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2023–2024

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NEWSLETTER

April 2024

Monthly Zonta Meeting

Annual Club and Foundation Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 24th
5:30 pm – Social, drinks and prep
6:00 pm – Prompt meeting start

Presented by Joann Comodore, Club President & Donna Kahl-Wilkerson, 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 2024-2026 slate of officers. Your attendance is needed to ensure that we meet our obligations for the Foundation and Club.

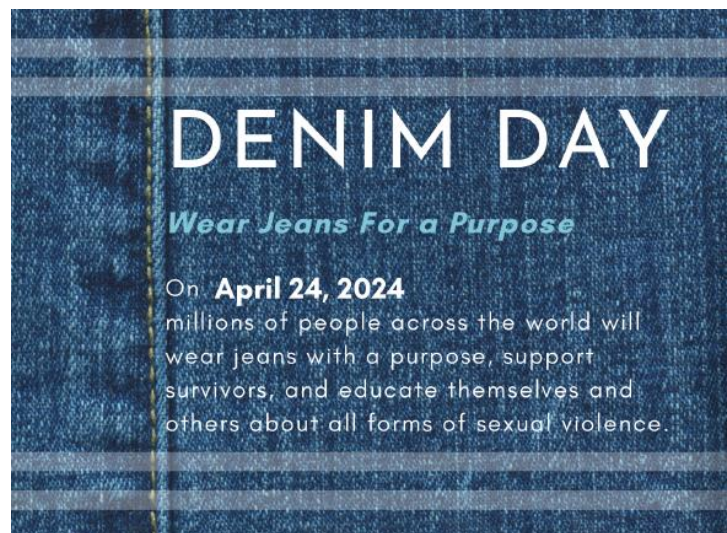
Please join us to celebrate the hard work and achievements of the past year.

Review of Annual Reports – emailed 4/10

2024 Club Annual Report
2023 Foundation Annual Report

Meeting Location: Brass Key Restaurant
4952 W Forest Home Ave, Greenfield/Milwaukee

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month!



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President's Message



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Hello Zontians Sisters,

It's April, and this month is our club 2024 Annual Business Meeting. At this month's meeting we will be voting on officers and directors for the new 2024-2026 Biennial Leadership, as well as the presentation of foundation and committee's annual reports. A special thank you to the leaders and members who initiated and supported the Club's varied activities.

The annual reports reflect the impact and the many ways in which the Milwaukee Club has assisted in making the lives of women and girls better. We **DO** make a difference!

This month the Club meeting will be in person. It will be awesome to welcome OUR new members and fellowship with each other in person.

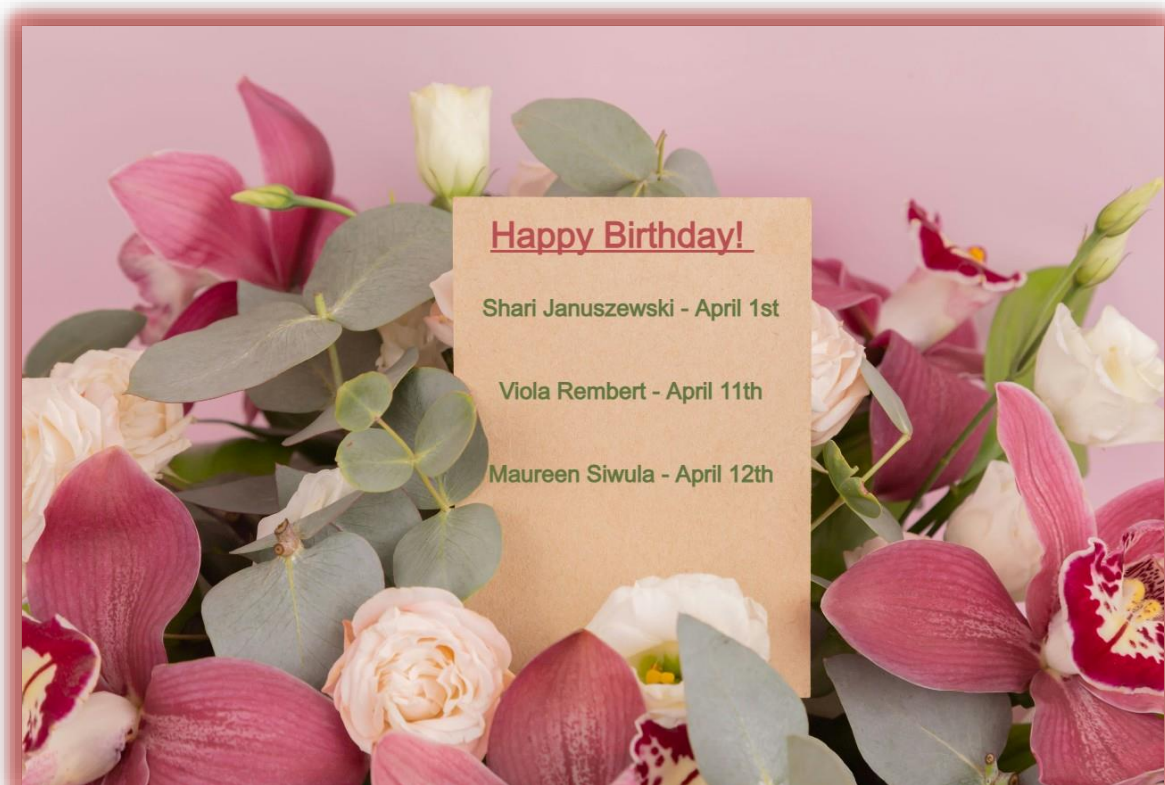
Our treasurer, Laureen Ward will be mailing out membership renewal notices soon, please take the time to complete and renew your annual membership dues.

Looking forward to seeing you (in-person) on April 24 at our Annual Business meeting at the Brass Key Restaurant.

Happy Spring!

Joann Harris-Comodore

President - Zonta Club of Milwaukee



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Service Projects



Please support the Allies for Teens in Foster Care's Art Program: Allies provides many of the group homes in the Milwaukee area with art supplies and sponsors an art contest in May, including a post-educational scholarship winner.

We want to raise at least \$300 to support this effort this year. Can you help? **Bring your cash or check donation to our April meeting or mail your check to our Zonta Foundation treasurer.**

Or  on the right upper corner of zontamilwaukee.org

- Checks should be made payable to Zonta Foundation Inc., with Allies Art Program in the "For" line at the bottom left of your check.
- Bring your donation to our April 24th Club meeting, or mail it to Donna Neal, 2624 E Bellevue Place, Milwaukee, WI 53211

While the Allies Art Program's full cost "ask" for us was \$800 this year, a Zonta member donated \$500 from her employer's "matching gifts" program. We appreciate your help in raising the remaining \$300.



Free Art and Poetry Contest

In Honor of **Foster Care Awareness Month**
Allies for Teens in Foster Care invites kids and adults touched by foster care to submit art or poetry based on the prompt:



Truly Beautiful to Me



- 1st Place: \$50 cash** will be awarded in the following categories: 6 or Under, 7-12, 13-17, & 18 +.
- A **\$500** continuing education scholarship will be awarded for the winner in the 13-17 category.
- Awards and prizes will also be distributed for 2nd place, 3rd place and Honorable Mention.

Winners will be announced on **May 8th** and will be displayed at the Wauwatosa Library

Contest Rules:

- *All art must be created by the artist and can be any medium including crayon, paint or photography. No AI submissions allowed.
- *Poetry submitted can be in any form and will be judged separately.
- *All entries must include an artist name, age category and a sentence or two about how the artist is touched by foster care.
- *Adults submitting art for youth please include the adult contact, the child's first name and age.
- *Submissions must be received by **May 1st**.
- *All submissions become the property of Allies for Teen in Foster Care and will not be returned.

Entries can be submitted in several ways:

- *Mailed or Dropped off to Allies for Teens in Foster Care, 2368 N 91 St, Wauwatosa, WI 53226
 - * Emailed to abyrne@alliesforteens.com, Texted to 414-531-2862
- Questions? Call or text Allison Byrne 414-531-2862

Allies for Teens in Foster Care is an established 501c3 organization.



Allies for Teens in Foster Care is one of the three agencies that our club members voted overwhelmingly to support in our Service Plan. They are an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose main objective is to provide a secure channel for connecting goods and services to teens in the over 35 foster care group homes in the Milwaukee community.

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 Cathedral Center, Inc.
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Thank you, **Zonta Club of Milwaukee**, for generously providing and serving a meal at our Emergency Shelter!

Join them and many others as part of our Hospitality Meal program and share a warm, nourishing meal with the women and families at Cathedral Center. Follow the link to volunteer:
<https://cathedral-center.org/volunteer/>
#CathedralCenter #onelifeatime #Hospitality #mke

THE
CATHEDRAL
CENTER



HOSPITALITY HIGHLIGHT



Thank you to the Zonta Club of Milwaukee for providing and serving dinner to our guests!

The Cathedral Center Meal was a success!!

Thank you to those that participated in food preparation, serving at the Cathedral Center, or both. The Club came together to fill all the needs quickly! Thank you to Maureen for coordinating!



Club Meetings
April 24 - Business Meeting
May 22nd - In Person
June - TBD

Events
ZI Convention - Australia - June 27-30
Fall Conference (Carmel IN) - Oct 4-6
Fall Fashion Show Fundraiser - Oct 19

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Fashion Show – Fall 2024!

SAVE the DATE for our Fall Into Fashion Build a Better World for Women and Girls fashion show fundraiser **Saturday, October 19, 2024** at the Marriott West with newly opened Third Ward vendor District Row.

The committee will be meeting the third Tuesday of each month via zoom starting at 6pm. Our next meeting will be on Tues. May 21st. If you would like to join the committee, please let Pam or Jackie know.

We will be collecting **bottles of wine** for our wine pull with a minimum value of \$15 or cash donations suggested of \$20. Please bring them to an upcoming in-person meeting or get them to Deb Koller.

We will also be collecting **gift cards** of at least \$20 in value for our “gift card tree.” If you have received any for gifts that you want to regift or you can purchase one or more, please give to Pam at an upcoming in-person meeting.

Please start thinking of any businesses and companies (perhaps the one you work for) that you can ask for a monetary **sponsorship**. The template letters will be coming in May.

Membership

Please invite any prospective member to attend our April 24th annual in-person meeting.

We welcome Donna Rongholt-Migan to the club. Donna is the Executive Director of the Cathedral Center. We will be inducting her at our May meeting.

Advocacy

Since September of 2023, some Committee members agreed to serve on the Event Search Committee since any proposed events would also involve an advocacy component. However, the Advocacy Committee can meet when needed if an opportunity arises.

In the meantime, whenever there are developments in Congress, Wisconsin, and/or Milwaukee, that information will be posted in the Club Newsletter.

APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

This month, Congress is expected to reintroduce a key piece of legislation addressing many types of harassment in the workplace. The Department of Education is also expected to announce updated Title IX rules that would strengthen protections in educational institutions.





The “**Bringing an End to Harassment by Enhancing Accountability and Rejecting Discrimination**” (BE HEARD) in the Workplace Act would build on existing civil rights laws to provide new protections against harassment for workers and safeguard existing discrimination laws. This Act would build on existing civil rights laws to provide new protections against harassment for workers, while also safeguarding existing discrimination laws.

The American Association of University Women has provided some important provisions:

- Restore workplace protections for older Americans, employees harassed by their supervisors, and workers retaliated against for bringing harassment claims, and clarify protections for LGBTQ+ workers.
- Expand workplace protections for employees at small businesses, independent contractors, interns, fellows, volunteers, and trainees.
- Eliminate the tipped minimum wage, which can make workers more susceptible to harassment.
- Prohibit pre-dispute forced arbitration and strengthen current laws on workplace discrimination to clarify the standards used in court, eliminate caps on damages for successful claims, and extend the statutes of limitations for those seeking justice.
- Require workplaces to implement prevention strategies, including nondiscrimination policies and trainings and provide resources to assist employers in preventing and addressing harassment.
- Support research and data collection on workplace harassment.

Improving Domestic Violence Response

In July of 2022, Bobbie Lou Schoeffling was murdered by an abusive ex-husband. The *Milwaukee-Journal-Sentinel* found police, probation agents and prosecutors missed the full scope of an escalating series of domestic violence allegations in the final 10 months of her life.

After the release of that report, the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission convened representatives from Milwaukee police, the district attorney’s office, the state Department of Corrections, victim service providers, advocates and other organizations to examine her case. It produced a 22 page report, released the end of March. To read the entire report: <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/24522363-dv-sentinel-event-review-bobbie-lou-schoeffling>

Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel’s Ashley Luthern published some of the major points out of the over 50 suggested that included:

- The top recommendation was to expand the County’s Domestic Violence High-Risk Team. The multi-agency team based out of the Sojourner Family Peace Center works to prevent domestic violence homicides by trying to hold offenders accountable and protect victims.
- A second recommendation is for trained advocates and/or survivors of domestic violence to accompany police officers on domestic abuse calls so they can work directly with victims at a crime scene. A pilot project is underway in Police District 4 on the city’s northwest side that sends a team with an officer, prosecutor, forensic nurse and victim advocate to those calls three days a week.
- Another recommendation called for stronger efforts to find and arrest people who have been convicted of or involved in domestic or intimate partner violence incidents and have outstanding warrants or on community supervision by the Department of Corrections.



- Secure additional funding to support short-term and long-term housing options for victims. It also noted victims often were not aware of existing funding options for emergency housing, such as a short hotel stay, and urged police, advocates and others to make sure victims are aware of those opportunities as soon as possible when they call for help.
- Expand Wisconsin's legal definition of domestic abuse to include people who were current or former dating partners, a gap known as the "dating loophole".

Milwaukee Police Inspector Paul Lough and Capt. Erin Mejia also took questions from Common Council members. Inspector Lough said the department is taking the recommendations "very seriously. We're ready to move forward to make whatever changes we can to make sure something like this doesn't slip through the cracks again."

Trafficking Bills Signed by Gov. Evers

"Human trafficking is not some faraway concern—it's an issue in neighborhoods and communities across Wisconsin and can have detrimental, life-long effects on so many lives that deserves our urgent attention and action," said Gov. Evers. "Expanding training for folks who regularly interact with the public to identify human trafficking when they see it will be a critical tool in our efforts to intervene and prevent human trafficking crimes. The state's new Human Trafficking Council will also help build upon the important work happening across government to collaborate, coordinate, and work together to address human trafficking and support survivors across our state."

Assembly Bill 973, now 2023 **Wisconsin Act 237**:

- **Requires employers to provide training** regarding identifying and preventing human trafficking to employees who are likely to interact with the public and vulnerable individuals, including private security officers, public transit managers, owners and managers of lodging establishments, and owners and managers of adult entertainment establishments; and
- Requires **employees of community-based residential facilities** who have regular, direct contact with facility residents who are on probation, extended supervision, or parole **to receive training** on identifying and preventing human trafficking crimes.

Assembly Bill 978, now 2023 **Wisconsin Act 239**:

- **Creates a 23-member Human Trafficking Council at DOJ** that includes the secretary or a designee of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, the secretary or a designee of the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, the secretary or a designee of DHS, the state superintendent or a designee of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, the secretary or a designee of the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, the secretary or a designee of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the secretary or a designee of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD), legislators, the state public defender, a district attorney, law enforcement officials appointed by certain associations, representatives of organizations that provide human trafficking victim support services, a Native American member appointed by the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, a representative of DOJ's Office of Crime Victim Services, and the director of DOJ's Division of Criminal Investigation human trafficking and internet crimes against children bureau;
- Requires the Council to compile and maintain information and data, develop model training and a state strategic plan to prevent human trafficking, assess sex trafficking activities in



counties, and make recommendations to establish county level human trafficking task forces, among other responsibilities; and

- Creates the Council starting on July 1, 2025, with an end date of June 30, 2029.

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Bill Signed by Gov. Evers

In his 2023-25 budget, Gov. Evers proposed investing \$10 million over the biennium for crime victim services grants, which was intended to be an ongoing state supplement for VOCA funding. Gov. Evers also proposed significant increases in funding for civil legal aid, domestic violence services, and sexual assault services, in addition to proposing converting state positions that are currently supported by VOCA to general purpose revenue to maximize the amount of VOCA funding available to organizations. Unfortunately, the Wisconsin State Legislature did not include any of those recommendations in the final budget.

“Wisconsin has had alarming increases in domestic and intimate partner violence in recent years—a concerning trend that must be addressed, and quickly, if we want to keep folks safe and out of dangerous situations,” said Gov. Evers. *“Making these smart investments in violence prevention and crime victim and survivor services is a critical part of our efforts to keep our kids and families safe, prevent crime, and improve community safety.”*

Assembly Bill 940, now 2023 **Wisconsin Act 241**:

- **Appropriates \$10 million in fiscal year 2023-24 for biennial crime victim grants administered by DOJ;** and
- **Directs DOJ to allocate the funding into the three existing state grant programs:**
 - Sexual assault victim services grants would be allocated \$6.4 million;
 - Domestic abuse grants would be allocated \$2.4 million; and
 - Child advocacy grants would be allocated \$1.2 million.

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OUR NAME SAYS IT ALL

Every culture, every community, experiences domestic and sexual violence and needs a safe, trusted place to turn. WE ARE HERE MKE is a diverse collective of culturally sensitive resources throughout Milwaukee, offering inclusive, welcoming, nonjudgmental support. No matter who you are, we are here for you with open arms.

*****Several of our Advocacy Committee members plan to attend this community meeting about Community Violence & Domestic Violence. We'll be representing the Club via our orange T-shirts and will be reporting back at the May Club meeting. *****

Please consider attending the **We Are Here MKE** collective led by The Asha Project, which continues partnering with the City of Milwaukee Office on Community Wellness and Safety and Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services to host the promised Town Hall 2 community engagement activity. Titled **“All Hands-On Deck Against Community Violence and Domestic Violence: Centering Voices of the Community”**, Town Hall 2 connects community voices and opens to the public Thursday, May 16, 2024, starting promptly at 4:00pm to 6:00 p.m. at Washington Park Senior Center 4420 W. Vliet St Milwaukee, WI 53208.

We Zontians need to understand how we can be part of the larger efforts to end violence. Several of us are planning to be there; the more the merrier!!

This is an invitation from partners to community residents, leaders, churches, and businesses to attend this opportunity for discussion, learning, and gathering input from the community on ways to address violence that is so prevalent in our communities and is taking younger and younger lives. Partners and leaders want to hear from the community considerations to contemplate on addressing homicides, domestic and intimate partner violence, non-fatal assaults and shootings, carjackings, road rage shootings, reckless driving and speeding that is taking a significant toll - increased innocent lives lost, increased families mourning, and children displaced resulting in an increasingly splintered community. Further, partners and leaders want to learn from the community the community's role in considerations to help stem the tide of violence. This town hall is free with a hot meal upon entrance.



Foundation News!!

The 2024 Grant Application is available now!!

The Board is soliciting requests from agencies starting April 2024, with a due date of July 1, 2024.

The Board will review and make decisions by August/September timeframe. Awards will be given at the Zonta Fashion Show Fundraiser scheduled for October 19, 2024.

The [2024 Application](#) for funding is now available on the Foundation page of the website at zontamilwaukee.org.

Nominating Committee

Chair Pam Knackert, Helen Ludwig, Barbara Wyatt Sibley & Cheryl Nowak. A report is attached.

Club Board Nominations:

Proposed 2024 slate for Zonta Club Board Officers:

President: Carol Mangold: **Nominee** for a 2-year term 2024-2026
President-Elect: open position
Vice President: Ruth Robertson 2nd year term of 2023-25
Treasurer: Laureen Ward: **Nominee** for a 2-year term 2024-2026 (second term)
Secretary: Shari Januszewski: **Nominee** for a 2-year term 2024-2026 (shared duties with Helen, Shari will do virtual board & club meetings and Helen will do club in-person meetings Shari cannot attend)

Proposed 2024 slate for Zonta Club Board Directors:

New Directors: Nola Hitchcock Cross: **Nominee** for a 2-year term 2024-2026
Christine Todd: **Nominee** for a 2-year term 2024-2026
Barbara Wyatt Sibley: **Nominee** for a 2-year term 2024-2026
Open position: filling 2nd year of a 2-year term held by Shari Januszewski 2024-2025
Continuing: Lynda Jackson Conyers: 2nd year of a 2-year term 2023-2025
Gloria Jones: 2nd year of a 2-year term 2023-2025

Zonta Foundation, Inc. Board Nominations:

Proposed slate for Zonta Foundation, Inc. Board:

New Directors: Joann Harris-Comodore: **Nominee** for a 3-year term 2024-2027
Cheryl Nowak: **Nominee** for a 3-year term 2024-2027
Joni Reese: **Nominee** for a 3-year term 2024-2027
Donna Conant: **Nominee** for a 2-year term filling remaining 2 years of Lynell's position 2024-2026

Continuing: Donna Kahl-Wilkerson: 3rd year of a 3-year term 2022-2025
Janet Kloser: 3rd year of a 3-year term 2022-2025
La Toya Sykes: 3rd year of a 3-year term 2022-2025
Deb Koller: 2nd year of a 3-year term 2023-2026
Donna Neal: 2nd year of a 3-year term 2023-2026

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District 6, Area 2 Spring Workshop – Milwaukee Zontians





Scholarship

YWPA Award 2024 Recipient Bio

The scholarship committee selected **Portia Pavelchik** as the 2024 Young Women in Public Affairs award recipient.

Portia is currently a Senior attending Greendale High School. In high school, Portia has held leadership roles in a number of organizations such being an officer on the Student Government and a participant in Model United Nations conferences. Additionally, Portia was inducted into the National Honor Society her sophomore year, and has reached over 200 volunteer hours in her community this current school year, leading her high school in the number of volunteer hours.

Portia has also been swimming competitively since she was six years old and has swim practice seven days each week, year-round. She considers herself a role model leader for younger swimmers, guiding them through the learning curves of competitive swimming.

Outside of school Portia has volunteered at her church as a camp counselor for weekly summer camps the past six years. She has volunteered with the Salvation Army's Feed the Kids Program since 2019. Additionally, together with her family, she has volunteered for Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful by helping with local clean-ups and volunteering in educational booths.

Portia's career goal is to study biochemistry and attend medical school so that she can earn a position as a medical professional helping people improve their overall health and live robust and wholesome lives.

Portia believes the potential to support women and girls lies with all of us by committing to advance gender equality. Mental health, emotional support, and mentoring are extremely important and sorely needed. She believes girls and women will feel supported, inspired, and heard if we address their needs and vulnerabilities. The outcome will be women with increased confidence, courage, and compassion.



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The 2024 Women in (STEM) Science/Technology/Engineering/Math Scholarship is available now!

Women majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math who have achieved junior- or senior-level status (by the application deadline) at an accredited college or university are eligible to apply for this \$2,000 scholarship offered by the Zonta Club of Milwaukee.

The JMK Women in Business Scholarship is available now!

ELIGIBILITY: Women of any age, pursuing a business program with a major field of specialization in accounting, economics, finance, business management, business technology, information technology, marketing, operations management, human resources management, international business, or entrepreneurship at an accredited college/university/institute.

2024

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.

CLUB DEADLINE:

June 15, 2024

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

zcscholarship@zontamilwaukee.org OR
Zonta Club of Milwaukee c/o Deb Koller
210 S. Water St. Unit 521
Milwaukee, WI 53204

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 individuals working to build a better world for women and girls.

Please visit zontamilwaukee.org for qualifications and additional information.



Zonta International's Partnership with UNICEF was featured in the New York Times Article on March 8, 2024

“Gender disparities create barriers that keep girls from fully participating in society and economic activity. This is why Zonta partners with UNICEF to invest in tackling these obstacles to create transformative change for girls, their communities, and our shared planet.

Zonta and UNICEF are working together to “Shape the Future by Changing the Present for 600 Million Girls”.

There are over 600 million adolescent girls living on the planet – over 600 million future leaders, entrepreneurs, and advocates.

Gender disparities create barriers that keep girls from fully participating in society and economic activity. Partnering with UNICEF to invest in tackling these obstacles can create transformative change for girls, their communities and our shared planet.

For over 50 years UNICEF USA partner Zonta International has supported programming to ensure that thousands of children, particularly girls, learn in safe, inclusive environments. Their latest program in Madagascar educates girls on climate change and empowers them to become social entrepreneurs by contributing practical solutions to help build climate resistant communities.

The climate crisis disproportionately affects women and girls, who have fewer resources, and less information and choices than men do. This stalls their ability to recover from climate disasters. Gender inequality puts them at gender risk of child marriage, death, poverty, gender violence and displacement.”



UNICEF with support from Zonta International is working in Madagascar to educate girls on climate change and help build climate resilient communities.

Zonta Club of Milwaukee General Meeting March 27, 2024

President Joann Harris Comodore called the virtual meeting to order at 6 pm by welcoming members and guests.

Our speaker, Semone Love was introduced by Donna Kahl-Wilkerson. Ms. Love described her work with Awesome Young Authors Awards and Community, an organization that contributes to creating a community of young writers. Writing fosters self -discovery and empowerment. The program has been a way to encourage young people to use their voices. The Mayor of Racine, WI celebrates “Young Authors Day” and the program has gone nationwide.

Laurie Ward, Treasurer, reports the balance 2-29-24 was \$8,970.68. The CD value is @ 5%, and is \$5,431.05, maturing at \$5,588.69.

There was discussion about whether the foundation should pay half of the Corporate Travels Business liability insurance. This was tabled for further discussion.

The Zonta International 2024 Convention will be in Brisbane, Australia, June 27 – 30. To date we have 1 member attending. The club has to decide if the member will carry total club vote or if a proxy is needed.

Committee Updates:

Nominating Committee - Nominee slate presented by chair Pam Knackert:

President – Carol Mangold 2024-2026

President Elect – No Candidate 2024-2026

Treasurer – Laurie Ward 2024-2026

Secretary – Shari Januszewski 2024-2026

Helen Ludwig will support Shari when she is not able to attend a meeting.

Directors -

Nola Hitchcock Cross 2024-2026

Chris Todd 2024-2026

Barbara Wyatt Sibley 2024-2026

Open Position (2nd year of Shari’s term)

Nominees for the Zonta Foundation

Joann Harris Comodore 2024-2027

Cheryl Nowak 2024-2027

Joni Reese 2024-2027

Donna Conant filling the remaining 2 years of Lynell Meeth’s term through 2026

Joann Harris Comodore asked for nominations from the floor –

There were no nominations – the nomination slate was closed.

Advocacy: Diane Lindsley shared that Information will be in the Annual Report.

Service: It was suggested that we consider donating suitcases for foster children supported by Allies For Teens in Foster Care. It has been raised/discussed briefly in the past with Allies and we will consider it for a future service project. We will do another round of service dinners for the Cathedral Center – to be scheduled.

Finance: See Treasurer's Report

Membership: Pam reported that Core Competency Training for new members will be offered on 4/6 from 11:00-12:00.

Program: Barbara suggested that the April meeting be in person at the Brass Key. Karen Smith, Area Director, will be the program speaker for the May general club meeting.

Scholarship: Deb Koller reported that the YWPA recipient has been chosen but can't be announced until all candidates are notified.

Fashion Show: The event will be at the Marriott. The next planning meeting is April 16, 2024. One third of the Fashion Show profit (\$10,120.25) was voted to go to the Rose Fund.

Foundation: The annual report is due April 10, 2024, for our club. The information will be in the newsletter.

Public Relations: Please have information to Joni as soon as possible for the Club Board annual report on or before March 25th.

UN: Marge thanked Jackie for the Director's report updating progress on Child Marriage.

Announcements:

New member orientation, April 6 (11-12 pm) virtual/ Core Competency Training.

Club Committee/Foundation Annual reports due March 25, 2024 to Joni.

Milwaukee club annual business meeting - Wednesday, April 24, starting at 5:30 for socializing. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM at the Brass Key.

Area 2 Spring Workshop - April 13, 9am to 2pm hosted in Madison.

President, Joann Harris Comodore brought the meeting to a close at 8:00 pm.