



Area 2 • District 6

January Club Meeting

January 22 via Zoom

**5:45 for online socialization/tech set up;
Meeting starting at 6pm**

Link to be sent separately to members and guests

At our January club meeting (held on Zoom) we will welcome **Jeni Royalty, District 6 Foundation Ambassador**. Jeni will educate us on the three Zonta International service projects for the biennium.

- **Climate Power** - Learn how we are preventing climate-induced gender-based violence and other harmful practices in Madagascar, Mozambique and South Sudan.
- **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.
- **Laaha** - Learn how we are providing a virtual safe space for girls and women with information about women's health, rights and gender-based violence services.

As a reminder, with Wisconsin winters and dark evenings, our January and February club meetings will be held virtually on Zoom with the intent to return to in-person meetings on March 26. Watch for an email invitation from

Club President, Carol Mangold, with the Zoom link shortly before the scheduled meeting.



Thank you!
Program Committee

2024-2025

Zonta Club of Milwaukee

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Carol Mangold, President
Open Position, President Elect
Ruth Robertson, Vice President
Laureen Ward, Treasurer
Shari Januszewski, Secretary

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Gloria Jones
Christine Todd
Barbara Wyatt Sibley
Open Position

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Cheryl Nowak, President
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President's Message



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Dear Zonta Sisters,

Happy 2025 to everyone! I hope your holidays were enjoyable and you've recovered from all of the festivities and travel. We can now bring closure to 2024, pack it away in our closet of memories, both good and bad, and move forward to 2025. Hopefully, we found time over the past month to reflect on our accomplishments and stumbling blocks in 2024 and have new ideas and plans for 2025.

January is a time of new beginnings. We can be proud of Zonta International's successes in bringing about new beginnings for women and girls everyday around the world. Although we may only touch a small part of Zonta's global operations, we know that every cog in the wheel is necessary for the machine to work effectively. We are making a significant impact, and lives are changing for the better.

The nomination committee, Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry, Karen Smith, and Barbara Wyatt Sibley, will soon be working to fill a slate of officers and directors for the club and foundation to be installed at our May meeting. Please give serious consideration to serving in one of these positions if you are approached. There will be quite a few open positions coming up including the need for a President-elect and a Vice President.

Thanks to Helen Ludwig for volunteering to co-chair the service committee and to Viola Rembert for volunteering to serve as club liaison to our new Z Club. Viola will be working with our school faculty sponsor and new member, Kate Gay. The Z Club charter meeting will be held at The University School of Milwaukee on Tuesday, Jan. 28th from 1:35 PM - 2:15 PM. All members are invited, but we'll need your name on a list in advance for school security. Please see details in the separate newsletter invitation.

We are honored to be hosting Area 2 Spring Workshop in Milwaukee on Saturday, May 17, 2025. Barbara Wyatt Sibley, Christine Todd, Ruth Robertson, Donna Rongholt-Migan, and I are serving on that committee and would welcome more volunteers to help make this a successful event.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our January 22nd club meeting on Zoom.

Carol Mangold
President Zonta Club of Milwaukee



Club Updates



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Milwaukee Z Club Updates



Dear Milwaukee Club Members,

Please join us for the charter meeting of our new Z Club at the University School of Milwaukee, 2100 W. Fairy Chasm Rd, Milwaukee 53217, on Tuesday, January 28th, from 1:35 pm to 2:15 pm.

Please enter the building at the Upper School, Door 41, A security guard who will have a list of our names in advance will ask to see your photo I.D. Kate or a student will meet us at the door and escort us to meeting room 4214, an Upper School English room.

Please email Carol @ mangoldc44@gmail.com if you plan to attend, so that I can forward a list to Kate Gay in advance.

Future meeting dates for the Spring term of the Z Club are as follows:

Monday, January 13, 2025. 1:35 pm - 2:15 pm (making "Girl Talk" videos for Gashora, Rwanda). Visitor from Gashora, Rwanda expected in Milwaukee on January 9th.

Tuesday, January 28, 2025. 1:35 pm - 2:15 pm **CHARTER MEETING**

Friday, February 7, 2025, 1:35 pm - 2:15 pm

Monday, April 14, 2025, 1:35 pm - 2:15 pm

Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 1:35 pm - 2:15 pm

If you are interested in attending any of these meetings, other than the charter meeting, please contact Kate Gay kgay@usm.org or Viola Rembert at vmr@heartloveplace.org

Hope to see as many of you as possible at the charter meeting on January 28th.

Carol



Fashion Show

We will be starting to plan for our 2025 fashion show. Anyone who would like to join the committee please let Pam know. We will be meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month starting Feb. 18th. Meetings will be via Zoom starting at 6 pm.

A few members of our committee are going to research some new venues but are not sure we will be changing yet. We are holding November 15th at the Marriott, so that is our tentative date so far.

If you received any gift cards you won't be using from the holidays please consider donating them to the fashion show for our "gift card" tree or if you see some deals and want to purchase a few you can do that. Looking for \$20 to \$25 gift cards.

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Membership

We will be inducting Kate Gay as a new member at our Jan. 22nd meeting. Kate is an English teacher at University School of Milwaukee and our faculty adviser for our new Z Club. Welcome Kate.

Shari will be updating our roster, if you should have any changes, please let her know as soon as possible.

Also, if you have any prospective members, please invite them to join us for our virtual January 22nd meeting.

Service

Thank you to our members! You are making a difference, improving the lives of women and girls in our community! The Service Committee is now planning service opportunities for 2025. More on this will be shared with members at our meeting and always looking for suggestions/volunteers.

Donna Conant & Helen Ludwig

Service Committee Co-Chairs

ZONTA NORTH AMERICAN
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June 20th-22nd
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North American Inter-District Meetings are comprised of Zontians across the USA and Canada and are held every-other year, opposite our Zonta International Convention.

NAIDM carries the organization and mission support of Zonta International, but not financial support. Therefore, each biennial **NAIDM** is fully self-supporting. We rely on sponsorships to help fund the event.

All Zontians attending are paid attendees, including the planning committees, Zonta International officers/committee chairs and members of the Zonta International Board.

Zonta workshop facilitators and speakers are not remunerated. Keynote or special emphasis speakers may receive an honorarium in order to maintain the highest quality presenters.

NAIDM provides keynote addresses as well as multiple educational tracks to prepare attendees as they advance Zonta's mission. Educational tracks may include (but are not limited to) Advocacy, Leadership Development, Membership Growth, Local/Global Impact (of programming, advocacy and service).



UN Report – January 2025

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. The clubs of Zonta International are in many countries on many continents.

Zonta International has three clubs in Ukraine - LVIV, LVIV ZAMOK and UZHGOROD | TRANSYLVANIA. All three Zonta clubs are on the western border next to Poland and Slovakia. In war tattered Ukraine, one wonders about daily life. Over the holiday, an interesting Ukrainian company's products found their way into my Santa stocking, the candles of a company located in Kyiv.

(Kyiv is known as the coffee capital of Ukraine with its first café opened in the 18th century becoming the hub for intellectual, artistic and political discussion.)

Rekava is a Ukrainian company, located in the capital city of Kyiv, producing a sustainable brand of biodegradable goods made of recycled coffee grounds. Their candles are part of a collection dedicated to the symbolic aromas of Ukraine.

Their candles are made using only certified ingredients - natural soy wax, fragrant oils and premium quality dyes, all inside a biodegradable container with lids made of recycled coffee grounds. As an ecofriendly alternative to metal wick holders, the Rekava team has developed a holder made from natural eggshell bio ceramics. After burning the candle, all its remains may be sorted into organic fractions, composted or used as a biodegradable seedling pot.

This Rekava candles are infused with the aroma of lilacs and chestnuts. Lilacs and chestnuts are among the most common and recognized trees and shrubs in Kyiv, blooming in spring and adding unique beauty to the city.

The intoxicating aroma of lilacs can be felt in Kyiv every spring. In the capitol of Ukraine, 21 of the 27 world types of lilacs bloom. Lilacs add a touch of tenderness and romance to springtime Kyiv.

Chestnuts are particularly known for their white or pink flowers which adorn Kyiv streets, avenues and parks creating a symbolic image of the city. Chestnuts have become so important that they even appear on some of the city's official symbols. (Since 1969, they have been the city's official symbol.)



In the dark, you specially need light. It was the candle that has from time to time been the SYMBOL OF HOPE AND LIFE. Due to the full-scale invasion by Russia, millions of Ukrainians have been forced to leave their homes. Since the spring of 2022, all members of the Rekava team, as well have been internally displaced.

Special smells often are ignited in memory for life. Therefore, Rekava's first goods collection is dedicated to the symbolic aroma of Ukraine. By creating each of their candles, they try to find the iconic aroma of the city or region. They believe by lighting these candles you can mentally at least for the moment return to a home where there is no war.

You can access the company's website under "Rekava Candles Ukraine" if seeking additional information.



Book Corner – Club Sharing of Outstanding and Inspirational Women



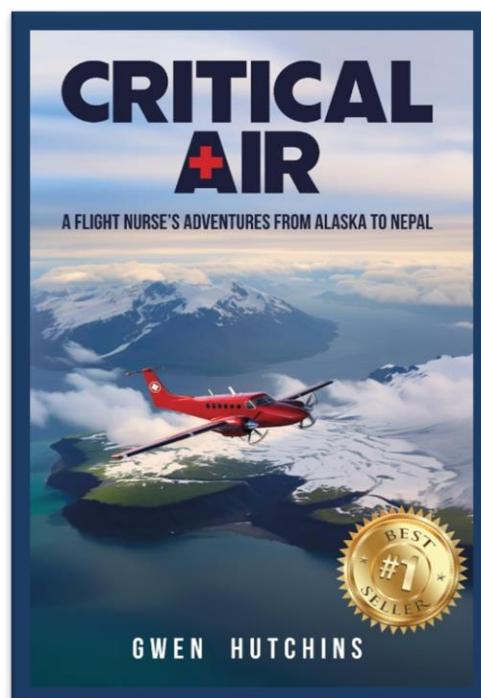
Credit goes to the Zonta Club of Madison for finding this jewel.

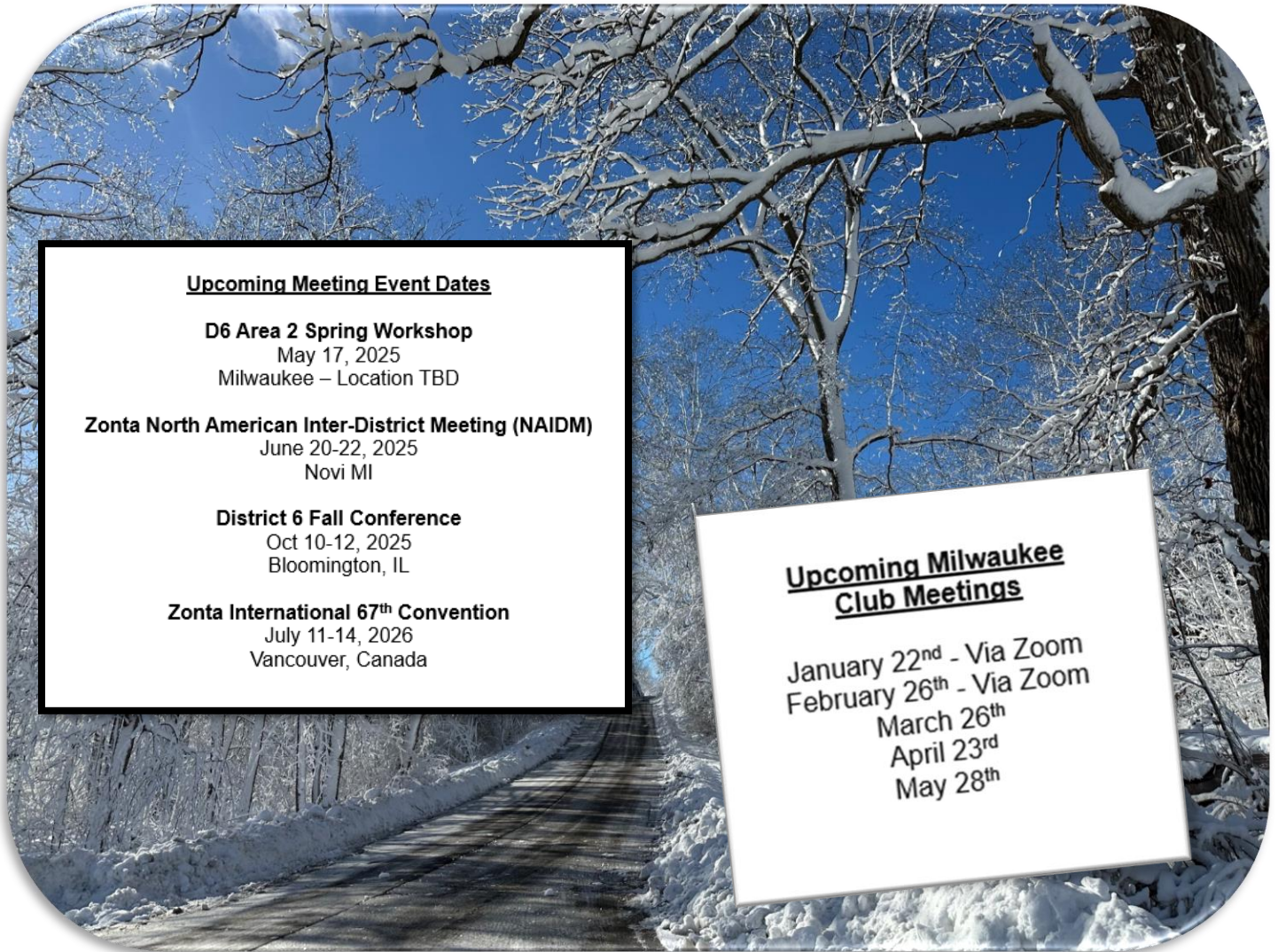
The author, Gwen Hutchins, a now retired critical care nurse from Stoughton, WI, will be the guest speaker at their January meeting during Amelia Earhart month. Upon reading about Gwen in the Madison Club newsletter, I immediately purchased the book on Amazon and was captivated by Gwen's adventures and courage as she saved lives with her advanced nursing skills under extremely adverse conditions.

At a time in her life when her children were raised and her career established, she chose new challenges over personal comfort and put her life at risk for the benefit of others. Not only did she endure harsh living conditions and weather extremes in Alaska but also fell victim to human corruption. On a trip to the Philippines, she was held against her will and extorted for money. Gwen's life is a testimony to the strength, courage, and fortitude of women stepping up to challenges when needed. I'm grateful that Gwen took the initiative to document her story as an inspiration to other women, especially younger ones, who've been discouraged from chasing their dreams. All proceeds from book sales go to the Ed and Gwen Hutchins Family Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Happy Reading!
Carol Mangold

Books suggestions and write-ups can be sent to Carol for inclusion in the newsletter.





Upcoming Meeting Event Dates

D6 Area 2 Spring Workshop

May 17, 2025
Milwaukee – Location TBD

Zonta North American Inter-District Meeting (NAIDM)

June 20-22, 2025
Novi MI

District 6 Fall Conference

Oct 10-12, 2025
Bloomington, IL

Zonta International 67th Convention

July 11-14, 2026
Vancouver, Canada

Upcoming Milwaukee Club Meetings

January 22nd - Via Zoom
February 26th - Via Zoom
March 26th
April 23rd
May 28th



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11-14 July 2026
Vancouver, Canada

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Thank you to all who helped host the December Social and to everyone for bringing such good food!
We had several guests attend and I think fun was had by all, especially during the guessing game!

