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**2022–2023**

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# NEWSLETTER

June 2022

## Zonta Dinner Meeting

**Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Location TBD**

**Social @ 5:30pm**

**Dinner Meeting @ 6:00pm**

### Session 3 – Conflict Resolution

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

The next session with Heidi will be a session on conflict communication across culture. **We will be using an assessment tool that we are asking you to complete by July 15.** Background information on the tool and a link to the assessment are provided along with this newsletter. Heidi will lead us through a discussion of the results and what they mean in our August meeting, in a highly participative session. **Excerpt:**

### Let's Use the Intercultural Conflict Style Tool



#### Are you ready to take the ICS Inventory Assessment?

Use the following instructions to begin taking the assessment:

1. Send an e-mail to Heidi Moore now at [mooreurbanenterprises@gmail.com](mailto:mooreurbanenterprises@gmail.com).
2. You will receive a reply to your message which will include a unique one-time use access code.
3. Complete the ICS Inventory assessment by July 15, 2022. Use this [Begin the Assessment](#) link to start the 18-item questionnaire. Remember each code has a one-time use only once you begin the assessment.

**Details subject to change for this meeting: RSVPs will be due by Sunday, Aug 21<sup>st</sup> to Helen Ludwig @ [hludwig@ludwiglaw.org](mailto:hludwig@ludwiglaw.org).**

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

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# President's Message



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Hello Zontians Sisters,

Congratulation to all new Foundation and Club, Officers and Directors!

We are in the midst of very challenging times resulting in much upheaval and uncertainty, however, the mission and focus of Zonta remains unchanged. We continue to work together to advance the status of women, continually seeking new ways to make a difference through service and advocacy. Much has been done, yet much remains to be done. Your help is needed!

All members are asked or will be asked to serve on a club committee (Service, Advocacy, Finance, Program, Membership, Public Relations...). Our club committees offer a variety of opportunities to serve, if you have a preference let me know and we will make the connection.

Summer is here and brings with it a more relaxed schedule. Our June meeting, Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup> – was a SOCIAL EVENT – Milkman Baseball Game, at The Rock Sports Complex in Franklin, WI.

Calendar Reminders:

- Convention begins June 25-28<sup>th</sup> – Hamburg Germany.
- NO CLUB MEETINGS IN JULY.
- AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup> – Monthly club meeting resumes in person at Saz's or another location TBD. Heidi Moore will facilitate the final Culture Communication presentation.
- Back to school celebration, back-packs packing 7/25 (at Neu-Life), celebration 7/26.
- Zonta Says No Silent Walk Oct. 7 @ noon – City Hall
- Fall Conference hosted by Milw Club, Oct 7-9<sup>th</sup> @ the Embassy Suites – Brookfield, WI

I look forward to working with you as we continue to move forward.

Joann Comodore  
*Zonta Club of Milwaukee President*



# Club Updates



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## 2022 Fashion Show Updates

Zonta Milwaukee's fashion show **November 5, 2022** is taking shape. The save the date cards have been designed and sent, a delicious meal with some form of chocolate for dessert is confirmed and the fashion show itself has new twists involving Mt Mary's fashion design students.

What's left you ask: Generating contributions and attendees. Our Zonta club has consistently raised over \$24,000. each year which our Foundation then grants to programs serving women and girls through a competitive process. We can only accomplish this when every club member is involved and committed to our success. Please do your best and within your means to support the show.

What is needed?

- First, secure attendance of 8-10 people who come understanding that spending a little results in service to many women and girls.
- Second, ask businesses and banks you do business with to donate a service, a gift card, or a cash gift (the raffles/auction generated \$8,600.00).
- Third, a contribution of \$20 toward a bottle of wine (the wine pull generated \$900 last year) and a gift card worth at least \$20 (the gift card tree generated \$520 last year) Many of us have one or two gift cards collecting dust.
- Fourth, the auction baskets generate the most income (over \$8,000 last year). Club members are asked to donate a themed basket worth \$100 or greater. If your budget doesn't stretch that far, how about picking a partner with one or more (doesn't have to be a Club member) to construct a basket. If a filled basket isn't realistic for you, how about an interesting and related couple of items that can be used to stuff a basket. P.S. You don't need to supply the basket although it is appreciated. P.S.S It doesn't have to be a basket----any container large enough to hold items works wonders.

You have received a letter for use with soliciting donations and a form for describing the donation. Please use them as they are essential for records and for thank you letters. If you can't find this paperwork, contact Pam Knackert at [pmknackert@gmail.com](mailto:pmknackert@gmail.com).







## **Zonta Foundation: 2022 Application for Grants is Available Now**

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee Foundation Board is soliciting requests from agencies starting April 2022, 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.

## **Congratulations to our Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Scholarship recipient**

### **Khadijah Dhoondia**

The scholarship committee selected Khadijah Dhoondia of Pewaukee, Wisconsin as the 2022 Young Woman in Public Affairs award recipient. Khadijah is currently a Senior at Pewaukee High School.

In high school Khadijah has held leadership roles in several organizations such as the National Honor Society and the Future Business Leaders of America. In college Khadijah plans to major in Neuroscience or Psychology on the pre-medicine track. Building on her undergraduate degree, she hopes to engage in an MD-PhD program as she aspires to be a physician-scientist.

Khadijah was named the Distinguished Young Women (DYW) of Pewaukee, Wisconsin. DYW participants engage in confidence-building programs designed to encourage young women to develop their individual potentials. Khadijah also is the co-founder and Chief Marketing officer of LOAF, an organization that contributes to the efforts of serving essential items, such as hygiene products, food, and clothing, to refugees and shelters. In addition to LOAF, Khadijah is also a Leadership Team Chair and Ambassador for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, a Girl Scout Silver Star Award recipient, a Model United Nations Representative, and a Sunday School Instructor.



In the future, Khadijah aims to support patients through clinical practice and contribute to scientific advancement through research. Outside of her career, Khadijah plans on volunteering her future skills in healthcare. She is interested in serving locally at the Waukesha Free Clinic and internationally with the Peace Corps.

# Club Updates



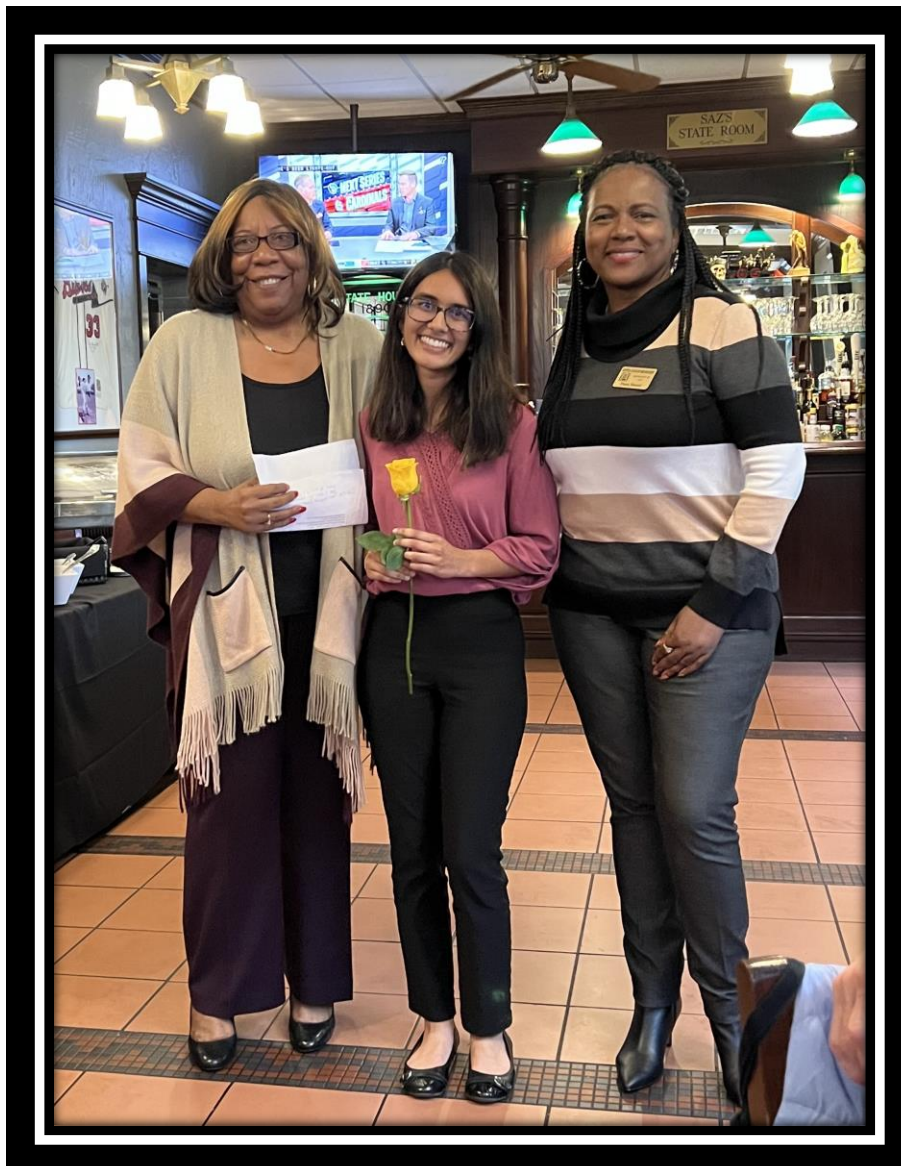
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## June Update from District 6 and International

District 6 Scholarship Chair informed our Club, that our Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Scholarship recipient, Khadijah Dhoondia, was one of five chosen from the United States for ZI's (YWPA) \$5000 Award, and that the District 6 Scholarship Committee reviewed many applications from all clubs and chose Khadijah as the person they felt was the strongest applicant and sponsored her application to ZI.

ZI will inform Khadijah that she is an International winner and the new District 6 Awards Chair will invite her to the fall conference.

This is exciting news! Congratulations to Khadijah, as well as the Scholarship Committee for their insightfulness and commitment. Great Job!





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## Membership

Please welcome Shari Januszewski to our Zonta club. Shari is Vice President of Business Development for CUSO Financial Services. Shari is also Gail Zalewski's (our outgoing Area 2 Director's) sister. Gail is her sponsor and Pam will be her mentor. Shari's bio will be included in a future newsletter.



An updated member roster was distributed in June.

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## 2022 Book Service Project Update

Judith Lehman & Marge Holzbog



### June Update from Neu-Life

Hello Zonta,

Here is an update regarding the Book Club. The weekly book club will take a break this summer, but we are incorporating some of the books into the Read With Me Program with our younger students. We anticipate the weekly club coming back for the fall semester.

We are so close to completing our Library! Our Amazon Wishlist, including the titles and how many we still need, is below. The first 3 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. Be sure to give all our donors a huge thank you for this amazing collaboration to help promote literacy and make reading fun ❤️

	The Stars Beneath Our Feet by David Barclay Moore (Paperback)	2
	Empowered Black Girl: Joyful Affirmations and Words of Resilience (Book for black girls) (Badass Black Girl) by M.J. Fiebre (Paperback)	8
	From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Marks (Paperback)	4
	Your Name Is a Song by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow (Hardcover)	3
	Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o, Vashti Harrison (Hardcover)	3

	I Am Enough by Grace Byers, Keturah A. Bobo (Hardcover)	1
	The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson, Rafael López (Hardcover)	3
	I Am Every Good Thing: An inspiring and critically acclaimed celebration of black boyhood by Derrick Barnes (Paperback)	3
	Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut (Denene Millner Books) by Derrick Barnes, Gordon C. James (Hardcover)	3
	Lullaby (For a Black Mother) by Langston Hughes, Sean Qualls (Hardcover)	1





[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2LY7MP5B8EJR2?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2LY7MP5B8EJR2?ref_=wl_share)

Jody Rhodes, MS, CYC-P  
Executive Director  
Neu-Life Community Development  
Milwaukee, WI

## **Neu-Life Back-to-School Service Project**

At the May 25<sup>th</sup> club meeting, members agreed to support the Neu-Life Backpack Project again this year. However, we decided to commit to only 50 backpacks this year vs. the 90 in the past (about \$300 of the funding came from Foundation last year above the donations).

Pam will be shopping and collecting items again.

- If you would like to make a monetary donation, please write a check to the: **Zonta Foundation, Inc.** & denote Neu-Life and send to Pam at 15125 W. Fenway Dr. New Berlin, WI 53151
- Or if you are purchasing items, please let us know and get them to Pam by July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **The backpack stuffing will be at Neu-Life on July 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**The distribution event (location TBD) is Wed. afternoon July 27<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Items needed:**

**Kindergarten Backpacks 10**  
**Washable markers – 50 boxes**  
**Glue Sticks – 50**  
**Erasers – 50**  
**1 subject notebooks – 100**  
**Pocket folders – 150**  
**Kid's scissors – 30**





## Cross-Cultural Communication

In January, we began our formal exploration of communication across culture with Heidi E. Moore, our facilitator. She introduced two dimensions of communication in some detail. We intended to follow up in February, but Heidi had a very serious accident/injury and has since had a very tough rehab/recovery.

On May 25, at our last Club meeting, Heidi Moore facilitated a discussion of many other dimensions of communication across culture. She was warmly welcomed and delivered on all our expectations. A terrific meeting. We had an open and honest conversation despite some very difficult issues that were raised. President Joann provided strong leadership in summarizing the dialogue and closing the session.

The next (and last planned) session with Heidi will be a session on conflict communication across culture. **We will be using an assessment tool that we are asking you to complete by July 15.** Background information on the tool and a link to the assessment are provided with this newsletter. Heidi will lead us through a discussion of the results and what they mean in our August meeting, in a highly participative session.

## 7th Annual Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Silent Walk

We need all Milwaukee Club Zontians to commit to attend and recruit others to join us in our 7th Annual Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women Silent Walk, to be held Friday, October 7. District 6 Zontians will be marching with us as we kick off the Fall Conference with this Zonta Says No event.

Who will you be encouraging to walk with us?

### **Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women 7th Annual Walk**

**Friday, October 7, 2022**

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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**UN REPORT***--Marge Holzbog***UN Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield****Holder of a University of Wisconsin Master's Degree & Honorary Law Degree**

Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield was nominated to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations on January 20, 2021. She was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on February 23, 2021, and sworn in on February 24, 2021. She is our current UN Ambassador.

Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, a career diplomat, returned to public service after retiring from a 35-year career with the U.S. Foreign Service in 2017. From 2013 to 2017, she served as the Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs where she led the bureau focused on the development and management of US policy toward sub-Sahara Africa.

Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield throughout her career has served in many African countries where Zonta has participated with UN agencies in projects related to the issues important to women and girls.

Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield's distinguished Foreign Service career included an ambassadorship to Liberia (2008-2012), and postings in Switzerland (at the United States Mission to the United Nations, Geneva), Pakistan, Kenya, The Gambia, Nigeria, and Jamaica. In Washington, she served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of African Affairs (2006-2008), and as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (2004-2006).

After retiring from the U.S. State Department in 2017, Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield led the Africa Practice at Albright Stonebridge Group, a strategic commercial diplomacy firm chaired by former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. She was also the inaugural Distinguished Resident Fellow in African Studies at the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University from fall 2017 to spring 2019.

# Club Minutes



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## Zonta Club of Milwaukee Meeting Minutes Minutes Wednesday May 25, 2022

In person meeting at Saz's was called to order by President Elect Joann Harris-Comodore at 6:01.

### **Welcome:**

- Members and guests were welcomed.
- Blessing
- Review of the agenda

### **Treasurer's Report:** Maria Bellmann presented the treasurer's report:

- Bank Balance as of April 1, 2022: \$14,111.51
  - Plus income: 4,253.00
  - Less expenses: 1,310.39
- Bank Balance as of April 30, 2022: \$17,054.12
- Outstanding checks: Pam – membership expense: \$ 17.16
- Checkbook Balance April 30, 2022: \$17,036.96
- CD Balance: \$ 5,461.85

**YWPA Scholarship Winner:** Diana Barnett introduced our YWPA Scholarship winner, Khadijah Dhoondia. Khadijah then gave a short presentation.

**New Member Installation:** Pam Knackert installed our new member, Shari Januszewski.

**Installation of Officers:** The new Club and Foundation directors were installed by Pam Knackert.

**Program:** Racial Justice Committee: Cross Cultural Communication presented by Heidi E. Moore, Moore Urban Consulting.

### **Business - Committee Reports:**

**Advocacy:** Donna N will send a link to the Racial Justice committee meeting on June 2 at 6:30.

**Fashion Show Fundraiser:** Pam emailed the solicitation letters and "Save the Date" to all club members. We are continuing to work with Mount Mary students who will be our fashion vendors.

**Fall Conference:** Heidi Moore and Carmen Petri will be our keynote speakers. The Zonta Says No walk will be on the Friday of the conference.

**Finance:** No Report

**Foundation:** No report

**Membership:** A new member was installed this evening.

**Nominating:** No report

**Program:**



# Club Minutes



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- June meeting will be on Thursday, June 16 at the Milkmen's game in Franklin. Family, guests, and friends are welcome. Ticket and hat cost is \$16/pp. Food and beverage will be sold separately. RSVP is due by 6/4 and payment due by 6/10.
- Saz's will need us to get our reservations to them by the Wednesday before the meeting going forward.

**Public Relations:** Joni will be changing her email address for newsletter submissions to jonizonta@gmail.com.

**Scholarship:**

- JMK Women in Business applications due 6/1.
- Stem applications due 6/15.
- Applications are on the Website
- Committee will meet in July to select the recipients.

**Service:**

- Neu Life has requested supplies for 90 back packs. The Club agreed to supply 50 backpacks.
- Books are still being collected for Neu Life. An Amazon link is in the newsletter.

**UN:** No report.

**New Business:** No new business was presented.

**Announcements:**

- Next Board Meeting - June 8 via Zoom
- Next Club Meeting – June 16 at 6:30 at Milkmen baseball game in Franklin
- International Convention – Hamburg, Germany, June 25-28, 2022
- Zonta Says No Walk – October 7, 2022
- Fall Conference, October 7-9, Brookfield, WI

Meeting adjourned at 8:04.

## ***Upcoming Dates:***

**Zonta International Convention (Hamburg, Germany): June 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**

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**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Zonta Says No Silent Walk: Oct 7<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

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**North American Intra-District Meeting: June 2023**  
(District 6 is Hosting in Indianapolis)