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NEWSLETTER

October 2022

Zonta Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, October 26th

Social @ 5:30pm

Meeting @ 6:00pm

Speaker:

**Martha Kannas, MSW and Executive Director of
*Exploit No More***

Topic:

**Update on the current state of sex-trafficking in
Wisconsin**



Location: Saz's State Room

5539 W. State Street
Milwaukee

**RSVPs are due by *Friday, October 21st* to Maureen @
mortsiwula@outlook.com. Maureen will need to provide
the number to Saz's at that time.**

**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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Hi Zontian Sisters,

The fall season is upon us; with temperatures dropping and crisp air surrounding us, we watch leaves change from green to yellow, orange, cinnamon rich red, chocolate brown... and see the beauty of diversity.

As I muse over the end of summer and beginning of autumn, the club's focus was clear and energy high, much accomplished. The Understanding Cultural Differences Series presented by H. Moore concluded with a debriefing from the Racial Justice Committee, led by D. Neal. 2022 (2 Part) Hamburg Convention Report presented by J. Beaudry and C. Carter, concluded. In addition, District 6/ Z-Milw Club Food Service Project completed.

Zontians from Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana joined the Milw. Club Zontians, community individuals, businesses, organizations and walked together in silence to commemorate individuals that transcended during the past year because of domestic violence, ending with comments from several organizational leaders and testimony of a domestic violence victim's mother.

Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women Silent Walk (Oct 7), kicked off District 6-2022 Fall Conference (Oct 7-9), which presented a focus on Women's Right (Carmen Pitre), and Diverse Membership (Heidi Moore). Additionally, our Neu-Life Youth Program partner provided awesome banquet entertainment.

With purpose and contemplation, we move forward by:

- Celebrating ourselves, highlighting, recognizing, and honoring Zontian trailblazers from past to present with our Home Club Heroes initiative, led by Donna Conant.
- Increasing and retaining members. Understanding, encouraging, and embracing diversity on all levels (race, culture, communication, behavior...).
- Utilizing both virtual and physical meetings to enhance speaker outreach network.
- Supporting upcoming events (Annual Fashion Show Fundraiser (Nov 5), Prospective Member Reception (Nov 16).
- Activating & supporting the 16 Days of Activism (Nov 25-Dec 10)

THANK YOU & SALUTE TO:

Donna Neal and the **Racial Justice Committee** for your direction, oversight, and coordination of the Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women Silent Walk.

Area 2 Director **Karen Smith (Fall Conference chair & Committee)** for the commitment, dedication AND hard work which led to an inspiring, motivating, and educational conference.

Thanks to all, for the quick & unified response to project leaders calls to action. It was with amazing efficiency and united responsiveness that resulted in the success of these events. Thank you.

Joann Harris-Comodore

Zonta Club of Milwaukee President

Club Updates



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2022 Fashion Show Updates

November 5th, invite your friends! The event will feature Mount Mary University's fashion alums and their designs. This is our only fundraiser of the year, so we need everyone to participate. **Remember to get your reservations in by Friday, October 21, 2022.** We cannot stress enough how important it is to bring guests as they are what make the difference and the fun.

- **Last call for the wine pull, any gift cards and any item donations will be at our October 26th meeting.** This is cutting time short for our November 5th event so if you're not going to be at the meeting please get your donations to Pam or Laurie before then.
- Need another invitation? Contact, Pam Knackert.
 - An electronic version of the invite is available on the Zonta website www.zontamilwaukee.org
 - Facebook has an event that can be shared with your Facebook network.
 - Eventbrite is also available for online registration <https://2022-zonta-fashion-show.eventbrite.com/>



Many volunteers are needed the morning of November 5th to decorate the auction and raffle tables, to sell raffle tickets or gift cards, to process raffles or silent auction items, or to be runners. We need to be out of the hotel by 2:00 for the next event. A signup sheet was passed around at last meeting and sent out and will be passed around again in October, but if you can let Pam know if you haven't already of what you will help with, we can know what we still need.

Welcome to our newest member, Shari Januszewski

Thank you for welcoming me to the Milwaukee club. I am looking forward to getting to know you and working with you on Zonta initiatives. I wish to share a little bit about myself and my background.



I grew up in Franklin, WI and have always lived in nearby communities, currently in Brookfield since 2000 with Gary, my husband of 41 years and an adorable two-year-old Golden Retriever, Colby.

My professional career has been supporting financial advisors, who work within banks and credit unions, to achieve the financial goals of their clients. Today I am establishing new relationships with banks and credit unions to use the broker-dealer services my company provides.

I enjoy cooking and traveling and look forward to getting back to taking more trips. Weather permitting, you will find me playing in the dirt gardening and tending to our hobby vineyard. And yes, we make wine!

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2022 District Fall Conference

Fall Conference 2022 was held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Milwaukee, WI, with the Milwaukee Club serving as the host club. 91 Zontians from District 6 were registered for the event with 83 attending. The Conference commenced with a "Zonta Says No" silent walk at Milwaukee City Hall to remember those that lost their lives in 2021 to domestic violence. The walk was attended by many Zontians from District 6. Fantastic job by the Advocacy committee on pulling together a memorable and meaningful event.

Collections were taken at the conference for Hunger Task Force in support of the District 6 service project to fight food poverty. 395 pounds of food was collected! Thank you to all who contributed.

We had a very special guest at the conference, a sister Zontian from Ukraine (name being withheld for confidentiality). It was a true message of the sisterhood shared globally by Zonta. Another highlight from the conference was discussion on Child Marriage and actions that can be taken to introduce and influence legislation to protect girls who are married before age 18. Speakers included Carmen Pitre, Heidi Moore and our District scholarship recipients. And our own Jackie Beaudry was awarded her ZI plaque by Governor Cheryl.

Neu-Life entertained us Saturday evening, where they received several standing ovations! One of the poems brought many of us to tears and was delivered with great passion. We are including his words in this newsletter. Many thanks to Neu-Life.

Thank you to all Milwaukee club members who attended and volunteered during the event. You are much appreciated!





One Women's Day

By Cortrell (from Neu-Life)

One day women will be more than just caretakers
One day women will have the right to choose over their own bodies again
One day children won't have to grow up with single mothers
One day women will get paid equally
One day women can walk down the street without fear
One day women aren't judge by what they have but for who they are
One day women won't be profiled as sexual objects
One day women won't be raped or abused
One day a women will sit at the head of the head of the white house
One day women's sports will be just as popular as their male counterparts
One day child support won't be needed
One day women's rights won't be a movement but will be a steppingstone towards history
One day a woman won't be just valued for their bodies but also for who they are
One day women won't have to strive for equal rights
One day women won't have to prove they are just as good as men

And that one day will be the day women change the world





Fight Food Poverty: Sept 28th Club Meeting Food Drive

Your donations were appreciated!

This service activity was part of our District-wide food poverty project and supported the on-going efforts of three of our members. Kudos to Janet Kloser, Pam Knackert and Maureen Siwula who volunteer at and support Greendale & New Berlin food pantries on an on-going basis.



Thank You!

A Time For Gratitude

Thank you, Zonta Club of Milwaukee, for the food collected and donated to our Greendale Food Pantry at St. Alphonsus last month. Food insecurity is an issue that is affecting so many people, and with inflation it is getting worse. Your generosity brings relief to our clients, and we are so grateful!

Warm regards,
Janet Kloser and Ellen Krueger
Co-Directors



Heidi Moore Program Debrief

At our September Club meeting, we conducted a brief review of our work with Heidi Moore Urban Consulting on culture, communication, and conflict. We summarized the work we did with her and then raised the following questions:

Moving Forward:

- ☐ How could we be more welcoming to each other? Connect better with one another?
- ☐ How will you use what you've learned during meetings, discussions, planning, etc. in Zonta?
- ☐ How do we apply what we've learned to membership, retention, and recruitment?
- ☐ One wish I have for the Club is

What we said:

What is your one wish for the Club?

- Be more diverse in ages/ generations
 - Identify engaging topics for younger generations.
 - The fashion show luncheon is a great vehicle to expose new/younger potential members to service & advocacy
- Be more diverse culturally/ethnically
 - Identify engaging topics for different audiences/potential members.
- Identify one or two projects we can all work together to accomplish goals.
 - Identify more hands-on projects.
- Have meeting locations/formats/seating been impediments to club attendance/growth?
- Meet the need for more active members: 75-100
- Increase Club visibility in the community so that we are recognizable.
 - Develop effective marketing of the Club.
 - Participate in community projects.
 - Partner with other organizations.
 - Meet other needs of agencies which have applied to Foundation for funding
- Etch diversity into all that we do

Everyone in the Club owns the follow-ups, just like everyone is on the Membership Committee. Think about what you might do to help make some of these wishes a reality, or what other wishes you might have for the Club and want to work on.

The Racial Justice Committee will continue to meet, brainstorm, and bring ideas and possible actions to the Club. We hope all members will do likewise. We expect our "Advocacy Committee report" at the next few Club meetings will be interactive.

Silent Walk/Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Thanks to all in the Club and District who participated in, invited friends, transported walkers, or helped plan and pull off our 7th Annual Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women Silent Walk last Friday, October 7.



The program was noted by many as our most powerful ever. Perhaps because the rate of DV homicides continues to escalate and we continue to witness rising lethality, the speakers' remarks were impactful and heartfelt. Particularly moving were the comments by the mother of a victim, who brought to life the continuing impacts of domestic violence homicide on friends, family, and the community, long after the incident occurs. Press coverage from two local TV stations, WISN and TV 58, gave Zonta very strong acknowledgment, showed many walkers, and highlighted some of the speakers' remarks.

The murdered victims we honored ranged in age from 3 months to 77 years, were male and female, from 21 Wisconsin counties. The after-effects of these killings will be felt for years by their families and communities. We need to do more.

The Silent Walk was a great way to kick off the Fall Conference, and we received highly positive feedback from other Zontians in District 6.

To continue observing Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Donna Kahl-Wilkerson and Donna Neal will be attending a Survivor Panel discussion at Sojourner on Wednesday, Oct 19.

Thursday evening, at 5:15, the Hoan Bridge will be lit in purple to observe DV Awareness Month. Make sure you check it out! We will be considering lighting the bridge orange next year as part of a Zonta Says No event.

16 Days of Activism (November 25 – December 10)

We surfaced our plans for 16 Days of Activism at the September meeting, and we are beginning to execute the plan with this newsletter. To put it simply, **the intent for 16 Days is to surface/publish/spread awareness of initiatives that focus on DV prevention by involving men.** We will never solve this issue unless it becomes a human rights issue, a community health and safety issue, a social justice issue.

We would like members of the Club who care about the issue of DV to participate. Here's the ask:

- Do some research online to identify programs for abusers that are successful in the prevention and/or mitigation of domestic violence, or
- Network with your contacts, or do some online research to identify initiatives or partnerships that involve groups/organizations of like-minded men to educate men and build community awareness, or
- Identify successful community-wide prevention programs anywhere in the US or the world, or the Zonta world (not just programs run by the service providers for victims and abusers)



SOJOURNER



Light the Hoan!

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Did you know that one in four women and one in nine men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime?

Join us on October 20th for the lighting of the Hoan Bridge to raise awareness of Domestic Violence. As the lights go on, we will celebrate the courage and resilience of survivors in our community.

October 20, 2022

5:15 p.m.

Advocacy



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We will plan a 10-minute discussion at the October meeting to share any preliminary learning/findings.

Please submit program descriptions and links to Donna Neal or anyone on the RJ Committee by mid-November, so that we can create postings for Facebook, Linked In, etc. during 16 Days of Activism. And hopefully, the work will provide some foundation for community action in 2023.

For November, we'll ask you all to watch the video "Violence Against Women – the end begins with men" TED Talk YouTube video 17 minutes 2015:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-cxFYJ1gJk>





Zonta is making a difference for women and girls across the globe through international projects and educational awards funded by the Zonta Foundation for Women and through the thousands of service and advocacy initiatives undertaken by Zonta clubs and members in the communities in which they live and work.

THESE ARE THE UN agencies Zonta International is partnering with this 2022-2024 biennium.

UNICEF works in over 190 countries and territories to save children's lives, to defend their rights, and to help them fulfil their potential, from early childhood through adolescence. And they never give up. (ZI Project: Adolescent Girl's Health & Protection – Peru - \$500,000).

UNFPA is the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency. The mission is to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled. (ZI Project: Strengthening Survivors of Gender Based Violence – Papua New Guinea & Timor-Leste - \$500,000).

UNICEF USA supports UNICEF's global work through fundraising, advocacy and education in the United States. They collaborate with governments and corporations, non-profit groups and social enterprises, civic leaders and celebrities, churches and other faith-based organizations, youth groups and campus groups, teachers and students and families – anyone willing to help us advocate for survival and well-being of every child. (ZI Project: Engaging Girls in Climate Change in Madagascar - \$500,000.)

UNFPA – UNICEF addresses the challenge of girls at risk of early marriage and often those hardest to reach. They come from poor families, marginalized groups or rural areas. They are also more likely to be out of school than their unmarried peers, robbed of the opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential. (ZI Project: Ending Child Marriage in 12 African and Asian Countries – Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Yemen, Zambia –n \$1,200,000).

These are the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals inclusive of many of the goals of Zonta International's service projects:



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Upcoming Dates:

October Club Meeting: October 26th

November Meeting (Prospective Member Event): November 16th

December Club Social: December 14th (Tentative)

Annual MKE Club Fashion Show Fundraiser: Nov 5th

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



2022 Zonta Foundation Grant Recipients

The Club's Foundation Board solicited local agency applications for grants in the spring, with a July 15 deadline for filing, and met three times in August to determine funds available for grants and scholarships, evaluate applications, and agree on agencies and grant amounts. Fifteen (15) applications were received, and seven (7) agencies will be granted awards at our Fall Fashion Show Fundraiser. They are:

Exploit No More Freedom House **\$5000**

Exploit No More serves adult female survivors of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation, offering a safe and dignified space and time and means to heal. It is a 6-month program serving 10-16 clients per year, offering survivors of sex trafficking access to resources to meet basic needs (food, showers, beds, laundry services, computers/ internet, phone, personal care items) as well as a trauma-informed approach for physical and emotional healing. The grant from Zonta Foundation will help them continue to support the Freedom House 24/7 operations. Zonta Milwaukee Foundation has been following this program's development for over a year and is very impressed with their progress.

Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition Our Peaceful Home Youth Leadership Program **\$3000**

Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition (MMWC) Our Peaceful Home is a program for young Muslim women and girls who have experienced trauma. It addresses issues of identity, self-esteem, and emotions such as anger and sadness in a practical, culturally specific, and culturally relevant manner. Services include workshops held over six to eight weeks, therapist-facilitated healing circles and circles of support. Youth learn the characteristics of healthy relationships and, with therapist help, acquire tools to overcome personal challenges. The program serves 25-30 youth annually. MMWC is the only organization in Wisconsin that provides culturally specific domestic violence programming for Muslim women.

Sojourner Healing Services **\$3000**

Sojourner advocates work one-one with clients to develop Healing Plans: how clients are hoping to heal, grow, or move forward. With a mission to transform lives impacted by domestic violence, Sojourner's first priority is to address the immediate safety concerns of clients. Once a client is safe, life skills and healing plan programming is integrated into conversations. Advocates support clients to explore their passions and goals and identify ways to achieve those goals and address any challenges that may arise. A wide variety of programming options within Hope and Healing ensure that women are empowered to embark on a path that includes goal setting, support groups, job readiness training, financial empowerment, basic adult education and literacy, higher education and scholarship assistance, and professional and leadership training.

CORE/El Centro Trauma and Healing Services **\$3000**

CORE El Centro offers healing services for all women no matter what their economic status, cultural background, or religious belief, by providing natural healing therapies to integrate body, mind and spirit in a culturally sensitive environment. The *Trauma & Healing Program* is a collaborative venture with



their on-site partner, The Healing Center, which offers adult sexual abuse survivors and their loved one's opportunities for healing and wholeness by providing support and counseling, advocacy and community education. CORE/EI Centro's bodywork services and movement classes offer women a chance to reconnect with their sense of self, their soul, and their sacred power.

The Women's Center Waukesha

\$3000

For 40 years, The Women's Center has provided safety, shelter, and support to adults and children affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and trafficking. The Employment & Life Skills Program promotes self-sufficiency and addresses practical barriers to independence. Clients learn about job opportunities, careers that pay family supporting wages, the job search process, and coping skills to manage multiple roles. The program also offers job-readiness coaching, career development, job seeking assistance, mock interviews, mentoring opportunities, and transportation to career fairs and interviews. Life skills education helps women develop financial goals, create and maintain a budget, find affordable and safe housing, and understand health and wellness through nutrition education.

Milwaukee Women's Center Emergency Shelter

\$3000

Milwaukee Women's Center, A Division of Community Advocates provides innovative, culturally competent holistic care that empowers individuals and families to live safe, independent and healthy lives that is free from domestic violence, addiction and trauma. The *Emergency Shelter* program serves women and children effected by domestic violence. The shelter provides safe housing while offering counseling, support groups, safety planning and comprehensive case management services to address housing and other basic needs. The children participate in age-appropriate trauma-informed programming to increase awareness, prevent the cycle of domestic violence and increase their self-esteem.

Franciscan Peacemakers Social Enterprise

\$2000

Franciscan Peacemakers *Social Enterprise* (SE) program provides employment training to women who are survivors of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking. Participants earn a living wage and learn skills (manufacturing, packaging, marketing, sales and administration) that are transferable to the job market at completion of the program. This program empowers women by giving them control over their ability to earn income in an appropriate, safe and well-paid manner. The SE manufactures a line of all-natural bath and body products that are hand made with all natural ingredients.

Foundation Business

The Foundation Board has made it a priority to make sure that our State and Federal non-profit status and associated forms are up-to-date and duly processed. Much work needed to be done and has been successfully completed.

The Foundation Board has also been working diligently to update its disbursement and investment policies. Much progress has been made and more will be reported in next month's newsletter.

Membership



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See below on our upcoming Prospective Member Event, but if you have someone interested in Zonta and want to invite them to our October meeting, invite them also as a guest.

Prospective Member Event Wed. November 16th

Your membership committee is planning a **Prospective Member Event** in place of our regular meeting on Wednesday, November 16th at Saz's (see invite included and as an attachment so you can forward to those you want to invite).

We need members to attend for sure and invite at least one or more prospective members to attend. These prospects could be co-workers, friends, relatives that maybe have an interest in learning more about Zonta and believe in our mission. It may be someone who is already coming to the fashion show, but this will give them another opportunity to learn more about Zonta. We will have light hors d'oeuvres. Members will still pay the \$35 to underwrite a portion and the remaining will be picked up by our Membership Committee money so guests will not be asked to pay. There will be a cash bar.

We will be asking some of you to be on the program to talk about different areas of Zonta and when asked to participate, enthusiastically say YES! We will of course have an introduction portion so the prospects can meet us. The more members we have attend the better they can learn about us and why we joined Zonta.



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You are invited to the

Zonta Club of Milwaukee
Prospective Member Reception
Wednesday, November 16, 2022
5:30 p.m. socializing
(light hors d'oeuvres will be served)
6:00 to 7:00 p.m. program

at
Saz's State Room
5539 W. State St.
Milwaukee

RSVP to Pam Knackert at pmknackert@gmail.com or 262-784-7613 or cell 262-309-3927 by Friday, Nov. 11th

Come learn more about Zonta International and the Zonta Club of Milwaukee, an organization whose mission is to empower women & girls locally and worldwide through service & advocacy. We invite you to be a part of an organization helping to build a better world for women and girls. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

For more information about Zonta & the Zonta Club of Milwaukee visit www.zonta.org and www.zontamilwaukee.org

Club Minutes



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Zonta Club of Milwaukee Meeting September 28, 2022

Meeting called to order by President, Joann Harris-Comodore

Blessing offered by Carol Mangold

Presentation of flowers to Karen Smith for her service as President of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee

A Table Talk of Thanks was offered by Joann Harris-Comodore to all members for their work – and to Carol Mangold and Deb Koller for serving as delegates to the Conference

Laurie Ward, treasurer - financial report, 1st to 31st - no expenses – Balance 11,329.47 – and the C D as of 6/22 is \$5,420.47

Virtual Meetings /yes, no, or sometimes, as questioned by Barbara Wyatt-Sibley, were discussed, and Joann will notify Barbara, as she will be the person checking out various speakers. The feeling of the group (by a hand vote) was to say, “yes have virtual meetings, but not every time.”

There was a suggestion offered by Donna Conant to create a column to write about Great Things Milwaukee Zontians, past and present, have done. The feeling is that it would honor the women and bring out past and present stories, showing that we have had many firsts and exciting projects.

People are needed to sign up for the Zonta Book Store at Conference.

Jackie Beaudry gave the 2022 Zonta International Convention report. The next Convention will be held in Brisbane, Australia in 2024. The last Convention in Australia was in 2006.

The Board talked about the difficult decision to not continue the Women in Technology Scholarship due to the cost, but after much discussion the decision was made to extend the pilot program scholarship for another biennium and change the name to STEM. Individual clubs will determine the level of support.

Donna Neal debriefed our work with Heidi Moore, presenting a short recap with thoughtful questions in a slide presentation. It is hoped that we will continue to learn and work on racial equity in our club.

Looking for what new members are looking for from Zonta Club of Milwaukee, the following things were suggested.

- Diverse age of members, especially younger
- Diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds
- Projects to work on together, especially on service, hands-on
- Find meeting place or places that are set up to foster communication
- Wish for 75 to 100 active members not 30-45
- Visible in the community, so people can see what we do
- Topics that engage younger women and encourage them to join, be welcoming
- Fashion Show – support the Mount Mary students by showing their designs, and modeling
- Expand community work, like back packs, weed pulling, etc.
- Partner with various organizations
- Marketing of Zonta, so people will get to know us
- 10 minutes each meeting on what work we are doing
- Diversity etched into everything we do

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Committee Reports:

- Advocacy: Racial Justice committee will post Zonta Says NO gender violence facts from Zonta International through 16 days of advocacy. Find ways to get the male gender involved to work together to stop domestic and all violence – creating a circle of community unity with all departments working together.
- Service: Food donations for the food pantry
- Foundation: 9 Organizations responded, 6 applications
- Program: Will be discussed for October and November. December will be a social gathering.
- Scholarship: Spread the work about Scholarships
- Fall conference – 89 attending

Joni Reese requested information for the Newsletter to be in by the 7th of the month.

Joann Harris- Comodore shared: Looking forward, we need to assess where we are and develop a plan of how to get it together. We must be able to talk with one another even though at times it may be uncomfortable, because if we can't talk about problems, we can't fix them.

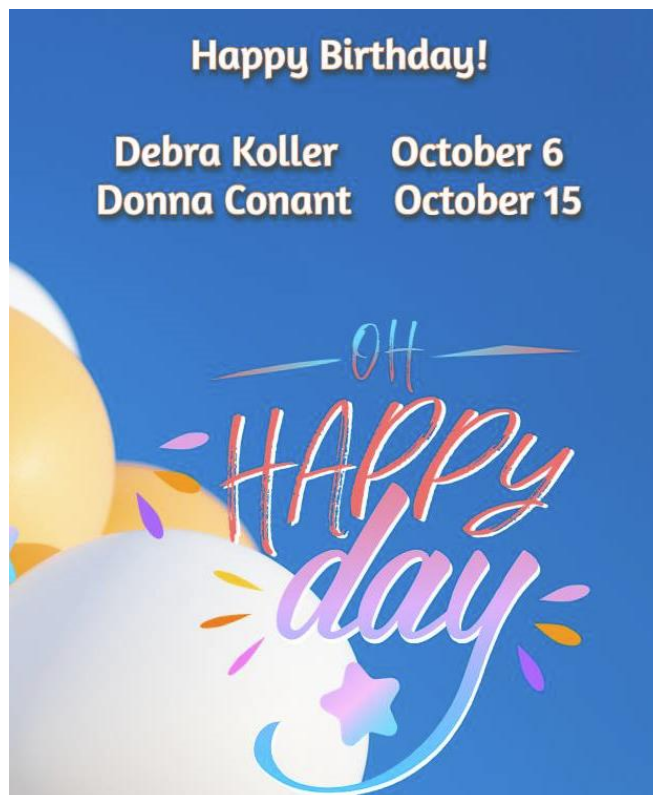
Zonta Silent Walk Oct 7

Fall Conference Oct 7-9

Fashion Show Nov 5

D6 Service Project – Conference participation (reminder)

Joann Harris-Comodore, President, ended the meeting





Zonta Club August 24, 2022

Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order (Joann Comodore, President)
- Welcome (Joann Comodore, President)
- Blessing/Dinner (5:30pm) (Crystal Carter)
- Treasurer's Report (Laurie Ward)
\$15052.62 at end of July: Account \$4108.57plus \$182.00 6/2022: CD @ \$5420.47.
- Hamburg International Convention Report synopsis (September conclusion):
Report given by Joann Comodore. Help is needed, details at next meeting. Help is needed for transportation (car- pooling) from District Meeting to the Silent Walk against domestic violence (in Milwaukee).
Reports, Work Shops, Fellowship, set goals and how to move forward
- Racial Justice Committee - Cultural Communication Program, Heidi Moore- facilitator
We all enjoyed Heidi Moore's interesting, informative, and fun discussion and work with us on understanding differences and sometimes difficulties that can occur in communication due to our own cultural differences. Thank you, Heidi Moore.
- **Committee Updates**
 - Advocacy
The silent walk for acknowledging domestic violence of which there are record high deaths at this time, will be held October 7, 2022, in Milwaukee. The intent is that we can provide car-pooling to Milwaukee from the district Conference so that folks can attend. A co-chair is needed for this committee.
 - Service
Back packs (50) for the Neu-life students have been provided, which met our goal. We also have continued to provide books for the Neu-life students to use in their book club activities and library.
 - Public Relations
Joni Reese was absent due to having shoulder surgery.
 - Program Committee
Beginning January 2023, the Program Committee will be chaired by Barbara Wyatt Sibley. Ruth Robertson will be working on the committee. Ruth is also transitioning with Maureen Siwula.

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Fashion Show Fundraiser

There will be information in the Newsletter about our Mount Mary fashion design and fashion show, which will be held. There will be various fundraisers, \$20 gift cards, \$20 wine pulls, baskets of donated items, raffle pull, with tables for 8 people. There is excitement about working with the students from Mount Mary, as it is a good connection to our club's mission of helping young women.

Scholarship- Heather Host

Our scholarship winner, Heather Host, was announced. She is studying at Oxford

Membership

Nothing new was reported at this time.

Fall Conference

Details at next meeting

Foundation

Decisions on agencies and amounts - the treasurer will be informed and passed on to the service committee. Donna Neal is working on State and Government information and forms.

- UN (Marge Holzbog)
We should all sign up for Conference, check the International Website for projects and plans, and see the Convention Report.
- Announcements
 - Next Club meeting September 28th – 6pm
 - Zonta Says No to Violence Walk Oct. 7th
 - District 6 Fall Conference Oct 7th – Oct 9th
 - District 6 hosting the NADIM in Indianapolis June 29 - July 2 of 2023, Area Clubs participation required.
 - Convention update conclusion
- Meeting Adjourned (Joann Comodore, President)

Announcements



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Dear Zontians Who Attended District 6 Conference,

At the D6 conference workshop on ending child marriage, I volunteered to arrange a program on how the Zontians in Minneapolis (D7) worked with their legislators to end child marriage. Minnesota was one of the first few states to outlaw all marriage before 18. They have an interesting story to share!

We have scheduled Monday, **November 21 at 7pm** for a special zoom meeting of the Wisconsin clubs and anyone else in the district who is interested in hearing how Minnesota Zontians advocated successfully to outlaw child marriage. There will be time for Q&A following their presentation.

Please join us for this very special meeting via zoom using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83277677754?pwd=Yk52eTIGN0loakZnRlByaHdGdDc1vQT09>

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Club presidents, please forward this invitation to your clubs.

We understand that this date and time will not work for everyone but wanted to share with as many Wisconsin club members as possible to inspire Zontians to take important action to help Wisconsin legislators get this done!

Thanks,

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