



**2023–2024**

**Zonta Club of Milwaukee**

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**NEWSLETTER**

May 2024

**Monthly Zonta Meeting**

**May 22 – Virtual Club Meeting via Zoom**

**5:45 pm Social**

**6:00 pm Meeting**

**Zonta Milw Monthly Club Meeting Agenda**

May 22, 2024 – 6pm

- **Call to Order**
- **Welcome members and guests**
- **YWPA Scholarship Winner – Portia Pavelchix**  
Introduced by Deb Koller
- **Treasurer’s Financial Report**
- **New Member Installation – Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry**
- **Induction of 2024-2026 Biennial, New Club & Foundation Board Officers & Directors – Karen Smith, Area 2 Director**
- **Program – Karen Smith, Area 2 Director**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Advocacy**
- **Fashion Show**
- **Finance**
- **Foundation**
- **Membership**
- **Program**
- **Scholarship**
- **Service**
- **Public Relations**
- **UN**
- **Other**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **International Convention – Brisbane, Australia, June 27-30**
- **Next club meeting, June 19 - social gathering (Joni’s home)**
- **NL/ONG Zonta advocacy event – August 7**
- **2024 Fall Conference Oct 3-6 (Indianapolis, IN)**

*The Zoom meeting link was sent out by Joann Harris-Comodore on Sunday (5/19).*

# Club Updates



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Hello Zontians Sisters,

Wow! As May ends, so does this 2022-2024 Biennial period. April was our Annual Business Meeting, at which we elected the Club's 2024-2026 Biennial Leadership, and approved Committee & Foundation Annual Reports. Thanks to all who attended and participated in the annual business meeting. If you were unable to attend, I encourage you to read the annual reports, which reflect the Club's awesome work and service.

This month we will install the 2024-2026 Biennial Leadership with Carol Mangold as president. Carol has worked closely with me over the past 2 years and assumes her role and responsibilities with excitement and enthusiasm. She will be an excellent president.

As we embrace the new Biennial Leadership, let us self-evaluate and decide on which committee we can best utilize our skills.

This month we are looking forward to the induction of our two newest members, Donna Rongholt-Migan, and Lisa Johnston. Let us continue to work together towards our membership goal to increase membership, retention, and diversity.

Our deepest sympathy and condolences are extended to our Zontian Sister Ruth Robertson whose mother transitioned in April.

It has been my privilege to represent the Zonta Club of Milwaukee as its President for the past two years. As I reflect over the activities and services of this biennial, the club's commitment, and accomplishment, stand tall and true to our mission of making the world a better place for women and girls. I am proud of the club's accomplishments, yet painfully aware that much work remains ahead.

Thank you for your encouragement and guidance throughout this journey. Look forward to seeing you at May's Club meeting.

*Joann Harris-Comodore*

*President - Zonta Club of Milwaukee*





## Service Projects

### Neu-Life Back-to-School Service Project

At the April 24th club meeting members agreed to support the Neu-Life Back-to-School Project again this year. We will work on collecting 50 backpacks with supplies for the kindergarten and elementary children. Pam has been and will be shopping and collecting items again.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please write a check to Zonta Foundation, Inc. & denote Neu-Life school supplies and send it to Donna Neal, 2624 E. Bellevue Pl. Milwaukee, WI 53211 or bring it to the June meeting.

If you are purchasing items, please let Pam know and bring them to Pam at the June 19<sup>th</sup> social or get to her by July 15<sup>th</sup>. (We will stuff sometime between then and the event). **The event at Neu-Life will be July 31<sup>st</sup> from 1-3pm, along with their Short Film Art Show preview.**



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Thank you to all who supported the Allies for Teens in Foster Care's Art Program. The members exceeded our goal and generously donated **\$460** to the Zonta Foundation on behalf of Allies for Teens in Foster Care!

Joni Reese had the honor of participating as one of the judges for the artwork and poetry submitted, however was not available to attend the awards presentation on May 8<sup>th</sup>.



*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.*



## 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.

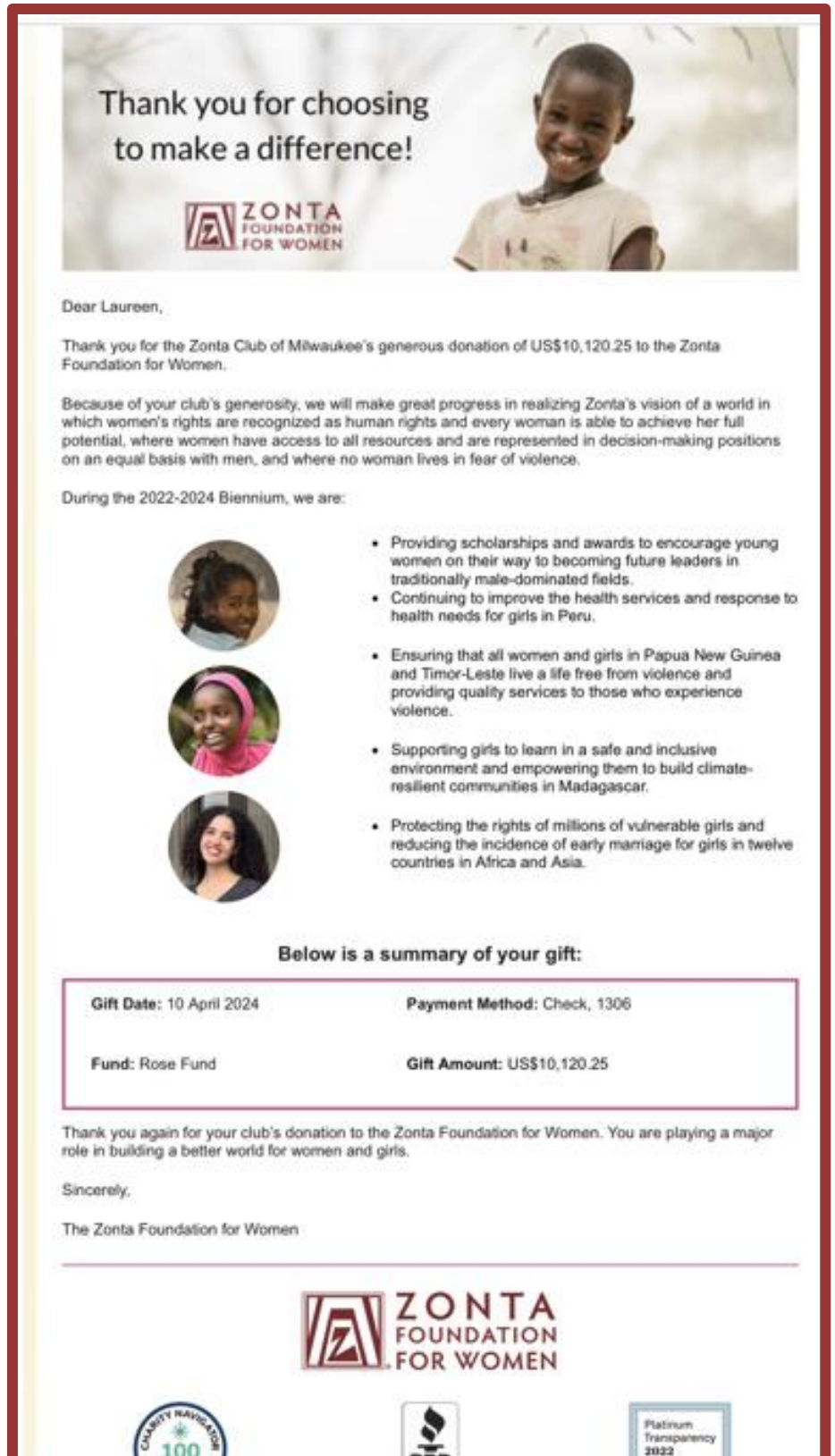
The [2024 Application](#) for funding is now available on the Foundation page of the website at [zontamilwaukee.org](http://zontamilwaukee.org).

## Thank You!


The Club approved 1/3 of our Annual Fundraisers dollars to be sent to support Zonta Foundation for Women international projects. We chose the Rose Fund to allow flexibility in covering needs.

### ***We made this happen!***

The thank you note is shown here.



**Thank you for choosing to make a difference!**

 ZONTA FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN

Dear Lauren,

Thank you for the Zonta Club of Milwaukee's generous donation of US\$10,120.25 to the Zonta Foundation for Women.

Because of your club's generosity, we will make great progress in realizing Zonta's vision of a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential, where women have access to all resources and are represented in decision-making positions on an equal basis with men, and where no woman lives in fear of violence.

During the 2022-2024 Biennium, we are:

- Providing scholarships and awards to encourage young women on their way to becoming future leaders in traditionally male-dominated fields.
- Continuing to improve the health services and response to health needs for girls in Peru.
- Ensuring that all women and girls in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste live a life free from violence and providing quality services to those who experience violence.
- Supporting girls to learn in a safe and inclusive environment and empowering them to build climate-resilient communities in Madagascar.
- Protecting the rights of millions of vulnerable girls and reducing the incidence of early marriage for girls in twelve countries in Africa and Asia.


**Below is a summary of your gift:**


<b>Gift Date:</b> 10 April 2024	<b>Payment Method:</b> Check, 1306
<b>Fund:</b> Rose Fund	<b>Gift Amount:</b> US\$10,120.25


Thank you again for your club's donation to the Zonta Foundation for Women. You are playing a major role in building a better world for women and girls.


Sincerely,

The Zonta Foundation for Women

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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. Save the Date emails went out to you and our email list but please pass it on to your friends and relatives too, even if they get two announcements.

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. You can bring to an upcoming in-person meeting or get 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 re-gift or you can purchase one or more, please give to Pam at an upcoming 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 went out to members on May 1<sup>st</sup>. And let us know who you are contacting. If you would like us to contact instead let Carol Mangold know.



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## Membership

Please invite any prospective member to attend our May 22nd meeting. We will be installing our new officers and directors and hearing from our Area 2 Director and Club member Karen Smith.

We will be inducting our new members, **Donna Rongholt-Migan and Lisa Johnston** at our May meeting.

A new roster of members will be coming out in June.

## Scholarship

### **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.

Please visit [zontamilwaukee.org](http://zontamilwaukee.org) for qualifications and additional information.

**2024**

Jane M. Klausman  
**WOMEN IN BUSINESS  
SCHOLARSHIP**

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

<b>CLUB DEADLINE:</b>  June 15, 2024	<b>SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:</b> zcscholarship@zontamilwaukee.org OR Zonta Club of Milwaukee c/o Deb Koller 210 S. Water St. Unit 521 Milwaukee, WI 53204
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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.



## Message on Ukraine from Zonta International President – February 2024

Since Russia attacked Ukraine in February 2022, hospitals, critical infrastructure, schools, and residential areas have been bombed, innocent civilians have been killed, and children have been deported, causing the worst humanitarian crisis in Europe in decades. The Ukrainian people that were forced to flee and those that remained behind have endured two terrible years of war, violence and instability. Women especially struggle to keep their families together, ensure the health and safety of their children and deal with the long-term emotional and physical damage inflicted by the prolonged violence and instability.

While we cannot imagine the horrors they have witnessed throughout these last two years, we have been reminded again and again of the strength and resilience of the Ukrainian people and of our own Zonta clubs in Ukraine,\* who have stepped up to respond to the immediate needs of women and children fleeing the violence. We are deeply impressed by their actions and by the support provided to them from around the Zonta world.

While we demand a rapid end to this war, as Zontians, we will continue to build and support a global community of individuals who share a common commitment to equality and peace for all people.

\*Zonta International has three clubs in Ukraine:LVIV  
LVIV - ZAMOK  
UZHGOROD -TRANSCARPATIA





## **Zonta Club of Milwaukee General Meeting Minutes**

April 24, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President, Joann Comodore at 6 pm.

Diana Barnett shared the blessing.

The budget was presented by Laureen Ward, Treasurer.

The CD was \$5,633.70 and is at 5% for 13 months.

The present balance is \$8,988.78.

Pam Knackert, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the names of the nominees to serve on the Zonta Club and Foundation Boards, who were subsequently approved by club vote to serve in the following Zonta positions. They will be inducted at the May meeting.

### **Zonta Club of Milwaukee Club and Foundation Board**

#### **Club Board Nominees:**

President: Carol Mangold 2024-2026  
Vice President: Ruth Robertson 2023-2025 (*2<sup>nd</sup> year of existing term*)  
Secretary: Shari Januszewski 2024-2026  
*Helen Ludwig will cover when Shari is unable to be present*  
Treasurer: Laureen Ward 2024-2026

Directors –

Nola Hitchcock Cross 2024-2026  
Christine Todd 2024-2026  
Barbara Wyatt Sibley 2024-2026  
Open Position (2<sup>nd</sup> year of Shari's term)

#### **Foundation Board Director Nominees:**

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

Committee's Annual Report Highlights presented and approved by club with unanimous consent.

New members welcomed this year: - Dawn Zehren, Habiba Ahmad, and Viola Rembert

Core Competency Leadership training was offered to the new members and members in need of a refresher were encouraged to attend.

Foundation Board Annual Report presented by Jackie Beaudry and approved by the club with unanimous consent.

Joni Reese has offered her home for the June 19, 2024, club's social gathering. Please bring a dish to share. More information will be shared prior to the event.

The Club members agreed to the purchase backpacks and supplies for Neu Life youth July's back to school celebration.

There will be an important virtual meeting on May 15, 2024 at 6 pm to review and discuss materials sent from ZI regarding convention voting issues. The club has one delegate attending the ZI Convention (Donna Neal) who will carry the 2 club votes. This meeting is needed to help delegate vote according to the instructions of the club.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Joann Comodore at 7:59 pm.