuisine is not me! You do not ever shop at....."* We are hoping that you want to put those cards to good use and make them part of our fund raising efforts for services to women and girls. (There is a possibility we will use a few in baskets too). Please get to Pam Knackert or Laurie Ward or bring to September meeting, but let Pam know what you are donating.

Raffle Items/Baskets (\$50 range) and Silent Auction Items/Baskets (\$100 +) – we are looking for raffle and silent auction items or baskets. Food and drink items go well. Also experiences like boat rides, cabin stays, etc. Start thinking, asking, and shopping. We will be sending out a template letter and donation form that you can use to ask for donations from your favorite restaurant or store or put a themed basket together. Pam Knackert and Laurie Ward will be collecting. Please contact them to let them know what you have and then they can arrange to get from you or make sure you bring to our September meeting.

Thanks!

Lynne & Pam

Fundraising



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Pam will take your bids!

We have two more items donated last year that can be used this year. Please let Pam know if you are interested in bidding on them. She will take bids until end of day June 25th and then let winning bidder know. Email me at pmknackert@gmail.com

ComedySportz – located at 420 S. 1st Street. **Three** free admission certificates total **value \$36** expire 9/30/21.

Summerfest Tickets – **Four** complimentary General Admission Weekday (so admission Thurs & Friday before 4 pm) tickets, so dates would be Sept. 2 & 3, Sept. 9 & 10, and Sept. 16 & 17th. **Total Value \$92.**

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee Presents
Empowering Women & Girls



Here and Around the World

Fashion Show Fundraiser • 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

at the Marriott Milwaukee West • W231 N1600 Corporate Court • Pewaukee, Wisconsin
Join us for Brunch, networking, fun and fashions by Chico's at Brookfield

\$60 per person

\$30 per ticket is tax deductible • Reservations required



THE AMELIA EARHART STORY

Globally, women make up around 25 percent of the workforce in the aerospace industry. In an effort to carry out its mission that women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men, Zonta International offers the Amelia Earhart Fellowship.

The Amelia Earhart Fellowship was established in 1938 in honor of famed pilot and Zontian, Amelia Earhart. The US \$10,000 Fellowship is awarded annually to up to 35 women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space sciences. It may be used at any university or college offering accredited post-graduate courses and degrees in these fields.

Since the program's inception in 1938, Zonta has awarded 1,674 Amelia Earhart Fellowships, totaling more than US \$11 million, to 1,245 women from 75 countries. Our Fellows have gone on to become astronauts, aerospace engineers, astronomers, professors, geologists, business owners, heads of companies, even Secretary of the US Air Force.

As some of you may know, Robert D. Ballard, has been tagged "the Underwater Cowboy." He has discovered famous shipwrecks like the Nazi warship "Bismarck," the aircraft carrier "U.S.S. Yorktown," and JFK's "PT-109." His latest book, "Into the Deep," tells the story of his most exciting expedition in his successful search for the U.S. Navy for the "Titanic." It also tells the story relevant to Zonta International and our Amelia Earhart Fellowships.

Amelia and her navigator, Fred Noonan, began their flight heading east from Oakland, California in May 1937. A month later, they had reached New Guinea and flown 22,000 miles. Amelia had then reported plane trouble, weather issues, and personal issues, possibly referring to Fred Noonan's drinking problems. She and Fred aimed to refuel at Howland Island, a tiny uninhabited speck in the central Pacific. As they neared the island, low on fuel, they encountered overcast skies and radio transmission problems. They reportedly were unable to find Howland Island as testified by a Coast Guard ship that was sent to help, but unable to locate them.

Over the years, some explorers have singled out Nikumaroro, 350 miles southeast of Howland and also known as Gardner Island, as the most likely place for her to have landed. Those who believed the plane crashed into the sea have conducted three major searches off Howland Island between 2002 and 2009. But they have come up with no clues. David Gillespie of TIGAR made an exploratory trip in 2012, but also failed to find conclusive evidence of her plane.

In 2015, Robert Ballard brought "Nautilus" to the Pacific. The "Nautilus" is an underwater vehicle fully equipped to search and record information at depths never before possible.



Photo Courtesy: "Into the Deep" by Robert D. Ballard - Leaving Nikumaroro

The "Nautilus" was scheduled to map the terrain near American Samoa, just north of Howland Island in the summer of 2019. Because Nikumaroro is not in U.S. waters, National Geographic stepped up to help finance a Ballard detour, thus becoming an important partner in Ballard's search for Amelia's plane. Amelia Earhart was a member of the Zonta Club of New York at the time of her tragic disappearance.

UN Report



As recently as August 8, 2019, Robert Ballard and his team steamed in the “Nautilus to an isolated coral reef, a part of Micronesia, Nikumaroro with camera carrying drones provided by National Geographic. Nikumaroro is a dormant volcano some 4.7 miles long and 1.8 miles wide with a downward sloping underwater terrain.

Nikumaroro is such a small slip of land that in less than a day Ballard and his crew were able to circle the island each time scanning to a depth of 12,000 feet. 3,000 images were collected while looking for the pieces of Amelia’s plane. A 24 - hour vigil revealed nothing of interest: a long-degraded soda can, some foreign debris, etc.

In Ballard’s own word: “Although we didn’t find Amelia, I feel humbled at having been part of the search effort around her disappearance, and thankful for the opportunity to bring some exceptional people with me along the way. The search for a great woman and the relics of her success felt personal, important and timely. It’s taken too long, but we’re doing a better job of encouraging women to be scientists, engineers and leaders.”

National Geographic wants Ballard to return in 2021 to search the other side of Nikumaroro for any signs that she might have been there. If that fails, Ballard will set his sights on the Howland Island theory in 2022. So, the search will go on!



P.S. Amelia Earhart visited Milwaukee, as reported in the Milwaukee Journal on Sunday, June 12, 1932 before the establishment of Zonta International’s Fellowship program in 1938.

Scholarship Update

Applications for the JMK Women in Business Scholarship closed on June 1 and several strong candidates have applied for the award.

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee's STEM Scholarship applications are due June 15.

The Scholarship Committee will be reviewing applications for the JMK Scholarship and STEM Scholarship in late June or early July, with the scholarship recipients being selected by the end of July.

Meeting Minutes



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Zonta Club of Milwaukee Meeting Minutes Wednesday May26, 2021

Zoom Meeting was called to order by Karen Smith at 6:05.

Treasurer's Report: Maria Bellmann not present. She will present the treasurer's reports at the next meeting.

YWPA Scholarship Winner: Jackie Beaudry introduced our YWPA Scholarship winner, Brina Medina. Brina then gave a short presentation.

Program: Racial Justice Committee; Conflict, Communication Styles and Conflict Avoidance; Presented by Heidi E. Moore, Moore Urban Consulting.

Installation of Officers: The new Club and Foundation directors were installed.

Business - Committee Reports:

Service and Advocacy:

- **Service:** Pam discussed the Neu life backpack drive. She will write an article for the newsletter as to how members can participate in the drive.
- **Racial Justice:** Donna Neal requested volunteers for the Silent Walk committee. Maureen and La Toya volunteered to participate on committee.

Public Relations: There will be a newsletter in June and August but not in July.

Fashion Show Fundraiser: A couple of new asks from members will be in the newsletter – wine pull, gift cards, and baskets.

Scholarship:

- JMK Women in Business applications due 6/1.
- Stem applications due 6/15.

Membership: No report.

Program:

- June 23 meeting will be a social/service opportunity to help in the Neu Life garden from 4 – 6 with pizza dinner afterwards with the kids and staff. More details will be in the Newsletter.
- No meeting in July.
- We are scheduled to start meeting in person at Saz's in September.

Foundation: The board met and elected officers. There will be a report in the newsletter.

UN: No report.

New Business: We will be hosting Fall Conference in 2022. A committee will be formed shortly to start planning.

Announcements:

- Next Club Meeting – June 23 at 4:00 at Neu Life
- North America Inter-District Meeting, June 25-27, Cincinnati, OH. There is also a virtual option.
- Fall Conference, October 8 -10, Oakbrook, IL

Meeting adjourned at 8:04.