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NEWSLETTER

January 2023

Monthly Zonta Meeting

Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, January 25th at 6:00pm
Zoom Call will open at 5:45 for social interaction
Zoom link will be sent out via email

***Guest Speaker: Janet Finch, Producer,
New Moon Productions***

Janet Fitch founded New Moon Productions to create a diverse work environment for projects that expand thinking and actions within local, regional and global communities.

The Most Dangerous Women series of documentary shorts is a project of Milwaukee-based New Moon Productions.

It presents the stories of women changemakers and invites viewers to discover and document women in their own families, communities, and regions working towards a more just and equitable world. The pilot episode begins in 1869, when Wyoming becomes the only territory in the world to specifically recognize women's right to vote and to hold elected office, a full 50 years before passage of the Nineteenth Amendment.



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President's Message



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Zontians Sisters, Happy New Year!

I hope your holiday season was filled with much love, joy, and peace.

Positive memories, and rewarding accomplishments is what comes to mind, when reflecting on the end of 2022! It is with much anticipation and forward thinking that we enter into 2023.

The post C-19 era left (in many areas) undefined structure, filled with opportunities to create, modify and/or identify new ways to become even more impactful in our Zonta mission.

During this time, we learned "ZOOM" which allows us to see and communicate remotely. Throughout 2023, we will meet both in person and virtually (zoom). Our January 25th meeting is a virtual meeting, program speaker will be Janet Fitch, producer of "Most Dangerous Women", documentary premiered at UWM in October 2022.

We begin this New Year **continuing** with purpose, strengthening Zonta leadership (utilizing Core Competency resources), aligning club goals with ZI's goals, expanding community outreach in an effort to increase advocacy and service connection & collaborations. Additionally, Nominating Committee seeking to fill club and foundation vacancies.

With your support, I continue to grow in this new role of "club president", and look forward to continuing this journey with you. Wishing you the very best in 2023.

Joann Harris-Comodore

Zonta Club of Milwaukee President



Club Updates



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Membership



We are welcoming Lynda Jackson Conyers as a new member in January and plan to install her at our February meeting. Lynda is the owner & retired publisher of the Milwaukee Times Newspaper.

Please invite any prospective members to our January virtual meeting and let Pam know if possible.

2023 Fashion Show Committee

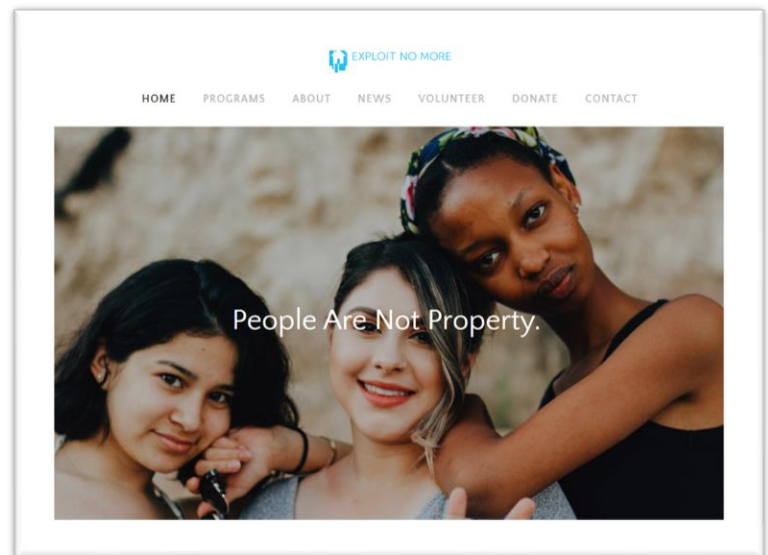
We will start meeting in February to plan our October 21, 2023 event at the Milwaukee Marriott West. We are planning the first committee meeting for **Monday, February 13 at 6 pm** via zoom. If you would like to join the committee, please let Pam know. Any suggestions for fashion retailers please let 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.



Please share with your contacts, schools, etc.!!!

2023

**ZONTA**
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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 Kolter
210 S. Water St. Unit 521
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204
scscholarship.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.

Advocacy



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The **Racial Justice Committee** has evolved and will now be the **Advocacy Committee**. Our focus will continue to be issues related to Social Justice. In particular we will focus on how to engage men in violence prevention, and how to educate men, women, boys, and girls about the unacceptability of violence in close personal and family relationships.

The Advocacy Committee has also named new **Co-Chairs with the Transition of Donna Neal out of the current role of Chair. Diana Barnett and Diane Lindsey will Co-Chair effective immediately.** We thank Donna for her tremendous work as the chair and contributions and leadership. Donna will remain as a member of the Advocacy Committee.

We will continue to work to connect with our community organizations or agencies in this effort beginning with the Alma Center (Donna N.), Exploit No More (Judy), Franciscan Peacemakers (Diane), and Truckers Against Trafficking (Carol). Other Committee members will also add to this effort.

We as the Advocacy Committee will connect and follow the lead of other WI Clubs and Area 2/District 6 on spring efforts - Madison IWD ERA push and Janesville/workshop Child Marriage. Diane L. will continue to follow and advise the Committee/Club on legislative activity, especially upcoming Human Trafficking issues regarding runaways and Safe Harbor.

Committee Chairs “Ask” for Budgets

Please establish and submit your anticipated budget needs for 2023 and 2024 to Laurie Ward by January 30th. Laurie sent out an email on this ask on December 9th.

**Please note that there are a couple of modules on the Core Competency training on budgets and finance that might be helpful.*



Commission on the Status of Women



Of the 6,155 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with consultative status at the United Nations, only 141 have General Consultative Status, the highest status an NGO can have at the UN. Zonta International was granted General Consultative Status in 1969.

As an NGO with General Consultative Status, Zonta International is invited to participate in the annual Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York. The Commission on the Status of Women is:

- A functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
- The principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women.
- Established by resolution on 21 June 1946 to monitor and promote women's rights and develop global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women; mandate expanded in 1996 to include monitoring and reviewing progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

CSW67: 6 – 17 MARCH 2023 @ UN HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK CITY

- **Priority theme:** Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.
- **Review theme:** Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls (agreed conclusions of the sixty-second session).

What is CSW?

The CSW is the largest annual gathering on women's rights worldwide, and is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. The CSW is instrumental in promoting women's rights, documenting the reality of women's lives throughout the world, and shaping global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women.

What happens at CSW?

During the Commission's annual two-week session, thousands of representatives of UN Member States, global civil society organizations and UN entities gather at UN headquarters in New York. They discuss progress and gaps in the implementation of the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the



key global policy document on gender equality, and the 23rd special session of the General Assembly held in 2000 (Beijing+5), as well as emerging issues that affect gender equality and the empowerment of women. Member States agree on further actions to accelerate progress and promote women's enjoyment of their rights in political, economic and social fields. The outcomes and recommendations of each session are forwarded to ECOSOC for follow-up.

Official representatives from member states and civil society can attend the formal CSW meetings and the accompanying side events on women's issues which are sponsored by member states. During the two-week session, NGOCSW, the civil society arm of CSW presents the NGOCSW Forum where hundreds of sessions, known as parallel events are open for all interested parties to attend. Where member states and NGOs register official representatives for CSW, registration for the NGOCSW Forum can be found at ngocsw.org.

Why should I attend CSW?

Attendance at CSW is important as it gives participants the opportunity to: have a voice in exploring solutions to myriad problems facing women of the world; receive a phenomenal educational experience regarding critical issues affecting women worldwide by attending side and parallel events; network with like-minded attendees from all over the globe.

The screenshot shows the UN Women website. At the top is the UN Women logo. To the right are links for the EXECUTIVE BOARD and COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN. Below these are navigation tabs: ABOUT, WHAT WE DO, WHERE WE ARE, HOW WE WORK, PARTNERSHIPS, and NEWS. A breadcrumb trail indicates the path: Home > Commission on the Status of Women > NGO participation. The main heading is "Registration". The text explains that NGOs accredited to and in good standing with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) may designate representatives to the annual sessions of the CSW. It mentions that invitation letters are sent closer to commencement of the session to the e-mail addresses registered in the Integrated Civil Society Organizations (ICSO) System of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) by NGOs in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). A yellow box highlights the "DEADLINE APPROACHING" for CSW67 registration, which is open from 7 October 2022 to 27 January 2023. It states that late registrations are not accepted and provides a link to register. It also notes that participants must have or create an Indico account and that their organization's focal point must approve the registration. Finally, it states that the United Nations does not charge fees for participation and that expenses are the responsibility of participants.

Announcements



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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.

The screenshot shows the Zonta International website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Sign Out, Hi, Joni, Donate, Cart, Select Language, and a Keyword Search box. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links: Our Causes, Our Programs, News & Events, About Us, Get Involved, Your Support, and My Zonta. The main content area features a large image of two women working on a laptop. To the left of the image is a yellow box with the text 'My Zonta Leadership Development Tools'. Below the image, there is a section titled 'Zonta International Leadership Resources' with a description of Zonta's commitment to leadership development. A blue button labeled 'Return to My Zonta Tools' is positioned to the right of this section. Below the resources, there is a list of links under the heading 'Core Competency Development Program'. The link 'Zonta Leadership Program' is highlighted with a yellow background and a yellow arrow points to it. Other links in the list include 'Remarkable Women Powerful Stories', 'Build a Better Club - Member to Member Resources', 'How-to Tools and Techniques', and 'Personal Development Library'. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'Core Competency Development Program' with a description and two links: 'Core Competencies Development Plan | PDF' and 'Core Competencies Development Plan Session | LINK'.

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My Zonta
Zonta Leadership
Program




Governance




1.1 Zonta Essentials
French | German | Italian | Spanish




1.2 Club Essentials
French | German | Italian | Spanish




1.3 Governance Structure



1.4 Bylaws




1.5 Finding Tools and Resources on Zonta.org

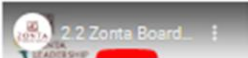


1.6 Club and Protocol Manuals

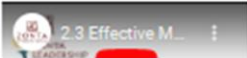
Goal Inspired Leadership




2.1 Strategic Planning



2.2 Zonta Board



2.3 Effective Meetings



2.4 Succession Planning

Plus many more categories and training topics!