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CLUB OF
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Area 2 • District 6

2022–2023

Zonta Club of Milwaukee

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NEWSLETTER

February 2023

Monthly Zonta Meeting

In-Person Meeting
Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:00pm
5:30 check-in and social

**Guest Speaker: Evelyn Merritt, AFNP, RN and Mentor
for the National Black Nurses Association-Milwaukee
Club**

Welcome to Black History Month!!!

Evelyn will speak about the history of Black Nurses in Wisconsin and in Milwaukee, when it started and why it started.

**Want to know more? Read about
Dr. Rebecca Lee Crumpler, the first
African American Nurse (1852-
1860) who transitioned to become
a medical physician in the state of
Mass.**



Meeting Location: Muskego Public Library
S73W16663 W Janesville Rd, Muskego
Meeting room in the front of building on the left.



Reservations were due to Ruth Robertson (ruthrob59@att.net or 414-403-8192) by **5pm on Feb 15th**. *Let Ruth know asap if you haven't responded yet.* An email was sent to members last week (GF and/or no-meat needs requested). Meal will be brought in - pizza, salad bar, soda/water, and dessert. \$35

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President's Message



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Hello Zontian Sisters,

We are off and running in this New Year!

2023 Monthly meetings will be Hybrid (in-person and virtual). In January we met virtually, enjoyed and benefited from the New Moon Production documentary, "The Most Dangerous Women", presented by Janet Finch, producer. This month (February), we will be meeting in person at the Muskego Public Library.

February is Black History Month and provides us with the occasion to recognize the powerful impact African Americans Sisters have had in shaping America's future. The month of February gives the opportunity to not only celebrate the heritage, accomplishments, and cultural contributions made, but to acknowledge the unique and diverse roles that women of color have played in leading the struggle toward advancing freedom, racial justice, and equality.

Katherine Johnson was one of the mathematician for NASA that had a hand in sending Americans to space for the first time and Ida B. Wells-Barnett born a slave but grew up to become one of the best-known journalists in U.S. history and a leading anti-lynching and women's suffrage advocate. Ms. Wells-Barnett served as a founding member of the National Association of Colored Women (NAACP), and the Alpha Suffrage Club.

Our February club meeting program speaker is Ms. Evelyn N. Merritt, RN, MSN, FNP-C-Milwaukee Chapter of National Black Nurses Association, Co-Chairperson.

This month we are excited to install our newest member Ms. Lynda Jackson Conyers, retired newspaper publisher and owner.

March will be an "all hands-on deck", activity-filled month, embracing preparations for our April Annual Club Meeting. Annual Committee Reports are due April 2. The Nominating Committee is seeking individuals to fill vacant positions.

I am looking forward to reviewing and documenting the club's Core Competency training completions-due March 31.

Moving Forward Together,

Joann Harris-Comodore

*Zonta Club of Milwaukee -
President*



Club Updates



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Membership

We will be installing Lynda Jackson Conyers at our February meeting. So please come and welcome her.

Please invite any prospective members to our February meeting as well and let Pam know if possible.



2023 Fashion Show Committee

Save the Date!!! Our event is scheduled for **October 21, 2023** at the **Milwaukee Marriott West**.

The next committee planning meeting is **Monday, March 13 at 6 pm via zoom**. If you would like to join the committee, please let Pam know. Any suggestions for fashion retailers please let Pam know as well (we are planning to go back to retailer fashions and then maybe in a few years do school/designers again).

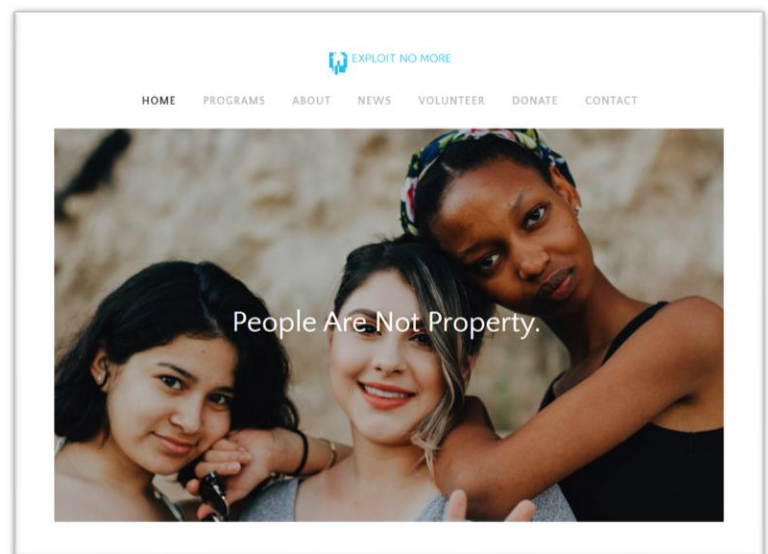
Service

As a follow-up to our November meeting with guest speaker Martha Kannas from Exploit No More (exploitnomore.org), we are preparing for a service collection for the agency as part of our in-person February meeting. Your participation is voluntary, and your generosity is appreciated!

Here is a list of some of their current needs. *New/unopened products only please.*

- razors
- shaving cream
- body wash
- shampoo/conditioner
- face wash
- lotion (preferably shea butter, cocoa butter)
- hairbrushes
- women's underwear (all sizes)
- sports bras (all sizes)
- socks

Maureen will collect at our February meeting and deliver to the agency.



Scholarship



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2023

WOMEN IN STEM SCHOLARSHIP



Encouraging women to pursue education, career opportunities and leadership roles in STEM fields



1 APPLICATION, 2 OPPORTUNITIES

Club award
Varies by club

32 international awards
US\$5,000 each

Applications must be received by the applicant's local Zonta club's deadline. To locate a club near you and download an application, please visit zonta.org/womeninstem.

CLUB DEADLINE:
June 1, 2023

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:
Deb Koller
210 S. Water St. Unit 521
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204
OR
zcscholarship@zontamilwaukee.org

The Women in STEM Scholarship is a Zonta International program funded by contributions to the Zonta Foundation for Women. Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Applications being accepted now.

The Women in STEM and the JMK Women in Business will be available on the website this week.

The YWPA award will no longer accept applications after March 1st.

Please share with schools and worthy candidates!

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YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD

Recognizing young women for their commitment to volunteerism, volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to empowering women worldwide



1 APPLICATION, 2 OPPORTUNITIES

Club award
Varies by club

37 district awards
US\$5,000 each

Applications must be received by the applicant's local Zonta club's deadline. To locate a club near you and download an application, please visit: zonta.org/YWPAAward.

CLUB DEADLINE:
March 1, 2023

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:
Zonta Club of Milwaukee
c/o Deb Koller
210 S. Water St. Unit 521
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204
zcscholarship@zontamilwaukee.org

The Young Women in Public Affairs Award is a Zonta International program funded by contributions to the Zonta Foundation for Women. Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.



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Jane M. Klausman
**WOMEN IN BUSINESS
SCHOLARSHIP**



Expanding opportunities
for women in business



1 APPLICATION, 2 OPPORTUNITIES

Club award
Varies by club

37 international awards
US\$5,000 each

Applications must be received by the applicant's local Zonta club's deadline. To locate a club near you and download an application, please visit: zonta.org/JMKScholarship.

CLUB DEADLINE:
June 1, 2023

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:
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Milwaukee, WI 53204
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The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship is a Zonta International program funded by contributions to the Zonta Foundation for Women. Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Zonta International and Child Marriage

Globally, 21% of girls are married while they are still children, robbing them of their childhood.

In the last decade, about 25 million child marriages have been prevented. However, due to COVID-19, an additional 10 million girls are at risk of becoming child brides by 2030. The pandemic is fueling increased risk for child marriages by interrupting education, creating food and economic insecurity, disrupting programs and services, increasing adolescent pregnancy, and causing deaths of parents and caregivers.

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.



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After joining the ‘Rupantaran’ programme, I realized the importance of education and now I go to school regularly. I am working hard to have a bright future.”

Puspa Mandal, 12
Saptari District, Nepal

HOW ZONTA HELPS

Zonta has supported ending child marriage since 2014, contributing US\$2 million to delay early marriage in Niger from 2014-2018. From 2018-2022, Zonta contributed US\$3.5 million to the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Program to End Child Marriage – the first private-sector donor to the Global Program.

In Phase I, almost 8 million adolescent girls were reached with life skills and school support, 39 million individuals engaged in community-based behavior change, and 26,000 schools strengthened their adolescent girl-friendly education. Zonta International's continued support will help advance the Global Program's realization of its vision in which girls everywhere experience healthier, safer and more empowered life transitions while they maintain control of their own destiny by making informed choices and decisions about their education, sexuality, marriage and childbearing. These positive changes hold the potential to transform the lives of millions of girls and families all around the world, helping girls enjoy their childhoods and reach a brighter future.

For the next two years (2022 – 2024), Zonta International has committed US\$1.2 million to UNICEF USA to support Phase II of the project.

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Zonta Club of Milwaukee General Meeting Club Minutes Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Zoom Meeting was called to order by Joann Harris-Comodore at 6 pm

Lynda Jackson Conyers, new member, was attending her first meeting. All Zonta members present introduced themselves.

Laureen Ward presented the Treasurer's report, and it was accepted as presented. Club Committee budgets proposals are due to Laurie January 31, 2023.

Program for the evening: *Guest speaker: Janet Finch, Producer, New Moon Productions* presented the first of a film series called *The Most Dangerous Women*, a project of Milwaukee-based New Moon. The film shows an excellent informative historical view of the many bold activist women change-makers in Wyoming, working for voting rights, and bringing out the role of scholars making visible contributions to history. The Program was well received.

Karen Smith is Area 2 Director since June 1, 2022.

We thank Maureen Siwula for her past hard work on programing and finding places to meet, and welcome Barbara Wyatt-Sibley as the new program chairperson.

After much discussion, it has been decided that our General Meetings will be a combination of virtual and in person. It is proving difficult to locate places that meet our needs and are within our budget. Barbara Wyatt-Sibley is working with others to determine places that might be able to satisfy our requirements. Our next General Meeting, February 22, 2023, will be in person and be held at the Muskego Public Library in Muskego, WI. Food will be ordered in.

Although subject to change, the following will be the schedule for in person and virtual meetings in 2023.

January	Virtual
February	In Person - Muskego Library
March	In Person - Location To Be Decided
April	Virtual - Annual Meeting of Club and Foundation
May	In Person - Installation of Officers and Area Director visit
June	In Person - Social Event (50-50 vote to have it)
July	No Meeting
August	Virtual
September	In Person
October	Virtual
November	In Person – Prospective Members Event
December	In Person – Holiday

Locations needed for March, May, June, September, November, and December

Committee Reports:

Advocacy: Discussing Anti-Human Trafficking

Service: Neu-life holiday service project was successful and fun, and the collection for Exploit No More for our Meeting this February will be personal items as listed in the Newsletter.

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Membership: Crystal Carter resigned due to personal reasons.

Scholarship - **Clarified/Corrected Since the Meeting:** *The scholarship committee is recommending that the ZI STEM Scholarship replace the current Zonta Club of Milwaukee STEM Scholarship. The rationale behind this decision is that the ZI Scholarship is now a two-level award.*

There is a club-level award and then a single candidate from each of Zonta's 31 districts and one region will receive an award of US \$5,000 from Zonta International.

"The scholarship committee's recommendation is to discontinue the Zonta Club of Milwaukee's STEM Scholarship award of \$1000 and to add a ZI STEM Scholarship club-level award of \$1000."

Public Relations: The PR committee is growing. Shari Januszewski and Lynell Meeth will be joining the committee.

Foundation: There was no meeting. Information will be in the Newsletter.

Fashion Show: Meeting date will be February 13, 2023

Budgets: They will be due to be adjusted at the end of January

Core Competencies: We need to check, read, report what we have accomplished by March 31, 2023, before the annual meeting.

District 6 is hosting the NAIDM Conference June 30 – July 2.

Meeting Dismissed.



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New versions of the Club Logos are available now.



Dear Zonta Club of Milwaukee,

Thank you for your patience. We are happy to share that your new club logos are now ready in this Dropbox link:
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/4q2d1a08eszsdos/AAC8Xf1UuXMgv8YcurPe7kBoa?dl=0>.

Each logo comes in three different formats to accommodate any potential need. Please download the logos to your computer and do not alter the files in Dropbox.

As you may notice, your club logo does not include the tagline. This is to extend the life of printed materials beyond each biennium. The tagline can be downloaded from our PR Tools webpage, www.zonta.org/Web/My_Zonta/Tools/PR_Tools_and_Logos.

Please consult our brand identity guidelines for guidance on using your logos for various purposes:
https://www.zonta.org/images/docs/MyZonta/Tools/PRToolsAndLogos/ZontaInternational_BrandIdentityGuidelines_FINAL.pdf.

Thank you again for your patience, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Enjoy your new logos!

Best,



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Please contact Joann or Joni if you need to download them for Club Communications. As you can see, the former tag lines have been removed from the images.

Core Competency Training

As Zontians, we are in a constant state of self-improvement. Although we come with a variety of strengths and abilities, our goal is to enhance these abilities with Zonta knowledge and resources that help us be most effective in our Zonta roles and membership.

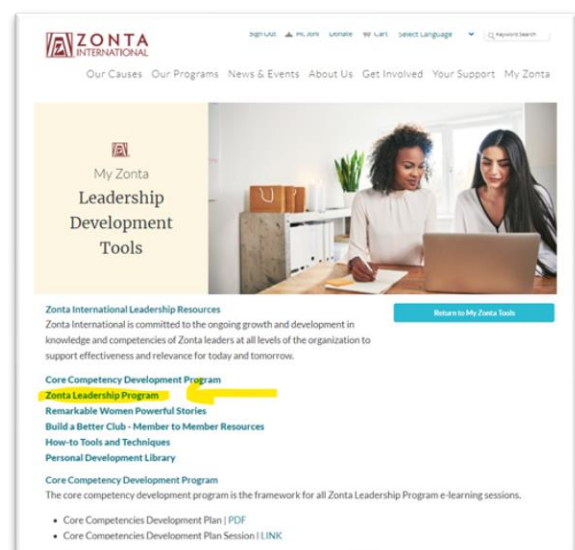
This was a topic raised at our District 6 Fall Conference. Clubs were asked to take advantage of the training opportunities and track the activities of Club members on their quest.

Each officer, director, committee chair, & member is asked to complete the core competency training for position held (and others as desired), **by March 31, 2023.**

To complete competency training go to Zonta International (www.zonta.org) website:

Log into: My Zonta → Tools → Leadership Development Tool → Zonta Leadership Program

To ensure the recording of competency training completed, inform Joann Comodore upon completion of your training module taken.



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ZONTA NORTH AMERICAN INTER-DISTRICT MEETING

TEAM ZONTA

Racing to Build a Better World for Women and Girls



June 30 - July 2, 2023
Indianapolis, Indiana
Hosted by District 6



The North American Inter-District Meeting is your opportunity to immerse yourself in Zonta education. The weekend includes a variety of workshops, an address from the Zonta International board members and fellowship with Zontians across North America.

Early Registration \$325 by 4/15/23
Register online at www.zontanaidm.org



KEY NOTE SPEAKER

Lyn St. James
lynstjames.com

Lyn's story is not just about being a successful race car driver. It's a story about goal setting, determination, passion and fully utilizing all her defeats and successes to break into a world no one could have imagined possible...



Marriott
Indianapolis Downtown

www.zontanaidm.org/hotel-registration
*Connected by skywalk to shopping and dining
[Link to Google Map](#)



Things to Do
www.visitindy.com
www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com

NAIDM 2023 Program Schedule

Pre-Conference Leadership Development – Learning to Lead for Climate Action					
Fri, June 30	9am-12pm	Zonta and Climate Action: Addressing the Effect of Climate Change on Women			
	12-1:15pm	Lunch: Box lunches available for pre-order or Lunch on your own in hotel or food court			
	1:30-4:00pm	What's Happening in Indy? A City's Climate Change Action Program			
	6:00-7:00pm	Dinner			
	7:00-10:00pm	Fellowship and Fun Night: Zonta Trivia Competition			
Sat, July 1	8:45-10:00am	Zonta International Board Presentation			
		Track 1: Advocate for Results	Track 2: Build Confidence and Skills	Track 3: Attract and Retain Members	Track 4: Increase Local and Global Impact
	Session A 10:15-11:45am	Empowering Survivors of Domestic Violence: Recognize, Respond, Refer	Core Competencies Reimagined	Greater Diversity in Zonta	Zonta Says Now: What's Climate Got to Do With It?
	12:00-1:30pm	Lunch and Keynote Speaker			
	Session B 1:45-3:15pm	Eliminating Child Marriage: Lessons from Minnesota	High Octane Fuel for High Performance District Leaders	The Magic of Mentoring	Service Success Sharing Panel
Sun, July 2	Session C 3:30-5:00pm	Like First Aid: Add Signal for Help Responder to Your Life Saving Training	Designed to Excel	Zonta Membership Wow!	Devoted to Vote: Ways to Encourage Women to Register and Vote
	7:00-10:00pm	Banquet and Keynote Speaker			
	Session D 8:30-10:00am	Advocacy Made Simple: How to Use Zontausa.org for Every Advocacy Question	The Power of Technology to Energize Your Club	Recruiting the Next Generation of Leaders	Fundraising Success Sharing Panel
	10:15am-12pm	Breakfast and Closing Remarks			

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Partial extract of the letter received.....



Dear charitable organization,

In 2013, we launched AmazonSmile to make it easier for customers to support their favorite charities. We were excited about the potential for the program and the impact it could have for many charitable organizations. We want to thank you for your partnership during all these years.

After almost a decade of running AmazonSmile, we learned that with so many eligible organizations—more than 1 million globally—our ability to have an impact was often spread too thin.

We are writing to let you know that we have made plans to wind down AmazonSmile by February 20, 2023. Until this date, customer purchases made via AmazonSmile will continue to accrue funds for your charity as normal. To help nonprofits like you plan ahead, we will also provide you with a one-time payment equivalent to three months of payments based on what you accrued in 2022 through this program. The timing of this final payment will be approximately 60 to 90 days after February 20, 2023. We hope that this will help minimize the impact that this decision might have.

From the Madison Club:

Happy February Zonta Sisters!

The latest edition of our newsletter has arrived and is packed with information you need! Be sure to look for:

LUNAFEST 2023 is coming! Event site, ticket & donation links are here and ready for you to use!

Follow this link to the newsletter (or copy/paste to your browser):

<http://www.zontaofmadison.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Feb-2023-V3-1.pdf>