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2023–2024

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NEWSLETTER

August 2023

Monthly Zonta Meeting

Strategic Planning Meeting (via Zoom)

Wednesday, August 23

Social 5:45, Meeting @ 6pm

(Prepare for extended program time)

Our Strategic Planning Meeting will be held virtually and will provide the Club with the opportunity to **Reflect, Assess, and Initiate. A time to reflect on the past, assess where we are, and focus on where we want to go!**

We will:

- Review the alignment of club biennial goals with ZI biennial goals.
- Discuss Planning Survey Questions/responses.
- Provide recommendations & action steps to achieve club goals.

Your input is essential, all members are encouraged to attend!

To ensure that your thoughts are a part of the decision-making process, complete and submit the Planning Survey Questionnaire.

Additionally, members are asked to review the ZI/Club Milwaukee Biennial Alignment Chart prior to the meeting.

The Zoom link will be sent out to Club members prior to the meeting.



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President's Message



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Hello Zontians Sisters,

Hard to believe, it is mid-August already!

In August, we resume our monthly club meetings. This month's meeting is a virtual (Zoom) meeting and is a Strategic Planning meeting. This time is designated for us to come together to reflect, assess and initiate. Reflecting on the past, assessing where we are today, initiating new ideas, strategies, and actions.

Your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions are important to the forward movement of the club, to ensure your input is a part of the decision-making discussions, complete and **return** the Strategic Planning survey questionnaire.

Planning is an exciting time. I look forward to seeing all of you at the August 23, planning meeting. The agenda is a robust one, in addition, to strategic planning other important information will be shared. Prepare for an extended meeting. See you soon!

Joann Harris-Comodore

President – Zonta Milwaukee



EDUCATING EMPOWERING WOMEN
BLACKWOMEN 50+
HEALTH & LIFESTYLES MAGAZINE

*If you get this magazine, please note that there is an article on Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry and her recent graduation (page 18). **Congratulations!***

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Neu-Life Back to School Service Project

Zonta Club of Milwaukee donated 50 backpacks filled with supplies to Neu-Life for the kindergarten and elementary students in their summer program. Thanks to all Zontians who donated money or backpacks and supplies to the project. With these donations we were able to do all 50 without any extra money from the foundation. Thanks to Diane, Donna, Joann and Pam for helping the staff stuff the backpacks.

Their end of year event this year had a “hip hop” theme since Aug. 11 is the 50th anniversary of hip hop. The event included a former Neu-Life alum and current Milwaukee R & B singer JR Scales (Harvey Scales Jr.) encouraging them to not be afraid to do what they want to do.

Some of the students performed their creation of the Neu-Life Anthem with a major lyric of “Running through the wind to my Neu-Life”. Other activities the students participated in were bucket hat decorating, a photo booth with singing accessories and a graffiti station. Another group of students performed hip hop dances through the last 50 years.

Then the students received their backpacks and left with a snack. Everyone had a good time and was thankful to Zonta for our contribution.



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2023 Fashion Show Committee

Please save the date for **Saturday, October 21st** at the Marriott Milwaukee West for our **Fall Into Fashion: Build a Better World for Women and Girls** fashion show event. **Invites will be coming by the end of August and Eventbrite will be up by then as well.**

Our next fashion show committee meeting will be **Tuesday, September 12 at 6 pm via zoom.**

Please ask businesses or companies for **monetary sponsorships**: your employer, financial advisor, accountant, dentist, etc. Please let Pam and Carol Mangold know who you are contacting. If there are any businesses you wish us to contact, please let Carol know. (Revised letter with form sent out to members on May 18th) Please ask for responses by September 1.

Please also ask businesses and restaurants you frequent for **items or gift card/certificate donations** for our **raffle and silent auction** and consider donating an item or themed basket yourself. (Letter and form sent out to members June 6). Bring items to the September meeting or get to Laurie or Pam.

The committee has confirmed Mainstream Boutique (Third Ward) and Hollyville (South Milwaukee) as our fashion vendors.

This year there are **two options** for donating towards the fashion show's **Wine Pull**:

1. A monetary donation (\$20 recommended) can be made, as in years past.

OR

2. Donate two bottles of wine with a minimum full price value of \$12 each.

You can send a check to Donna Neal made out to Zonta Foundation, Inc. to 2624 E. Bellevue Milwaukee, WI 53211 and denote wine or bring wine to September meeting or get to Deb or Karen before then.

We will also be collecting gift cards again (minimum \$20 value) for our **"Gift Card Tree."** Please provide gift cards to Pam at the September meeting or before.

Thank You!

The members of the Zonta Club of Milwaukee, thank you for your support.

Your participation in this event makes it possible for the Club to continue our mission of improving the lives of women and girls, locally and internationally.

Location:
Marriott Milwaukee West

Directions:
I-94 to Exit 295. Go north on County Road F, left onto Ridgeview Parkway, and then left onto Corporate Court.

Parking:
Complimentary parking in front & back lots

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The Zonta Club of Milwaukee Presents

Fall Into Fashion

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

**Fashion Show Fundraiser
Saturday, October 21, 2023**

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Please join us

for lunch, networking, fashions and fun as we celebrate our Zonta Club's 97 years of service, advocacy, and community involvement.

Your support in 2022 helped fund these local agencies:

- CORE/EL Centro's Trauma and Healing Services
- Exploit No More's Freedom House
- Franciscan Peacemakers' Social Enterprise Program
- Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition's Our Peaceful Home Youth Leadership Program
- Milwaukee Women's Center's Emergency Shelter
- Sojourner's Hope and Healing Services
- The Women's Center Waukesha

As well as two \$1,000 local scholarships

Fashions by

Mainstream Boutique: "At Mainstream Boutique, we are dedicated to caring for others. We are passionate about lifting customers up and making them feel beautiful. We believe in the power of community and in the value of strong local communities. Our boutique carries a unique, multi-generational product assortment."

Jeanette Dvorak, Owner

Access Boutique: Your "One Stop Accessory Shop"

Jeanette Dvorak, Owner

Hollyville: "Milwaukee's one stop shop for your retro, rockabilly, pinup, and vintage inspired clothing and accessories since 2016. It has continued to be what brings me much joy, not only for myself, but seeing joy on the faces of my many excited and happy customers when they find something that they love."

Pam Pfeifer, Owner

For more information about Zonta, or this event, go to our website at www.zontamilwaukee.org or to our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ZontaClubMilwaukee/



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The Zonta Club of Milwaukee Presents

Fall Into Fashion

Build a Better World for Women and Girls

Saturday, October 21, 2023

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 Choices

Chicken Pasta Primavera

Penne pasta in a parmesan cream sauce with roasted peppers, zucchini, portabella mushrooms, diced roma tomatoes, an herb-seared chicken breast and a side salad.

OR

Roasted Vegetables En Crouete

with Boursin cheese, baked in a puff pastry with sherry wine sauce and served with green beans and a side salad

OR

Garden Salad with Chicken Breast

with assorted lettuces, tomato, cucumber, and grated carrot
No side salad included

All entrees include dessert, roll, butter, coffee and tea.

Balsamic vinaigrette and Ranch dressings will be available on the side along with croutons

Reservations Required

To join our celebration, return your Reservation card
no later than October 7, 2023
or reserve online at <https://2023-zonta-fashion-show.eventbrite.com>

Membership

Please invite any potential members to our virtual meeting on August 23rd. Since it's a planning meeting they will see what we are all about. Please let Pam know who might be attending.

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Dates to Remember!

August Club Meeting - August 23rd
September Club Meeting - Sept. 27th
October Club Meeting - Oct. 25th

Silent Walk - TBD

Fall Conference: Oct 6th - 8th

Zonta Club of Milwaukee Fashion Show Fundraiser:
October 21st, 2023

Zonta District 6 Newsletter

July 2023



District 6 Governor
Cheryl Trudeau

A Great NADIM event!
Thank you District 6
Zontians



Get informed regarding what the other D6 Clubs are doing! Joann shared via email with Club members.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xL3RDK8UawoHticFiJOdlOxvW-Ueo5gx/view>



Goal 1 of the Zonta International Strategic Plan states

*“Zonta acts as a credible and visible voice on gender equity and delivers initiatives addressing education equality, **climate justice**, ending gender-based violence, and ensuring women are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men.”*

*“Zonta will fully embrace **climate justice as an area of focus**, and we will further develop Zonta Says NOW as the flagship campaign for our activities to **address climate justice at local, national and international levels.**”*

Indeed, one of our current international service projects is “Engaging Girls on Climate Change in Madagascar”.

Why does climate change affect women and girls more than men? Because systemic gender inequality has led to women having fewer resources and choices than men. For women and girls, there already are

- Gender gaps in education
- Gender gaps in pay and economic opportunities
- Gender gaps in legal rights
- Gender gaps in leadership roles
- Gender gaps in health care resources

As climates change, women and girls experience increased health threats; food, water, and fuel insecurity; and conflicts over already limited resources. These threats can put women and girls in greater peril of exploitation, violence, and trafficking.

From Zonta International’s Statement on Climate Change: A Gender Equity Issue, International calls on its members to:

- *Increase their own awareness of climate change and on its gender-related consequences and raise awareness locally.*
- *Include gendered climate change advocacy actions in their advocacy plans*
- *Support the inclusion of women at the national and local tables of decision-makers on environmental sustainability.*
- *Promote girls’ education and the inclusion of climate literacy in schools, as well as to promote girls’ science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) studies to increase gendered scientific and technical contributions to climate change mitigation.*
- *Advocate for national policies that take into account women’s economic opportunities and ensures their full and equal participation in the economy.*

In the coming Newsletters, Advocacy Committee members will provide details about global climate change issues as well as local initiatives such as the City of Milwaukee’s *Climate and Equity Plan*.

To learn more about International’s Strategic Plan, Zonta Says NOW, and International’s Statement on Climate Change, here are their links:

<https://www.zonta.org/images/docs/AboutUs/Strategic%20Plan/ZontaInternationalStrategicPlan.pdf>



https://www.zonta.org/Web/Our_Causes/Zonta_Says_NOW_to_gender-equal_climate_action/Web/Causes/ZontaSaysNOW_home.aspx?hkey=3fb88ba1-4b56-42b4-be59-36be761c494e

https://www.zonta.org/images/docs/NewsEvents/Statements/ZontaInternationalStatementonClimateChange_ClimateChangeAGenderEqualityIssue.pdf

Women's Equality Day – 2023

Women's Equality Day commemorates 26th August 1920 when votes to women officially became part of the US constitution. In 1971, Representative Bella Abzug championed a bill in the U.S. Congress to designate August 26th as "Women's Equality Day." The bill says that "the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation annually in commemoration of that day in 1920, on which the women of America were first given the right to vote.

This year's theme for Women's Equality Day is Embrace Equity. You might conclude that equality and equity mean the same thing. However, there is quite a distinction we should be aware of. **Equality** means everyone is treated the same exact way, regardless of differences. **Equity** means everyone is provided with what they need to succeed.

Diane S. Lindsley
Advocacy Co-Chair

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EXPLORING
BRISBANE
WITH
Zonta



G'da [REDACTED]

I hope you will join me in Brisbane, Australia next June for the **66th Zonta International Convention**. Registration opens in January, but start planning your trip to Australia, now. I promise it will be a truly memorable event.



Warm regards,
Judy Gorton
2024 Convention Committee Chair

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UN Report – August 2023

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 71 countries. Since our first service project, Zonta has contributed more than US\$35.9 million to our international service projects.

In Peru – 2023-2024

The overall objective of UNICEF'S "Adolescent Girls' Health and Protection" project is to improve the capacity of services in districts Ucayali, Loreto, Huancavelica & Northern Lima in Peru to respond promptly to the health needs of the adolescent population and to prevent all types of violence in schools and other services.

The "Adolescent Girls' Health and Protection" project will contribute to guaranteeing the rights of indigenous and rural adolescents, especially girls, and respond to their needs by preventing pregnancy, addressing mental health concerns and providing a protective environment from violence by providing quality, gender-sensitive, and culturally adapted health, education and protection services.

In Papua New Guinea & Timore-Lest – 2023-2024

Building on Phase I and Phase II of "Her Health and Dignity" with our partner UNFPA, our priority is strengthening services for survivors of gender-based violence by expanding and strengthening skills, knowledge and capacities of GBV responders, including health care providers in additional geographic areas in Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Timor-Leste (TL).

The project will 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.

In Madagascar – 2023-2024

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 residents of school communities in Beloha and Ambovombe districts in the region of Androy, the drought-prone region of the South.

This project will not only provide impact in the immediate and short-term, but also create robust enabling environments in which successful projects can be replicated at scale and be sustained in the long-term, thereby multiplying the impact on women, girls and boys over time.

In African Countries - 2023 - 2024

With Zonta's partner since 2020, UNFPA-UNICEF "Global Programme to End Child Marriage" in 12 African countries (Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Yemen and Zambia), Zonta International's continued support will help advance the Global Programme'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.

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Our Programs
**International
 Service Projects**

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**Adolescent Girls' Health and Protection in
 Peru**

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



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

Learn how 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.



**Engaging Girls on Climate Change in
 Madagascar**

Learn how 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.



Ending Child Marriage

Learn how 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.