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# NEWSLETTER

January 2022

## Zonta Meeting

Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
Wednesday, January 26th at 6:00pm

### Cross-Cultural Communication

**Facilitator: Heidi E. Moore, Moore Urban Consulting**

The Racial Justice Committee is excited to welcome once again Heidi Moore, the Milwaukee-based equity, diversity, and inclusion professional contracted by the Club to guide us through our exploration of culture and cross-cultural communication.

Heidi facilitated two highly engaging meetings with the Club in 2021 to lay the groundwork for our January and February Club meetings. This month, we will begin to explore what culture is, how it manifests itself, and how it influences our perceptions, behaviors, and values – in our lives and in Zonta.

To prepare for this meeting, ***please watch the two TED talk videos you received links to via email earlier this month and shown below.***

In the meeting, we'll discuss the videos, be exposed to some material on culture and its impacts and participate in a few group exercises.

First, watch: [Cross-cultural communication Pellegrino Riccardi TEDxBergen](#) (20 min)

Then second: [The secret to changing the world|Lee Mun Wah|TEDxExpressionCollege](#) (16 min)

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# President's Message



Hello my sister Zontians,

Here we are in a new year. It is hard to believe it is 2022 and I know that I will continue to get that year wrong on agendas, checks, etc. for a while. It always takes some time to remember that we are in a new year. We will start off our January and February Zoom meetings with the continuation of our Racial Justice topics facilitated by Heidi Moore.

In addition, the new year brings up new opportunities. As a club, we will begin to prepare for the new biennium which starts in June. In January we will be putting together our Nominating Committee who will seek to fill positions on the Club Board and Foundation Board for the 2022-2023 Biennium. If you are asked to serve, I encourage you to enthusiastically say "Yes!". It is such a good opportunity to really learn about how Zonta operates, to practice leadership skills, and to make a difference for your club. For me, personally, serving as your Club President has been a great experience!

In addition, 2022 is also the year that the Milwaukee Club will host the Fall Conference. Our committee is making great progress planning the event, and we would welcome anyone who would be interested in participating on the committee. Please let me know if you have interest in joining us.

We are very excited to have two new members joining our club. Diana Barnett and Ruth Robertson will join our organization at an upcoming meeting. Please give them a warm welcome!

Happy New Year!

Karen  
*Zonta Club of Milwaukee President*



# Club Updates



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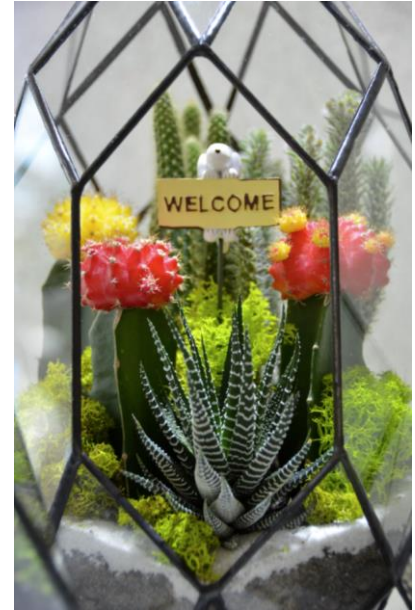
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## Membership

We hope to install two new members in January, **Diana Barnett, Adjunct Professor/Corporate Trainer, WCTC** and **Ruth Robertson, Real Estate Agent, M3 Realty**.

Please invite any potential members and especially those who were at the fashion show to our January virtual meeting.



## Cathedral Center Sheet and Blanket Donations

*Thank you to all that contributed to the collection of blankets and sheet sets.*

We were able to donate **28 blankets and 28 sheet sets**, and delivered the remaining items collected in person on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>.



Working to end homelessness, one life at a time. THE CATHEDRAL CENTER

January 13, 2022

Zonta Club of Milwaukee

Dear Zonta Club of Milwaukee,

Thank you for your generous donation of Holiday Gifts for the clients of Cathedral Center this season.





The Racial Justice Committee is sponsoring the January and February Club meetings. Heidi Moore will be leading us on our journey to understand cross-cultural communication and its challenges.

Please watch these two TED talk videos in preparation for the meeting.

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*Here's a note and invitation the Racial Justice Committee received from Heidi after we met with her last Thursday. I have seen the film and it's terrific. As is the director. This should be a great experience for anyone interested. Donna N*

Hi,

Thank you for a great prep meeting tonight! This may be an additional opportunity of interest for learning. If you feel it is appropriate to share with the Zonta Club of Milwaukee, please feel free to do so. The concept of culture will be embedded in this learning experience in addition to many other aspects of social justice, health disparities, race, and economic differences.

Heidi

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Hi everyone,

Over the past six years, I've used documentary films and complementary panel discussions as a way to educate myself and others in order to engage with colleagues, friends, family, and loved ones in taking impactful action toward organizational and community transformation. Milwaukee Film has been an amazing partner to help with these efforts. I've worked with them as I've developed and led diversity, equity, inclusion, and ally strategies. I now have an opportunity to share one such experience with you as a Milwaukee Film board member.

Please feel free to share this opportunity with your networks and other community stakeholders.

***Please join me for our online film screening and panel event on Thursday, January 20 at 7pm.***



*Representatives from Children's Wisconsin, Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin and Moms Demand Action will join featured film subjects Claude Motley and Victoria Adams for a frank & authentic (virtual ) discussion of gun violence & healing and why it matters to our local communities and our country.*

**Register now to receive a link to view the film *When Claude Got Shot* at home on your own time between January 13 - January 20 and to attend the panel discussion. Register now at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/when-claude-got-shot-tickets-231962454947>**

## **About the film *When Claude Got Shot***

Claude Motley thought he'd beaten the odds: a business owner who moved his family from the violence of Milwaukee to the suburbs of Charlotte. Yet there he is on a trip home for a high school reunion: black male victim, 43, shot in the face during a carjacking. Two nights later, Claude's assailant tries to rob nurse Victoria Davison, but she has a gun and shoots him during the struggle. A rush of guilt overcomes her as she overhears the paramedics – the boy she shot, Nathan King, is only 15 years old.

Nathan's parents are devastated. They've done all the right things, including sending their son to a highly ranked suburban school. Now he's charged with multiple crimes, and, worse yet, he's paralyzed waist down.

In a single weekend, three African-American families confront a harsh reality: there's no escape from gun violence. Our film follows each of their lives through the criminal justice system and on the journey to physical and emotional healing.

### **Why join if you do not live in Milwaukee or White Fish Bay?**

- Milwaukee = Any large urban U.S. city (especially one that has struggled with race relations and economic disparities).
- Whitefish Bay = Any typical suburban area that surrounds or is near a large urban U.S. city that has struggled with race relations and economic disparities.
- The film and complementary panel discussion is bound to provide learning and hopefully inspiration for action to all participants no matter where you may live, work, play, and pray.



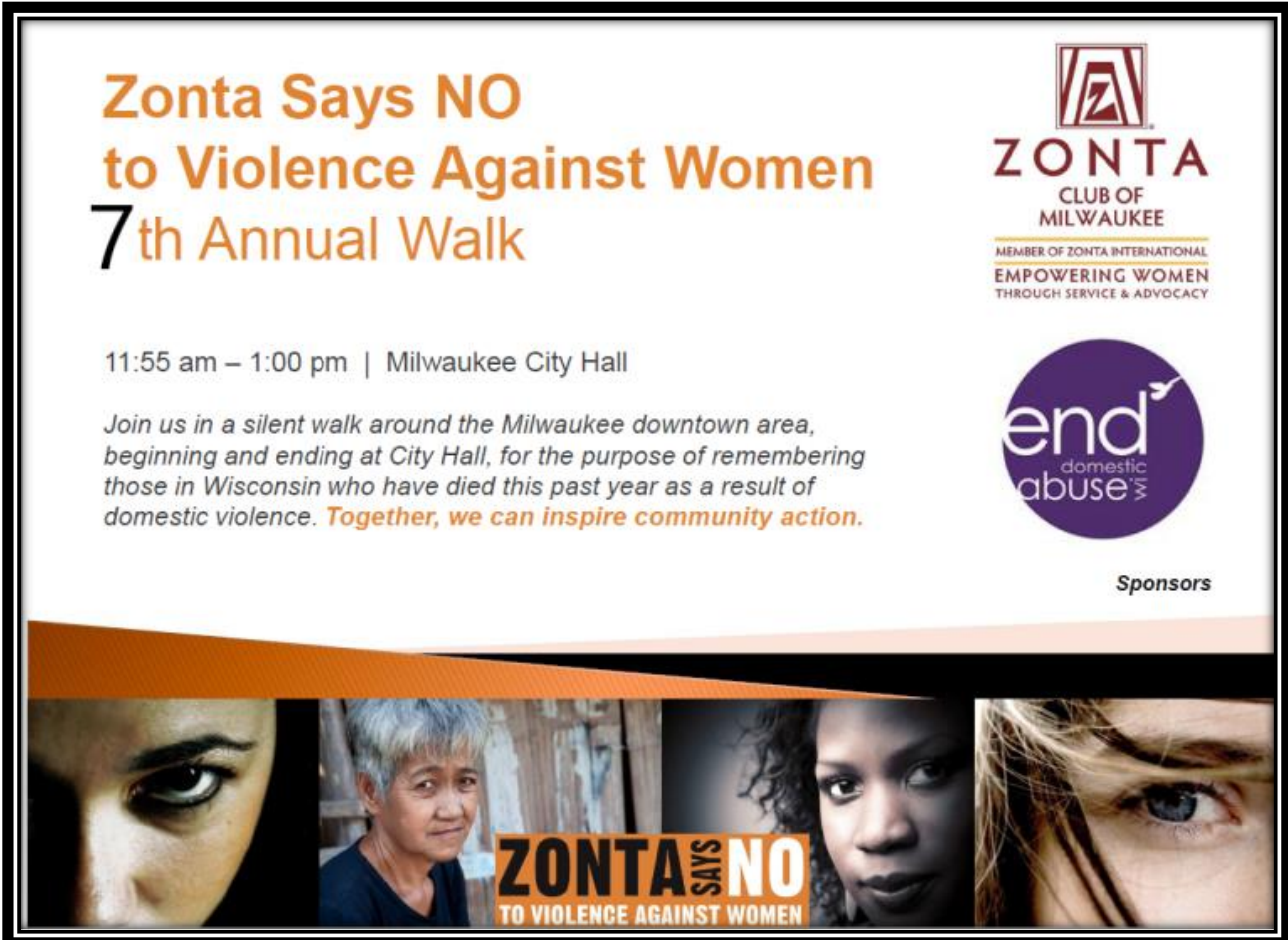
## Volunteers Needed!

Advocacy is looking for volunteers to begin working on our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women Silent Walk in late September/early October.

Last fall we had about 75 walkers and received great media coverage. We want to make this a much bigger event in 2022, perhaps even a series of events, maybe with a possible component at District Conference? As Carmen Pitre said in her remarks at City Hall at last fall's event, "this atrium should be filled". We need to start early this year with a focus on building connections with other organizations that are concerned about the issue and will march with us.

**We need some new blood on the Committee to get this done!**


Contact Donna Neal to help.




**Zonta Says NO  
to Violence Against Women  
7<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk**


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.***

  
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## **Neu Life 2022 Book Service Project**

***Marge Holzbog and Judy Lehman***

We start 2022 with our new service book project. Communication with Neu Life assures a strong interest in developing an expanded book collection to help children improve their reading and language skills, while offering a place to be part of a community of reading and sharing. Several of you during the holidays have already selected books and forwarded them to Neu Life. It would seem this is evidence of enthusiasm for the project,

On the Neu Life side of the project, there is excitement to move forward with a reading program already in place. A Neu Life staff member has already been assigned to their reading program.

On our Zonta Club side of the project, you all are encouraged to select from your favorite childhood books or from today's many books from outstanding authors. Neu Life will also be providing suggestions to help in our selections. These will be forthcoming soon, and we will share them with you as soon as received. It is thought that these will be posted as well on Neu Life's Amazon book wish list which was initiated over the holidays.

This is a service project for the 2022 club year. So, it is hoped you will make book donations to Neu Life periodically over the year.

### **Your selected titles should be sent directly to:**

**Neu Life**

**Attention: Library**

**2014 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53205**

***Please keep your own donation list forwarding a copy via email to Judy Lehman, [judithlehman@mac.com](mailto:judithlehman@mac.com) who will be compiling and keeping a list of donated books to be shared in the monthly newsletter.*** This may help in eliminating duplicates, although I am certain duplicates will always be welcome. It also may provide robust book ideas for your own personal giving.

Please add to the following list if you have already donated books to Neu Life. Thanks.

### **Books that we know have been donated so far:**

#### **Donated by Donna Kahl -Wilkerson**

Game of Shadows by Erika Lewis

The Supernormal Sleuthing Service, by Gwenda Bond and Christopher Rowes

When is Buddy Coming Home? by Gary Kurz

Winning, by Lara Deloz

Zero Sum Game, by S. L. Huang

#### **Books donated by Marge Holzbog and Judy Lehman**

Piecing Me Together by Renee Watson

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

Some Places More Than Others by Renee Watson

# Service



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Izzy Barr, Running Star by Claudia Mills  
LuLu and the Hamster in the Night by Hilary McKay  
The Book of Awesome Black Americans by Monique L. Jones  
Let the Circle Be Unbroken by Mildred Taylor  
Ruby's Sleepover by Kathryn White  
A Sweet Smell of Roses by Angela Johnson  
Roll of Thunder Hear Me Cry by Mildred Taylor

## **Books donated and still needed from Amazon Registry and Gifting, Neu Life Community**

These have been donated to Neu Life, but we don't have a list of how many of them are from Zonta Club of Milwaukee members, or who the donors might be. Numbers are of last report supplied by Neu Life. This is an excellent resource for examples of books for African American children and written by African American authors.

<u>The Stars Beneath Our Feet</u> by David Barclay	Need 15, Have 6
<u>A Good Kind of Trouble</u> by Lisa Moore	Need 15, Have 7
<u>Empowered Black Girl: Joyful Affirmations and words of Resilience</u>	Need 15, Have 4
<u>17 Stories Celebrating Black Boyhood</u> , by Kwame Mbalia	Need 15, Have 8
<u>Dear Black Girl: Equip, Empower, Enlighten</u> , by Kimberly Lowe Abad	Need 15, Have 2
<u>From the Desk of Zoe Washington</u> , Janae Marks	Need 15, Have 3
<u>Your Name is a Song</u> , Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow	Need 5, Have 2
<u>Sulwe</u> , by Nyong'o, Vashti Harrison	Need 5, Have 2
<u>Dancing in the Wings</u> , By Debbie Allen, Kadir Nelson	Need 5, Have 3
<u>I Am Enough</u> , by Grace Byers, Keturah A. Bobo	Need 5, Have 2
<u>The Day You Begin</u> , by Jacqueline Woodson, Rafael Lopez	Need 5, Have 2
<u>I Am Every Good Thing: An inspiring and critically acclaimed celebration of black boyhood</u> , by Derrick Barnes	Need 5, Have 2
<u>My Hair is a Garden</u> , by Cozbi A. Cabrera	Need 5, Have 2
<u>Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut</u> , by Derrick Barnes, Gordon c. James	Need 5, Have 2
<u>Little Dreamers: Visionary Women Around the World</u> , by Vashti Harrison	Need 6, Have 3
<u>Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History</u> , by Vashti Harrison	Need 6, Have 2
<u>Lullaby (for a Black Mother)</u> , by Langston Hughes	Interest



# Foundation Thank You



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November 9, 2021

Janet Kloser  
Corresponding Secretary  
Zonta Foundation

Dear Ms. Kloser,

On behalf of the entire Alverno community, I would like to thank the Zonta Foundation for its recent award of \$3,000 for Girls' Academy of Science and Mathematics.

Many Academy participants chose to attend Alverno after they graduate high school, where they are invited to participate as student assistants in the program. These are students like Adrianna, a first-year student majoring in chemistry, who shared this:

*"I was part of the Girls' Academy and I really enjoyed being part of the program. It led me to discover my love of science. I received so much support from Alverno even before officially deciding to attend. It is a great community for young women who want to be successful in college. After receiving my bachelor's degree I plan on pursuing a master's degree in engineering. I would like to become a cosmetics chemist in the future. Through Alverno's supportive environment and focus on acquiring specific values, I feel as if I have become a better person. It's not just about getting a certain score on a test, it's about learning certain skills and being able to use them in the outside world."*

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the girls around us. We're honored to include you in our community of supporters

For Alverno,

Christa N. Shields, MBA  
Vice President of Advancement

*So many thanks to the  
Zonta Foundation for  
their generous support!*

*Under current Internal Revenue Service guidelines, the full value of this contribution may be deductible. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this gift.*

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Milwaukee Homeless  
Veterans Initiative

October 29, 2021

Zonta Foundation, Inc.  
C/O Treasurer  
15125 W Fenway Drive  
New Berlin, WI 53151

Dear Zonta Foundation, Inc.,

Thank you so very much for your generous donation of \$5,000 to the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative. Your continued support makes a real difference.

Did you know, that on any given night in the United States, there are up to 40,000 veterans without shelter? The leading cause of homelessness among the veteran population is untreated post-traumatic stress syndrome, social isolation, unemployment, and substance abuse. Veterans account for 11 percent of homeless adults in the US. Even though the number of homeless veterans has decreased significantly since 2011, we know that even one homeless veteran is too many.

The COVID virus has added a new layer of difficulty to an already challenging situation. For vulnerable people living on the periphery, it can be deadly. At risk and homeless veterans rely on community agencies for support.

Last year, MHVI saw a 70% decrease in individual and business giving. We are still coming back from a 31% decrease in goods and in-kind furniture donations. But, thanks to dedicated individuals and businesses in Wisconsin, food donations remained steady, allowing us to serve more than 750 veterans and families. As we continue in 2021, donations from our loyal donors have become critical.

Sincerely,

Debbie Buchanan  
Executive Director  
Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative

*The Fashion Show was awesome!  
We appreciate + respect the  
work you do in support  
of women veterans!*

We thank you for your donation that will directly benefit formerly homeless and at-risk veterans. We could not fulfill our mission without your support. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, state of Wisconsin License #12866-800, EIN# 45-4573280. In compliance with the internal revenue code this acknowledgement serves as your tax receipt for the recent gift. We further note that there were no goods or services received in exchange for this contribution or the value of any goods and services received are within the definition of "low cost" articles under Internal Revenue Code Section 513513(h)(2).

P.O. Box 14575, West Allis, WI 53214

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## **ZONTA INTERNATIONAL'S UNICEF PARTNERSHIP**

Zonta and UNICEF USA in partnership are building a more equitable and just world, one in which girls are able to exercise their rights to survival, safety and well-being. Zonta International and UNICEF have been in close partnership since 1972. Zonta has helped UNICEF advance the status of women and children worldwide through education, health, and protection services. Our continued work with UNICEF USA should allow us to make a continued positive impact and together build a brighter, safe, and healthier future for women and girls. Zonta's past record of work with UNICEF is impressive!

Zonta International's first project (1972-1974) supported through UNICEF USA, provided mobile medical units to serve the health needs of children and mothers in rural areas of Ghana.

In the next biennium (1974-1976), Zonta supported the Pan African Training and Research Center which focused on the recruitment and financing of the African Women's Volunteer Task Force.

From 1976 to 1982, Zonta built on its African success in providing health services to women and children through fund-raising in support of a project with the Colombian Government constructing and equipping health and education centers.

From 1998 to 2002, Zonta assisted UNICEF and government agencies in Burkina Faso to provide prevention education on Female Genital Mutilation which fit well to one of Zonta's long range goals of eradicating violence against women and children.

By 2000, Zonta joined the effort of the World Health Assembly to eliminate maternal tetanus (MNT) in Nepal.

Zonta also supported efforts to eliminate MNT in Afghanistan from 2002 to 2006.

In 2008, Zonta helped UNICEF's health care, prenatal and obstetrical services support reproductive health programs, nutritional support and income generating activities to HIV-positive mothers in Rwanda.

During 2010, in partnership with UNICEF USA, Zonta continued its focus on the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) of HIV in 20 UNICEF supported sites throughout Rwanda. This project was also expanded to include holistic care and services at support centers for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence ensuring women receive proper medical, legal, psychosocial and police support. Until 2016, Zonta continued to support and scale up programs preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV gender-based violence in Rwanda.

Since 2016, Zonta has supported UNICEF's Let Us Learn in Madagascar, a program that creates opportunities for vulnerable and excluded girls helping them to realize their right to an education in a secure and protective environment. The program's focus is based on three equity pillars: reaching out-of-school children, expanding girls' education, and improving quality outcomes for learners.

Zonta International today is also committed to support the UNFPA-UNICEF global program to End Child Marriage in 12 countries: Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Yemen, and Zambia.