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**2021–2022**

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# NEWSLETTER

March 2022

## Zonta Meeting

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:00pm**

### ***An Introduction to Culture: Does our Cultural Background Really Matter?***

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

The Racial Justice Committee is excited to welcome once again Heidi Moore, hopefully well on her way to recovery after badly breaking her leg before last month's scheduled appearance, to guide us through our exploration of culture and cross-cultural communication. This month, we will complete Part 2 of the introduction to culture that we started in January.

If you couldn't attend the January meeting, don't miss March. This has been an enlightening and engaging journey, so let the fun and learning continue!

### ***A reminder of why we're doing this ... The Zonta Club of Milwaukee is seeking:***

- ❖ Learning and competency development to help increase diversity in membership and enhance an inclusive culture.
- ❖ A shared understanding of definitions, language, and development of skills to maintain open discussion and dialogue about culture, diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- ❖ Skills to incorporate learning into the fabric of the organization's culture.
- ❖ Engaging effectively through conflict and misunderstandings across cultural differences.

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# President's Message



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Hello Sister Zontians,

Happy March everyone! I always like it when it seems we are turning the corner on winter and the forecast for the 2nd half of March is looking like spring! I love that we can count on the seasons every year just like we can count on activities and services of our club. As I summarized the biennium last month, I was so pleased to see that our commitment to empower women and girls on our community has not changed, even with the pandemic!

As we prepare for our April business meeting, we are looking to hold this meeting in person. It would be so nice to vote on incoming officers and board members in person and finally meet our new members in person. As a reminder, if you were contacted by Helen to contribute to our annual report, please try to get your information to her on or before the deadline.

Thank you everyone!

Karen  
*Zonta Club of Milwaukee President*



## Happy Rose Day and International Women's Day!

Each year on 8 March, the global community celebrates International Women's Day, recognizing women for their achievements regardless of national, ethnic, linguistic, economic or political divisions. The Zonta International community also celebrates Zonta Rose Day on 8 March, a time to reflect and give tribute to the women who have empowered us.

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## 2022 Fashion Show Updates

**Save the Date Saturday, November 5, 2022**, at the Marriott Milwaukee West 10 am to 1 pm. Let your friends and family know. The committee is working on a theme, which will be shared soon.

The Fashion Show Committee will be meeting again on Monday, April 4th at 6 pm via Zoom. If you are interested in joining the committee, please let Pam know. We can always use new members.

We hope to have a new vendor this year and the price of tickets will be going up to \$70 because of food costs. Start thinking of businesses you can contact for corporate sponsorships. We hope to increase our net on this year's event and the easiest way is more sponsorships. We'll have a letter and form ready by the April meeting.

## Membership

**Congratulations to our own Jackie Beaudry!!!**

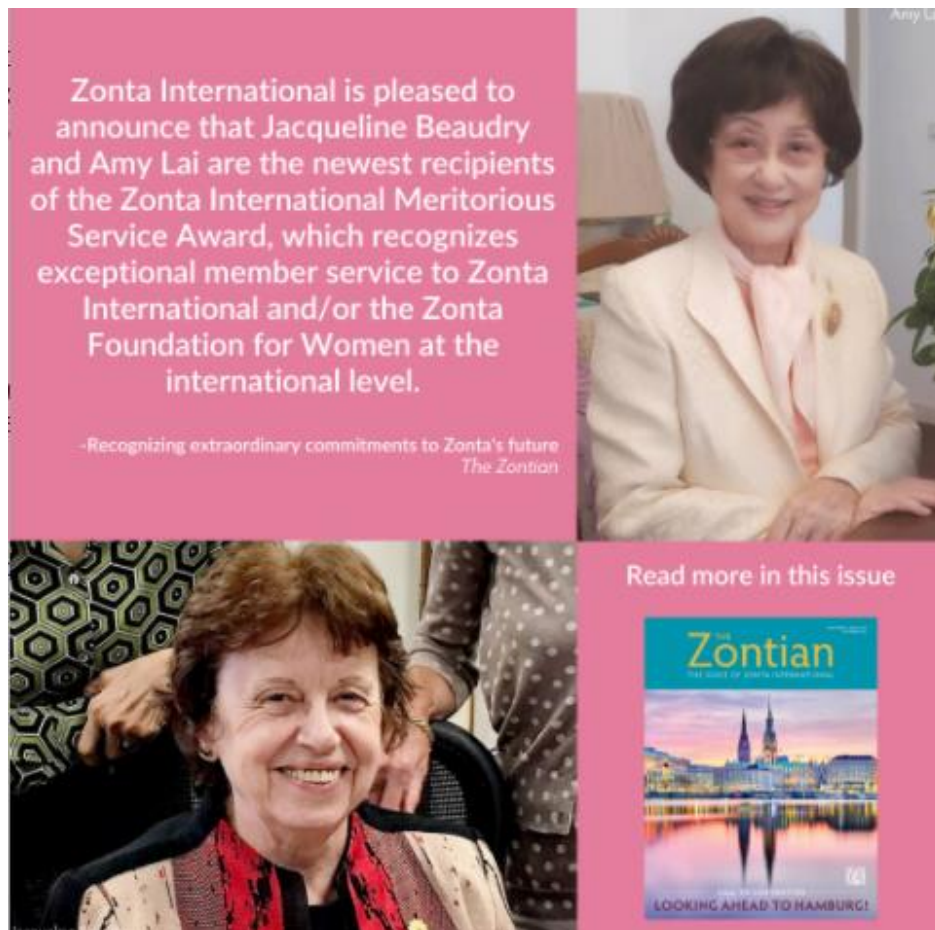
### ***From the ZI Facebook Page:***

*The Zonta International Board is pleased to recognize Jacqueline Beaudry and Amy Lai: two dedicated and generous Zontians who truly have served Zonta and have worked tirelessly in empowering women and girls.*

Grab a copy of our latest *The Zontian* issue to read about Jacqueline's and Amy's extraordinary commitments:

<https://issuu.com/.../docs/zontian-issue3-v4/s/14319560>

Article excerpt shown on the next page.







from The Zontian - Call to  
Convention Issue November 2021  
by Zonta International



Zonta International is pleased to announce that Jacqueline Beaudry and Amy Lai are the newest recipients of the Zonta International Meritorious Service Award, which recognizes exceptional member service to Zonta International and/or the Zonta Foundation for Women at the international level. They join a very select group of 10 prior Meritorious Service Awardees.

## Jacqueline “Jackie”

Beaudry has been a dedicated Zontian for 34 years. She has served at the club, district and international levels of Zonta International with distinction. As chairman of the Foundation’s Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign (CAEC) Committee from 2014 to 2020, Jackie led the committee in raising US\$5.9 million for the Foundation’s endowment funds and, thus, secured longterm sustainability for Zonta International’s programs. Prior to her leadership of the CAEC Committee, Jackie led biennial fundraising efforts for the Foundation for three biennia, greatly increasing contributions from Zonta clubs and encouraging more donations from individual club members. Her work has created a legacy of greater giving by Zonta clubs and individual club members and provided Zonta International with the necessary resources to increase its support for its international service projects and education programs. In addition to her dedication and commitment to the Foundation, Jackie served as Interim Executive Director (2012-2013), International Director during the 2010-2012 Biennium and in multiple roles in District 6 and the Zonta Club of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. Amy Lai has been a dedicated Zontian for 42 years. She has served the Zonta Club of Taipei I, District 31, Zonta International and the Zonta Foundation for Women with honor. As a member of the Foundation’s CAEC Committee from 2015 to 2020, Amy raised US\$859,000 from District 31 for the Foundation’s endowment funds and helped sustain Zonta International’s programs for years to come. Prior to her service on the CAEC Committee, Amy supported Foundation fundraising efforts for many years as a Foundation Board Director (2003-2007) and as a member of the Foundation Development Committee (2003-2010) and has been a dedicated and generous supporter of the Foundation. In addition to her fundraising efforts, Amy served as a member of the International Nominating Committee (1998-2000) and as a member of the Centennial Anniversary Committee from 2010 to 2020.



The Zonta International Board is pleased to recognize these two dedicated and generous members of Zonta International who truly have served Zonta and have worked tirelessly in support of Zonta's mission to empower women and girls. Jackie and Amy will officially receive their awards later this biennium. Please watch for an interview with them both in the fourth and final issue of The Zontian for the 2020-2022 Biennium.

## Zonta International Meritorious Service Awardees

Carol Beaver, USA, District 3 Danielle Bridel, Switzerland, District 30 Ulla Ljungh-Hoff, Sweden, District 21 Auguste Mayer, Austria, District 14 Eva Nielsen, Denmark, District 13 Cecilia Munoz Palma, Philippines, District 17 Val Sarah, Australia, District 23 Ruth Walker, USA, District 11 Margit Webjörn, Sweden, District 21 Irene Wiese-von Ofen, Germany, District 29

## Membership Welcome! Bios of our New Members!



### Ruth Robertson

Ruth recently joined Zonta after attending a handful of events over the past decade. Zonta's vision of empowering women is something she would like to be a part of.

Originally from Louisiana, she has lived in NY, NJ, TX, and AL. Ruth moved to Wauwatosa 15 years ago from Birmingham, AL, and it has been her home ever since.

Ruth has been in the retail industry for 30+ years. When Boston Store closed its doors, she decided to turn her part-time real estate business into her full-time career. She is a realtor with M3 Realty and is currently working on flipping her first property.

Ruth is a mother of 4-- 3 girls and 1 boy-- and has 4 grandchildren: 3 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. She loves the adventure of travelling to new places and treasures time spent with her family.

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## Diana Barnett

Experienced business consultant, corporate trainer/coach, and speaker. Diana is passionate about helping both individuals and businesses develop their strategies and leadership skills to be successful. As a professional and business coach she spends time working to assist in developing strategies for leadership training, organizational structures, process documentation, goals development, and plans for successful execution. Training workshops include but are not limited to, DEI Training, StrengthsFinder, HR for Non-HR Managers, Dealing with Difficult Employees, the Art of Delegation, Leveraging Professional Experience, Emotional Intelligence, Managing Change, and Building and Sustaining High Performance Teams.

Diana has 15 years of Academic experience. Collegiate roles include both local and online universities as Organizational Leadership Advisory Board member, Campus Faculty Liaison, Student Advisor, and Academic Lecturer. Online and Classroom Adjunct Professor at the Graduate / Undergraduate levels. Courses include, but are not limited to Organizational Leadership, Communications, Global Strategies in Business, Macro Economics, Economics of the Firm, Ethics, Marketing & Product Management, Human Resource Management, Strategic Marketing, Leadership and Governance Nonprofits, Foundations in Business, International Management, Management Principles and Operations Management, Organizational Ethics & Social Responsibility, Cultural Diversity, Financial Planning and Project Management.



Additionally, as a retiree of Molson Coors, Diana has extensive experience in Supply Chain Logistics, Controls and Compliance, as well as Leadership execution. Her professional experience included roles in areas of Supply Chain Management, Financial Planning, Strategic Execution, Customer Service, Logistics, Import / Domestic Operations, Distribution Center management, Leadership training / development, Change Management, and Project Execution Management. She led a salaried team of 21 with indirect staff of two external contracted organizations supporting freight management and compliance execution. The team was accountable for the accuracy and execution of payments exceeding \$600M annually for 175+ vendors. She successfully led her team through project executions in freight payments and compliance development protocol for both SOX and Internal/External Audits.

Diana has an MBA in Marketing from Concordia University and continues her doctoral journey having completed required courses (72 credits) towards her a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership from the University of Phoenix.



## Presentation of the Slate by the Nominating Committee

### **Nominations - Presentation of the 2022 Slate**

#### **Proposed 2022 slate for Club Board Officers:**

President:	Joann Harris-Comodore: 1 <sup>st</sup> year of a 2-year term 2022-2024
President-Elect:	Carol Mangold: 1 <sup>st</sup> year of a 2-year term 2022-2024
Vice President:	Crystal Carter: 1 <sup>st</sup> year of a 2-year term 2022-2024
Treasurer:	Laureen Ward: 1 <sup>st</sup> year of a 2-year term 2022-2024
Secretary:	<i>Vacant: a 2-year term 2022-2024 (Need a volunteer)</i>

#### **Proposed 2022 slate for Club Board Directors:**

New Directors:	Judy Lehman: completing a 1-year vacant term: 2022-2023
	Joni Reese: a 1-year vacant term: 2022-2023
	Ruth Robertson: 1 <sup>st</sup> year of a 2-year term 2022-2024
	Diana Barnett: 1 <sup>st</sup> year of a 2-year term 2022-2024
	Maureen Siwula: 1 <sup>st</sup> year of a 2-year term 2022-2024

Director Continuing: Gloria Jones: 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 2-year term 2021-2023

#### **Proposed slate for Foundation Board:**

New Directors:	Donna Kahl-Wilkerson: 1 <sup>st</sup> year of a 3-year term 2022-2025
	Janet Kloser: 1 <sup>st</sup> year of a 3-year term 2022-2025
	La Toya Sykes: 1 <sup>st</sup> year of a 3-year term 2022-2025
Directors Continuing:	Deb Koller: 3 <sup>rd</sup> year of a 3-year term 2020-2023
	Donna Neal: 3 <sup>rd</sup> year of a 3-year term 2020-2023
	Elizabeth Stull: 3 <sup>rd</sup> year of a 3-year term 2020-2023
	Marge Holzbog: 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of a 3-year term 2021-2024
	Barbara Wyatt-Sibley: 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of a 3-year term 2021-2024
	Jackie Beaudry: 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of a 3-year term 2021-2024





## **Club Secretary Role and Responsibilities**

***Regarding the vacancy for Club Secretary, a few comments from our current Secretary:***

It is my understanding that the nominating committee has been unable to find a member willing to take on the position of Club Secretary. As the outgoing secretary, I would like to encourage a member to take on the position. Per our bylaws the duties of the secretary are:

**Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Club and of the Board and will conduct correspondence not specifically assigned to other Officers or committees and perform other duties as assigned by the Board such as administer the Club's email.**

As secretary,

- I attend the monthly board meetings and take the notes. Usually, I have a template set up from the agenda forwarded by the President. After the meeting, I email the notes to the Board members for review.
- I also take notes for our monthly business meetings. At the conclusion of the meeting, I forward the minutes to the President for review and to Joni for submission into the newsletter.
- I periodically check our club email and forward any messages to the appropriate person. However, we rarely get any emails.
- Finally, I put together the annual report for our business meeting in April. The individual committee chairs send me their reports and I compile them into the annual report.

The position itself is not that time consuming. It requires attendance at the Board and Club meetings. I will be willing to help whoever takes over the position.

Please thoughtfully consider taking on this role for our club.

Thank you,  
Helen Ludwig





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## Call for Membership Dues for 2022 - 2023



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### **Zonta Club Dues for Fiscal Year June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023**

We appreciate your membership and we're sure you will want to continue to empower women and girls through service and advocacy.

**Dues and fees total \$182.00. PLEASE send your payment by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.**

Dues are as follows:	Amounts
Zonta International	\$ 88
North America Liability Insurance	\$ 3
Annual dues to Zonta District 6	\$ 31
Annual Club dues	\$ 60
<b>TOTAL by May 01, 2022</b>	<b>\$182</b>

We have two ways to pay:

1. **Square via emailed invoice**
2. **Mail by May 01. Mail your check, payable to**  
**Zonta Club of Milwaukee to:**  
**Maria Bellmann**  
**5858 Six Mile Rd**  
**Belgium, WI 53004**

**Please note any changes/additions for name, address, phone, fax, email, birthday along with your payment.**

Zonta membership **dues are not tax-deductible** as a charitable contribution; but may qualify as a business expense. Consult your tax advisor. If we do not receive your check on time, we cannot submit your name on the roster. Zonta International will not recognize you as a club member. If your check arrives 45 days after the June 1st, 2022, deadline, you will be charged a late fee of \$15.

Maria Bellmann  
Club Treasurer



## 2022 Book Service Project Update

Judith Lehman & Marge Holzbog

Below you will find the books on the Neu Life Amazon Wish List., the titles, authors and how many they have. The first 5 on the list are chapter books for potential future book clubs, and the rest are children's books that will be used for projects like "Read with Me" and Wellness Wednesdays in the summer. The goal was 15 of each title of the chapter books to have enough for both Book Club and the library. For the children's books, the aim was to get 5 of each to have on hand for programming. **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR DONATIONS!**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>NEED</u>	<u>HAVE</u>	<u>PRIORITY</u>
The Stars Beneath Our Feet	Davis Barclay Moore (Paperback)	15	7	High
A Good Kind of Trouble	Lisa Moore Ramee (Paperback)	15	8	High
Empowered Black Girl: Joyful Affirmation and Words of Resilience (Book for black girls) (Badass Black Girl)	M. J. Fievre (Paperback)	15	5	High
Dear Black Girl: Equip, Empower, Enlighten	Kimberly Lowe Abad (Paperback)	15	3	High
From the Desk of Zoe Washington	Janae Marks (Paperback)	15	2	High
Your Name is a Song	Jamiah Thomkins Bigelow (Hardcover)	5	2	-
Sulwe	Lupita Nyong'o Vashti Harrison (Hardcover)	5	2	-
I Am Enough	Grace Byers, Keturah A. Bobo (Hardcover)	5	2	-
The Day You Begin	Jacqueline Woodson, Rafael Lopez (Hardcover)	5	2	-
I Am Every Good Thing: An inspiring and critically acclaimed celebration of black boyhood	Derrick Barnes (Paperback)	5	2	-
Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut (Denene Millner Books)	Derrick Barnes (Hardcover)	5	2	-
Little Dreamers: Visionary Women Around the World	Vashti Harrison (Hardcover)	6	5	Low
Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History	Vashti Harrison (Hardcover)	6	5	Low
Lullaby (For a Black Mother)	Langston Hughes, Sean Qualis (Hardcover)	-	-	Low
Dear Black Boy: It's O.K. to Cry	Ebony Lewis, Jasmine Grant	5	0	Low

Please send your donation of books directly to Neu-Life: Attention Library 2014 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53205 and copy of what purchased to Judy Lehman at [judithlehman@mac.com](mailto:judithlehman@mac.com).

For the most recent list of books, please consult the Amazon Wish List at:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/14W8RQLXHDWR7?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/14W8RQLXHDWR7?ref=wl_share)



## **CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION AND COMING ATTRACTIONS**

After this month, our final session with Heidi will be scheduled for May or August. About a month before we meet, we will ask members to utilize the online Intercultural Conflict Style Inventory, an 18-item questionnaire and cross-culturally validated assessment tool, that we will be using and referring to in that meeting.

### **LOOKING FOR FEEDBACK**

We'd like to make feedback about our cross-cultural exploration a regular part of our process as well as a part of this monthly newsletter. At Club meetings, we'll try to spend 10 minutes or so discussing what we've learned about culture and communication, and how we're incorporating the learning into our Zonta activities and plans, particularly recruitment and retention.

We'd also like to include in the newsletter any reflections from members. Moving forward, please forward any feedback you'd like to share -- on either the Club meetings, or on how the learning has impacted the way you think or behave -- with either Donna Neal or Donna Kahl-Wilkerson, and we'll make sure it gets in the newsletter.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Advocacy expects the entire Club to participate in recruiting participation in our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women Silent Walk likely to be scheduled for Monday, October 3. 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 from Sojourner said in her remarks at City Hall at last fall's event, "this atrium should be filled". We need to be focused on building connections with other organizations that are concerned about the issue and will march with us.

**At the March meeting, we will be asking each Club member to identify an organization they have some connection with, and a contact name at that organization. Please come to the meeting prepared. The committee will follow up with any individuals/organizations, but we encourage individual members to use their personal contacts.**

We are including a list of talking points that members can use in making these contacts on behalf of the Club. ***The separate document will also be attached to the newsletter email.***

Respectfully submitted,

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

***If you think you might like to join the Racial Justice Committee, just contact any one of us! We'll be happy to talk with you and answer any questions. We meet first Thursdays of the month, virtually, at 6:30.***





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**TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

March/April 2022

## Invitation to Join Zonta Club of Milwaukee in Annual Walk vs. Violence Against Women Talking Points (letter template available)

**Monday, October 3, 2022**, is the tentative date of our **7th Annual Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Walk**, sponsored by the Zonta Club of Milwaukee in partnership with End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin. We sincerely hope that you and others from (your organization) will join us in this important event.

### About the Walk

- Our 7th annual walk (did not hold in 2020)
- Timed with End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin's annual release of its *Wisconsin Domestic Violence Homicide Report*
- It is a **silent** walk to honor the memories of those who have died as a result of domestic violence
- We walk downtown and then regroup to commemorate the victims. The entire event lasts approximately an hour and begins at 11:55 AM.
- We are proud to have the support of our community leaders who have consistently joined us at this event:
- We aim to generate community attention for the problem of domestic violence, and to inspire action.
  - Awareness of the rising problem of domestic violence in our state
  - Intimate partner violence and homicides have dramatically increased in the past two years due to the pandemic and continue to rise at appalling levels
  - Support for the victims of domestic violence
  - Support for organizations serving the victims and leading the fight against domestic violence through education and programs.

### About Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women

- Violence against women and girls is one of the most pervasive human rights violations and a global epidemic.
- For over 100 years, and 96 years in Milwaukee, Zonta International has contributed to help achieve a world free of violence against women and girls through service and advocacy.
- Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women is a global advocacy campaign launched in 2012

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*Zonta International is a leading global organization of 28,000 members in 63 countries working together to empower women and girls through service and advocacy.*



**The National Herald March 11, 2022**

## **Maloney, Speier Lead Bipartisan Colleagues Urging Senate Leadership to Vote on ERA**

WASHINGTON, DC – On International Women’s Day, March 8, Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney, Chairwoman of the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and Rep. Jackie Speier, Co-Chair of the Democratic Women’s Caucus, led a bipartisan group of House Members, including Democratic Women’s Caucus Co-Chairs Rep. Lois Frankel (D-FL), and Rep. Brenda Lawrence (D-MI); Democratic Women’s Caucus Vice Chairs Rep. Veronica Escobar and Rep. Sylvia Garcia (D-TX); and Rep. Tom Reed (R-NY), in sending a letter to Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell urging them to schedule a vote on the Senate floor on the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) this month in commemoration of Women’s History Month.

“In just a few weeks, on March 22, we will mark the 50th anniversary of congressional passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). In anticipation of this anniversary, and as Members of Congress committed to constitutional equality, we write to request immediate action by the Senate to affirm the ERA as the 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. March is Women’s History Month—the perfect time for this historic action,” wrote the Members to Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell.

The letter to Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell is available online: <https://bit.ly/372Kb7Q>.

## ***Upcoming Dates:***

**April Club Business Meeting: April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**May Club Meeting: May 25<sup>th</sup>**

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**Area 2 Spring Workshop (Belvidere, IL): May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Zonta International Convention (Hamburg, Germany): June 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**  
(Early Bird Registration Extended until March 31)

**District 6 Fall Conference in Milwaukee: Oct 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>**  
(The MKE Club and Area 2 is hosting!)

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**Annual MKE Club Fashion Show Fundraiser: Nov 5<sup>th</sup>**

**North American Intra-District Meeting: June 2023**



### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

#### About the female icons seen on USA Today's cover 3/3/2022

**Malala Yousafzai** (1997- ) Yousafzai is a Pakistani activist who advocates for gender equality in education and female empowerment. She first gained international recognition for her diary about her life under Taliban rule. At 15, she was shot in the head by Taliban terrorists for her campaign for female education in Pakistan.

In 2014, she became the youngest Nobel Prize laureate at the age of 17.

**Dame Jane Goodall** (1934- ) Goodall is an English primatologist and anthropologist famous for her observations and efforts to protect wild chimpanzees from extinction. Through her scientific research and environmental advocacy, she has spent nearly 60 years playing a key role in redefining species conservation with relation to their natural habitats and the local communities that surround them.

**Maya Angelou** (1928-2014) Angelou was an American author, poet and civil rights activist. She is considered one of the most renowned and influential voices in modern time.

She rose to popularity in 1969 with the publication of her autobiography "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," shaking the literary world and opening doors for Black women and authors.

In 1993, she became the first female and first Black inaugural poet in U.S. presidential history.

Angelou was also awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2010.

**Anna May Wong** (1905-1961) Wong is considered the first Chinese American Hollywood star, appearing in more than 60 films throughout her career. She is recognized as an icon for her dedication to improve Asian representation in the film industry.

Wong was considered an international trailblazer for navigating blatant racism and "exotic" typecasting, which she was subjected to in a predominantly white industry. She was notably excluded from "The Good Earth," a 1937 drama that follows the lives of Chinese farmers, in favor of lead actors of German and American descent.

**Frida Kahlo** (1907-1954) Kahlo was a Mexican artist admired for her many bold self-portraits and paintings inspired by the nature and artifacts of Mexico. Her work is defined by intense, vibrant colors that illustrate pain and passion.

Today Kahlo is recognized as a feminist icon for her depictions of the female experience including abortion, miscarriage, birth and breastfeeding.

**Amelia Earhart** (1897-declared legally dead in 1939)





## UN REPORT – Marge Holzbog

**Zonta International condemns aggression and acts of war and stands with our members in Ukraine. \***

Our International President has been in communication with our Zonta members in Ukraine and is inspired by their strength and resilience as evidence by their message:

***“We are calm and resolute: we keep in touch with family and friends. The main thing is that we maintain our strength of spirit – then we will not be defeated.”***

***“Today, Ukraine needs us, and we are called on to give a part of ourselves if we are to live in a democratic country governed by the rule of law.”***

Our International President, Sharon Langenbeck, stated: “As women and children move from Ukraine into neighboring countries, we encourage our global membership to use their voices to advocate to ensure that the safety and wellbeing of women and girls are at the forefront of the humanitarian response. (We know that in times of conflict and war, women bear the primary burden of keeping their families together, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of their children addressing the long-term emotional and physical damage inflicted by war.)”

President Langenbeck further stated: “We also know that our members are generous and want to directly support Ukrainians and their immediate needs. While Zonta International is not positioned to respond to emergencies, we encourage our members to direct their support to relief organizations like our long-time partners at UNFPA and UNICEF that are already working on the ground in Ukraine and the nearby countries that are accepting refugees. District 27, of which Ukraine is a part, is working with local Zontians to assess and respond to their local needs.”

**Our thoughts and prayers are with all!**

\*Zonta International has three clubs in Ukraine:

LVIV

LVIV- ZAMOK

UZHGOROD, Transcarpathia.

<https://zonta.fi/zonta-international-stands-with-our-members-in-ukraine/>



Zonta Club of Milwaukee  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday Feb 23, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Joann Harris-Commodore at 6:00 PM.

Pam Knackert introduced our guest, Shari Januszewski, sister of Area 2 Director, Gail Zalewski.

## **Business Meeting:**

### ***New Business:***

- The early bird registration deadline for the 2022 Zonta International Convention, June 25-28, in Hamburg, Germany has been extended to March 31, 2022.
- Discussion followed regarding how many members of the club are planning to attend the convention in person. A virtual option will be offered for attending the convention, however delegates to the convention must attend in person in Hamburg. Each club is entitled to two delegates and two alternates. Donna Neal nominated Jackie Beaudry and Crystal Carter as delegates and Donna Neal and Carol Mangold as alternates. Marge Holzberg seconded. The club voted unanimously to approve the delegates and alternates as nominated.

### ***Treasure's Financial Report:***

- Maria Bellman presented the treasurer's report. The ending checking acct. balance for 12/31/2021 was \$14,0088.51 with an outstanding disbursement of \$500 to Heidi Moore, Moore Urban Consulting. An updated report was submitted following the meeting with an ending checking acct. balance for 2/28/2002 of \$14,111.51 and continued outstanding disbursement to Heidi Moore of \$500.

### ***Committee Reports:***

- Service: Joni Reese. Neu-Life Library Book project. As new books are purchased, members are asked to let Judy Lehman know for tracking purposes. Joni Reese will update the list of needed books each month in the newsletter.
- Advocacy: Donna Neal gave an update on Heidi Moore's health. Heidi is scheduled to facilitate the program at next month's club meeting in March. Club members are asked to identify new participants for the 2022 Silent Walk to End Violence Against Women next fall. The advocacy committee hopes to expand the size and impact of the event by encouraging more community participation.
- Public Relations: Joni Reese requested articles for the newsletter to be submitted including the new slate of club officers for approval at the March Club meeting.

# Club Minutes

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- Fashion Show: Pam Knackert reported that the first committee meeting for the 2022 fashion show will be on March 10 at 6:00PM. The committee is looking for new volunteers to serve on the committee. The fashion show will be held on Nov. 5, 2022, at the Marriott.
- Scholarship: Deb Kohler sent an update that applications for the Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship are now open.
- Membership: Pam Knackert reported that Shari Januszewski, our guest tonight, is a prospective member.
- Foundation: Jackie Beaudry reported that a joint Foundation Board and Club Board meeting was held on Feb. 8, 2022. Pam Knackert asked for recommendations on how to use 1/3 of the 2021 Fashion Show proceeds. Donna Neal reported that the grant application process needs to be modified. All appropriate forms required for the foundation have now been filed with the state to be reinstated with non-profit status.
- United Nations: Marge Holzberg asked for prayers for the women and children whose lives are adversely impacted by the current crises around the world.
- Fall Conference; Joanne Commodore—Harris reported no updates at this time.
- Nominating Committee: Diane Lindsley reported that the club board secretary position has not been filled to date and there are 2- one-year vacancies on the club board. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Diane.

## ***Program***

Gail Zalewski, Area 2 Director gave updates on Zonta International and Area 2 projects. Registration is free for the virtual option of the 50th annual Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) March 13 - 25, 2022. Gail will send the registration link for the virtual parallel events. Gail discussed Zonta International's consultant status role in the U.N. Area 2 Spring Workshop in Belvedere, May 14, call to workshop will be sent out in mid-March. A Zoom option may be available.

## ***Announcements:***

- Next club meeting March 23, 2022, at 6:00 PM
- Spring Workshop - Belvedere, May 14, 2022
- International Convention - Hamburg, Germany, June 25-28, 2022
- Fall Conference - Milwaukee, WI, October 7-9, 2022
- Fall Fashion Show — November 5, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Mangold