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NEWSLETTER

September 2022

Zonta Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, September 28th

Social @ 5:30pm

Meeting @ 6:00pm

Topics:

- The Racial Justice Committee will provide a summary and debriefing from the three sessions we had on Cultural Communications. *What have we learned?*
- Jackie Beaudry will provide a recap and insights on the International Convention in Germany.

Location: Saz's State Room

5539 W. State Street
Milwaukee

*RSVPs are due by **Wednesday, September 21st** to Helen Ludwig @ hludwig@ludwiglaw.org. Helen will need to provide the number to Maureen for the Saz's order at that time*

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

District Service Project to Address Food Poverty

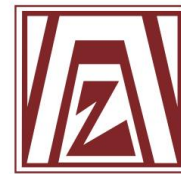
An estimated 1 in 12 Wisconsinites are food insecure, meaning they are uncertain where their food is coming from, or can't afford to get all the food they need.

Zonta Milwaukee can help with food or money donations at our September meeting, benefiting two Local Pantries. *Please see the Service section of the newsletter for more information.*



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President's Message



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Hello Zontians,

We are approaching the end of summer and continuing to transition into this biennial (2022-2024) session. It is with much energy, excitement, and commitment that we are planning, and preparing for upcoming events:

- October 7th, 2022 – Zonta “Says No to Violence Silent Walk”, kicks off our District 6, Area 2 – Fall Conference (Oct 7th-9th), hosted by the Milwaukee Club.
- November 5th - Annual Fashion Show Fundraiser,

September's Club Meeting Agenda includes the conclusion of the 65th - ZI 2022 Convention Report, initiated at the August club meeting by convention delegates (Jackie Beaudry and Crystal Carter). As well as, an informal debriefing discussion of Heidi Moore's Cultural Communication presentations, coordinated by the Racial Justice Committee.

Continued transitioning will include members assessing/reassessing talents, skills, and areas of interest with the intent to ensure that we ARE or WILL utilize them to strengthen our efforts in areas we are best able to support our mission individually and collectively. As well as committees working together developing 2022-2024 biennial goals.

Joann Harris-Comodore

Zonta Club of Milwaukee President



Club Updates



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2022 Fashion Show Updates

November 5th, invite your friends! 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. In 2021 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

From a money raising perspective the best auction items are weeks or weekend vacation spots, hotel stays and dining out. Also appealing for auction items are "baskets" of unique groupings of items (themes) are super. Why not partner with another Zontian or friend to create one? 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 bring guests as they are what make the difference and the fun.

We will be collecting money for the wine pull, any gift cards, and any item donations at September meeting. Hard copy invitations are available. If you didn't receive the one you asked for or if you need more, please contact Pam Knackert. Distributing to our mailing list has also happened.

- 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/>

As in years past, many volunteers are needed the morning of November 5th to organize the auction and raffle tables, to help decorate the tables, to be runners, cleanup, and a multitude of other essential jobs. (We need to be out of the hotel by 2:00 for the next event). A signup sheet will be passed around at the September meeting.

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee Presents

Fall Into Fashion

Build a Better World for Women and Girls

Saturday, November 5, 2022
at the Marriott Milwaukee West
W231 N1600 Corporate Court • Pewaukee, Wisconsin

Please Join Us

Mix & Mingle	10:00 am
Bids & Raffles	10:00 am
Lunch	11:00 am
Fashion Show	Noon

Luncheon Menu

Chicken Breast in a Mixed Baby Field Green Salad
Grilled chicken breast, candied walnuts, dried cranberries and feta cheese with a choice of ranch or balsamic vinaigrette dressing and bakery roll and butter.

OR

Grilled Vegetarian Wrap
Balsamic marinated peppers, zucchini, asparagus, yellow squash, portabella mushroom, ranch dressing on whole wheat tortilla with a side of fresh fruit.

Both choices include Flourless Chocolate Torte, Coffee, and Tea

Reservations Required
To join our celebration, return your Reservation card or Reserve online at <https://2022-zonta-fashion-show.eventbrite.com>
No later than October 21, 2022



2022 JMK Women in Business Scholarship

Heather Jost is this year's JMK Scholarship recipient. Congratulations!!

In 2016 Heather received her Bachelor's Degrees from Lawrence University in Anthropology and Music Performance. Since graduating from Lawrence, Heather has been employed by Not Forgotten International. Heather's responsibilities with Not Forgotten International included teaching English at refugee camps in Algeria, Rwanda, and Tunisia as well as being a Team Language Coach.

Heather's goal with an MBA from Oxford Said Business School is to use the education, known for its focus on social Impact and diversity, to invest in the Saharawi refugee camps and similar places. In preparation for pursuing her MBA Heather passed with High Honors the CORE Credential of Readiness courses through Harvard Business School.

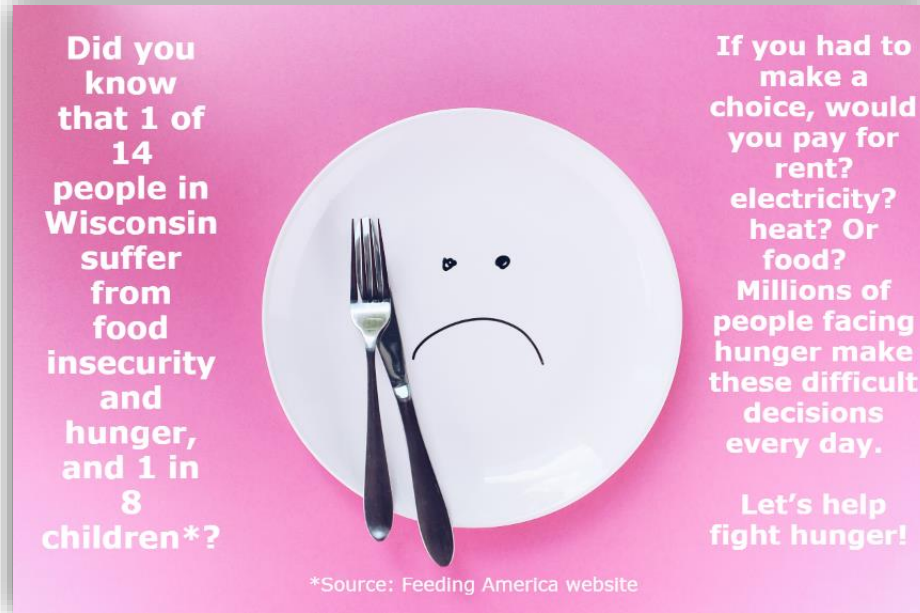
Heather's work-related reference stated, "The number one way I have seen her intellectual curiosity displayed is her desire to learn a new culture in the Saharawi refugee camps. She had a deep hunger to know more as she learned about the people, the culture, how to fit into society, and how to master the foreign language Hassinya. She truly exceeded expectations and thrived in this new environment through her pursuit of learning and curiosity.

Heather's university-related reference stated, "Heather excelled in the co-curricular Servant Leader Fellows position which involved a variety of activities including library research, reading and discussion of writings on servant leadership, planning a dinner at Lawrence for refugees from central Africa, and planning a web strategy for the Office of Community-Based Research and Learning, among other things."

Heather stated that she believes the interconnectedness of the world requires that practitioners of business excel in their understanding of culture and the ability to deeply understand culture will allow for more honest communication, genuine respect, and project sustainability.



Fight Food Poverty: Please bring non-perishable food items to our Sept 28th Club Meeting



Please bring a few non-perishable food items to the September meeting, which we will donate to local food pantries in Greendale & New Berlin to help fight food poverty.

Easy and Light Load Non-Perishable Food Donations to consider:

- Pouched Tuna, Chicken or Salmon
- Bagged Soups and side dishes such as rice and noodles
- Oatmeal instant
- Alternate Milk Carton or Canned; Almond, Coconut, Oat
- Protein drinks ensure or boost

Your donations are appreciated!

This service activity is part of our District-wide food poverty project, and also supports the on-going efforts of three of our members. Kudos to Janet Kloser, Pam Knackert and Maureen Siwula who volunteer at and support these food pantries on an on-going basis.

We will also be asking attendees to the District 6 Fall Conference which our club is hosting Oct 7-9, 2022 to support this club service activity by bringing non-perishable food donations.

District 6 Service Chair Rhonda Thomas announced this District 6 project to address food poverty. Clubs are asked to collect and distribute food/donations to support their community partners' clients in need of assistance with feeding their families. The District 6 Board will review the projects submitted at the quarterly meeting prior to Fall Conference and choose the service project with the best utilization of the Zonta International Service Committee service project criteria including impact, visibility, and creativity. The first quarterly prize will be awarded at Fall Conference in October.

Service



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2022 Book Service Project Update

Judith Lehman & Marge Holzbog

Thank you to who have and continue to donate books. And for the bookshelf donation!!! At this time, their needs are limited, but will keep the link to their Amazon page below.

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





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

**SILENT WALK IS HERE. ARE YOU WALKING?
IF YOU CAN'T WALK, WILL YOU BE THERE?
WHO IS WALKING/ATTENDING WITH YOU?
PLEASE TELL US ALL AT THE SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING!
GET MOVING IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY!**

By this date, you should all know that the 7th Annual Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women Silent March will be held on **Friday, October 7, over the lunch hour from 11:55 - 1:00 PM**. This event will kick off the Zonta District 6 Conference we are hosting the weekend of Oct 7-9. Zontians from IL and IN will be walking with us. It is important to SHOW UP!

Domestic Violence has been increasing, not decreasing for the past few years. Lethality is increasing. Victims are more in more danger, and in more danger of death.

Attached to the newsletter email are two template letters/emails for inviting participation from groups or individuals in our Silent Walk. Use them and tell me you've used them!

*Donna Neal
Silent Walk Committee*

**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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Zonta International is passionate about providing life-changing opportunities for women and girls through international service. By partnering with agencies of the United Nations and other recognized non-governmental organizations, Zonta has improved women's health, provided better economic opportunities, and prevented gender-based violence in 66 countries. Since our first service project, Zonta has contributed more than US\$32.7 million to our international service projects.

Below are the 2022-2024 Biennium Service Projects:

• Adolescent Girls' Health and Protection in Peru

We are responding to the health needs of adolescents—especially girls—in a timely manner and preventing violence in schools in Peru.

Education is a human right. It has the power to save and improve the lives of women and girls, which leads to healthier families and stronger communities.

From 2020-2022, Zonta International contributed US\$1,000,000 to UNICEF USA for the project. For the next two years, Zonta has committed US\$750,000 to improve the capacity of services to respond to the health needs of adolescents, in particular adolescent girls, in a timely manner and prevent all forms of violence in schools and other services in Ucayali, Loreto, Huancavelica and Northern Lima.

• Her Health and Dignity, Our Priority: Strengthening services for survivors of GBV

We are ensuring that all women and girls in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste live life free from violence and providing quality services to those who experience violence.

Building on Phase I, Phase II of Her Health and Dignity, Our Priority: Strengthening services for survivors of gender-based violence will expand the strengthening of skills, knowledge and capacities of GBV responders, including health care providers in additional geographic areas in Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Timor-Leste (TL).

From 2020-2022, Zonta International contributed US\$1,000,000 to UNFPA for the project. For the next two years, Zonta has committed US\$750,000 to ensure that all women and girls who experience violence use quality essential services, including for long-term recovery from violence, in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste.

• Engaging Girls on Climate Change in Madagascar

We are enabling children, particularly girls, to learn in a safe and inclusive environment and empowering them to take actions to build climate-resilient communities.

Engaging Girls on Climate Change in Madagascar will help UNICEF enable children, particularly girls, to learn in a safe and inclusive environment and empower them to take actions to change and to 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, the drought-prone region of the South.

For the next two years, Zonta International has committed US\$500,000 to UNICEF USA to support girls and a generation of children and adolescents by providing environmental education in Madagascar through child-friendly schools.



- **Ending Child Marriage**

We are protecting the rights of millions of vulnerable girls and putting an end to this global violation of human rights in 12 countries in Africa and Asia.

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 Programme to End Child Marriage – the first private-sector donor to the Global Programme. For the next two years, Zonta International has committed US\$1.2 million to UNICEF USA to support Phase II of the project.

Upcoming Dates:

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)

Club Minutes



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Minutes will be sent out next month.