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NEWSLETTER

December 2021

Zonta Meeting

Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, December 15th at 6:00pm

Topic: Holiday Social

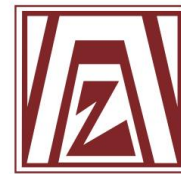


Pam will be sending the link for bingo cards



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President's Message



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Hello Sister Zontians,

Here we are, finding ourselves at the end of another year with 2022 just around the corner. While we had hoped to return to normal this year, we still have not quite made it there. However, I am so very proud of our club and the accomplishments we had, nonetheless.

We continued to meet virtually and overall had pretty good attendance. At this point we are hoping to resume meeting in person in March following our two meetings with Heidi Moore and the Racial Justice committee. Of course, we will continue to evaluate this as we approach March.

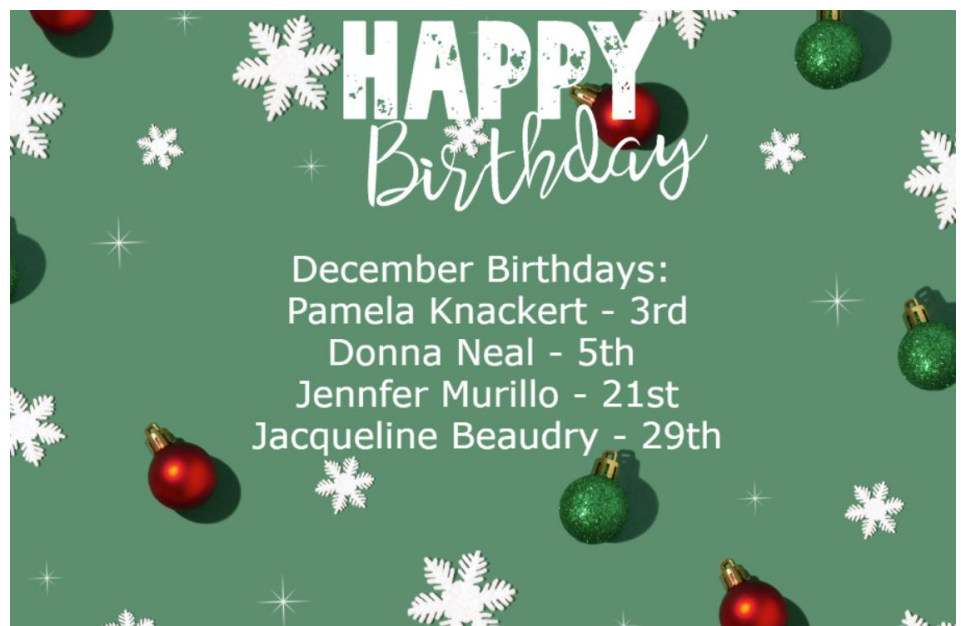
We had a great accomplishment in returning to our Fashion Show Fundraiser which enables us to continue to support like-minded organizations through our Foundation. Even though our attendance was lighter, it was an excellent event with funds raised over \$24,000! Many thanks to the Fashion Show committee led by Pam and Lynne. There is truly a lot of work that goes into organizing and executing such an event and all things within our control were delivered beautifully!

It was wonderful to again see our club engaging in service projects. Over the past year we have participated in the District 6 blanket project with blankets and sheets for the Cathedral Center, Mother's Day meal for the Cathedral Center guests, backpacks and Christmas gifts for Neu Life and a wonderful opportunity to clean up Neu Life gardens and share a meal together with such wonderful kids.

Our Advocacy was back in force with the "Zonta Says No" walk in October receiving significant media attention. 16 Days of Activism, which is in progress, is also providing some very relevant and necessary information for all citizens in our nation. In addition, our Racial Justice committee has engaged Heidi Moore as a facilitator for sensitive topic discussions which is proving to strengthen our club.

It has also been a year, whereas Zontian sisters, we have supported one another through difficult personal situations and have been respectful of individual opinions during a time when as a nation there is so much divide. May we continue to build our relationships in 2022 and beyond.

Merry Christmas!
Karen
Zonta Club of Milwaukee President



Club Updates



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Fashion Show Fundraiser 2021

Just a little update. We still do not have all the numbers, but we are at least close to \$25,000 net. So again, thank you to everyone. Save the Date for Saturday, November 5, 2022, for next year's fashion show at Marriott Milwaukee West.

Anyone who would be interested in co-chairing the event in 2022 please let Pam know. And anyone else who would like to help on the committee next year please let Pam know also. We probably won't start meeting until March/April timeframe.

Membership

Thanks to all members who participated in our Prospective Member Event on November 17th. We had 4 prospects attend plus a few others who are interested in Zonta. Hopefully we will have at least 2 new members in the near future.

Please invite anyone who might be interested in Zonta to our Dec. 15th Zoom fun event and then also to our January and February Zoom meetings. Also please follow up with anyone who had indicated interest at the fashion show and of course anyone that you might think would be a good Zonta member.

War Memorial Exhibits

Interesting exhibits at the War Memorial until the end of the year. Since Zonta had a part in the creation of the War Memorial here are a couple exhibits you and your families or friends might be interested in.

They have two exhibits onsite through the end of the year:

1. Operation 30/20, which explores the Wisconsin connections to the Persian Gulf War (30 years ago) and 9/11 (20 years ago).
2. I Am Not Invisible, featuring the female service experience. Thirty-two banners tell the stories of local female veterans and current military members. They launched this on Nov. 4 and have had great coverage since then, including the [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#) and the [Milwaukee Bucks](#). In 2022, this exhibit hits the road, traveling to schools, libraries, community centers, places of business and government buildings (if you know of a place that would like to host this exhibit, let them know).

Also of interest this time of year is their Pearl Harbor tour, which sets the scene in Milwaukee on that fateful day and covers all the Pearl Harbor and Navy connections throughout the building and memorials.



Advocacy



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16 Days of Activism

ZI's Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women campaign, launched in 2012, once again supports the 16 Days of Activism, beginning on **November 25, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**, and ending on **December 10, Human Rights Day**.



ZONTA SAYS NO
TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS
ARE
HUMAN RIGHTS

Zonta International is an organization pledged to empower women at the global and local levels, and to promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Zonta International endorses the values expressed in the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights and focuses on status of women issues according to Articles 1-16 of CEDAW, the UN Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women.

Zonta International supports each of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals integral to sustainable development but promotes particularly Goal No. 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

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Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights, and universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, including:

- family planning,
- information and education, and
- the integration of reproductive health into national strategies and programs, and
- recognizing that the human rights of women include their right to have control over and decide freely and responsibly on all matters related to their sexuality, including sexual and reproductive health, - free of coercion, discrimination and violence - to help achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and the realization of their human rights.

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EACH YEAR
12 MILLION GIRLS
ARE MARRIED WORLDWIDE
BEFORE THE AGE OF 18!

Girls with no education are 3X more likely to marry by age 18.

Girls between 15 & 19 years are twice as likely to die in childbirth.

Newborns of teen-age mothers face greater risks of dying.

Teen marriage doubles a girl's chances of living in poverty.

Teen marriage triples her chances of abuse by her spouse.

Only 6 states in the USA prohibit marriage before age 18 without exceptions.

Learn more at:
www.stopchildmarriages.org/



Zonta International has partnered with UNICEF (The U.N. International Children's Emergency Fund) & UNFPA (The U.N. Fund for Population Activities) to end child marriage.

Zonta International was 1 of 6 associations to receive the ASAE's (American Society of Association Executives) 2021 Power OF A Summit Award for efforts to end child marriage.

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NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN
EXPERIENCE SOME OF THE HIGHEST
RATES OF MURDER,
SEXUAL VIOLENCE,
AND DOMESTIC ABUSE.

Rates of violence against Native women and girls are underreported in the U.S. Cases are often misclassified or confusion exists about jurisdictions. The violence includes abduction, homicide, and human trafficking.

Hear stories from the families in WI & MN impacted by this crisis in a February 2020 video:
<https://kbr6.com/2020/02/12/watch-missing-and-murdered-an-invisible-epidemic/>

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What are the factors that have contributed to these high rates of violence?

In October 2020, the membership of Wisconsin's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force was announced. The WI Dept. of Justice has partnered with Native communities to identify causal factors & social services, and to improve data collection.

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Club Meeting Minutes



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Zonta Club of Milwaukee Meeting Minutes Minutes Wednesday November 17, 2021

Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry started the Prospective Member Zoom Meeting at 6:04.

Introductions:

- Introduction of all in the meeting.
- Guests: Lisa Platow, Terry MacDonald, Jenny Taylor-McBride, & Diana Barnett

Program: Members of the Club presented information on Zonta International, District 6, and the Zonta Club of Milwaukee.

Zoom business meeting was called to order by Karen Smith at 7:23.

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

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| • Bank Balance as of October 1, 2021: | \$14,434.54 |
| Less Expenses: | \$ 610.68 |
| Plus Income: | \$ 182.00 |
| • Bank balance as of October 31, 2021: | \$14,005.86 |
| • Less outstanding expenses: | \$ 267.35 |
| • Plus outstanding receipts: | \$ 270.00 |
| • Projected balance as of October 31, 2021: | \$13,738.51 |
| • CD Balance: | \$ 5,330.20 |

Committee Reports:

Committee membership: Karen did update the committee membership reports. Upon receiving additional information from the Advocacy committee, she will email it to the club.

Service and Advocacy:

- **Service:**
 - Cathedral Center blanket drive – Collections can be sent directly to the center. Otherwise contact Maureen for delivery options. Center is looking for sheets, blankets, and comforters in twin XL. Project will go on through the end of the year. District would like the numbers after the first of the year.
 - Neu Life Holiday gift drive has begun. Joni requested that members update her when gifts are purchased. All gifts are due by 12/15.
 - Donating books to youth organization – books can be donated directly to Neu Life. A list of the books donated should be given to Judy.

Advocacy: 16 days of Activism panels are being updated to be posted on Facebook by Donna Neal.

Public Relations:



- Website was updated with the most recent newsletter and fashion show pictures.
- Newsletter articles need to be to Joni by December 5th since the Club meeting is one week earlier.

Fashion Show Fundraiser:

- Fashion show held on October 23, 2021. Net receipts were over \$24,000. Approximately 190 people attended.
- Next show scheduled for November 5, 2022, at the Milwaukee Marriott in Pewaukee. Timing will be the same as this year.

Scholarship: No report was given.

Membership:

- Prospective meeting was held in conjunction with this meeting.
- One new member application has already been received and will be submitted to the board.

Program:

- December club meeting will be on December 15, one week earlier due to Christmas, via Zoom.
- Any ideas should be passed on to Maureen and Donna K-W. Some suggestions:
 - On-line Bingo
 - On-line scavenger hunt
 - Holiday songs
 - Holiday sweater contest

Foundation:

- Grants not awarded at the fashion show were mailed out.
- Meeting planned for early next year to discuss on-going policies and procedures.

UN: All service ZI projects are partnered with the UN and ZI has observers with all projects.

Fall Conference 2022:

- October 7-9, 2022 at the Embassy Suites in Brookfield.
- Subcommittee leadership has been assigned.
- Karen is continuing to work with the hotel and a draft contract has been sent to Cheryl.
- Karen will check on the availability of Wi-Fi in the room.
- Next meeting 11/29/2021 @ 6:30 via Zoom. New committee members are welcome.

Announcements:

- Next Club Meeting – December 15, 2021 (Social event - 1 week earlier)
- International Conference – June 25 – 28, 2022 in Hamburg Germany

Meeting adjourned at 7:51.

Service



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Neu Life Community Development Center Holiday Gifts

Thank you to all who committed to purchasing holiday gifts for the children of Neu Life Community Development Center at the last monthly Club meeting.

With the response of 35-39 gifts for all those who attended, we estimated that the Club could probably fulfill approximately 50 gifts. As I write this newsletter, I believe that we are at around 51 gifts, plus 4 books.



Thank you to all who chose to participate in making the holidays brighter for these kids and families!



Cathedral Center Sheet and Blanket Donations



When women and families sheltered at the Cathedral Center leave the shelter, they take a set of sheets and a blanket with them. As a Club, we would like to participate in this service project again this year to provide needed sheets and blankets.

This project also complements with the District 6 blanket service project. **All purchases should be reported to Karen so that our Club donation numbers can be provided to the district.**

The easiest way to purchase is on Amazon and have the blanket/sheets sent directly there. <https://cathedral-center.org/donate/>

As communicated through email, Donna Neal will be collecting in-person donations at her home through Dec. 15th.

Joni and Karen will take donations at their homes (or meet up with Club members) through December 23rd and will be bringing them to the Center on the 27th.

Balance Chicago, a physical therapy clinic located in downtown Chicago, is also collecting blankets from their employees and clients for our drive. Kylie, Joni's daughter, is a PT there. Every little bit helps! Thank you!

View our Amazon Wish List [HERE](#)



Don't forget to make your Amazon account into an AmazonSmile account! Amazon donates .5% of purchases to a charity of your choice. For more information click [HERE](#)