



ZONTA
 CLUB OF
 MILWAUKEE

Area 2 • District 6

2023–2024

Zonta Club of Milwaukee

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NEWSLETTER

March 2024

Monthly Zonta Meeting

March Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, March 27th
 6:00 pm
 (Social/connectivity: 5:45pm)

Meeting Program

**Our speaker will be Semone Love,
 Founder and Executive Director of
 Awesome Young Authors Awards & Community.**

Awesome Young Authors Awards & Community is a registered non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Our mission is to wholeheartedly support, acknowledge, and celebrate the remarkable contributions of young, published authors to the realms of literature, entrepreneurship, in our communities. Our organization is dedicated to empowering and inspiring youth and young adults on their literary journey through a diverse range of programs and initiatives.

The Zoom meeting link will be sent out by President Joann prior to the meeting date.

Women's History Month



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President's Message



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Hello Zontian Sisters,



Winter is almost over, and I continue to be amazed by the weather fluctuations experienced this season keeping both my boots and shoes near the door!

As spring draws near, we are busy preparing for our club's Annual April Business meeting. We continued to move forward with a focus on membership recruitment, retention, and leadership development.

The Zonta Area 2 Spring workshop is April 13, hosted by the Zonta Club of Madison, our attendance and participation is important. Zonta workshops in addition to providing ZI, district and area information offer a great opportunity to fellowship, network and develop relationships with other Sister Zontians.

Special Note – This month's Club meeting is a **VIRTUAL** meeting. The Zoom link and agenda will be forthcoming. Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday March 27 via Zoom!

Thank you for all that you do!

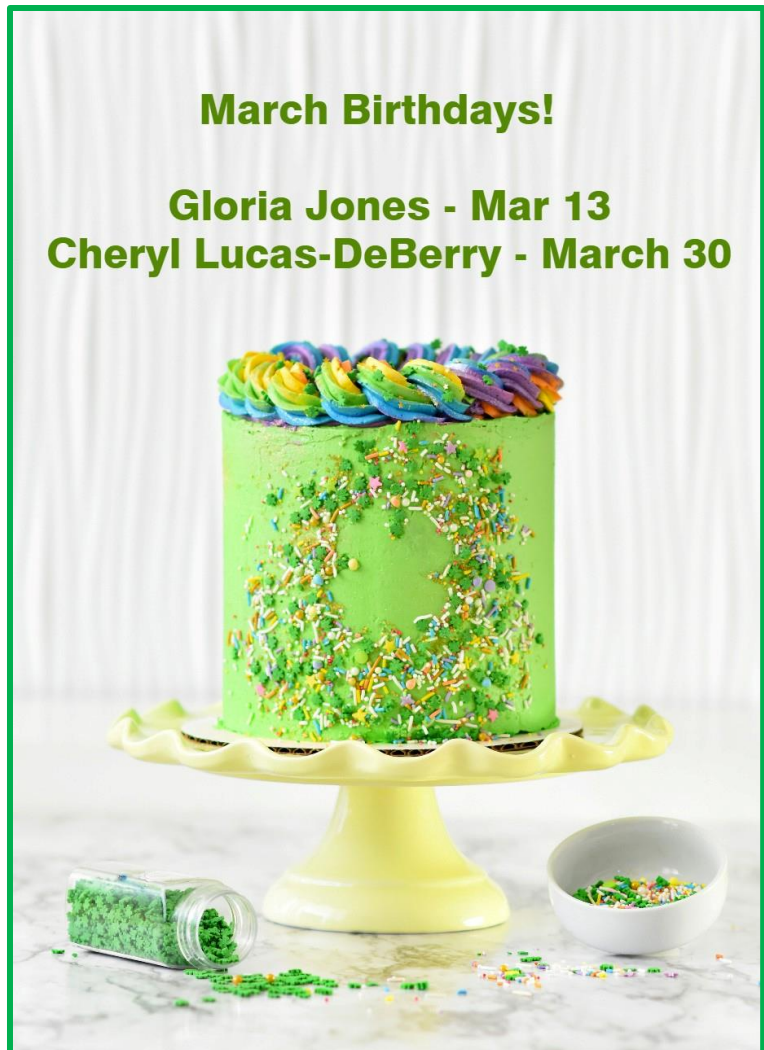
Joann Harris-Comodore

President - Zonta Club of Milwaukee

March Birthdays!

Gloria Jones - Mar 13

Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry - March 30



Club Updates



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Service Projects

The Cathedral Center Meal has been planned for March 21st. Thank you to those that are participating 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!

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.

The committee will be meeting the third Tuesday of each month via zoom starting at 6pm. Our next meeting will be on Tues. March 19th. If you would like to join the committee, please let Pam or Jackie know.

We will be collecting gift cards of at least \$20 in value for our “gift card tree”, so if you have received any gift cards that you want to regift, please save and give to Pam at an in-person meeting.

Also 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.



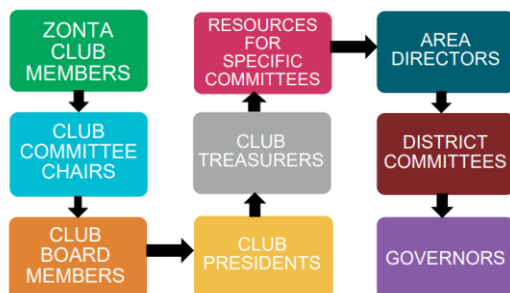
Membership

Please invite any prospective member to attend our March 27th zoom meeting.

Core Competencies for Members and Leaders in Zonta

Zonta International is committed to the ongoing growth and development in knowledge and competencies of Zonta leaders at all levels of the organization to support effectiveness and relevance for today and tomorrow.

To accomplish this task, Zonta created the following leadership competencies.



These can be found on the Zonta International website under My Zonta, then click on tools, click on core competency development program then click on Zonta leadership program. Here is where you will find videos from Zonta Essentials to videos about specific leadership roles as well as Club members.

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The membership committee will be hosting a workshop for new members to demonstrate how to get to the site as well as review the Club Member videos. A discussion and Q&A of the content will follow. All members are encouraged to join us on **Saturday, April 6 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm.**

Also, if you have already watched and participated in specific modules, please let Pam Knackert or Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry know so we can keep an accurate record of who has completed certain modules. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry, Membership Committee Chair

Nominating Committee

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

Draft Nominating Committee Report 2024

Club Positions:

President: Carol Mangold: **Nominee** for a 2-year term 2024-2026

President-Elect: TBD

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 meetings and Helen will do regular meetings and perhaps Shari will do some too, but she can't commit to in person regular meetings)

New Directors:

Nola Cross-Hitchcock: **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

TBD filling 2nd year of a 2-year term held by Shari Januszewski 2024-2025

Continuing Directors:

Lynda Jackson Conyers: 2nd year of a 2-year term 2023-2025

Gloria Jones: 2nd year of a 2-year term 2023-2025

Foundation:

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 so 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 Reminder

Area 2 Club Members,
I am pleased to invite you to the District 6, Area 2 Spring Workshop to be held on April 13 hosted by the Zonta Club of Madison. Please find attached the registration form and agenda for the day. This is an important opportunity to network with other clubs in Area 2 as well as your district board members, Governor Cheryl Trudeau, Lt. Governor Isabel Vidal, Leadership Development Chair Yvonne Chalfant and Foundation Ambassador Jeni Royalty.

*Registration is due by **March 30.**
See you in Madison!*



*Karen Smith, Area 2 Director
Pam Duane, President, Zonta Club of Madison*

ZONTA
District 6, Area 2
Spring Workshop
April 13, 2024
Hosted by
Zonta Club of Madison

Living the
ZONTA SPIRIT

**Building a
Balanced
Club**
**Diversity, Leadership
& the Zonta Spirit**

Saturday, April 13, 2024
Comfort Inn
1607 Landmark Drive
Cottage Grove, WI 53527

ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 6
THE 5A BETTER WORLD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Agenda

- 8:30 am Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 am Welcome & Introduction**
Pam Duane, President, Zonta Club of Madison
Karen Smith, Area 2 Director
- 9:10 am Governor's Address**
Cheryl Trudeau, District 6 Governor
- 9:25 am Membership Report**
Isabel Vidal, District 6 Lt. Governor
- 9:35 am Foundation Report**
Jeni Royalty, D6 Foundation Ambassador Liaison
- 9:55 am Leadership Report**
Yvonne Chalfant, D6 Leadership Development
- 10:15 am Club President Reports**
- 10:30 Madison Club Advocacy Event**
- 10:40 am Break**
- 10:50 am Workshop Introduction**
Karen Smith, Area 2 Director
Diversity—D6 Membership Chair, Isabel Vidal
Leadership—D6 Leadership Chair, Yvonne Chalfant
Zonta Spirit—D6 Governor, Cheryl Trudeau
- 10:55 am Workshop (Round 1)**
- 11:20 am Workshop (Round 2)**
- 11:45 am Lunch**
- 12:30 pm Workshop (Round 3)**
- 1:00 pm Club Breakout to create Club Action**
- 1:30 pm Club Readout & Action**
- 1:50 pm Closing Remarks & Attendance Drawing**
- 2:00 pm Adjournment**

Registration

Area 2 Spring Workshop
Saturday, April 13, 2024
9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Comfort Suites

1607 Landmark Dr, Cottage Grove, WI 53527
Registration Fee is \$45
(includes breakfast, lunch and beverages)

Please enclose your check payable to:

Zonta Club of Madison

or pay electronically at:

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/zontaclubofmadison>

Mail registration form and payment by **March 30** to:

Julie Poehlmann
Treasurer, Zonta Club of Madison
116 S Mills St, Madison WI 53715

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Club: _____

First Time Attendee: Yes No

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ or Paid by PayPal \$ _____

Questions? Contact Karen Smith, Area 2 Director, at
414-336-5848 (Phone or Text)



Advocacy

Since 1987, March has been proclaimed **Women's History Month**. This year the theme is...

“Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion”

*“Since 1919, Zonta has been working to **create a more equitable future for women and girls.**”*

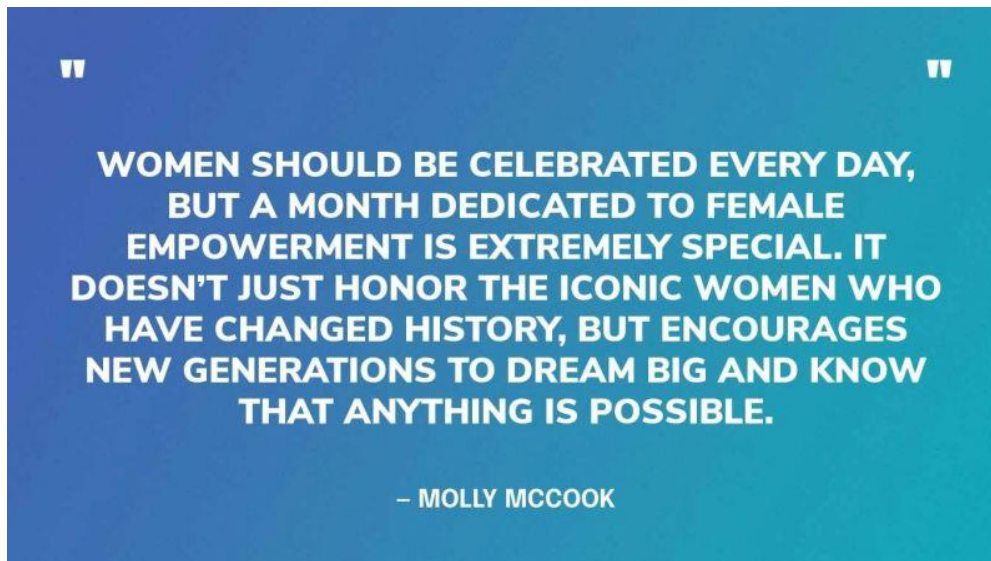
*We believe that **fostering a diverse and inclusive global community** is a powerful platform to bring about the social change needed to make our vision for gender equality a reality.*

As a global organization, Zonta International values the contributions of members of all backgrounds, regardless of age, ethnicity, race, color, ability, religion, socio-economic status, culture, sexual orientation or gender identity.

We believe that a diverse community of members is essential to our ability to achieve our mission to create a more equitable future.

We are committed to the values of diversity and inclusion across all Zonta International activities and initiatives.”

Zonta International



Human Trafficking Legislation Updates

As some of you may know, the Wisconsin State Assembly held public hearings in 2023 for both Representatives and Senators to learn more about human trafficking in Wisconsin. This has led to the introduction of ten bills in the Assembly and four bills in the Senate. Some of the bills include the following issues:

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- AB 977/SB 958: requiring human trafficking prevention instruction in certain grades and teacher training related to identifying victims of child trafficking; referred to the Committee on Education; passed by Assembly, no action by Senate
- AB 981/SB 960: the instruction on human trafficking in licensed schools of barbering, schools of cosmetology, and specialty schools; referred to the Jobs, Economy, & Small Business Development Committee which recommended passage; no further information
- AB 974: the civil causes of action for human trafficking and trafficking a child; recommended for passage; no further information
- AB 971/SB942: human trafficking of adults at risk for the purpose of commercial sex acts and providing a penalty; recommended for passage; no further information
- AB 972/SB941: solicitation for prostitution and providing a penalty; recommended for passage by Committee on Criminal Justice & Public Safety; hearing held; fiscal estimate received
- AB 976/SB946: the testimony of a child in a criminal proceeding for a human trafficking crime; recommended for passage by Committee on Criminal Justice & Public Safety; passed in Assembly; no further action in Senate
- AB 978/SB954: the creation of a Human Trafficking Council and requiring the establishment of county sex trafficking task forces; recommended for passage as amended; no further action reported
- AB 979/SB961: creation of a human trafficking victim services grant program, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation; passed in Assembly; no action by Senate
- AB 980: displaying a human trafficking resource center hotline poster; referred to the Jobs, Economy, & Small Business Development Committee; Rep Sheila Stubbs offered an amendment; no further information
- AB 940/SB877: mandatory training regarding human trafficking for employees of community-based residential facilities and owners of certain entities and certain other employees and granting rule-making authority; referred to the Judiciary & Public safety Committee; passed in Senate & Assembly;

In 2024, the Wisconsin State Legislature convened on January 16, 2024, and will adjourn on March 14, 2024.

Diane Lindsley, Advocacy Committee



Club Meetings

March 27 - Via Zoom
April 24 - Business Meeting
May 22nd - In Person
June - TBD

Events

Area 2 Spring Workshop (Madison) - April 13
ZI Convention - Australia - June 27-30
Fall Conference (Carmel IN) - Oct 4-6
Fall Fashion Show Fundraiser - Oct 19



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL'S INVESTMENT IN PROGRAMS TO END CHILD MARRIAGE HAVE DEFINITELY BUILT A BETTER WORLD FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

By - Renee Coppock Director Zonta International and Zonta Foundation for Women

In 2016, UNICEF, together with UNFPA, launched a global program to tackle child marriage in 12 of the most high-prevalence countries: Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Yemen and Zambia. The UNICEF USA - UNFPA Global Program to End Child Marriage was designed as a 15-year program (2016–2030) to contribute to Sustainable Development Goal (“SDG”) target 5.3, which aims to eliminate all harmful practices, including early, child, and forced marriage.

Zonta International 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 Program to End Child Marriage (“Program”) – the first private-sector donor to the Program.

For the next two years, Zonta International has committed US\$1.2 million to UNICEF USA to support Phase II of the project.

Phase III of the Program will be launched in March of this year during CSW68.


Some of the results realized by the Program are:

- In Nepal, from 2016 – February 2024, the program has reached 80,000 girls, ranging in age from 10-19, with 20,000 girls returning to school; 300,000 parents have been reached through the parenting program; and over 2 million people have been reached through awareness programs. After participating in the Program, 64% of the girls aged 15 – 19 reported to have increased self-efficacy and the ability to negotiate the delay of marriage and speak up without fear.
- In Sierra Leone, by the end of 2022, over 60,000 community members participated in dialogues to promote gender equality, including specific sessions engaging men and boys on harmful masculinities and sessions with traditional and religious leaders for consensus building around ending child marriage.
- By 2022, over 21 million girls participated in life skills training and comprehensive sexuality education – critical forms of support for marginalized girls, and close to 59 million community members engaged in dialogues on child marriage and gender equality.
- By the end of 2022 in Ethiopia, over 1,300 local women development groups have been supported to drive change and challenge harmful gender norms in their communities.
- As of the end of 2022, close to 40,000 facilities or access points were providing adolescent girls friendly services; over 500 new partnerships were established to tackle poverty; 8 financed national strategies; 169 sub-national action plans, and 156 legal instruments were adopted to end child marriage; and dozens of research projects have produced quality data and evidence around what works to end this practice.



FAST ACTION FRIDAY

Take action for women and girls with the Zonta USA Caucus



Take Action

Organizations like Zonta and UNICEF USA are dedicated to ending child marriage globally and locally, right here in the U.S., with the ultimate goal of ensuring that girls fully enjoy their childhood free from the risk of child marriage.

[Urge Your State Elected Officials to Pass Legislation to End Child Marriage \(unicefusa.org\)](http://unicefusa.org)




It's time to end child marriage.

Take action now.



WILL YOUR STATE BE THE 12TH STATE TO END CHILD MARRIAGE?



Urge Your State Elected Officials to Pass Legislation to End Child Marriage

Worldwide, more than 640 million women and girls alive today were married before their 18th birthday. Some of them are right here in the United States. In the United States, child marriage is only banned in 11 states: CT, DE, MA, MI, MN, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT and WA.

UNICEF calls child marriage a harmful practice and a violation of child rights, and believes that marriage under age 18 should be prohibited in all circumstances. The risks are just as real for child marriages in the U.S. as they are anywhere.

UNICEF USA and Zonta International have joined forces to raise awareness and enact change to end child marriage globally and locally, right here in the U.S., with the ultimate goal of ensuring that girls fully enjoy their childhood free from the risk of child marriage.

Call on your state elected officials to end child marriage with zero exceptions by supporting legislation in your state legislature.

Send an email to your officials with one click!

Title * ▾

Full Name *

Address *

Zip * city and state not required

Phone *

Email *

✉ Send Email

Did you know that child marriage is happening right here in the United States? ▲

UNICEF USA and Zonta International have joined forces to raise awareness and enact change to end child marriage globally and locally, with the ultimate goal of ensuring that girls fully enjoy their childhood free from the risk of child ▼

Send me emails from UNICEF USA and Zonta International

Send me text messages from UNICEF USA