

NEWSLETTER

April 2022

Area 2 • District 6

2021-2022

Zonta Club of Milwaukee

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Karen Smith, President Joann Comodore, President Elect Carol Mangold, Vice President Maria Bellmann, Treasurer Helen Ludwig, Secretary

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Crystal Carter Sandra Goldmann Gloria Jones Donna Kahl-Wilkerson Maureen Siwula Laureen Ward

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Foundation Board

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Send your newsletter submissions to Joni Reese @ tnjreese@wi.rr.com

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Zonta Meeting

In-Person Meeting at Saz's

Wednesday, April 27th Social @ 5:30pm Dinner Meeting @ 6:00pm

Annual Business Meeting

- Election of new Club Board and Officers
- Election of new Foundation Board Members
- **❖** Review of the 2021-2022 Club Annual Report
- **❖** Review of the 2021 Foundation Annual Report
- Business Meeting Agenda Topics

Helen Ludwig sent out an email explaining the process and requested confirmation of your attendance and reservation for the dinner meeting. It has been a while, so we are a little rusty with the pre-meeting work, but we will need reservations in advance.

RSVPs will be due by Sunday, April 24th to Helen Ludwig @ <u>hludwig@ludwiglaw.org</u>. Helen will need to call in the final number to Saz's on Monday.

The dinner meeting will be \$35 per person, which you will be asked to pay if you secure a reservation.

- Maria will have a Square transaction processor available for those who would like to pay by credit card.
- Cash or check payments for the dinner meeting will be due when you arrive at the meeting.

Saz's State House: 5539 W. State Street, Milwaukee

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President's Message



Hello Sisters!

It is that time of year again, where we prepare for our annual business meeting. As I was reviewing the annual report, it was so wonderful to read of the many accomplishments and more importantly the many people that our club has served over the past year. Whether it be a scholarship, a blanket, a Mother's Day meal, a book, an advocate, a remembrance, or a learning opportunity; I truly believe that this club has made the world a better place. Thank you to the many leaders who led the various initiatives and the many members who faithfully gave of yourself for another. You have demonstrated the beautiful mission of Zonta.

It is exciting to think about returning to in person meetings and having the opportunity to get to know our new

members on a more personal level, as well as existing members whom we have all missed so much! I am looking forward to welcoming our new club and foundation board members and installing club board officers. I know you will all make our club and Zonta proud!

Karen
Zonta Club of Milwaukee President



Upcoming Dates:

April Club Business Meeting: April 27th

May Club Meeting: May 25th

Area 2 Spring Workshop (Belvidere, IL): May 14th

Zonta International Convention (Hamburg, Germany): June 25th – 28th

(Early Bird Registration Extended until March 31)

7th Annual Zonta Says No Silent Walk: Oct 7th

District 6 Fall Conference in Milwaukee: Oct 7th - 9th

(The MKE Club and Area 2 is hosting!)

Annual MKE Club Fashion Show Fundraiser: Nov 5th

North American Intra-District Meeting: June 2023

(District 6 is Hosting in Indianapolis)

Club Updates



2022 Fashion Show Updates

The Fashion Show Committee will be meeting again on Monday, May 2nd at 6 pm via Zoom. If you are interested in joining the committee, please let Pam know. We can always use new members.

Save the Date Saturday, November 5, 2022, at the Marriott Milwaukee West 10 am to 1 pm. Let your friends and family know.

Our theme will be **Fall into Fashion: Build a Better World for Women and Girls.** We hope to have a new vendor this year. Additionally, the price of tickets will be increased this year due to the increase of food costs.

Please start thinking of businesses you can contact for corporate sponsorships. We hope to increase our net fundraising on this year's event and the easiest way to do that is to gain more sponsorships. Pam will be sending out a corporate sponsorship letter with levels of recognition form shortly. We will also hopefully supply a list we are working with, however please let us know if you have any other businesses you will contact. If you want the committee to contact, please let Carol Mangold know. Remember your dentist, accountant, financial planner, and anyone else that you do business with, including the company you work for, that might be willing to provide a sponsorship or Friend of Zonta donation.

7th Annual Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women Walk

Friday, October 7, 2022, has been confirmed as the date of our 7th Annual Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Walk, starting and ending at City Hall from 11:55 AM until 1 PM. We will be joined this year by the Zonta District 6 Board and hopefully other Zonta Club members who drive in a bit early for the District Conference that weekend. A great way to kick off Fall Conference!!

We expect the entire Club to participate in recruiting other organizations to walk with us.

Please volunteer to make the initial contact with an agency/organization you know -- sign up using the contact list spreadsheet Donna Neal sent out by email after last month's meeting. If you lost it, please contact her. Happy Spring!



Club Updates



Presentation of the Slate by the Nominating Committee

NOMINATING

Chairperson: Diane S. Lindsley

Committee Members: Carol Mangold, Donna Kahl-Wilkerson

The team solicited members to fill open Club Board of Director positions and Zonta Foundation,

Inc. Board of Directors. Proposed for election at the April 2022 Club Meeting:

Proposed 2022 slate for Zonta Club Board Officers:

President: Joann Harris-Comodore: 1st year of a 2-year term 2022-2024

President-Elect: Carol Mangold: 1st year of a 2-year term 2022-2024

Vice President: Crystal Carter: 1st year of a 2-year term 2022-2024

Treasurer: Laureen Ward: 1st year of a 2-year term 2022-2024

Secretary: Judy Lehman: 1st year of a 2-year term 2022-2024

Proposed 2022 slate for Zonta Club Board Directors:

New Directors: Vacant: 1-year term: 2022-2023

Joni Reese: a 1-year vacant term: 2022-2023

Ruth Robertson: 1st year of a 2-year term 2022-2024

Diana Barnett: 1st year of a 2-year term 2022-2024

Maureen Siwula: 1st year of a 2-year term 2022-2024

Director Continuing: Gloria Jones: 2nd year of a 2-year term 2021-2023

Proposed slate for Zonta Foundation, Inc. Board:

New Directors: Donna Kahl-Wilkerson: 1st year of a 3-year term 2022-2025

Janet Kloser: 1st year of a 3-year term 2022-2025 La Toya Sykes: 1st year of a 3-year term 2022-2025

Directors Continuing: Deb Koller: 3rd year of a 3-year term 2020-2023

Donna Neal: 3rd year of a 3-year term 2020-2023 Elizabeth Stull: 3rd year of a 3-year term 2020-2023 Marge Holzbog: 2nd year of a 3-year term 2021-2024

Barbara Wyatt-Sibley: 2nd year of a 3-year term 2021-2024

Jackie Beaudry: 2nd year of a 3-year term 2021-2024



Call for Membership Dues for 2022 - 2023



ZONTA Club of Milwaukee

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 1st.

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

We have two ways to pay:

- 1. Square via emailed invoice
- 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

Club Updates



Zonta Foundation: 2022 Application for Grants is Available Now

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee Foundation Board is soliciting requests from agencies starting April 2021, with a due date July 15, 2022. The Board will review and make decisions by August/September timeframe. Awards will be given at the Zonta Fashion Show Fundraiser scheduled for November 5, 2022. The 2022 Application for funding is now available.

Please find the information at http://zontamilwaukee.org on the Foundation Page.

Allies for Teens in Foster Care is very proud to present their 2022 Art Contest. It is free to enter for anyone touched by foster care. All ages welcome to participate. First place prize for the 13 to 17-year-old division is a post high school \$500 scholarship.

In Honor of Foster Care Awareness Month this May, All 4 Kidz and Allies For Teens in Foster Care are joining forces to hold and art contest for kids or adults touched by foster care.

Kids or adults are invited to send art work inspired by the prompt:

What Keeps Me Going

Winners will be announced on May 1st and displayed at the Wauwatosa Library.

Prizes: First Place-

Under 6 \$50 target card 7-12 \$50 target card

13-17 \$500 post high school education scholarship

18+ \$100 visa card

Prizes will also be awarded for second, third and honorable mentions

Contest Rules:

All art should be less than 11 x 14 inches. Art can be created by pencil, crayons, paint, photography, and other any medium; poetry is welcome. Adults submitting art for youth must include an adult contact, the child's first name, age and a way we can contact those entering winning submissions. All entries must be recived by April 25th.

All submissions will become the property of Allies for Teens in Foster Care and will not be returned.

Enteries can be submitted in several ways:

- Mailed or dropped off to Allies For Teens in Foster Care, 2368 N 91 Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53226
- Send an electronic copy of your submission to abyrne@alliesforteens.org In special circumsatnees, we may be able to come collect art submissions.

Call or Text 414-531-2862 with any questions. All 4 Kids and Allies For Teens in Foster Care are established 501c3 organizations

Service



2022 Book Service Project Update

Judith Lehman & Marge Holzbog

As a monthly service project, each member is selecting their choice of books for Neu-Life's spring structured reading group or for Neu-Life's permanent book collection in the Reading Room Library. Donated books are forwarded directly to Neu-Life: Attention Library 2014 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53205.

Neu-Life's stated mission is "to empower youth with skills and strategies to make better life choices and further development of reading skills and exposure to broad ideas and discussions in their Reading Room."

The project qualifies as meeting Zonta International's mission where education is an important focus

Donated books of member choice are focused on the 10-12 age group at the request of Neu-Life. Zonta member, Judith Lehman, is keeping a listing of donated books.

Books Donated in March 2022:

The Day You Begin	Jacqueline Woodson	1
I Am Enough	Grace Byers	3
Sulwe	Lupita Nyong'o Vashti Harrison	1
Your Name is A Song	Jamie Thomkins Bigelow	2
A Good Kind of Trouble	Lisa Moore Ramee	6
I Am Enough	Grace Byers	1
From the Desk of Zoe Washington	Jane Marks	5
The Stars Beneath Our Feet	Daniel B. Moore	2
No title given		3
Dear Black Girl	Kimberly Lowe Abad	2
Little Dreamers: Visionary Women Around the World	Vashti Harrison	1
The Stars Beneath Our Feet	Daniel B. Moore	1

April 10th Update from Neu-Life

Ms. Tamesha is leading our book club for this semester. It is now back to in-person Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 pm. Fifteen teens are in the club, and they are reading a book called **Black Boy Joy** and it is 17 different short stories in the whole book. We continue to work on one short story a week, we anticipate using this book through the end of May.

We took the week of spring break off, and right now the biggest challenge we have is the teens finding the time to read between their other schoolwork. But we are moving along at a pace they can handle.

We currently have an Amazon wish list for the books we are seeking for the Book Club and Library. We currently have 28 total books on the wish list (a few titles needing multiple copies to fill out the library). We have been getting books in weekly from the wish list, mostly from Zonta Club members- we THANK YOU!

Here is the link to the Amazon Wish List: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/14W8RQLXHDWR7?ref_=wl_share

Spring Workshop



Spring workshop information is attached. This is an annual meeting of the clubs in District 6 Area 2. It is a great opportunity to meet other club members and learn more about Zonta.

Cheryl Lindberg, President of the Zonta Club of Belvidere, and I would like to invite you to attend our Area 2 Workshop on Saturday, May 14, 2022. It will be held at the Boone County Historical Museum in Belvidere, which is an added bonus.

We will have a continental breakfast available starting at 8:30 am, and the program will begin at 9:00 am and conclude by 2:00 pm. The museum is open until 3:00 pm, so you will still have time to browse around if you so desire.

We will hear from our District leaders and have updates on the clubs' activities, as well as hearing from the Boone County State's Attorney, Tricia Smith. You may notice that Club Presidents Reports are on the Agenda. Club Presidents should report on their club activities from the past year and upcoming activities, if known. Reports should be no longer than 5 minutes. We will also have two breakout sessions that will give you time to share ideas with Zontians from other clubs in the Area. You will have a chance to look at how your club could potentially expand some activities to maximize impact and best utilize club resources.





UN REPORT – Marge Holzbog

Adolescent Girls' Health and Protection in Peru - the latest report available

The Adolescent Girls' Health and Protection project in <u>Ucayali and Huancavelica</u> aims to improve the capacity of services to respond to the health needs of adolescents, especially girls, in a timely manner and prevent all kinds of violence in schools. Through the committed partnership with Zonta International, adolescents, especially girls, are accessing the critical health care services that support healthy growth and development.

Approximately 1 in 3 - adolescent girls and women in <u>Huancavelica</u> have been victims of violence by a male partner

Approximately 1 in 4 - adolescent girls and women in <u>Ucayali</u> have been victims of violence by a male partner

Results (January-July 2021)

Strengthened critical adolescent health care services impacted by COVID-19, reaching 8,319 adolescents (5,814 girls).

Launched the virtual phase of the in-service training program. Participants include health personnel from <u>Ucayali and Huancavelica</u>.

Trained 270 health personnel from <u>Huancavelica</u> on the technical guidelines for comprehensive adolescent healthcare in the context of COVID-19.

Finalized the technical document for the dissemination of rules and procedures to recognize cases of violence that can occur in a health facility.

Built the knowledge and skills of 19 principals and teachers on health promotion in secondary schools. 86 school principals and teachers enhanced their knowledge on and awareness of violence prevention strategies and response protocols for in-school violence.

The "Brigada SISEVE" campaign, which focuses on preventing school violence by promoting violence reporting channels among girls, boys and adolescents, reached 200,000 people nationwide.

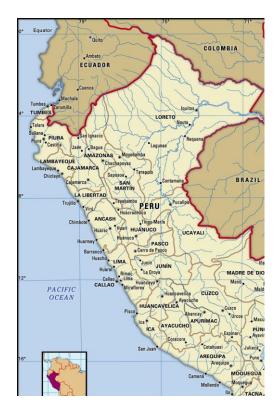
A health promotion toolkit was integrated within the comprehensive adolescent development model based on secondary schools.

A school violence prevention model was strengthened with the design of an instrument that schools can use to monitor progress on improvements in school coexistence and the reduction of violence.



The Way Forward

In collaboration with partner Zonta International, UNICEF is working to ensure that adolescents, **especially girls, in <u>Ucayali and Huancavelica</u>** have access to the comprehensive health care and protection services required for healthy growth and development. Utilizing new modalities of communication, UNICEF and partners are continuing to reach and train education and health personnel to better equip each with the tools required to respond to the evolving needs of adolescent girls.



<u>Ucayali</u>, Located in Peru's Amazon, shares borders with Loreto region to the north, Brazil to the east, Madre de dios and Cusco regions to the south, Junín region to the southeast and Pasco and Huánuco regions to the west. With 102,400 km2, Ucayali is Peru's second largest region. Ucayali has 8 provinces and 53 districts with a population of 512,376 (projected to 2018), of which 34.9 per cent (178,632) are children and adolescents.

Ucayali is culturally, linguistically and geographically diverse. There are 18 indigenous peoples living in the region who speak around 14 indigenous languages. While Peru is an upper middle income country, gaps and inequities persist. In Ucayali, the monetary poverty rate has remained consistent, ranging from 11.7 per cent to 14.5 per cent in 2013 and from 12.1 per cent to 14.6 per cent in 2017.

Huancavelica Pronunciation: [wankaße lika] or Wankawilka in Quechua is a city in Peru. It is the capital of the department of Huancavelica and according to the 2017 census had a population of 49,570 people. The city was established on August 5, 1572 by the Viceroy of Peru Francisco de Toledo. Indigenous peoples represent a major percentage of the population. It has an approximate altitude of 3,676 meters; the climate is cold and dry between the months of February and August with a rainy season between September and January. It is considered one of the poorest cities in Peru

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Zonta Club of Milwaukee Meeting Minutes Minutes Wednesday March 23, 2022

Zoom Meeting was called to order by Karen Smith at 6:08.

President's Message:

- Welcome
- Blessing

Treasurer's Report:

• Maria Bellmann presented the Treasurer's Report:

Balance as of February 1, 2022: \$14,008.51

Expenses: ZI – New member dues (2): \$ 124.00 Income: New member dues (2): \$ 227.00

Bank Balance as of February 28, 2022: \$14,111.51

Outstanding check – Heidi Moore:
 \$ 500.00

Check book balance February 28, 2022: \$13,611.51

CD Balance: \$ 5,330.20

 Our two International Convention delegates (Jackie & Crystal) each receive \$2,000 for reimbursement of expenses. Maria attached an expense reimbursement form to the email she sent today.

Nominations – Presentation of the Slate: Diane Lindsley presented the proposed slates for both the club board and foundation board:

- Zonta Club of Milwaukee Officer Nominations (2-year terms):
 - o **President:** Joann Harris-Comodore (1st year of 2-year term 2022-2024);
 - o **President-Elect:** Carol Mangold (1st year of 2-year term 2022-2024);
 - o Vice-President: Crystal Carter (1st year of 2-year term 2022-2024);
 - Secretary: (1st year of 2-year term 2022-2024) position remains unfilled.
- Zonta Club of Milwaukee Board Director Nominations (Three for 2-year terms and two for 1 year term):
 - o Ruth Robertson (1st year of 2-year term 2022-2024);
 - Diana Barnett (1st year of 2-year term 2022-2024);
 - Maureen Siwula (1st year of 2-year term 2022-2024);
 - Judy Lehman (1st year of 1-year term 2022-2023 completing term vacated by Laurie Ward).

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- Joni Reese (1st year of 1-year term 2022-2023 completing term vacated by Crystal Carter).
- Zonta Foundation, Inc. Board Director Nominations (Three for 3-year terms):
 - o Donna Kahl-Wilkerson (1st year of 3-year term 2022-2025);
 - Janet Kloser (1st year of 3-year term 2022-2025);
 - o La Toya Sykes (1st year of 3-year term 2022-2025).

For each slate, Karen asked 3 times for other nominations from the floor.

Helen moved that Judy Lehman be nominated for the position of secretary. Joann seconded. Karen asked 3 times for other nominations from the floor. No other nominations were received. The slate is amended to added Judy as secretary and remove her as director completing the term of Laurie Ward.

Committee Reports:

Service and Advocacy:

- Service:
 - Neu Life Book Drive books are continuing to be donated. Thus far 74 books have been donated. Neu Life is submitting monthly reports.
 - Janet sent an email to the service committee with "other requests" submitted with Foundation Grant applications. The service committee will review those requests for potential service projects. The Foundation will also look at the list for other service opportunities.
 - Our Next Generation is having an annual meeting March 30 from 5:00 6:00 p.m. via
 Zoom
 - Committee report for the annual report will be sent out shortly.

Advocacy:

- Heidi Moore is still recovering from her surgery and was unable to join us tonight. She
 is planning on leading our May meeting and then will present at another future meeting
 to be determined.
- Silent Walk
 - Discussion ensued on what date to have the walk Monday, September 26, Monday, October 3 or Friday, October 7 (to tie in with the district conference).
 Karen will ask the Governor for her feedback regarding having it on the Friday of the conference and get back to Donna.
 - 2. Request is made to have each member reach out to other organizations to increase attendance at the event. Please email Donna Neal with names of the organizations and whether the committee should reach out to the organization or the individual member. Once the list is compiled, it will be shared with the Club to see if any members have personal contacts.

Public Relations:

- Committee report for the annual report will be sent shortly.
- Lynell has agreed to join the committee.
- Website has been updated with scholarship information.

Fashion Show Fundraiser:

- Fashion show November 5, 2022, at the Marriott in Pewaukee
- Next meeting April 4, 2022, at 6:00 via Zoom.
- Price will likely be increased to \$70.

Scholarship:

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- Diana Barnett has joined the committee.
- YWPA applications have been received. The recipient will be chosen at the committee meeting next week.
- JMK Women in Business application is on the website. There is no longer a District 6 award but there are now 37 awards at the international level at \$5,000 each. Applications are due 6/1.
- Local STEM scholarship application is due 6/15 will be uploaded to the website shortly.
- The committee will be addressing how it promotes the scholarships.

Membership: No report was presented.

Program:

- April club meeting annual business meeting.
- May Meeting Heidi Moore, an Introduction to Culture: Does our Cultural Background Really Matter? Presumption is that Heidi will want to meet via Zoom but Donna Neal will reach out to her.
- June social event. Maureen suggested Lynden Sculpture Garden or a Milkmen's game.
 The meeting may be a week early.
- An email vote was taken as to when we should meet again in person. Most people are in favor of meeting in person. Maureen is waiting to hear back from Saz's regarding the meal prices. We will either resume in person meetings in April or August.

Foundation: They are meeting next week to discuss the application process. **UN:**

- Tomorrow is the International Day for the Right to the Truth.
- We have 3 clubs in Ukraine. One of the members of one of those clubs will be speaking on Friday. The Zoom link has been shared on the Facebook page. District 27 is involved in collecting donations.
- UN has an effort to support children in Ukraine.

Fall Conference 2022:

- October 7-9, 2022
- Committee is meeting on March 29 at 6:00 via Zoom.
- Karen is meeting with the hotel on March 30 to go over specifics.

Program: Women's Day Video

Announcements:

- Committee Reports due by March 28, 2022 for the Annual Report
- Next Club Meeting April 27, 2022 Annual Business Meeting
- Spring Workshop, May 14, 2022 in Belvidere, IL
- International Conference June 25 28, 2022 in Hamburg Germany
- Fall Conference October 7 9, 2022 in Milwaukee, WI
- Our Next Generation is having an annual meeting March 30 5:00 6:00 pm. Via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.