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NEWSLETTER

September 2021

Zonta Meeting

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, September 22nd at 6:00pm

Speaker: Leana Yang, Director of Outreach & Education for the Hmong American Women's Association, Inc.

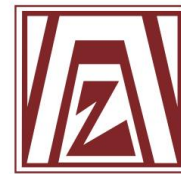
Leana will share more about HAWA and their work in Milwaukee working with Southeast Asian Womyn*, Girls, Queer and Trans folks.

*Womyn: nonstandard spelling of "women" adopted by some feminists to avoid the word ending *-men*



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President's Message



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Hello Sister Zontians,

This morning as I feel the crispness of the fall air, I am reminded that another season has passed. As we enter fall, let us not forget our annual fashion show fundraiser which will take place on October 23. For those new to our Club, this is the only fundraiser that we do to add funds to our foundation which in turn is able to give sizable awards to like-minded non-profits in our area. We also give 1/3 to Zonta International to fund projects. As mentioned at the August meeting, we do recognize that we are still in a time of uncertainty with Covid-19 and as such it is an individual decision if you choose to attend and bring guests. A club member's assessment on individual risk does not in any way reflect on your support of the club. Monetary donations are also always welcome.

In late August I had the wonderful opportunity to visit Comayagua, Honduras. It was a fantastic experience and reminds me of how truly fortunate we are in the United States. It is so easy to take for granted clean water, education available to our children, transportation (public and private), health care, and AIR CONDITIONING. I met two young children that had their family killed by the cartel just the week earlier. After visiting Honduras, I am reminded by the good work we do at the international level (with our local support) to bring changes for young women and girls around the world who experience such difficult and disparate situations.

Finally, as a reminder, the Fall Conference is fast approaching and will be held in Oak Brook, IL. This is such a great opportunity to meet women from other clubs in our District, learn about Zonta at the district and international levels, AND PREPARE US TO BE THE HOST CLUB FOR FALL CONFERENCE 2022! Please consider attending, you will not be disappointed.

Karen
Zonta Club of Milwaukee President

Upcoming Club Dates:

September Club Meeting: Sept 22nd

October Club Meeting: Oct 27th

Fall Conference:

October 8-10 Oakbrook IL

Fashion Show:

October 23rd

Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women 6th Annual Walk – Monday October 4th

**2022 Convention
Hamburg,
Germany**



Save the Date
Join Zonta International for our
65th Convention
25 -29 June 2022
Congress Center Hamburg
Hamburg, Germany

Fashion Show Fundraiser



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Fashion Show Fundraiser October 23, 2021

Get your reservations in for our “Empowering Women and Girls Here and Around the World” Fashion Show Fundraiser on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at the Marriott Milwaukee West. **Reservation deadline is October 6, 2021.** Mail your reservations with payment to Helen Ludwig at S77 W26995 River Ridge Circle, Mukwonago, WI 53149. Tickets are \$60.00 each and make sure you indicate your meal choice of quiche with meat or the vegan option. Eventbrite site can be accessed at <https://2021-zonta-fashion-show.eventbrite.com> to make reservations and pay for tickets online if you prefer. Please invite your friends, relatives, and co-workers. Each member is encouraged to sell/purchase a table of 10 or donate ½ the cost since this is our only major fundraiser of the year.

Some “Asks”

Volunteers for Day of Activities

Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry will be or has sent out a volunteer sign-up sheet for the day of. There are many opportunities that we need help for so please let her know what you want to help with. There's raffle ticket selling, greeting, set up, etc.

Corporate Sponsorships – corporate/business sponsorships are coming in, but if you have anyone you need to follow up with or still need to ask, please do so – dentist, accountant, financial advisor for example. This money is very important to covering the costs of the event and a great opportunity for them to get their name in front of people.

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 in the past 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.

Given the virtual format of our September meeting, 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. Thank you in advance for supporting the wine pull at this fall's fashion show fundraiser.

Gift cards –The fashion show 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. 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 don't every 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. Please get to Pam Knackert by the end of September if possible.

Fashion Show Fundraiser



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Raffle Items/Baskets (\$50 range) and Silent Auction Items/Baskets (\$100 +) – we are looking for raffle and silent auction items/baskets. Food and drink items go well. Also experiences like boat rides, cabin stays, etc. So, start thinking and asking and shopping. You received a template letter and donation form from Pam on July 12th 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 **by the first week of October**.


Thank You!

On behalf of the members of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee, we thank you for your support.
Your participation in this event makes it possible for the Zonta Club of Milwaukee to continue its mission to improve the lives of women and girls, locally and internationally.


Location:
Marriott Milwaukee West

Directions:
I-94 to Exit 295. Go north on County Road F, left onto Ridgeview Parkway, and then left onto Corporate Court.


Parking:
Complimentary parking in front & back lots



WE SHALL NOT REST
until women's rights are
recognized as human rights



The Zonta Club of Milwaukee Presents
Empowering Women & Girls



Here and Around the World


Fashion Show Fundraiser • Saturday, October 23, 2021

Please join us
For a Brunch, networking, fashions and fun as we celebrate our Zonta Club's 95 years of service, advocacy, and community involvement.


Local agencies' programs helped by your support in 2020:

- Alverno College's Girls' Academy of Science and Mathematics
- Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative (or MHVI) Women Veterans Initiative (or WOVIN)
- New-Life Community Development's Neu-STEPP Program
- Our Next Generation's *Still I Rise* Program
- PEARLS for Teen Girls
- Sojourner's Life Skills Program
- The Women's Center

Fashion's by Chico's of Brookfield
Located at Harvard Square
18000 W. Bluemound Road • Suite 5 • Brookfield, WI 53045



Chico's has a combination of great style, one-of-a-kind details, and warm, personable service, featuring all sizes including petites.
Walk into any Chico's boutique, and the associates will help you coordinate, accessorize, and build a wardrobe that's right for you.



For more information about Zonta, or this event, go to our website at www.zontamilwaukee.org
or to our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ZontaClubMilwaukee/

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee Presents
Empowering Women & Girls

Here and Around the World

Saturday, October 23, 2021
at the Marriott Milwaukee West
W231 N1600 Corporate Court • Pewaukee, Wisconsin

Please Join Us
Mix & Mingle 10:00 am
Bids & Raffles 10:00 am
Brunch 11:00 am
Fashions by Chico's Noon

Brunch Menu
Spinach Quiche Lorraine
A creamy French quiche with spinach, cheese and ham.
Topped with a Gruyere cheese Mornay sauce, and prepared with a blueberry-maple chicken breakfast sausage

OR
Vegan Option that can also be Gluten Free
Portobello mushrooms and braised leeks baked in pastry turnover with sauce au gratin, grilled asparagus, turned and sauteed potatoes

Both choices include cup of fresh cut fruit, glass of orange juice, fresh baked rolls, butter, coffee and tea service, and a parfait dessert

Reservations Required
To join our celebration, return your response card
or reserve online at <https://2021-zonta-fashion-show.eventbrite.com>
No later than October, 6, 2021



ADVOCACY COLUMN: Racial Justice – Cross-Cultural Communications Work

We had another good meeting last month sharing our personal stories and cultural backgrounds. Heidi Moore facilitated our August meeting dialogue and provided a preview of “coming attractions”. In two future meetings, we expect to be utilizing the Intercultural Conflict Style Inventory Tool developed by ICS Inventory, LLC. If you like, find out more about it on their website:

<https://icsinventory.com/ics-inventory/the-ics-improves-communication-conflict-resolution-across-cultures>

Expect a lot of discussion on culture – values, beliefs, behaviors, feelings – and cross-cultural communication and conflict styles as we move through the learning process.

Respectfully Submitted

Racial Justice Committee (Joann Comodore, Donna Kahl-Wilkerson, Judy Lehman, Diane Lindsley, Carol Mangold, Donna Neal/chair)

The Annual Walk is Around the Corner!

Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women 6th Annual Walk

Monday, October 4, 2021

11:55 am – 1:00 pm | Milwaukee City Hall

*Join us in a silent walk around the Milwaukee downtown area, beginning and ending at City Hall, for the purpose of remembering those in Wisconsin who have died this past year as a result of domestic violence. **Together, we can inspire community action.***



Sponsors



Our 6th Annual Zonta Says No Walk Against Violence Against Women will be held **Monday, October 4 from 11:55-1:00**. The Zonta Says NO Walk is a silent walk around the Milwaukee downtown area, beginning and ending at Milwaukee City Hall, for the purpose of remembering those Wisconsinites who died last year due



to domestic violence. Once again, we are partnering with End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin. Arrangements have been confirmed with the City of Milwaukee.

The walk is led by two Zontians carrying the Zonta banner, and individual walkers carry pennants recognizing the victims on a walk that is approximately 1 mile and takes about 30 minutes. Typically, we have received local TV coverage. ***IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CARRYING THE BANNER, LET US KNOW!***

Following the walk, several community leaders will briefly comment on the issue of domestic violence, after which we will acknowledge those who fell victim in 2020. Shawn Mohammed, Associate Director of The Asha Project, will speak on behalf of End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin, the organization that publishes the annual Homicide Report. Other confirmed speakers include Carmen Pitre, President and CEO, Sojourner; District Attorney John Chisholm or his representative; Sargent Theresa Janick, Domestic Violence High Risk Team of the Sensitive Crimes Division, Milwaukee Police Department and Karin Tyler, Family Injury & Violence Prevention Manager from the Office of Violence Prevention. Still tentative is Cavalier Johnson, Milwaukee City Council President. The event will conclude at 1:00 pm.

We are expecting to see an increase in the number of reported domestic violence deaths in 2020 vs prior years, due to the COVID19 pandemic. In past years we have welcomed about 50 marchers; **we would like to at least double the number of walkers.**

Here's what we ask from each of you:

- ***PLAN TO WALK, AND WALK WITH YOUR ZONTA SAYS NO T-SHIRT***
- ***Invite friends and family to walk with us***
- ***Invite members of other like-minded organizations to walk with us***
- ***Pass on the names of organizations (and maybe a contact name) you think might walk with us to someone on the committee***

**TELL US IF YOU ARE WALKING AND HOW MANY ARE WALKING WITH YOU!
GET TO CITY HALL BY 11:45 ON MONDAY, OCT 4!**

Now is the time to ask others to join us in our march. It is a good opportunity for organizations to get some publicity for themselves! We welcome them wearing logoed merchandise in showing their support. We have a templated invitation letter that you can use – just ask.

T-Shirts

The t-shirt order was placed Tuesday, Sept 7. We are planning to pick them up by Wed, Sept 29, and they are promised by Friday, Oct 1. We will make every effort to arrange delivery before the day of the event. If that is not possible, your T-shirt will be at the event. The supply chain is not as dependable as it used to be in this pandemic. Thanks to all who ordered!

Silent Walk Committee (Pam Knackert, Donna Neal, La Toya Sykes, Maureen Siwula, Christine Todd)

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Neal, Advocacy Chair

UN REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2021

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL'S PARTICIPATION AND VISABILITY ON THE WORLD STAGE

The June 2021 Issue of “The Zontian” was issued virtually only. One of its content includes a summary of the 65th Session of the Commission of the Status of Women (CSW65) which, because of COVID-19 was forced to go virtual. Zonta International participated in this 65th Session of the Commission, being represented by our International President, Sharon Langenbeck.

The Commission's Priority Theme was: Women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

The Commission's Review Theme was: Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development.

Zonta International issued a written statement to the CSW and co-sponsored two parallel events as part of the NGO CSW Virtual Forum.

The first event: Girls' Education: Access, Obstacles and Impact to Achieving Gender Equality, was hosted in partnership with UNICEF, USA. It addressed the connection between lack of access to education and the impact it has on girls around the world in relation to COVID-19, child marriage, poverty, violence, access to health services and infant maternal mortality, and women and girls' empowerment.

Zonta International President, Sharon Langenbeck was joined on a panel by Andrea Clemons, education specialist and interim head of education for UNICEF Madagascar, and Guadalupe Roman. Ms. Clemons is a Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Awardee.

President Sharon highlighted Zonta Foundation for women's work on girls' education at all levels, from post-primary education in Madagascar to doctoral studies in aerospace engineering and space sciences made possible through Zonta International Amelia Earhart scholarships.

She emphasized the importance of partnership and collective impact. Ms. Langenbeck shared how Zonta members are collaborating with like-minded organizations and mobilizing their communities around the world to empower women and girls, efforts that have continued despite the added challenge of COVID-19.

Club Meeting Minutes



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Zonta Club of Milwaukee Meeting Minutes Minutes Wednesday August 25, 2021

Zoom Meeting was called to order by Karen Smith at 6:05. 19 members were present

Welcome

Guests Introduced:

Scholarship Recipients: Jamie Silkey and Bella Serrano

Speaker: Heidi Evita Moore

Karen gave the blessing

Scholarship Recipients: Jamie and Bella gave a brief introduction of themselves and thanked the Club for the scholarship.

Bella shared one of her recent volunteer opportunities with Heart2Heart, Inc. where she raised \$6000 and, along with her family and friends, created 250 Girls' kits to send to Africa, with educational materials and supplies for girls to continue to attend school during their monthly periods.

Treasurer's Report: Maria Bellman presented the treasurer's reports. The reports are attached.

Program: Continued Facilitation by Heidi E. Moore, Moore Urban Consulting.

Business - Committee Reports:

Service and Advocacy:

Service: Backpack drive was highly successful. We are about \$200 short, to be covered by Foundation, so contributions would still be welcome and useful.

Advocacy: Silent Walk is being organized by Donna Neal and team. Long-sleeved Zonta Says No T-shirts are available for \$15 – order from Donna Neal by August 31.

The Club will need a new Advocacy Chair in the next term. If interested, or if you have a recommendation, please contact someone on the Nominating Committee. Donna Neal will remain Racial Justice Committee Chair but is stepping down from the Advocacy Chair position to assume some new responsibilities with Sojourner.

Public Relations: The August newsletter contained much information on Fashion Show, Silent Walk and Fall Conference. T-shirt order information is also in the newsletter.

Fashion Show Fundraiser: A couple of new asks from members will be in the newsletter – wine pull, gift cards, and baskets. Deliver donations to Pam. Get your RSVP's in as soon as possible.

Scholarship: See above

Club Meeting Minutes



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Membership: No report.

Program: We will continue with virtual meetings in September.

Foundation: No report.

UN: Marge reported that the UN reports that the Pandemic is a Humanitarian Crisis with 1.3 million lives taken and 54 million affected.

Fall conference is in Oak Brook IL on October 8-10, 2021. Delegates representing the Zonta Club of Milwaukee include: Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry and Karen Smith. Alternate Delegates: Diane Lindsley and Donna Neal.

Our Club is the host club for the 2022 fall conference. Committee members from Milwaukee include Karen Smith, Joni Reese, Helen Ludwig, Maria Bellman, Joann Comodore, Carol Mangold, Laurie Ward.

<http://zontadistrict6.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/D6-Call-2021-Cover.jpg>

Announcements:

- Next Club Meeting – September 22, 2021 virtual Speaker TBD
- Silent Walk October 4, 2021
- Fashion Show and Auction October 23, 2021
- Fall Conference, October 8 -10, Oakbrook, IL

Meeting adjourned at 7:50

