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2024–2025

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NEWSLETTER

November 2024

Upcoming Club Meeting

Wednesday, November 20th
Prospective Member Reception &
Brief Club Meeting

5:30 Social w/appetizers

(supplied by members, reminder list to be sent out)

6:00 – 7:30pm Prospective Member Program

(members as presenters, agenda to be sent to club with assignments)

7:30pm Brief Club Meeting

Location MRA: N19 W24350 Riverwood Dr. Waukesha

Invite anyone you think would make a good Zonta member. Please follow up with any leads from your friends, co-workers, etc. that indicated interest from the fashion show. RSVPs to Pam by Nov. 15th @pmknackert@gmail.com or 262-784-7613 or 262-309-3927 cell.



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Come learn more about Zonta International and the Zonta Club of Milwaukee, an organization whose mission is to build a better world for women & girls locally and worldwide through service & advocacy. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

**RSVP &
LEARN MORE**

For more information about Zonta & the Zonta Club of Milwaukee visit www.zonta.org, www.zontamilwaukee.org or the Zonta Club of Milwaukee Facebook page



Are You Interested In..

Expanding your professional network?
Engaging in service and advocacy?
Learning more about local and international issues impacting women?
Meeting women outside of your profession?
Giving back to help others?
Enhancing your resume with leadership opportunities?

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President's Message



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Greetings Zonta Sisters,

Thanks to everyone who worked hard to make our Fashion Show Fundraiser another successful event on October 19th. A special thanks to Pam Knackert and Jackie Beaudry for their many hours spent co-chairing the event. On top of having a good time, we were able to help support nine local agencies and two scholarships from the funds raised in 2023.



November 25th is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. This date kicks off our 16 Days of Activism To End Gender-Based Violence campaign finishing on December 10th, Human Rights Day. During these 16 days, Zonta clubs are actively calling attention to the need to change laws, attitudes, and behaviors pertaining to violence against women and increasing awareness of the problem. Our Zonta Milwaukee Advocacy Committee, under the leadership of Diane Lindsley, has been busy updating topics to post on social media during the 16 days addressing domestic violence, child marriage, climate change, the ERA, loss of Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding, and more.

Advocacy is essential to accomplishing the strategic goals of Zonta in making a better world for women and girls. In addition to preparing data for social media during the 16 Days of Activism, members of the Advocacy Committee follow progress on legislation to End Child Marriage, enacting the Equal Rights Amendment, human trafficking, and other related issues. The committee facilitated hiring a consultant to heighten cultural awareness, diversity, and conflict resolution for our club. In years past the Zonta Club of Milwaukee has advocated against domestic violence by organizing a Silent Walk in downtown Milwaukee to honor and create awareness of those who've lost their lives to domestic violence in Wisconsin. I encourage you to consider joining the Advocacy Committee and contributing your ideas to this important part of our mission.

Zonta International is offering free webinars on various topics over the next few months. You can sign up for those topics of interest to you by opening [zonta.org](https://www.zonta.org) - News & Events - Events and view the list. There are five scheduled in November including A New Member Orientation on November 21st at 9:00 AM CST. It's a great opportunity to keep informed on the work of Zonta.

We have several exciting events planned over the next few months.

Please mark your calendars for the Prospective Member Event, Nov. 20, 2024 from 5:30-7:30 PM to be held at MRA, N19W24350 Riverwood Dr., Waukesha. If you know of anyone who might be interested in learning more about Zonta or joining, please invite them to this event and let Cheryl Lucas-DeBerry, Pam Knackert or me know the names of those confirmed.

Thanks to Chris Todd for arranging space to hold our December social on December 18th at St. Camillus, 10200 W. Bluemound Rd., Wauwatosa. A sign-up list will be circulated for food and beverages. More details to follow.

Our new Z Club Official Charter meeting will be held in January at the University School of Milwaukee. This is a special event, so club members are encouraged to attend and meet the students and their faculty advisor, Kate Gay. Our club liaison, Nola Hitchcock-Cross will let us know more details including the date when determined by the school.

Area 2 Spring Workshop will be hosted by our Milwaukee Club on May 17th, 2025. The location is to be determined. We will need a dedicated committee to organize this event so please let me know if you are willing to help.

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I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday filled with peace, joy, love, and gratitude. The honor of being part of this wonderful group of women and the organization of Zonta are high on my list of things to be thankful for during the holiday.

Carol Mangold
President Zonta Club of Milwaukee

Fashion Show

Thank you to all our members and your guests and family for the great support you provided to make this a very successful event. We had over 240 attendees and although all the accounting isn't finished, we should be close to \$30,000 net.

The District Row provided the fashions and was well received. Overall, everyone seemed to enjoy the event. The agencies we provided awards to were very appreciative.

We received about 15 prospective member leads so hopefully we will see some of them on Nov. 20th (please follow up with any of your guests).

The fashion show committee will be meeting on November 19th for a wrap up and then start planning for next year. If you'd like to join the committee, please let Pam know. And if you have any feedback let us know prior to the 19th.



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active member. →→→→→

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Please wear your orange Zonta Says No shirts to the meeting. We would like to do a Club photo to highlight Zonta Says No for the upcoming 16 Days of Activism starting November 25th. We will also have a few Zonta signs to hold if you don't have an orange shirt or it's not convenient to wear it that day.



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Service Projects

At the November Prospective Member Event and Club Meeting, we will be doing a holiday collection for **Allies For Teens in Foster Care** (<https://alliesforteens.org/>).



This year the collection will be limited to three things, and we are being very specific so that all the teens get similar types of items and quality.

New items only:

~ \$25 Target Gift Cards

~ Soft fuzzy blankets in either twin size (60"x80') or similar size (not lap size)

~ **Nike** socks (adult women's or men's) – must be Nike brand please! Varied ankle heights are fine.



Costco has some nice thick fuzzy blankets (60"x70') on sale right now for \$12.99 and Kohl's has some sales on their Nike socks.

Please bring your items to the November meeting.

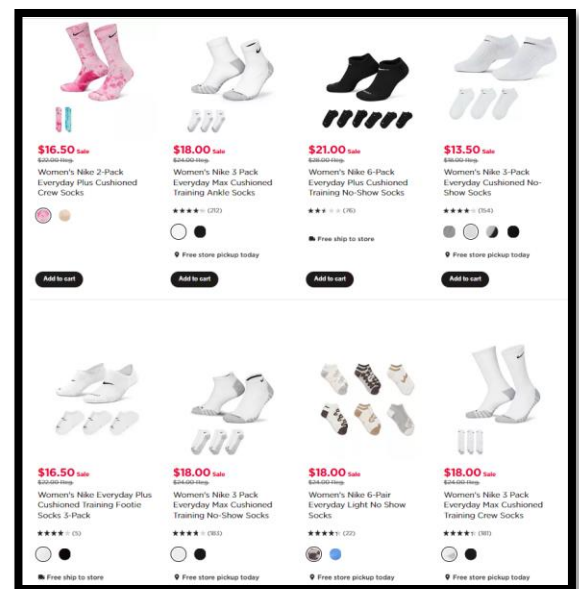
Contact Joni if you want to order online and have it sent to her house, or arrange for a drop-off/pickup if you can't make the meeting



OR write a check to Zonta Foundation, Inc. and it will be turned into a monetary donation for Allies for Teens in Foster Care.

OR a check made out directly to Allies for Teens in Foster Care.

All items will be dropped off to Allies before December 11th!



Thank you to all who donated to The Women's Center in Waukesha at our October Meeting!!!



Advocacy

November honors Native Americans and the formation of the Confederation of Zonta Clubs.

From the Club Historian:

Every year, by statute and/or presidential proclamation, the month of November is recognized as **National Native American Heritage Month**. It is also the month, back in 1919, that the **Confederation of Zonta Clubs** was established.

While working in a prominent role at the Buffalo Express, during a time when women were rarely in leadership positions, Marian de Forest (1864-1935), reporter, playwright, promoter of the Buffalo, NY Symphony conceived the idea of an organization that would bring together women in executive positions. She envisioned a strong network that would help women reach their rightful place in the professions. She understood how important it was to break through the "glass ceiling", long before the term was ever used. On 8 November 1919, at the Hotel Statler in Buffalo, the Confederation of Zonta Clubs was founded as a service organization of executive women working to improve the status of women worldwide. The word Zonta comes from a Lakota Sioux Indian word that means "honest and trustworthy".

It is therefore fitting to remind Zontians of their ties to the Lakota Sioux, also known as the Teton Sioux. The Lakota are the largest and westernmost of the three groups and are located in North and South Dakota. The word "Lakota" means "friends" or "allies". The Sioux were a confederation of tribes that originated in the areas of present-day Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, and Iowa. They were known for their hunting skills and warrior culture and were once one of the largest indigenous groups in North America.

In one of her early speeches, Marian de Forest explained, "Zonta stands for the highest standards in the business and professional world,...seeks cooperation rather than competition and considers the Golden Rule not only good ethics but good business". She envisioned Zonta stretching across the country and beyond. In her own words, "This is the woman's age and in distant lands and foreign climes women of all nations are rallying to the call...Zonta is given the opportunity of uniting them into one great, glorious whole".

(Zonta Sources: www.zonta.org and de Langis: Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide: The History of Zonta International 1919-1999.)

ZONTA SAYS NO
TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
& CAMPAIGN GOALS**



We are ambitious, yet grounded in the realities of the world we inhabit. We are at the pivotal moment where gender-based violence remains a stark and painful reality and child marriage statistics have taken steps backward due to the unstable post-pandemic world.

But, we will not back down as we continue our work and intensify our efforts to combat gender-based violence. Our voices and actions through the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign will build not just a better world for women and girls, but a better world for all.

Salla Tuominen
Zonta International President



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Foundation



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Creating access, building community, inspiring wholeness



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October 29, 2024

Zonta Foundation
ATTN: Janet Kloser

Dear Janet,

We are writing to extend our heartfelt appreciation for The Zonta Foundation's support again this year to ensure individuals from underserved Milwaukee neighborhoods have access to our trauma and healing services.

Your support helps CORE El Centro to remove barriers such as cost, language, and unfamiliarity that regularly exclude low-income, underinsured families from mental health treatment and wellness resources.

The continued support of The Zonta Foundation inspires us as we look forward to another year of living our mission to enhance the health and wellness of our community! We look forward to reporting back to you on our work next year and welcome any questions you might have at any time.

Sincerely and gratefully,

Rebeca Heaton Juarez
Interim Co-Executive Director

Thank you
for your generosity!
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Advocacy Webseries

Ending Child Marriage

12 November 8:00 AM CST (Chicago Time)

Join the Zonta International Advocacy Committee for an inspiring webinar showcasing Zonta's transformative efforts to end child marriage through the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage and other initiatives. We will have the opportunity to listen to guests in the field on this crucial global effort.

This event already happened this morning! It was informative for those who attended!

Ending Child Marriage

Featuring:



Pragya Shah Karki
UNICEF Nepal child protection specialist



Fraidy Reiss
Unchained at Last founder



Vero Kamanga-Njikho
UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage.

8 AM CDT | Tuesday, 12 November
Register at www.zonta.org/events





ZONTA SAYS NO

TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

2024 Zonta Says NO Summit

10 December



Susanne Strand
Professor of
Criminology
8:00 am CST



Tony Porter
Speaker on
Gender Equality
12:00 pm CST



Elizabeth Flock
Journalist & Writer
4:00 pm CST

General admission: US\$10
Student admission: US\$5
All proceeds go to the Zonta
Foundation for Women
International Service Fund.

Scan below to register



ZontaSaysNO.com

Zonta Says No 2024 Summit

10 December 2024

The speakers we have lined up for the day on 10 December are truly a unique and rare experience that anyone passionate about ending gender-based violence would be interested in.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/zonta-says-no-2024-summit-tickets-1050888544927?aff=affiliate1>

Upcoming Dates

Club Meetings
November 20th
(w/prospective members)

December 18th - Social

Events
D6 Area 2 Spring Workshop -
Milwaukee
May 17, 2025

**Zonta North American
Inter-District Meeting (NAIDM)**
June 20-22, 2025
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Scholarship Committee Update

Help Needed With Dissemination of Scholarships

- 1) We have had a significant decrease in applicants for all of our awards over the past few years. **We welcome any ideas club members may have to get the word out!!** In late October three companies were contacted that support non-profit organizations (for a price) with the marketing and dissemination of scholarships/awards. We have not heard back from any of them yet.
- 2) We also have the added challenge of disseminating the revamped Women in Zonta STEM Award to applicants **ages 18-35**. Eligible applicants may apply for the award to support their post secondary education costs, groundbreaking research, pioneering discoveries, and/or exemplary contributions to advancing knowledge and innovation in a STEM field. **We are asking all club members to email the names and contact information of any STEM-related organizations they know of that may have professionals in their 20's and early 30's.**
- 3) Suggestions can be emailed to: zcscholarship@zontamilwaukee.org or Deb Koller at dkoller75@yahoo.com.

Young Women in Leadership Award

1. The first scholarship to be offered in 2025 will be the Young Women in Leadership (formerly Young Women in Public Affairs) Award. We will post the scholarship on our club's website in mid-January with applications due March 1. This is a little earlier than in past years since our selected candidate now needs to be sent to the District by April 1.

Scholarship Committee Members: Diana Barnett, Jackie Beaudry, Deb Koller

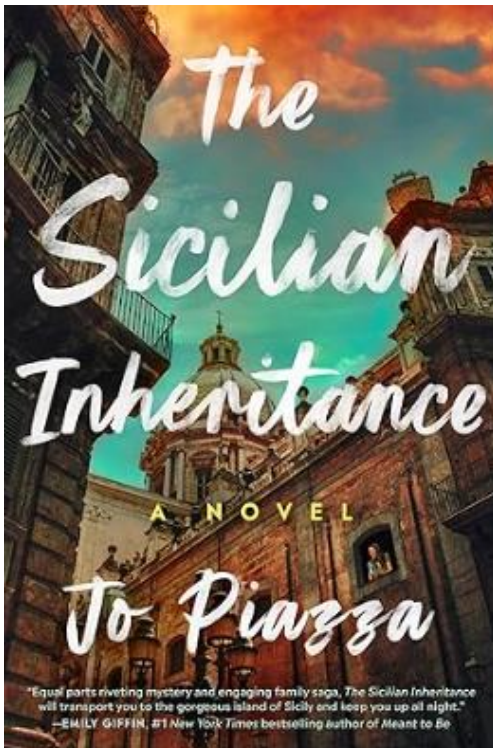




Book Corner – Club Sharing of Outstanding and Inspirational Women

This month's featured book is "The Sicilian Inheritance," by Jo Piazza. Both Joni Reese and I have read it and would recommend it. This is a work of historical fiction, with a touch of mystery about a possible murder, that takes us back and forth from the early 20th century to the early 21st century in Sicily.

When her great aunt dies in 2016, Sara is left with a plane ticket, a deed to a plot of land, her aunt's ashes and instructions to investigate her family history in Sicily including the death of Sara's 2nd great grandmother, Serafina. Digging up the past soon puts Sara's life in danger. Serafina's story begins in a small, rural Sicilian village in 1908, when she finds herself pregnant and forced into a teen marriage, crushing her dream of continuing her education and becoming a teacher.



The story delves into Sicilian history and culture, the challenges faced by women and the ingenious and resourceful ways they managed to survive and support each other in a harsh world controlled by men. Women living in rural Sicilian villages often consulted "la Strega," in secrecy. These female healers, thought to be witches with healing powers, offered natural treatments for a variety of ailments and served as midwives.

The story written from the perspective of the two main characters, Serafina and Sara, will hold your interest and perhaps inspire you to learn more about Sicily and the women of the early 20th century. *Carol Mangold*

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





Zonta Club of Milwaukee General Meeting October 23, 2024 Minutes

President Carol Mangold called the meeting to order at 6:00pm CDT following social time at the New Berlin Public Library. The meeting was attended by 15 members; no guests.

Program:

Angela Mancuso, Executive Director of The Women's Center in Waukesha began her presentation thanking the foundation for funds presented at the fashion show and recognition of the long-standing support of domestic violence issues by Zonta Club of Milwaukee.

She reviewed the impact that the center continues to have as the oldest women's shelter in the community, including:

11,000 people provided service

7,799 hours of support and education

20,746 instances of engagement

9,013 nights of safe shelter (average stay is now 49 days)

The only 24-hour hotline (even throughout the pandemic)

3,934 attendees at community education sessions (including law enforcement)

These are just some of the amazing statistics for 2023. Angela provided a brochure and copy of the 2023 Annual Report as a take-away for our members.

The center will be impacted by funding cuts; however they have been successfully fundraising for years and do not expect any reduction in services.

Financial Report:

The report was deferred as Treasurer Laureen Ward was not present. The reimbursement for liability insurance premiums by the foundation was questioned, but later confirmed receipt that will be accounted for next month.

Fashion Show Update:

Kudos to Co-chairs Pam Knackert and Jackie Beaudry for all of their time and talent planning and executing this successful event. Every member's participation and donation is appreciated. Approximately 240 reservations was down from last year. Proceeds are expected to be near \$25,000.

Initial feedback from the surveys was very positive about the fashion show's diversity in the models and styles. The food was noted as needing improvement; mostly that it was served cold. Pam has already raised this concern to Marriott planners.

The committee will hold a debriefing on November 19, 2024. Send any comments you wish to be heard to Pam or Jackie prior to the meeting.

Several attendees asked about the Club's 100th anniversary event. Discussion surrounded whether this event should be an extension of the fashion show in 2025, instead of the fashion show, or in addition to the fashion show as a separate fundraising event. It was requested that suggestions be directed to the Board for consideration. The Board can then provide direction (or recommendations) as it should be in the initial planning stage at this time. The actual anniversary date is January 8, 2026.



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Fall Conference Update:

Club attendees in Carmel, IN October 4th-6th shared the emphasis at this meeting was on planning initiatives at the District level, taken from Zonta International. Four key goals will be identified and presented at the Spring Workshop May 17, 2025 (Milwaukee Club hosting) and then discussion at the Club level before the Board makes recommendations on actions.

Committee Reports:

- Advocacy – no report.
- Fashion Show – as noted above
- Finance – as noted above.
- Foundation – All 9 selected organizations were present to receive funds at the fashion show. Further opportunities are being considered to support these agencies in addition to the grants.
- Membership – The annual Prospective Member Reception/meeting will be held at MRA in Pewaukee on November 20, 2024 from 5:30 – 7:30pm. A personal follow-up by members with guests of the fashion show that indicated interest was requested. A copy of the invitation is available electronically. Please see the sign-up sheet for contributing refreshments. A short Club meeting will follow; plan to stay until 8pm.
- Program – December Club meeting location was to be determined. Post-meeting, Christine Todd was able to secure the community room at San Camillo for December 18, 2024. Details will follow.
 - January and February Club meetings will be held virtually. March and future meeting plans to be determined.
- Scholarship – no report as there is no current activity.
- Service – The Club supported The Women's Center of Waukesha this evening with donations of items on their list of 'badly needed'.
 - Discussion about supporting Allies for Teens in Foster Care again this year for their holiday contributions was unanimously decided. Likely that items will need to be collected at the November meeting.
- Public Relations – Facebook has been updated and pictures from the fashion show were posted. Grant recipients were tagged for greater visibility. Members are encouraged to share and repost social media.
 - Articles for the newsletter are due to Joni Reese by the 7th of each month. A new element was added to highlight books about women's challenges and triumphs for suggested reading. Send your recommended reviews to Carol Mangold.
- UN – report provided in the newsletter.
- Z Club – Chairperson Nola Hitchcock Cross attended the meeting October 10, 2024. The school's coordinator, Kate Gay attended the fashion show. The school dictates the meeting calendar, so the November meeting will fall on Election Day. For this reason, the charter meeting will be deferred until January. It was suggested that we have a group of club members attend on the official charter day. The mothers of Z-Club members may be new prospective Club members.

Announcements:

- Prospective Member Reception November 20, 2024 begins with 5:30pm social; 6-7:30pm program; 7:30-8pm Club meeting. Location is MRA, N19 W24350 Riverwood Dr., Waukesha. Entrance at NE back door (look for Zonta sign.)
- December Club Meeting December 18, 2024 is social from 6-8pm. Location is San Camillo, 10200 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee. Look for details and refreshment sign-up sheet in the newsletter and via email.
- Z- Club Charter Meeting in January 2025, date pending. Club representation encouraged.
- Spring Workshop May 17, 2025. Milwaukee Club is hosting.
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Meeting was adjourned by President Carol Mangold at 7:35pm CDT