



**ZONTA**  
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Area 2 • District 6

**2022–2023**

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# NEWSLETTER

April 2023

## Monthly Zonta Meeting

Virtual Zoom Meeting  
Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
*Meeting will open at 5:45 for social*

### **Annual Club and Foundation Business Meeting**

*Presented by Joann Comodore, Club President &  
La Toya Sykes, Foundation Board President*

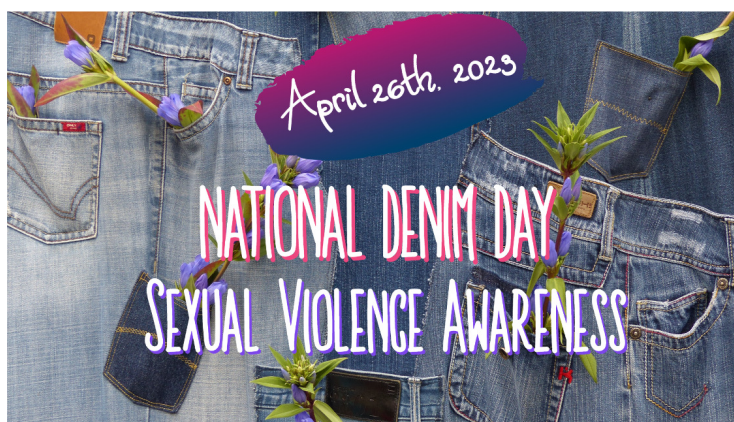
*Join us for our Annual Meeting to learn what  
transpired over the past year and what is in store for  
the future.*

*We will also be voting on our 2023-2024 slate of  
officers. Your attendance is needed to ensure that we  
meet our obligations for the Foundation and Club.*

*Please join us to celebrate the hard work and  
achievements of the past year.*

**Review of Annual Reports**  
**Club Annual Report emailed 4/15**  
**Foundation Annual Report**

*Joann emailed the Zoom meeting link on 4/21*



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# President's Message



**ZONTA**  
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Dear Zontian Sisters,

Hope you are enjoying the longer days and more sunshine!

Our April club meeting is our Annual Business Meeting and will be virtual.

This is the time when the club's annual report, annualizing the club's many works and accomplishments is presented, Club and Foundation board officers and/or directors are elected, and each committee brings forth a highlighted summary of its activities during the year.

The Zonta Milwaukee Club's Annual Report reveals the spirit of our club, reflecting the cooperation, participation and services rendered during the year.

A special thank you to all those who continue to unselfishly give of themselves propelling the mission of Zonta, Empowering Women and Girls through Service and Advocacy.

Moving forward I encourage you to register for our upcoming Area 2 Spring workshop in Janesville (April 29), and the NAIDM Conference (June 30 – July 2) hosted by District 6, both offer great opportunities for fellowship and expanding our Zonta learning.

I am looking forward to our Annual Business Meeting and information sharing.

Joann Harris-Comodore

Zonta Club of Milwaukee - President

**Happy Birthday!**

**Shari Januszewski**  
**Maureen Siwula**

**April 3**  
**April 12**



## Club Updates



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### Membership

Thank you for welcoming our guests at the March meeting – Megan Pirelli, Andi Elliott and Jennifer Patrick. Hopefully we will have one or more of them join us.

Please feel free to invite potential members to our virtual April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. It is our annual meeting, and they will get to hear about all our committees and activities throughout the past year so a great introduction to our Zonta Club.

### 2023 Fashion Show Committee

Our next fashion show committee meeting will be **Monday, May 8th at 6 pm via zoom**. If you would like to join the committee, please let Pam know.

Start thinking of businesses or companies that you can ask for sponsorships: your employer, financial advisor, accountant, dentist, etc. We sent out a template letter for your use for Corporate Sponsorships and will be sending a separate one for raffle and silent auctions.

The committee is working on getting a vendor for fashions, possibly a woman-owned boutique or two.

Please save the date for Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Marriott Milwaukee West for our **Fall Into Fashion: Build a Better World for Women and Girls** fashion show event.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023**

The Zonta Club of Milwaukee Presents

*Fall Into Fashion*

**Build a Better World  
for Women and Girls**

**Fashion Show Fundraiser • 10:00 am - 1:30 pm**  
**at the Marriott Milwaukee West**  
**W231 N1600 Corporate Court • Pewaukee, Wisconsin**


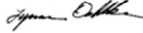





# Club Updates



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**The Corporate Sponsorship Letter was emailed on 4/14 to Club Members:**

 <b>ZONTA</b> CLUB OF MILWAUKEE BUILD A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS May, 2023		<b>ZONTA Foundation, Inc.</b>	
Dear,			
<p>The Zonta Club of Milwaukee is celebrating 97 years of service, empowering women and girls in Southeastern Wisconsin and around the world through cash grants, volunteer service, special projects and scholarships. Over time our foundation has made contributions to more than 80 non-profit organizations in the metro Milwaukee area. Last year at our fundraiser we granted \$22,000 to seven Milwaukee area nonprofit agencies and served more than a thousand women and girls. These grants supported services to women and girls who have experienced trauma including women and children who have experienced domestic violence. The grants have also provided shelter and employment services for women victims of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking and have provided natural healing services to women. We would like to increase what we raise this year. Plans are underway for our October 21, 2023 event.</p> <p>On behalf of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee and Zonta Foundation, Inc., we invite you to join us by making a monetary donation to help underwrite this event. Sponsorship level information is detailed on the enclosed form. The need is great; your generous support will make a large difference. Please help us continue our mission through our annual event.</p> <p><b>Fall Into Fashion: Build a Better World for Women &amp; Girls</b> Raffle, Silent Auction, Lunch &amp; Fashion Show Saturday, October 21, 2023 Marriott Milwaukee West - Waukesha, Wisconsin</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration. To maximize your visibility as a sponsor in our program, your gift is requested by July 15, 2022. Zonta Foundation, Inc. has a 501(c)(3) status and contributions are tax deductible. Please complete the enclosed donor form and return it to Donna Neal, Treasurer Zonta Foundation, Inc. at 2624 E. Bellevue Pl. Milwaukee, WI 53211. Any questions, email Pam at <a href="mailto:pmknackert@gmail.com">pmknackert@gmail.com</a>.</p> <p>Sincerely,  Lynne Oehlke, Event Co-Chair</p> <p> Pam Knackert, Event Co-Chair</p> <p>Zonta International is a leading global organization of 27,000 members in 83 countries working together to empower women and girls worldwide through service and advocacy.</p>			
 <a href="http://www.zontamilwaukee.org">www.zontamilwaukee.org</a>		 <a href="http://www.zontamilwaukee.org">www.zontamilwaukee.org</a>	

<b>ZONTA Club of Milwaukee ZONTA Foundation, Inc.</b>	
<b>Zonta Fashion Show</b> <b>SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES</b> Please check the appropriate box to indicate your level of support	
<b>Supporting Sponsor at \$1,000 and above</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Your company name as Supporting Sponsor in the event program and our video presentation at the event and announced at the event.</li><li>Your company to receive a full-page ad (7 1/4" h x 4 1/2" w) in the Program.</li><li>Opportunity to promote your business by displaying literature or promotional items.</li><li>Four complimentary tickets to the event.</li></ul>
<b>Patron Sponsor at \$500</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Your company listed as a Patron Sponsor in the program and our video presentation at the event and announced at out event.</li><li>Your company to receive a one-half page ad (4" h x 4 1/2" w) in the Program.</li><li>Two complimentary tickets to the event.</li></ul>
<b>Contributing Sponsor at \$250</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Your company name listed in Program.</li><li>Your company to receive a one-quarter page ad (3 1/4" h x 2 1/4" w) in the Program.</li></ul>
<b>Friend of Zonta at \$100</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Your company name listed in the Program.</li></ul>

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is ourmy check in the amount of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **Zonta Foundation, Inc.**

Send completed form to:

**Zonta Foundation, Inc.**  
c/o Donna Neal, Treasurer  
2624 E. Bellevue Pl.  
Milwaukee, WI 53211

## Service

Thank you to those that donated to our collection for Exploit No More ([exploitnomore.org](http://exploitnomore.org)) at our March meeting. Maureen delivered our donations, met with Martha, and toured the facility.



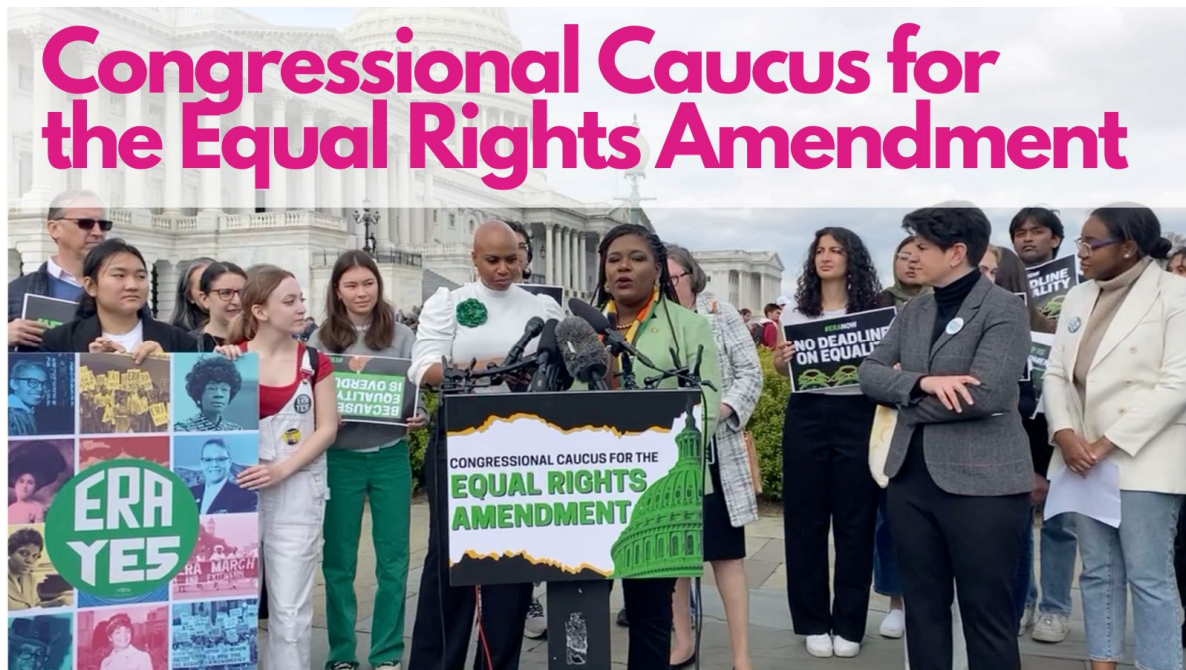
## Women's History Month

Women's History Month in March has come and gone for another year, another year without passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. The ERA was first introduced in 1923. Alice Paul, head of the National Women's Party, wanted to ensure their civil rights. So in 1923, she submitted a proposed amendment to Congress: "*Men and women shall have equal rights throughout the United States and every place subject to its jurisdiction.*"

In 1943, the amendment was revised to read, "*Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.*" This was the version that was introduced to every Congress until 1972, when it finally passed by overwhelming majorities: 93.4 percent in the House and 91.3 percent in the Senate.

One hundred years later, with 38 states having ratified it, it should be considered the 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. However, there was a time deadline inserted into the Amendment's Preamble. Thus conservatives argue that the required number of state ratifications occurred past the deadline of 1981.

The resolution that the House passed in 2021 to remove the deadline now sits in the hands of the Senate Judiciary Committee. On February 28 of this year, the Committee held a hearing for a joint resolution to remove the amendment's deadline for ratification. Senator Dick Durbin, who chairs the Committee, has said that a resolution will come to the Senate floor in the coming weeks. If it receives 60 votes, it will move from debate to a full vote on passage.



### ***Meet the new Equal Rights Amendment Caucus!***

*On Tuesday March 28, members of the House of Representatives launched the first-ever Congressional Caucus for the Equal Rights Amendment. Co-chairs Rep. Cori Bush and Rep. Ayanna Pressley kicked off a powerful launch last week.*





## Zonta Area 2 Spring Workshop – April 29<sup>th</sup> – Janesville

Spring Workshop is an ideal time for Zontians from Milwaukee to meet and share ideas with Zontians from Madison, Janesville and Belvidere as meeting District 6 Governor Cheryl Trudeau and District 6 Lt. Governor Isabel Vidal.

This year's Workshop features a **Panel Discussion addressing Child Marriage**, a practice that Zontians want to eliminate because it robs girls of their education, overall mental & physical health, as well as limits their long-term prospects of success in life. Our club's Advocacy Committee urges all club members to attend because it will give members an opportunity to interact with a WI State Senator, an Assemblywoman, and an Assemblyman. This is a special experience since these legislators want to be at Workshop to discuss child marriage.

So, please join us on April 29<sup>th</sup> in Janesville from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. You can register by sending \$40 (that includes lunch) to  
Cathy Myers  
521 Cornelia St.  
Janesville, WI 53545

*The registration form and agenda were in an email attachment sent by President Joann on March 30<sup>th</sup>.*



# Scholarship



**ZONTA**  
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Applications being accepted now.

Please share with schools and worthy candidates!

**2023**

  
**ZONTA**  
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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](https://zonta.org/JMKScholarship).

**CLUB DEADLINE:**  
June 1, 2023

**SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:**  
Deb Koller  
210 S. Water St. #521  
Milwaukee, WI 53204  
OR  
[zcscholarship@zontamilwaukee.org](mailto:zcscholarship@zontamilwaukee.org)

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.

**2023**

  
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**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](https://zonta.org/womeninstem).

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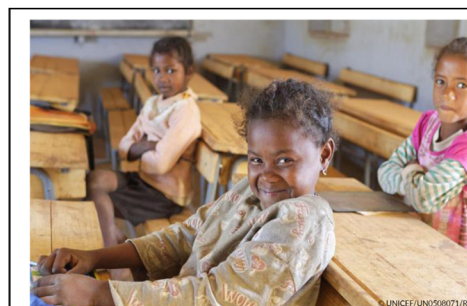
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The Women in STEM Scholarship is a Zonta International program funded by contributions to the Zonta Foundation for Women. Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

## **Engaging Girls on Climate Change in Madagascar**

Deforestation has impacted approximately 94% of Madagascar's previously forested lands. Only 41% of the Madagascar population has access to basic water services, 17% to basic sanitary services and 23% to basic hygiene services. 80% of the schools lack safe water and 31% lack basic latrines.

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 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.



Zonta has supported girls' education in Madagascar since 2016 through the Let Us Learn Madagascar program. 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.

The program's main objectives are to:

- Enable children to learn in safe and inclusive environments and empower them to take actions to build climate-resilient communities.
- Support Madagascar in meeting water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and sustainable development goals (SDGs) while also contributing to improving the quality of children's education, especially girls, through environmental conservation and education initiatives.

### **Zonta Says NOW**

Zonta Says NOW started in 2020 in District 23 (that covers a large portion of Australia) and gathered momentum internationally following the release of Zonta International's Statement on Climate Change in 2021.

Zontians in Australia have experienced extreme climate-driven events for a long time, with severe heat, storms, floods, drought and huge bushfires affecting much of the continent.





When Zonians in District 23 realized the links between climate change and gender inequality, they developed three tools:

- A website
- A Think Tank where Zontians around the District meet online every two months to raise awareness, share information, inspire action and learn from guest speakers and
- A framework for action to guide members through five steps: gather the facts, lead by example, add our voice by talking with family and friends, advocate in our clubs and collaborate with like-minded organizations.

The District 23 Think Tank brought together interested Zontians from clubs across many areas for a common purpose, and the Zonta International Seminar on Climate Action introduced Zonta Says Now to the wider Zonta world.

Following the seminar, Zontians from different countries visited the District 23 Think Tank meetings to learn more, along with members of the USA Caucus. The USA Caucus adopted Zonta Says NOW in 2022 and hosts online Think Tank events.

Meanwhile, District 25 (India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka) held a competition to raise awareness of the links between climate change and its impact on women and girls. Zonta International publicized the competition on its website. After this, District 27 and District 21 joined Zontians from District 23, District 25, and the USA Caucus to present Zonta Says Now at CSW 66 and the Zonta International Convention in Hamburg.

Following CSW 66, Zontians from District 27 and District 21 joined Zontians from District 23, District 25, and the USA Caucus to form an International Zonta Says NOW Working Group.

In October 2022, The Working Group set up an intercontinental Zonta Says NOW Think Tank with members from all continents. The Intercontinental Think Tank will develop resources and host events to promote gender-equal climate action.



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**Chairperson:** Diane S. Lindsley

**Committee Members:** Carol Mangold and Donna Kahl-Wilkerson

Members were solicited to fill open Club Board of Director positions and Zonta Foundation, Inc. Board of Director positions. Proposed for election at the April 2022 Club Meeting:

### **Proposed 2023 Slate for Zonta Club Board Officers:**

President: Joann Harris-Comodore: 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 2-year term 2022-2024

President-Elect: Carol Mangold: 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 2-year term 2022-2024

**Vice President: Ruth Robertson: Nominee for a 2-year term 2023-2025**

Treasurer: Laureen Ward: 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 2-year term 2022-2024

Secretary: Judy Lehman: 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 2-year term 2022-2024

### **Proposed 2023 slate for Zonta Club Board Directors:**

**New Directors: Vacant: 2-year term: 2023-2025**

**Lynda Jackson Conyers: Nominee for a 2-year term: 2023-2025**

**Shari Januszewski: Nominee for a 2 year term 2023-2025**

**Gloria Jones: Nominee for a 2 year term 2023-2025**

Continuing: Diana Barnett: 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 2-year term 2022-2024

Maureen Siwula: 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 2-year term 2022-2024

### **Proposed slate for Zonta Foundation, Inc. Board:**

**New Directors: Deb Koller: Nominee for a 3-year term 2023-2026**

**Donna Neal: Nominee for a 3-year term 2023-2026**

**Lynell Meeth: Nominee for a 3-year term 2023-2026**

Continuing: Marge Holzbog: 3rd year of a 3-year term 2021-2024

Barbara Wyatt-Sibley: 3rd year of a 3-year term 2021-2024

Jackie Beaudry: 3rd year of a 3-year term 2021-2024

Donna Kahl-Wilkerson: 2nd year of a 3-year term 2022-2025

Janet Kloser: 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 3-year term 2022-2025

La Toya Sykes: 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 3-year term 2022-2025



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This is extremely exciting news for Neu-Life Community Development! **Congratulations** on this new expansion of your services in the community! 🍌🍌🍌🍌



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**Eyes on Milwaukee: Neu-Life Plans Development at 12th and Cherry**

A 6-story, mixed-use building with 36 apartments, a gym, offices and culinary training.



Congratulations! Link to Urban Milwaukee about Neu-Life's new venture. Great press! Exciting new direction. Now it's real!

<https://urbanmilwaukee.com/2023/04/12/eyes-on-milwaukee-neu-life-plans-development-at-12th-and-cherry/>

## **March Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the March Club Meeting will be published in next month's newsletter.



# Announcements



**ZONTA**  
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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](http://www.zontanaidm.org)



### KEY NOTE SPEAKER

Lyn St. James  
[lynstjames.com](http://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.

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



**Things to Do**  
[www.visitindy.com](http://www.visitindy.com)  
[www.indianapolismotorspeed.com](http://www.indianapolismotorspeed.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
	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			
Sun, July 2	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			