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NEWSLETTER

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2022-2023

Zonta Club of Milwaukee

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Zonta Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, August 24th

Social @ 5:00pm
Buffet working dinner starting around 5:30
Meeting @ 6:00pm

Improving Communication and Conflict Resolution
Across Cultures

Facilitator: Heidi E. Moore, Moore Urban Consulting

Location: MRA - The Management Association N19W24350 Riverwood Drive Waukesha, WI 53188 262.523.9090

Enter the Northeast backdoor. The Zonta Banner will be displayed

Thank you for taking the Intercultural Conflict Assessment -- At the August 24 meeting at MRA, we will:

- Review the 4 Intercultural Conflict Communication styles
- Explore the results individually and as a Club
- Discuss how the Club can use the learning to enhance our membership, retention, and outreach strategies and activities moving forward.

A great learning experience and discussion will take place regardless of whether you filled out the tool. So, plan to attend and get excited about what we can do, and what we can do next!

RSVPs will be due by Sunday, August 20th to Helen Ludwig @ hludwig@ludwiglaw.org. Helen will need to provide the number to Maureen for the catering order.

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

Travel Tip

MRA is approximately 20 minutes west of downtown Milwaukee or 50 minutes east of Madison

- Take I-94 to Hwy 164 North, Exit 294.
- Travel north on Hwy 164.and past the Thunder Bay Grille restaurant on your left.
- . Turn left (west) on Riverwood Drive (the second traffic light).
- MRA is the westernmost office building on the left. Watch for the monument sign.

President's Message



Hello Zontians,

August is upon us!

Hope you are enjoying the last days of summer. As we resume club activity, members are eagerly engaging in preparing for upcoming programming and our quickly approaching fall events. Beginning with our August 24th monthly club program consisting of Ms. Heidi Moore (Urban Consulting) facilitating her final Conflict Communication across Culture presentation, the 2022 Hamburg International Convention update from convention delegates and more...

Our agenda for the evening is an impactful one, please prepare for an extended meeting time, starting with a 5:30pm dinner meeting time.

Additionally, planning for "Zonta Says No" silent walk (Oct 7th), District 6 Fall Conference (Oct. 7-9th) Area 2-Milw Club – host, and our Annual Fashion Show fundraiser (Nov 5th) is underway.

The support of all members is needed, members not actively engaged with a committee are encouraged to review club committees and select the one you are most interested in. Let me and/or the committee chairperson know of your interest.

I look forward to working with all of you and with your support; we will **continue** to "make the world a better place by empowering women".

Joann Harris-Comodore

Zonta Club of Milwaukee President



Club Updates



2022 Fashion Show Updates

Our fashion show is getting nearer! Mt Mary's fashion students are exceptionally talented visionaries making our opportunity to empower women and girls even more powerful than the last.

The goal is for everyone to have a wonderful time while meeting, or beating, last year's net of \$23,000. That number enabled Zonta's foundation to award grants to 5 women/girl serving nonprofit agencies plus a donation to international women focused health projects. The good news----we have already received \$2750 in corporate sponsorships.

To meet our goal each member is being asked, within her ability, to contribute the following

- Guests (family, friends, casual acquaintances, passers-by) to fill a 10-person table
- \$20 toward a bottle of wine for the wine pull
- A gift card worth \$20 or more for the "tree"
- A raffle item or
- An auction item (this is a partial or full themed "basket")
- Ask your bank, your grocer, your.... for a cash or item contribution

The most valuable from a money raising perspective are weeks or weekend vacation spots, hotel stays and dining out. The baskets create "bidding competitions". While we call them baskets, it isn't always a basket but a unique container holding multiple related items. For instance, the Packer signed football (donated by the Packers) could be paired with T-shirts or mugs donated by one of us. Raffle items are either single, generally less expensive items or small groupings.

We cannot stress enough how important it is to have guests as they are what make the difference and adds to the fun.



We will be collecting money for the wine pull, any gift cards, and any item donations at our August meeting. Hard copy invitations will be distributing at the meeting followed by mailing to any not in attendance. Mailing to our mailing list well follow shortly after our meeting. An electronic version of invite will be available, and Eventbrite will be online.

Club Updates



Jacqueline "Jackie" Beaudry Receives Zonta International's Meritorious Service
Award

Recognizing Jackie's extraordinary service to Zonta at the International level, ZI President Sharon Langenbeck presented this Meritorious Service Award to Jackie on June 28, 2022 at ZI's 65th Convention in Hamburg Germany. She joins 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 long-term 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." ¹

Amy Lai, a dedicated Zontian for 42 years, serving the Zonta Club of Taipei I, District 31, Zonta International and the Zonta Foundation for Women with honor was also presented with the Meritorious Service Award at the ZI's 65th Convention in Hamburg Germany.

"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." ¹

Congratulations, Jackie! Well deserved!!

¹ <u>The Zontian</u>, Issue Three | 2 0 2 0 – 2 0 2 2 NOVEMBER 2021

Service



2022 Book Service Project Update

Judith Lehman & Marge Holzbog

Our book service project with Neu Life has to date resulted in the donation of 76 books and one bookcase. Please note, news from Neu Life below along with an update of books still needed. The Wish List can be found on Amazon to facilitate ordering additional books. Let's keep up the good work!

NEU – LIFE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

Here is the link to the Amazon list:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2LY7MP5B8EJR2?ref_=wl_share

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

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. Fievre (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

Service



Neu-Life Back-to-School Service Project

Thanks to all who donated money or items to our Neu-Life Back to School Backpack project. We were able to supply 50 backpacks filled with school supplies to Neu-Life's kindergarten and elementary school children that participated in their summer camp program.

Donna Neal, Joann, and Pam stuffed them with Neu-Life staff on July 26th and then they were distributed to the kids on the 27th at the end of their Back-to-School celebration at Neu-Life. The celebration was attended by Pam and Joann and the Zonta Club of Milwaukee was thanked by staff and the kids for our continued support of over 15 years to Neu-Life.

Their celebration included speakers Brooks Griffin, Corporate Social Responsibility Coordinator for the Milwaukee Bucks (with a message of ask for help if you need it and are stressed out), Jakeim Jackson-Bell, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Outreach Manager for the Milwaukee Bucks (don't let anyone get in the way of going after your dream), and Malcolm Mitchell (via zoom), former New England Patriots football player and now an author and will be working with Neu-Life on a reading program since he had problems reading as a young person.



Advocacy



Racial Justice Committee

Moore Urban Consulting

IMPROVING COMMUNICATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION ACROSS CULTURES

Thanks for Taking the Intercultural Conflict Style Assessment



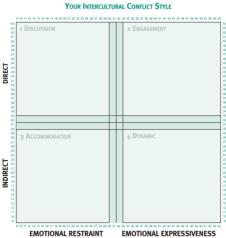
Now That You've Taken the ICS Inventory Assessment?

We will explore the results from the assessment (individually and as a Zonta Club). Because the ICS focuses on approaches used

by people from many different cultures, you will gain insight into both your own personal communication conflict approach and

intercultural styles. Knowing more about your own preferred approach and intercultural conflict styles can help you:

- Improve your communication across cultural differences
- Resolve challenges with people who approach conflict differently than you
- Manage the stress and anxiety present in difficult situations
- Interpret the statements and actions of the other party more accurately
- Communicate your goals and interests to others more effectively



During the August 24 Session, We will:

- Review the four Intercultural Communication and Conflict Resolution Styles.
- Explore individual assessment results as a group.
- Discuss how interactions playout between people who identify across the different communication and conflict resolutions styles.
- Determine how Zonta Club of Milwaukee would like to use the learning to enhance working together moving forward.

What should I bring to the session?

You should have received a report which described your assessment results and intercultural communication and conflict resolution style.

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- Please bring your individual assessment results (printed or electronically)
- NOTE: You should have received your results from ICS either right after you filled out the questionnaire, OR via Heidi on August 7. She will have all individual results with her at the meeting for anyone who forgets, loses, or hasn't received. So – if you responded, you will get your results one way or another!!

Advocacy



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

THIS IS IMPORTANT!!! Homicides from domestic violence have never been higher. We MUST raise attention to this issue and incite change!

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.

If you can't walk, you can be there for the pre-and post-walk program.

District 6 Zontians will be marching with us as we kick off the Fall Conference with this Zonta Says No event. This is not just a big deal for us, this is a big deal for the District!

Who will you be encouraging to walk with us? (Tell us!)



We have several speakers lined up, some assurances of others walking with us, and our own Barbara Wyatt Sibley will be emceeing the event. We need more! City Hall should be filled with people demanding action and support on this issue.

Please get busy inviting others to join us. If you have a speaker idea (2-3 minutes each), let us know. Any backup material you want/need to recruit walkers or for your own information on the issue is available with a simple email to me.

Donna Neal

Silent Walk Committee Chair 2022



WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

A century after gaining the right to vote, women continue to experience voter inequalities due to disenfranchisement, barriers to access the polls, and restrictive voter ID laws. The Wisconsin Women's Network recognizes Women's Equality Day, in order to bring awareness to the inequalities (at the polls and beyond) that so many women experience because of their gender, race, ethnicity, age, religion, sexuality, ability, identity, and socioeconomic status.

Our Women's Equality Day event serves as a fundraiser to sustain the Wisconsin Women's Network and our work to advance the status of women and girls in Wisconsin. We hope you will join us to hear from inspiring women from across our great state! The Wisconsin Women's Network plans to hold our 2022 Women's Equality Day event in person this year.

https://wiwomensnetwork.org/womens-equality-day





2024 INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS

#1 GLOBAL PROGRAM TO END CHILD MARRIAGE

GOAL - Scale up the Global Program's activities to protect and empower girls, and ultimately bring an end to the practice of child marriage.

PARTNERS - UNFPA and UNICEF via UNICEF USA

AMOUNT – US\$1,2000,000

LOCATION – The program's priority is engaging adolescent girls as key agents of change in the following 12 countries with high prevalence of child marriage; Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Yemen, and Zambia.

This is a continuing project:

Phase I (2016-2019) Almost 8 million girls were reached with life skills and school support, 39 million individuals engaged in community based change, and 26,000 schools strengthened their adolescent girl-friendly education.

Phase II (2020-2024) Zonta International's continued support will help advance the program's vision in which girls everywhere experience healthier, safer and more empowered life transitions while maintaining control of their own destiny by making informed choices and decisions about their education, sexuality, marriage and childbearing.

#2 ENGAGING GIRLS ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN MDAGASCAR

GOAL- Support girls and a generation of children and adolescents by providing environmental education in Madagascar through child-friendly schools.

PARTNER – UNICEF USA

AMOUNT – US\$500,000

LOCATION – Madagascar

The project will help UNICEF enable children, particularly girls, to learn in safe and inclusive environments and empower them to take actions to change and build climate-resilient communities. The targeted beneficiaries are more than 1,000 students (approximately 540 girls), 750 teachers and residents of school communities in Beloha and Ambovombe districts in the region of Androy, a drought-prone region of the south.

#3 ADOLESCENT GIRLS' HEALTH AND PROTECTION IN PERU

GOAL – Improve the capacity of services to respond to health needs of adolescents, in particular adolescent girls, in a timely manner and prevent all forms of violence in schools and other services.

PARTNER - UNICEF USA

--Marge Holzbog

Club Minutes



No minutes from the social meeting in June.

Upcoming Dates:

August Club Meeting: August 24th

September Club Meeting: September 28th

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)